

Upton St Leonards Life

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On 31st July, Reverend Helen Champion was officially installed as Priest in Charge of St Leonard's Church.

The photograph shows the Bishop of Tewkesbury, Helen Champion and Revd Sarah Todd, who represented all the clergy of the Gloucester area.

More details on page 9



We ♥
Our Volunteers



See page 5 for how you can help make the Upton Show a success!



The Upton St Leonards Show
Saturday, 14th September
Village Hall
2.00pm – 4.30pm

Full schedules of classes may be obtained from the show's website

Editorial



Thank You so much!

I'm emailing you to see if this could be a potential write up for Upton Life and also as a thank you to the local Metal Detector Team 'Upton Swingers' from Upton St Leonards who helped reunite my Grandma, Myra Williams, with her late husband Alan Williams' signet ring which was lost over 8 years ago.

Eight to nine years ago my Grandpa lost his wedding ring when his fingers got smaller when he became ill. We never quite knew where he had lost it, but they were both keen gardeners so there was always the possibility that it could be somewhere within their garden in Upton St Leonards.

I put a post out on the village Facebook group asking for local metal detectors and Andrew Skelton from the metal detector club at the BMI got in touch and offered to help. Whilst my grandma was away on holiday with a friend I had organised with Andrew for Tim and Keith, other members of



the club, to come round to her garden and search the lawns and flowerbeds for the missing ring. Amazingly within 40 minutes they had found old coins, an old ring, metal ring pulls and other pieces of metal but most importantly, my grandpa's gold ring.



I had to contain my excitement for a whole month as I'd saved it to give to my Grandma on her 85th birthday when we were all together as a family. The ring had been underneath the lawn for over eight years. The grass has been mown every two weeks since then and I can't quite believe that it was so safely hidden and still quite shiny.

I'm so grateful to Andrew, Tim and Keith for their help in reuniting my Grandma with this ring. I would highly recommend them to anyone looking for treasure whether it's sentimental or historical. They gave up their free time to help look

and declined any reward. If you have any land or space you can offer to them, to search, I am sure they would welcome the opportunity.

Thank you Megan for sharing this wonderfully uplifting story with all of our readers.

Incidentally, Grandma has forgiven you for going against her wishes!!

What's Been Happening in Upton?



News from Needles and Pins

The ladies in the photograph are modelling some of the clothes that they have made recently, dresses, skirts, blouses, etc.

These ladies have also been making soft heart shaped cushions for ladies that have had breast cancer as they help with comfort after operations. All made voluntarily and given with love.

Lesley Graysmark

What's Been Happening in Upton?



Celebrations at The Monday Morning Coffee Club



Cakes were cut and enjoyed on July 29th to celebrate the 8th anniversary of the Monday Morning Coffee Club which has met almost every Monday since 2016 except for the 2 years of Covid. Throughout this time meetings have been held at the

BMI where Lorraine has dispensed drinks in her usual friendly manner. At the club friends are made, books are exchanged and there is plenty of chatter.

In early years members were mostly women but gradually more men have joined so we are now more evenly balanced. We would love to see more people join our happy band.

We have all been so well looked after by the quartet of founders, Gill and Mandy, Mike and Marilyn; they are so welcoming and friendly, they know all our names and always have our name badges ready. Later they circulate with trays of biscuits and we always stop to sing and wish members 'A Happy Birthday'. The Coffee Club is a triumph thanks to all those marvellous people who look after us through thick and

thin, especially including Bank Holidays, when so many other activities are suspended.



One of our very first original male members has written:

We have now been going for 8 years this month and most founder members are still attending. The Club is smoothly run by a small

group of enthusiastic volunteers who contribute to a non-stop chat show. New friendships have been formed including members from outside the village. We are looking to expand numbers, so if anyone is seeking good company and coffee, please come along on Mondays at 10 am at the BMI, where you will receive a warm welcome.

Ann Morphew

Craft Club News

Thursday, 29th August marked the 3rd anniversary of the Craft Club. Thanks go to all the Craft ladies who have made our Club a successful one.

The projects introduced have been very exciting and enjoyed every month. The results have been amazing. You should all be proud of what you have achieved.



