

# Upton St Leonards Life

*incorporating Church News*

Issue 85

September 2021



We are celebrating our 7<sup>th</sup> birthday as Upton's village newsletter. I would like to thank everyone in our team who work hard each month to pull together and deliver each edition and to those people who have and continue to contribute much needed content.

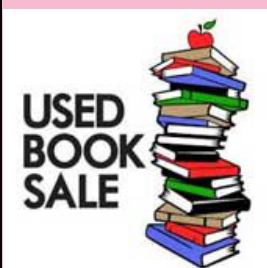
**Peter Wilson**



## Upton St Leonards 2021 Annual Show

11 September, 2pm - 4.30pm

Village Hall & Grounds



See Page 4 for more information

# What's Been Happening in Upton?

## Abbeydale Garden Club

Finally!!! Members of the Abbeydale Garden Club had the perfect evening to enjoy their first meeting of 2021 with their Annual Garden Party, kindly hosted by Andrew and Helen Nicholls. Their garden, as always, was a riot of colour and diversity and our hosts had ensured that there was plenty of shade as temperatures still remained in the high twenties, well into the night. At 7pm in the evening the temperature gauge was still reading 28.9 degrees!!!

Food was plentiful, savoury nibbles of all kinds were provided, as well as homemade crumble and refreshing fruit salads. Lively chatter came from every corner of the garden whilst everyone enjoyed the variety of chilled beverages on offer, including of course, the quintessential glass of Pimms!

Many thanks to Helen and Andrew for their hospitality and to Ann, our Chairperson, for organising.

New members are always very welcome to join us. The group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Why not come along on 20 September, when our speaker will be Reg Moule from the BBC. Reg's talk is entitled 'Going a bit Exotic!!'

**For further information please contact the Secretary, Val George**

The Newsletter Team apologise for getting the hosts and location wrong in the August edition



## Thursday Cuppa and Get Together

The Old School Room (next to the BMI) was the venue for our fantastic opening day in July.

**We are happy to announce that from THURSDAY 2nd September we shall be starting a weekly 2pm to 4 pm Tea/coffee and natter get together and we would love to see you there, hopefully a regular 'meet up' spot for many of you.**

A date for your diary!



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# What's Been Happening in Upton?

## Upton WI

We were at last able to get together, and held a special meeting on the first Monday in August. We sat well spaced out in the Pavilion, our new venue, on a lovely sunny afternoon. Tea and cakes were served by committee members to mark the occasion.

A presentation and thanks were given to Julie Eakett for her sterling work as Treasurer and thanks also to Dianne Thomas for her work on the Committee.

There was plenty of talk about the upcoming Strawberry Tea party in the garden of our President, Angela Harris. This will raise money for Breast Cancer research.

Our secretary, Helen, was warmly thanked for all the work in the background during the difficult times when we couldn't meet. Unfortunately for us, Helen will be leaving and we will need a new secretary.

President Angela then entertained us by reading from jottings about Rose Cottage, her house on Upton Hill. These were notes left to her by the former owner, and they will stay at Rose Cottage when Angela moves on they belong to the house, not to her!

We meet again in the Pavilion on Monday 6th Sept at 2pm for a talk on butterflies and dragonflies by Ged Cassell who, as well as working for the Barnwood Trust, is a keen conservationist and says: "Relaxing for me means spending time with wildlife: listening to birdsong, watching butterflies and dragonflies and just walking in quiet, wild places."

Kathy Quant

## Monday Coffee Club at the BMI is back!!

I am pleased to share that the weekly Coffee Club has re-started at the BMI. It runs in the lounge every Monday from 1000-1200.

It was great that Brian and Lorraine were happy to continue to make the BMI available for the group each week.

We welcomed some new faces recently and it was good to see our local PCSO, Lianne who popped in.

After so long, it was great to see so many of our community together again.



## Marilyn



Lorraine pictured above

## Bonfires in Gardens

A message to encourage residents to avoid burning waste in their back gardens where possible as it's not pleasant for neighbours - especially at night. If anyone experiences regular problems with this they can report it to the council and it will be dealt with under Statutory Nuisance Laws.

Much better to have a chat and explain that the smoke is causing a problem.

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# What's Been Happening in Upton?

## Craft 'N' Chatter



Thank you crafty ladies for making our new venture a great success.

The introduction meeting was held in the Old School Room on Thursday 5 August at 10am and 20 enthusiastic crafty ladies attended. This number has already increased to 23!!

The ladies' interests were varied i.e knitting, sewing, beading etc, and everyone enjoyed making the available felting crafts in a friendly atmosphere. Some ladies brought along their own work in progress. Other crafts such as quilting, tapestry and many more will be introduced at future meetings.



Gorgeous donated cakes were served with tea and coffee. A big "thank you" to our helpers.

Our regular meetings will be held on the last Thursday of each month as follows : -



30<sup>th</sup> September, 28<sup>th</sup> October, 25<sup>th</sup> November and 16<sup>th</sup> December.

Admission is £4 which includes craft making and refreshments .

If you are interested in joining us please contact Anita Owen or Diana Rosewell



Anita(Left) and Diana

# What's Coming Up in Upton?

## Upton St Leonards Annual Show



Please come along and support your annual village show. See some pictures of previous shows and as can be seen on the front page, there is something for everyone.

There will be musical entertainment from Jon Allbon on his guitar and plenty to eat ranging from tasty refreshments to hot dogs and ice creams. For those who like to read there will be a book sale.

Dog lovers can enjoy the Dog Show and there will be a Children's Fancy Dress Show. Also, for the younger attendees, there will be a Bouncy Castle. Why not buy a few raffle tickets and try your luck for some great prizes.

All this as well as the traditional part of the show where hard working people can show off the fruits of their labours, exhibiting vegetables, flowers, home made produce and crafts and more!!

### Help Required

With just 10 days to go before the annual Upton Show, we would be grateful to receive donations of cakes for the refreshments, and also prizes for the tombola.

If you could spare an hour or so on the day to help with the refreshments, this would be very much appreciated, and also help with clearing up at the end of the show.

**Contact – Kate Brooks**



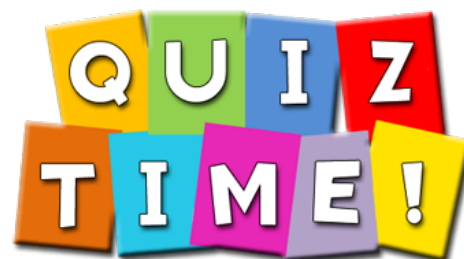
## What's Coming Up in Upton? - cont'd

### BMI Autumn Quiz

For bmi members and signed in guests

(please note, every team must have 2 club members.

Membership cards may be checked on the night}



Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

With Andy @ 8.00p.m.

£1.50 per person for teams of up to 6 (max)

(Minimum £6 per team of 4)



PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME TO THE BOOKING SHEET BY THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER TO ENSURE THAT THERE ARE SUFFICIENT COPIES OF QUIZ SHEETS AVAILABLE TOGETHER WITH TABLES ON THE NIGHT

ALL PROFITS ON THE NIGHT TO BE DONATED TO THE BMI CHARITY FOR 2021-22 AIR AMBULANCE



### Call my wine Bluff!

An evening of wine tasting and fun, no experience necessary

Village Hall, Saturday 9 October, 7.30pm

Tickets £12 (including nibbles)

There will be tables of about 6 people, but don't worry if you are on your own or just a couple, we will put you with others.

Each table is a team, trying to guess what wines are served. Each wine is one of three described by our blaggers, one of whom will be telling the truth. Can your table sort out which blaggers are bluffing? There will be six wines served over the evening, two red, two rosé, two white. A small prize for the table that gets the most correct.

**In the interval, we will be entertained by our own TLC singers.**

It's a great evening of fun, no one takes it seriously! Lots of wine and chat as well.

The event is organised by USL Life, and is raising money for the magazine.

Tickets from Andy Russel  
or any of the USL Life editors

**Congratulations to Richard and Catherine McLean on their Golden Wedding Anniversary!  
They were married in June 1971.**

## Important Message from Lianne Hiscock PCSO



Gloucestershire Constabulary  
People First Policing

Police have issued a warning after fraudsters targeted people across Gloucester in phone call scams where they claimed to be Police Officers. In one incident the fraudster claimed to be a DI Warley working from Bearlands police station. He was described as sounding polite and asked probing questions. When the resident, a 90-year-old woman, questioned his authenticity he asked, "don't you trust your local police?". She realised this was an attempt at a scam and ended the call.

In another attempted scam the trickster called a woman aged in her 70s and claimed to be a DC Martin Rowley from Bearlands police station. He said her bank card had been used to buy items and that he would transfer her to the fraud investigation team.

In a similar attempt earlier this week the person claiming to be DC Rowley called a woman aged in her 50s and used her name. He told her that her card had been cloned and she needed to go to a bank and withdraw cash. He also said that staff at the bank were under investigation and the woman needed to go to the bank that day as he wanted to arrest them as soon as possible. When she refused to reveal her bank details the man ended the call.

### Detective Inspector Matt Phillips from the Serious and Organised Crime Unit said:

The fraudsters were described as having been polite and asking probing questions in a bid to make themselves sound convincing. These are organised crime groups who work together and often target a location at a time, making thousands of phone calls until someone falls victim to it.

They will sometimes know your name when they call, as there are databases online, but please don't let this trick you. They will often be polite and sound professional so they gain your trust - they are manipulative and very convincing.