A few ladies have been busy knitting, resulting in another bundle of hats for the newborn babies at Gloucester Maternity Hospital, whilst others have been making shoulder bags

for the cancer Oncology Dept. Crochet work has been undertaken, painted tote bags, designed mosaic boards, painted silk cushions, with an embroidered finish, assorted sizes of pretty boxes made from patterned card, painted art on bottles and an embroidered sunflower plaque to name but a few.



We meet at 10am - 12pm on the last Thursday of every month at the School Room, next to the BMI. Refreshments available. New members always welcome.

Keep crafting from Anita & Diana

Twyver WI

Twyver Ladies stayed more local for their August walk, setting out from Larkhay Road, Hucclecote and taking a circuit through lanes and field tracks to skirt the 'Walls' factory and the bypass, following paths sheltered and protected by hedges and trees. We found a convenient bench with seats at the foot of the embankment for coffee and cake, spotting a train or two while enjoying our break. After the heat of the day, it was welcoming at the finish to enjoy refreshments in a local hostelry. Thanks to Margaret for an interesting walk covering tracks we had never known about before!

Pam Tickner

What's Been Happening in Upton?

LADIES PROBUS MEETINGS

August 2024 for September 2024

We welcomed Charlene Spackman as the speaker for our July meeting. Charlene told us all about the James Hopkins Trust, which is a local children's charity - but is not supported by Government funding. This means that fundraising is vital. I must admit to not previously knowing very much about this amazing charity but Charlene spoke very movingly about it from her professional & also from her personal point of view. This is a very worthwhile local charity which provides nursing

EVENTS @ THE BMI

There was an entertainment night on Saturday, 20 July with 60 members and guests enjoying the evening, listening and dancing to songs sung by Aaron Clarke. This was the first time he had been to the BMI and several people said that it was a lovely evening.

The regular Sunday lunchtime jazz session took place the following day with Diane and Emma entertaining us once again.

The summer skittles competition has now finished. The six weeks since it began seemed to have flown by. The semi finals took place on Monday, 22 July between Scotties Lot and Lumberjacks, and Paula's Lot and Lousy Losers, with Lumberjacks and Lousy Losers going through to the final on the following Friday.

The winners on the night were Lumberjacks with a total of 312. Lisa Robins from Scotties Lot won the trophy for the highest total for women of 65 and Steve Coleman, the men's trophy with a score of 68.

REPAIRED PICNIC BENCH ON GLEBE FIELD

A big thank you to Alan Gresswell, a long standing member of the Footpaths Team, who undertook the task of repairing a picnic bench, which somebody had thoughtlessly burned by placing a barbeque on the surface. Pictures show the interim repair and the fully restored bench for all to use and enjoy.

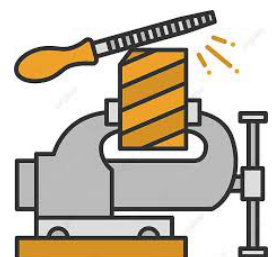
respite care for Gloucestershire's life limited young children. The Ladies Probus Club's Committee intends to nominate this charity for members' approval as the beneficiary of our annual Bring & Buy Sale (January).

August's meeting on 14 August had Angela Lerwill as our speaker, with the subject of her talk being Tales of a Sussex Family Farm.

Our September meeting is on 25 September when Karen Gennard will talk to us about Vision Care. Please come along and join us at 10am in the BMI and find out all about Vision Care.

The "Knuckles Trophy", in memory of Terry Brown was presented to the winning team by Pat Brown.

This short skittles competition has been running for over twenty years and continues to be enjoyable for all teams that enter.



What's Coming Up in Upton?

Upton St Leonards Annual Show

Saturday 14th September 2024

After all the recent good weather we are hoping it will stay fine for the show. Please come along to support the village and help us make it as successful as last year.



Programme of Events on the day

2pm	Gates Open
2.30pm	Family Dog Show (£1 per entry on the day): - Best Dog Best Bitch Dog with the waggiest tail
3.15pm	Dog that looks most like its owner (50p entry on the day)
4.15pm	Prize Giving and raffle draw

Once again, we have a great selection of stalls, books, tombola, ice creams, hot dogs plus a bouncy castle, teddy tombola and face painting for the children.