In some cases the fraudster also gives a collar number and asks you to ring 101 or 999 to check they are who they say they are, but this is just part of the scam as the caller leaves the phone line open and you just end up talking to someone else involved.

"They will also often tell the person they're trying to con not to tell anyone else about the call, including their own family or the bank. They will then arrange for a courier to come and collect the items - either cash, gift cards or other expensive items - at a location such as your home or place of work.

"I would urge people to please tell your elderly or vulnerable relatives and friends about this type of scam - no police officer or other official will ever ask you to withdraw money from your bank, pass over your bank details or hand over cash to someone."

Neither police nor bank officials will ever ask you to withdraw money from your account, purchase anything or hand over your personal details or passwords. If you believe you are being targeted by a scammer hang up the phone and use a different phone line to call Action Fraud or the police, as scammers have a way to stay on the line and will pretend to be the police when you call back. If you don't have access to a different phone line, wait for a period of time and try calling a family member or friend first to make sure the scammer is no longer on the line.

Just because someone knows basic details about you like your name, address or date of birth, it doesn't mean they are genuine bank or police employees. Always question suspicious phone calls and report them to Action Fraud or the police.

**If you think you or someone you know has been defrauded, you can report it to Action Fraud online or by calling 0300 123 2040.**

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## Parish Council Projects

### Village Entrance Signs

In an effort to moderate driver speeds, the council will be installing a third entrance sign with speed limit on the Portway before the winter.



### Vehicle Activation Signs

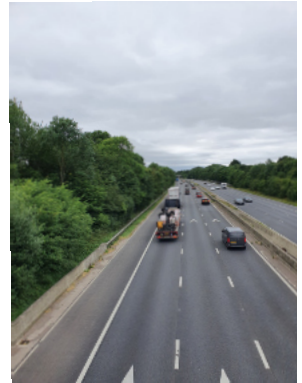
This has been discussed before regarding placing these signs in the worst speeding areas of our village but they are very expensive.

A recent discussion with our County Council representative covered a possible match funding opportunity which the council is pursuing. If this proves to be possible we will let residents know more details when progress is made.



### Work on Trees bordering the M5

We will be removing some trees that have been identified as hazardous along the Upton St Leonards stretch of the M5.



This is due to take place on the 20th September.

## Children's Society Box Collection 2021

Anne Herring and I have just completed counting the money in the Children's Society boxes held by local residents. The total collected was £475.14 which is an amazing result. Having been unable to count the money last year, due to Covid restrictions, I know how very much this money will be appreciated by the Children's Society. On their behalf, I would like to thank all who have contributed so generously towards the wonderful work they do.

I have been coordinating the House Box collection in this area for over 20 years during which time, and for various reasons, the number of box holders has reduced. It would be wonderful if during this year, which marks the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Children's Society, some new box holders could be recruited.

If there is anyone who would like to hear more about the work the society does, or would consider having a collection box, please do contact me. I will be delighted to hear from you!

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Rachel Ball



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I see a pigeon flying alongside trying to keep pace,  
And feel the early morning sun kiss my face,  
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Than driving through the Cotswolds mile after mile.  
ANON

## **Ship**

### **CARGOES** (excerpts)

Stately Spanish galleon coming from the isthmus,  
Dipping through the Tropics by the palm-green shores,  
With a cargo of diamonds,  
Emeralds, amethysts,  
Topazes, and cinnamon and gold moldores.

Dirty British coaster with a salt-caked smoke stack,  
Butting through the Channel in the mad March days,  
With a cargo of Tyne coal,  
Road-rails, pig-lead,  
Firewood, iron-ware and cheap tin trays. JOHN  
MASEFIELD 1878 – 1967  
(John Masefield was born in Ledbury, Herefordshire.  
He was Poet Laureate 1930 – 1967)

## **Train**

### **NIGHT MAIL** (excerpts)

This is the night mail crossing the Border,  
Bringing the cheque and the postal order,  
Letters for the rich, letters for the poor,  
The shop at the corner, the girl next door.

Birds turn their heads as she approaches,  
Stare from bushes at her blank-faced coaches.

Letters of thanks, letters from banks,  
Letters of joy from girl and boy.  
Receipted bills and invitations  
To inspect new stock or visit relations,  
And applications for situations,  
And timid lovers' declarations,  
And gossip, gossip from all the nations. W. H. AUDEN  
1907 – 1973

## **Bicycle**

The bicycle is the most civilised conveyance known to man – other forms of transport grow daily more nightmarish; only the bicycle remains pure in heart.  
IRIS MURDOCH 1919 -1999

## **Final thoughts on the theme of Transport and a Book Review featuring Flying**

“Believe me, my young friend, there is nothing – absolutely nothing – half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats” From ‘The Wind in the Willows’ by Kenneth Grahame 1859 – 1932

“WALK! Not bloody likely. I’m going in a taxi”.  
Words spoken by Eliza Doolittle in ‘Pygmalion’ by George Bernard Shaw 1856 – 1950

## BOOK REVIEW

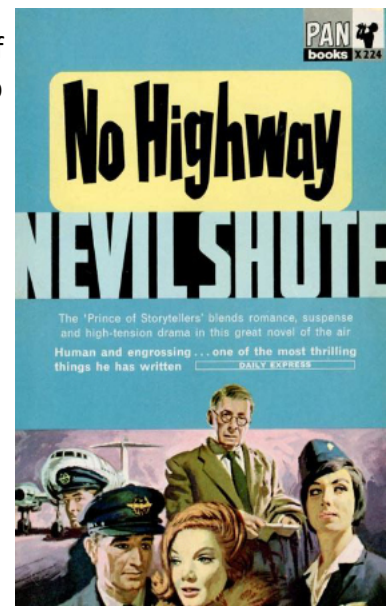
### **NO HIGHWAY by Nevil Shute (1899 – 1960)**

A scientist claims that certain parts of a plane will develop metal fatigue sooner than officially estimated. He is not taken seriously.

There are many themes covered in this book including attitudes to safety, conflicts of interest between management and professionals, the Cold War and even clairvoyance.

Nevil Shute was an aircraft designer and the technical details have parallels with later real-life disasters. The film adaptation of the novel was released in 1951, starring James Stewart, Jack Hawkins and Marlene Dietrich. There have been several radio adaptations.

Shute also wrote A Town Like Alice and On the Beach.





## St Leonard's Church News

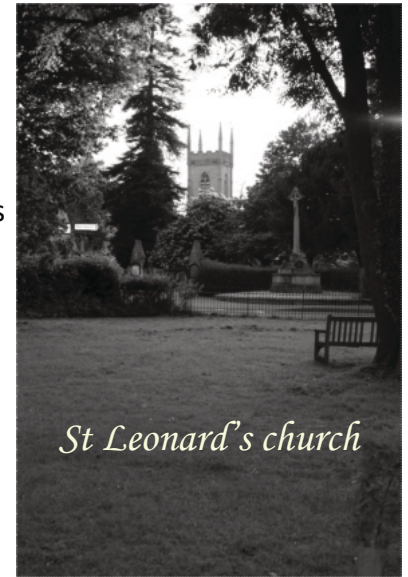


Associate Priest:  
**James Turk**

*Please note that due to James' work commitments, calls, texts and emails will be answered evenings and weekends*

Priest in Charge: Vacancy

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*"I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart;  
I will tell of all your wonders.  
I will be glad and rejoice in you;  
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High"  
(Psalm 9)*

### "On Sunday 1st of August we sang in church"

Now if I'd written that statement eighteen months ago then I think your response, dear reader, would have been "so what James, we do that every week!" .... But after the year we have had this is certainly a statement worth making.

When churches across the UK were re-opened last year after the first lockdown, congregations were unfortunately not allowed to sing. It was thought that singing in church would help the spread of Covid through the build up of aerosols in the air. That restriction was lifted on August 1<sup>st</sup> at St Leonards and so, after 18 months with barely a sung note in our ancient place of worship, we once again raised our voices in praise. But why do we sing hymns in church, and why have we missed singing them so much?

Hymns are firmly rooted in God's word and, since they are intended to be sung corporately by the fellowship of believers and pull us above earthly matters by reminding us of God's hope for us – that we would be one.

Hymns are intended to reflect the qualities of God, they have poetry that is beautiful, reverent, simple, accurate and pure. The words must be scripturally sound, purely true and without embellishment. Every word must count, and this is true for hymns both ancient and modern.

Many great hymns have been sung literally for centuries, but we do not sing hymns because they are old; we sing them because they are so true that they have survived all the fads of language and musical trends. If modern hymns live, it will be for the same reason.

No wonder then, that when times are confusing or the world is in upheaval, we find ourselves needing songs that are rooted in the deep truths of our faith. The great hymns excite our emotions and excite our minds, our emotional response is therefore much deeper and to have lost that response in our worship has been a great loss. But, hopefully, all that is behind us now and once again we can sing our hearts out in great hymn confirmations of truth. Once again let us rejoice in the songs that transcend these world problems and uncertainties and let us be glad and rejoice in God our saviour and redeemer.

James

**Tower Floodlighting 2021**

**Please note the deadline for the Church Pages is the 8<sup>th</sup> of the preceeding month**

The Tower lights are sponsored on 1<sup>st</sup> September by Stephanie and Ian Crowe to celebrate the fiftieth birthday of their younger daughter Alexandra and on 17<sup>th</sup> September to commemorate what would have been the fifty-second birthday of their elder daughter Sarah

On the 8<sup>th</sup> September, the Tower Lights are lit in remembrance of Norma Brinkley, who passed away this day in 1993. Kindly sponsored by her son Alan

On September 8<sup>th</sup> the Church Tower will be lit for Ray Fieldhouse on the first anniversary of his death. Missed so much by Kath and all the family.