The Hall will be open from 8am on the morning of the show for exhibits. These must be in place and ready for judging by 10.15am. All exhibits must be removed from the Village Hall/Marquee by 5.30pm.

It's not too late to enter. Entry forms are available from the Village Stores, Portway Farm Shop.

The closing date for entry forms is 8pm on Wednesday 11th September. Entry forms to Amy Coker.



We still need volunteers to help on the day, especially with the refreshments. Even if you can only spare an hour that would be a big help.

We also need cakes, books and Tombola prizes so if you have anything to donate or can assist with cakes & biscuits we would be very grateful.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION for 2025 CALENDAR “ST LEONARDS PARISH CHURCH THROUGH THE SEASONS”

Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer

Final deadline for entries is 16th September 2024

Photos should be **pdf** or **jpeg** format.
Email entries to **Jo Wilson**
giving the name of photographer,
child’s age (if applicable)
total donation made to the Parish Council account.



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There are two categories - adults and children.

Adult - £5 donation to the appeal fund for the first photo and £2.50 donation per photo thereafter.
Children (up to the age of 14 years) - first photo free and £2.50 donation per photo thereafter.

The best 12 photographs from each category will be used in a 2025 calendar. The calendars will be sold and proceeds will be added to the appeal fund.

The competition is open to amateur photographers only and photographs should not be edited in any way. Copyright remains with the photographer.

Jo Wilson



**Friday, 27th
September**

Don't forget we will be holding our annual Macmillan coffee morning outside the shop on Friday, 27th September **from 9:30 am onwards**. There will be chairs, tables and shelter too if needed. We will be offering a takeaway service as well. Hoping for a good turnout. Let's appreciate the great work done by Macmillan.

Cake Donations welcome 🍰🍰
See you all on Friday 🍰☕ Thank You 😊

Seeta and Rahul

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**Sunday Lunchtime
Jazz
At the BMI**



**Sunday, 15th
September
with
Diane and Emma**

“Cygnet Duo”

1.00 – 3.30pm

**Entertainment
Night**

**at the
BMI**

**Saturday
28th September**

**8.00p.m.
with**

“Over the Hill”

Open to members and
signed in guests

What's Coming Up in Upton? Cont'd

September is History Month, with Gloucester's very own History Festival taking place between Saturday 14th and Sunday 22nd September at a variety of locations in and around Gloucester. For further details see

<https://www.gloucesterhistoryfestival.co.uk/autumn-2024/>

If you enjoy history though, you need come no further than Upton St Leonards Village Hall where the village history group meets on the third Thursday of every other month at 7.45.

Our first meeting of the season kicks off on **19th September with a talk on Gloucestershire battles by Timothy Brain**. For the rest of the year, we also have talks lined up on both Katherine of Aragon and Katherine Parr, (a third of Henry VIII's wives then!) and two talks by our own members, Andy Russell, on village charities and Edward Wyatt on his father Dennis Wyatt, as well as a Gloucestershire quiz in the summer.

At our July meeting 2024, Edward Wyatt gave us an illuminating talk on the life of Margaret Marden.

Many of us visiting St Leonard's church will have seen the memorial plaque, on the wall inside the church to the left of the doorway, and perhaps wondered who Margaret Marden was. And also why the family of Revd. R.J. Cooper had erected that plaque to someone described as 'Ladies Maid and Friend'?

Edward has done a lot of research into this project, finding out about Margaret Marden, who was born in Upton in 1802 and died in the household of the Cooper family in 1891, having held various roles within that same family for over 60 years.

Sadly, because of his family commitments, Edward is stepping down from the committee of the History Group - he will be sorely missed, but we are looking forward to his talk on January 16th 2025. Edward was one of the founder members of the history group in September 1999, and we would like to give him a huge thank you for his sterling work, both on the committee for many years, and for producing the Annual Review over the last ten years, as well as giving at least one of our talks every year.

The group is now therefore seeking a volunteer or volunteers (as it could be a shared post). Do you enjoy writing or making a precis of other people's words?