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021, the Tower Lights will be lit in celebration of the Christening of Doris Frances Davies, which will take place in St. Leonards Church on this day. Sponsored by Mummy and Daddy to mark this special occasion with lots of love xxx

On September 20<sup>th</sup>, the Church Tower will be lit in remembrance of Alan Williams on what would have been his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. What a celebration we would have had. So loved and missed by Myra and all the family

*If you or your family would like to have the Church Tower Floodlights lit to celebrate a special event such as a birthday/anniversary/Baptism or in remembrance of a loved one please contact Jenny Cunningham for more details. There is no set amount for this, just what you would like to gift to the Church in order to help cover running costs. If you are able to Gift Aid your donation this will help us too*



*Many thanks to the volunteers who supported us and came along on our sponsored walk around Upton St Leonards. From this sponsored event it will now fund the 100 boxes we are planning to pack later this month. Many thanks for those volunteers that came along on the walk and to those that sponsored our walkers! Thank you so much!*

**There will be a coffee morning / packing party in the coming months. Come along and pack a box for £5.00 more details to follow in the October edition of USL Life**

**Services and Readings for September 2021**

**Sunday 5th September**

8.00 am James 2:1-17  
Mark 7:24-37  
10.00 am Celebration Service  
with Holy Baptism  
( reading to be confirmed)

**Sunday 12th September**

10.00 am James 3:1-12  
Mark 8:27-end

**Sunday 19th September**

10.00 am James 3: verses 13  
James 4: verses 3,7 & 8a  
Mark 9:30-37

**Sunday 26th September**

10.00 am James 5:13-end  
Mark 9:38-end

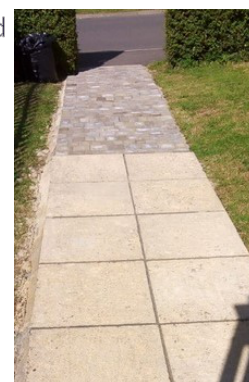


Finally after eight months of cleaning, painting, mending, rewiring, re-roofing and just about everything else, the school room opened its doors to the village and community on a wonderful sunny day in July.

We had people coming from everywhere and it was so joyous to hear the chatter and laughter and also to raise some much needed funds to continue our work.



Many many people need thanking as it was a mammoth task but one that was approached with fortitude in the cold winter months and lots of elbow grease, which was helped along the way with all the interest that people showed by popping their heads around the door whilst out on their pandemic exercise.



Thank you to Tony Rumsey for laying the new path



We now have a room that is already in demand and quite rightly so.

A magnificent total of £750 was raised on the day and a good time was had by all. We hope to be holding some more 'get togethers' once the holiday season has finished.

Thank you to everyone that came along especially all the lovely people that helped on the day either by running a stall, or serving tea and coffee and cakes, all the ladies that donated cakes etc. We are truly grateful.

**Gill and Sheila.**

*Who's Who in the Parish Church*

*Mothers Union*

Appeal for items for newly released prisoners from Eastwood Park

The response has been overwhelming, and two large loads of required items have been delivered to the organisers so a huge thank you to all those who donated in any way.

Next Meeting:

Thursday 16th September 2pm in St Leonard's Church when we will be having a communion service led by Rev Sonia Newton, curate at St Oswald's, Coney Hill. Everyone is welcome to join us as we celebrate being able to hold formal meetings again after so long.

**Priest in Charge**

Vacancy

**Associate Priest:**

Rev. James Turk

**Churchwardens:**

Gill Howell

**Vacancy**

**PCC Secretary:** - Sarah Kent

**Church Treasurer**

Vacancy

**Baptism & Wedding Enquiries**

**Church Administrator** - Jenny Cunningham

**Safeguarding**

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**Bell Tower Captain**

Charlie Burnett

**Mother's Union:**

Kate Gale

**Church Cleaning Rota:**

Claire Appleyard

**Church Flowers:**

Jenny Cunningham

**USL Life (Church pages) and Pew News**

Rachel Middleton



Members enjoyed their lunch time picnic meeting which included a short service of Reflection and Remembrance

Kate and Barry were welcoming prospective members to Mother's Union at the recent reopening of the Old Church Room



Beautifully embroidered Mothers Union table cloth sewn by Mrs Evelyn Rumsey former secretary of MU



*Community Tea and Natter*

A weekly get together for tea and a natter starting on Thursday September 2nd from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm in the Old Church Room

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## Feature Article - Street Vetting

Street Vetting started in London in late 2016, the joint idea by two vets who saw the need to provide veterinary care for the Homeless (<https://www.streetvet.co.uk/>). Since then many cities across the UK have local groups of vets and registered veterinary nurses that provide care, free of charge, to the Homeless. Each Team gives its time freely and most of the care is provided by each city's StreetVet Team out on the streets. Please do read the homepage because it gives a fuller insight into the whys and wheres of this amazing Charity.



SV Gloucester was set up in March 2019 which is when I started helping out. Initially we met on a Friday morning at the George Whitfield centre and then on alternate Saturday evenings we walked around the city centre, introducing ourselves to possible clients. Word soon got around about our work and liaison with community policing and the wonderful people at the George Whitfield, namely Gloucester City mission, helped cement our credentials.

Unfortunately, COVID scuppered our use of the GWC, and The Mission stopped their outreach on Saturday evenings supporting people. Undaunted, and with the superb support of our Team lead, Tim Sandys, we now have a weekly outreach for one hour at Gloucester Park bandstand and a second hour near Kingsholm Stadium where several hostels are located. Each outreach takes two backpacks full of diagnostic equipment and simple drugs, toys, treats, leads and coats. Companies provide food free of charge and will even deliver this directly to the client. Drug companies also provide a range of treatments free of charge, and members of the public buy pet-related stuff from each city's Amazon wish list. Tim has all the kit, spare food and takes deliveries at his home so half of his garage is now taken over by SV paraphernalia!

Our work on the streets is backed up by two local Gloucester vet Practices, Wood Vet Group and SPA Vets, providing surgical and hospital support at reduced rates when needed. This is largely for routine neutering and urgent events like dog bites but most care is provided by the StreetVet Team. Noah's Ark Pet Taxi will ferry dogs to one of the clinics and Teckels will often board a dog too for a few days if needed. We are fortunate to have such a collaborative approach by several interested parties and WhatsApp is invaluable when communicating with the Team.

Tonight I was messaged and agreed to attend a mercy mission where one of our clients was evicted but his dog was in his hostel room. I got his dog to him plus a few bits and pieces but tonight both are out on the streets with thunderstorms forecast.

One of the major successes of SV Gloucester is the acceptance by some hostels that SV dogs are well cared for, vaccinated, have regular flea and worm treatment and thus will allow dogs to stay with their owners. We provide cages where needed too. As already said, if the owner can't stay with their dog, they stay on the street.

The Homeless will often miss hospital visits or admission because no-one will look after their pets. Owners will go without themselves to feed their animals. It is the bond between owner and pet that keeps them both alive and generally off drugs and out of prison. They are given hope in what seems a hopeless world.

Consider John, not his real name, well spoken, tidy but homeless. He was in a relationship that went sour, his partner ran up debts, left him, the mortgage went into arrears, the house was re-possessed and he was on the streets of Gloucester. He lost his job and he was a lost soul. He got a dog, got a room in a hostel, got a job and slowly turned his life around. His dog has been a major part of his survival and his move back into mainstream society.

This is why I'm happy to give some of my time to others in need. Being part of the Gloucester Street Vet team has reminded me that anything can happen to us and it's the support of others that can make all the difference. Here's the webpage again and Gloucester's page too.

<https://www.streetvet.co.uk/>

<https://www.streetvet.co.uk/gloucester-streetvet/>



Cliff Alderman in action

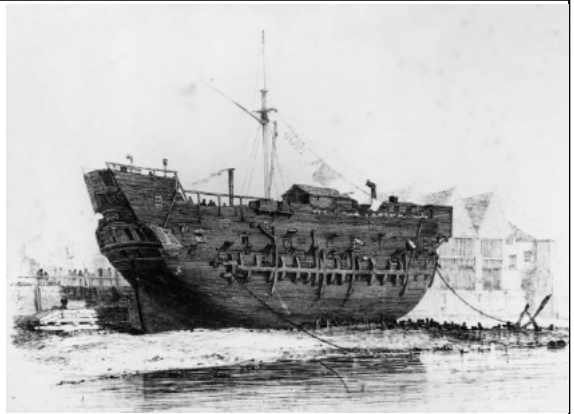
# Village History

## Do You Have Any Relatives in Australia?

Many people have family or relatives and friends who have emigrated to Australia.

This is a story about people from Upton who years ago went to Australia not of their own free will.

The transportation of so called criminals was employed from the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century as a means of supplying labour for the plantations of the West Indies and the Southern American colonies. After the American revolution transportations switched to colonise Australia from 1788 to 1869.



Convict Ship used to transport criminals to Australia

Deportation was usually for a petty crime, such as theft of property. More serious crimes were punished by death. Transportation was seen as a way of reducing the prison population in this country. Some prisoners were housed in prison ships anchored in the Thames or other rivers. Conditions on these ships were appalling.

It was recorded that three men from Upton were transported to Australia. By the end of transportation 160,000 people had been sent to Australia. One in seven of these were women, almost all for petty theft.