We need an editor for the History Group Annual Review. Edward is happy to pass on the wisdom of his experience and to help anyone considering the

role. Please contact Clive Winstanley if you are interested.

It would, of course, be a requirement to come to our meetings six times a year, but as you can see, we have a wonderful programme of talks lined up for 2024 - 2025, starting on Thursday 19th September. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible, the talk starts at 7.45, but please come at 7.30 to register to join, or visitors are still welcome at £2 a head. Come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and sit back to enjoy hearing about Gloucestershire Battles!

Julie Winstanley

PLEASE NOTE!

The Quiz originally scheduled for 21st September has been rescheduled and will now take place on

QUIZ - SATURDAY, 5th OCTOBER 8pm

Quizmaster: Andy Russell

Add your name to the booking sheet in the BMI

by

Thursday, 4th October

Open to members and signed in guests. £1.50 per person for teams of up to 6.

(Minimum £6 for teams up to 4)

Cash only for the quiz please



Arts Page

D Day was celebrated in June, but war was still being fought on many fronts.

The Interrogation by Edwin Muir (1887 – 1959)

We could have crossed the road but hesitated,
And then came the patrol;
The leader conscientious and intent,
The men surly, indifferent.
While we stood by and waited
The interrogation began. He says the whole
Must come out now, who, what we are,
Where we have come from, with what purpose, whose
Country or camp we plot for or betray.
Question on question.
We have stood and answered through the standing day
And watched across the road beyond the hedge
The careless lovers in pairs go by,
Hand linked in hand, wandering another star,
So near we could shout to them. We cannot choose
Answer or action here,
Though still the careless lovers saunter by
And the thoughtless field is near.
We are on the very edge,
Endurance almost done,
And still the interrogation is going on.

Journey's End (extract) by Siegfried Sassoon (1886 – 1967)

Saved by unnumbered miracles of chance,
You'll stand, with war's unholiness behind,
Its years, like gutted villages in France,

Done with; its shell-bursts drifting out of mind.
Then will you look upon your time to be,
Like a man staring over a foreign town,
Who hears strange bells, and knows himself set free;
And quietly to the twinkling lights goes gladly down,
To find new faces in the streets, and win
Companionship from life's warm firelit inn.

EPIGRAMS

Soldiers who wish to be a hero
Are practically zero,
But those who wish to be civilians
Jesus, they run into millions. ANON

There never was a good war or a bad peace.
Benjamin Franklin - American Diplomat and Scientist

BOOK REVIEW

After Julius by Elizabeth Jane Howard

Elizabeth Jane Howard was an English novelist (1923 – 2014).

She wrote 12 novels including the best-selling *Cazalet Chronicle*. *After Julius* was published in 1965 and it is a subtle novel, readable and humane. It is twenty years since Julius died but his final heroic action still affects the lives of the characters in this novel.

Julius was killed while assisting in the Dunkirk evacuation during World War 2. His family gather for a weekend and take turns to narrate the story. Elizabeth Jane Howard is skilled at descriptions and uses them to help the reader understand the characters. One of the characters – Dan – is said to be based on Laurie Lee.

Happy reading!





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September brings a time of new beginnings; a new school year, a new season, and a new job for me, working alongside my part time hours here. It's an opportunity to start things afresh. We often find children in uniform that's clearly brand new and maybe just that little bit too big for them (they absolutely WILL grow into it). We also find ourselves preparing for the darker nights and colder weather to come. Maybe it's a new pair of winter shoes or a warmer coat that's on our list or the preparation that comes in the form of chopping logs or planting spring bulbs in the garden. Whatever it is, it's good to remember that God gives us a new start every single day. The Bible tells us that his grace and his mercy is new every morning. I'm very glad it is so because I would certainly push the boundaries if I had to make it last a month. But I also know that God's grace and mercy is unlimited. So my boundaries would not exist. His love for us is bountiful, unending and boundary free. Maybe take the time to remind yourself that no matter what the past might look like, today is a new day with God; and he loves us.

Rev Helen Champion



On July 31st we officially welcomed Rev Helen Champion as the Priest in charge of Saint Leonard's. On Sunday 4th August, Helen's first Sunday, as Priest in Charge, she was presented with a stole to mark the occasion.