In August 1818 William Chadwick age 19 of Upton, a labourer, was sentenced to life and to be transported. He sailed on 20<sup>th</sup> November 1818 to Van Diemens Land (Tasmania) on board a ship called Hibernia.

In October 1819 Jonathan Taylor, age 49 of Upton, was sentenced to seven years and sailed on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1820 to New South Wales on board a ship called Neptune I.

In January 1841 Thomas Poole a labourer age 36 of Upton, was sentenced to seven years and sailed on 30<sup>th</sup> August 1841 to Van Diemens Land on a ship called Barossa.

These three men were sentenced at Gloucester Quarter Sessions. I have yet to find out what their crimes were.



a convict chain gang in Sydney, New South Wales

If they survived the voyage to Australia and after serving their time, most convicts stayed in Australia and joined the free settlers, some rising to prominent positions in Australian Society.

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*To find out more about the Trust, its origins, who we support and the Lady Downe Award, please visit our website at [www.ladydowne.org](http://www.ladydowne.org)*



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### Parliamentary Boundary Review

The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) launched a consultation on proposals for new Parliamentary constituencies on the 8th June 2021 and ended on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021. Results of this initial consultation will be published by the BCE in early 2022. At the same time a number of public hearings will be held across the country providing a chance to voice views.

Any changes from this will be published later in 2022 and final recommendations will be presented to Parliament by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023. For more details please go to [BCEReviews.org.uk](http://BCEReviews.org.uk)

For information, the initial response from your Parish Council is shown below.

**Upton St Leonards Parish Council is totally opposed to the Parliamentary Boundary changes proposed by the Boundary Commission for the following reasons:**

**Although Upton St Leonard's Parish and Stroud District Council are geographically very much a part of The Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, parishioners have a long standing administrative relationship with the Stroud Constituency, which they would not wish to lose. Upton considers itself to be a 'Stroud' village with easy access (6 miles) to the centres of administration for District and Parliamentary Constituency matters.**

**Upton has a history of strong support for the current administrative arrangements and Commissioners should appreciate that in 1989 – the Parish fought successfully to avoid incorporation within the Gloucester City administrative boundary.**

**The parishioners and the Council have a strong bond with the Stroud Member of Parliament and indeed she attends Parish Council Meetings.**

**The Boundary Commission appear to be undertaking this process purely to satisfy numbers and do not appear to be reflecting 'community' interests and their related boundaries. The Parish believes this is a vital consideration at all levels of administration from Parish through to Parliamentary Constituency level.**

**These proposals also change the face of politics to the extent that it would appear from the demographics of the Stroud Constituency that will remain, it would most likely be a labour seat for the foreseeable future, even though one would have thought that the Commission should not be seeking to achieve that sort of outcome for what is a very balanced marginal seat that does frequently change hands thus evidencing a very wide spectrum of beliefs and aspirations**



### Update on Potholes

Many residents are concerned about the state of the roads in places in Upton. There are without doubt too many potholes and this leads to possible dangerous situations to cyclists and to possible damage to vehicles. Highways do have a protocol that states that a pothole has to be a certain depth before it will be put on the list for repair.

This can sometimes be very frustrating when they repair two close together but appear to have ignored another close by, simply because it didn't meet the protocol. Highways do have of course limited resources and they too have been affected by the Covid Pandemic in that staffing levels have often not been up to their normal levels.

I have personally raised the case of the state of Six Acres and I am hoping that this will be attended to very shortly. Many have been concerned regarding Nuthill. I can confirm that the main area of the road that is of concern about halfway up will be resurfaced in October, at last.

In the meantime please do not hesitate to report bad potholes yourselves (see example shown). I know it is easy to ask a Councillor to do it but the more that individual taxpayers report problems the more likely it is to get it resolved quickly.

**Keith Pearson**

See Picture of a deep pothole in Twyver Close reported recently by a resident and quickly repaired by Highways





1	Wed Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30p.m.
1	Wed Bingo.....	BMI.....	8.00p.m.
2	Thu Pilates.....	Village Hall Annex.....	1.00-2.00p.m.
3	Fri Yoga.....	Pavilion.....	10.00a.m.
3	Fri Pilates.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
5	Sun Tennis Club Members Morning.....	Pavilion.....	10.00a.m.
6	Mon Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
6	Mon Coffee Club.....	BMI.....	10.00a.m.
6	Mon Upton WI .....	Pavilion.....	2.00p.m.
6	Mon Parish Council Meeting.....	Pavilion.....	7.30p.m.
7	Tue Rubbish and food waste week. Garden rubbish for those with brown bins		
7	Tue Tennis Club Members Evening.....	Pavilion.....	6.00p.m.
7	Tue Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
8	Wed Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30p.m.
8	Wed Bingo.....	BMI.....	8.00p.m.
9	Thu Pilates.....	Village Hall Annex.....	1.00-2.00p.m.
10	Thu Copy Date for October issue of USL Life		
10	Fri Yoga.....	Pavilion.....	10.00a.m.
10	Fri Pilates.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
11	Sat Upton Show.....	Village Hall.....	2.00p.m.
12	Sun Tennis Club Members Morning.....	Pavilion.....	10.00a.m.
13	Mon Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
13	Mon Coffee Club.....	BMI.....	10.00a.m.
13	Mon Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30p.m.
14	Tue Recycling and food waste week		
14	Tue Tennis Club Members Evening.....	Pavilion.....	6.00p.m.
14	Tue Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
15	Wed Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30p.m.
15	Wed Bingo.....	BMI.....	8.00p.m.
16	Thu Pilates.....	Village Hall Annex.....	1.00-2.00p.m.
16	Thu History Group - "John Bellows the man revealed" .....	Village Hall.....	7.45p.m.
17	Fri Yoga.....	Pavilion.....	10.00a.m.
17	Fri Pilates.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
19	Sun Tennis Club Members Morning.....	Pavilion.....	10.00a.m.
20	Mon Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
20	Mon Coffee Club.....	BMI.....	10.00a.m.
21	Tue Tennis Club Members Evening.....	Pavilion.....	10.00a.m.
21	Tue Rubbish and food waste week. Garden rubbish for those with brown bins		
21	Tue Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
22	Wed Ladies Probus.....	BMI.....	10.15-12.00a.m.
22	Wed Upton WI Committee.....	Pavilion.....	2.00p.m.
22	Wed Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30p.m.
22	Wed Bingo.....	BMI.....	8.00p.m.
23	Thu Pilates.....	Village Hall Annex.....	1.00-2.00p..m.

# VILLAGE DIARY

## SEPTEMBER cont'd

24	Fri	Yoga.....	Pavilion.....	10.00a.m.
24	Fri	Pilates.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
26	Sun	Tennis Club Members Morning.....	Pavilion.....	10.00a.m.
27	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
27	Mon	Coffee Club.....	BMI.....	10.00a.m.
28	Tue	Tennis Club Members Evening.....	Pavilion.....	6.00pm.
28	Tue	Recycling and food waste week		
28	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
29	Wed	Upton WI Committee.....	Pavilion.....	2.00p.m.
29	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30p.m.
29	Wed	Bingo.....	BMI.....	8.00p.m.
30	Thu	Pilates.....	Village Hall Annex.....	1.00-2.00p.m.

## OCTOBER

2	Sat	Autumn Quiz.....	BMI.....	8.00p.m.
4	Mon	Upton WI.....	Pavilion.....	2.00p.m.
4	Mon	Parish Council Meeting.....	Pavilion.....	7.30p.m.
9	Sat	"Call My Bluff" Wine Tasting.....	Village Hall.....	7.30p.m.
10	Sun	Copy Date for November issue of USL Life		
11	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30p.m.

## NOVEMBER

1	Mon	Upton WI.....	Pavilion.....	2.00p.m.
1	Mon	Parish Council Meeting.....	Pavilion.....	7.30p.m.
8	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30p.m.
10	Wed	Copy Date for December issue of USL Life		
13	Sat	Entertainment Night.....	BMI.....	8.00p.m.

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**Nut Hill, Upton-St Leonards Its junction with Bondend Road. Its junction with A46 Painswick Road, 2050 metres.**

**Bondend Road, Upton St Leonards and Its junction with Nut Hill. Its junction with Upton Lane, 658 metres.**

**Bondend Road, Upton St Leonards and its junction with Nut Hill. Its junction with The Stanley, Upton St. Leonards, 281 metres.**

There will be no parking or waiting permitted throughout the duration of the works. The reason for the closures and restrictions is to carry out carriageway resurfacing.

The roads are expected to be closed and restricted on a rolling programme commencing 7th September 2021, where the presence of approved signage will indicate whether the closures and restrictions are in force. Further advance warnings of dates/times will be displayed on site prior to the closures and restrictions taking effect. It is anticipated all works will be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. For further information, please contact Gloucestershire Highways on 08000 514514 or visit [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk).

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# BMI Pig Roast - 14 August

It was fantastic to see so many people enjoying a warm summer evening together after such a long period of “not being able to go out”!

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August it was wonderful to have one of Upton's “Annual Events” take place once again. With the added bonus that everyone could sit outside while enjoying the pig roast. From 7.30 to 9.15 there was a steady stream of customers eagerly anticipating the pork rolls supplied by Ben Creese, butchers.



The “pig roast” is always a popular event, when old friends catch up with each other and new friendships are made.

The next Upton event will be on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September, at the Upton Show in the Village Hall and Grounds. Don't forget to make a note in your diary!



**Well done to Brian for his efforts to brighten up the BMI grounds**