Harvest Festival

Sunday 8th September

10.00 am
On the Green
With Gloucester Brass

(In Church if wet)

Tower light dedications

Please note the deadline for the Church pages is the 8th of the preceding month

If you or your family wish to sponsor the lights in celebration of a birthday, an anniversary, for a loved one's life or for any other reason then please contact Jenny Cunningham for more details. Please note that the deadline of the Church News is the 8th of the preceding month.

On August 7th, the Church Tower was lit in celebration of Max Gibbs being 1 month old, and with love to his parents Alex and Nina. Sponsored by Max's proud grandparents Chris and Angelina Gibbs.

On September 8th, the Tower Lights are lit in remembrance of Norma Brinkley, who passed away this day 31 years ago. Forever in our hearts. Kindly sponsored by her sons Alan and Peter.

On the 17th September, the Tower Lights are lit in celebration of the 20th birthday of Ellie Davies, kindly sponsored by her Nanna, Brenda Davies.



Some of the beautiful flower arrangements in church for the Licensing and Installation service.

And an added bonus to hear our church bells ringing out to welcome Rev Helen Champion as she takes up her new post as Priest in Charge of St. Leonard's.



Services for September 2024

1st	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Celebration Service Led by the Flourish Team
8th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
15 th	10.00am	Holy Communion
22 nd	10.00am	Holy Communion
29th	10.00 am	Holy Communion



Who's Who in the Church

Parish Priest:

Rev Helen Champion

Churchwarden:

Gill Howell

Interment and burial of ashes enquiries

Church Administrator:

Jenny Cunningham

Wedding & Baptism Enquiries

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Sue Downey

PCC Secretary

Kay Hutton

Tuesday Morning Prayer

9.30 am

In the Rectory

Bondend Road

Everyone is welcome



The Memorial Garden is looking lovely and it is all down to Jenny Innes' hard work and dedication. Jenny has worked so hard on the garden and has supplied bedding plants and grass to make the area peaceful and beautiful. Her hard work couldn't go by without recognition. Thank you so much Jenny; a job Well Done.



Mothers' Union

July brought our Bring and Share Lunch, which was well attended, and everyone enjoyed the array of delicious and varied food and the non-alcoholic punch.

The Diocesan President, Doreen McLellan joined us and presented the Branch with a RISEUP campaign Bronze certificate. This had been achieved by providing the local refuge at Stroud with filled wash bags, downloading and organising posters to be displayed in local village meeting places, giving details of where help can be found by anyone experiencing domestic abuse and for continuing to pray for all those unfortunate enough to find themselves in that situation. We are the first Branch in the Gloucester Diocese to receive one, so it is rather special.

The raffle monies made on the day - £58-have been sent to the "Summer of Hope" appeal towards the Literacy Circles which enables women in sub-Saharan Africa to learn life-changing literacy, as well as numeracy, agriculture and business skills meaning they can support their families and communities.

On September 5th between 4 – 5 pm Branch members will take part in the “Wave of Prayer” when we will be especially remembering our Link Dioceses:-

Khartoum in Sudan; Dar es Salaam in Tanzania; Bari & Ilesa in Nigeria and Dugapur in India.

Members will be either taking part in their own homes or joining Barry and Kate at their home.

The next meeting is on Thursday 19th September and is a communion service to be held in St Leonard’s Church at 2.pm when Revd Helen will officiate.

Refreshments will be served afterwards in the School Room. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us.

Kate Gale – Branch Leader



500 Club Winners for August

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Second Prize	£20	24



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This month's Feature Article - with thanks to Mike Stratford

Entente Cordiale?

A view of the relationship between France and England



We have recently had our General Election and so have the French. The new government in this country will still have to tackle the problem of small boats arriving from France. Watching the English Channel for boats from France is not new. During World War II in 1940, boats large and small sailed to the French coast and rescued a large proportion of the British Army from Dunkirk. Over 338,000 British and French troops were safely evacuated by sea after Germany invaded France. During the war several governments came to England after their homelands were invaded by Germany. Among them were Norway, Holland, Greece, Poland and the Free French.

Charles de Gaulle arrived here after the Vichy government in France agreed an armistice (cease fire) with the Germans in 1940. He became leader of the Free French Army and chaired the provisional Government of the French Republic but relations with the British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, were always cool.



De Gaulle never forgave Churchill for withdrawing British troops from France. He also complained that the office he had been given in London was too small. De Gaulle set up home with his family and moved to avoid bombing from London to Shropshire, Hertfordshire and finally Hampstead. Churchill gave de Gaulle airtime on the BBC to transmit messages to France and even offered to fund the Free French Forces. After the D Day invasion of Normandy by allied troops in June 1944 de Gaulle returned to France and made Bayeux the administrative capital of Free France. Free French forces were the first to enter liberated Paris on 25 August 1944.

De Gaulle was provisional President of France from 1944 until 1946. In 1958 he was called back from retirement to form the Fifth Republic following approval by a referendum. He was then elected President and remained in post until his resignation in 1969. He reluctantly attended Churchill's funeral in 1965 and never thanked Britain for giving him safe exile during the war.



At one time in history large parts of France were governed by a King of England. France and England (later Britain) fought 41 wars against each other between 1109 and 1815. That is a war every 17.3 years. France won 24 times, England won 11 times and six wars were unresolved. King Richard I spent only 6 months of his 10 year reign in this country and spoke French like all the Norman Kings. Relationships between France and this country have not always been friendly. Will things change noticeably with the new governments in both countries, I wonder?

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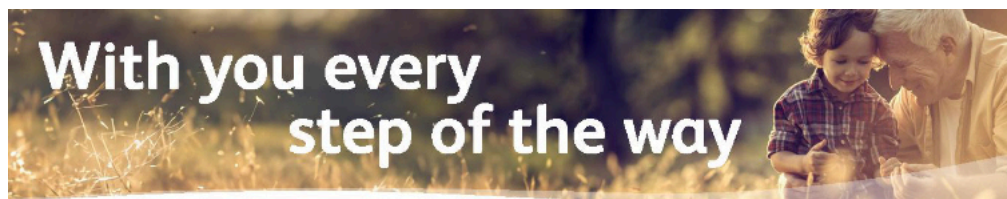
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VILLAGE DIARY

SEPTEMBER

1	Sun	Tennis Club Members Morning	Tennis Courts	10.00a.m.
2	Mon	Coffee Club	BMI	10.00a.m.
2	Mon	Upton WI	Pavilion	2.00p.m.
2	Mon	Parish Council Meeting	Pavilion	7.30p.m.
3	Tue	Rubbish and food waste week/Garden waste for those with	Brown bins	
3	Tue	Needles & Pins	Village Hall Annex	9.45a.m.
3	Tue	Badminton	Village Hall	8.00-10.00p.m.
4	Wed	Wednesday Probus	BMI	10.00.a.m
4	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics	Village Hall	7.30p.m.
4	Wed	Bingo	BMI	8.00p.m.
4	Wed	Bell Ringing Practice	Church	7.30p.m.
8	Sun	Tennis Club Members Morning	Tennis Courts	10.00a.m.
9	Mon	Coffee Club	BMI	10.00a.m.
9	Mon	Twyver WI	Village Hall	7.30 p.m.
10	Tue	Copy date for October issue of USL Life		
10	Tue	Recycling and food waste week		
10	Tue	Tuesday Probus	BMI	10.00a.m.
10	Tue	Needles & Pins	Village Hall Annex	9.45a.m.
10	Tue	Badminton	Village Hall	8.00-10.00p.m
11	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics	Village Hall	7.30p.m.
11	Wed	Bell Ringing Practice	Church	7.30p.m.
11	Wed	Bingo	BMI	8.00p.m
14	Sat	Upton Show	Village Hall	2.00p.m.
15	Sun	Tennis Club Members Morning	Tennis Courts	10.00a.m.
15	Sun	Sunday Lunchtime Jazz	BMI	1.00-3.30p.m.
16	Mon	Coffee Club	BMI	10.00a.m.
16	Mon	Abbeydale Garden Club	Village Hall	7.30p.m.
17	Tue	Rubbish and food waste week/Garden waste for those with	brown bins	
17	Tue	Needles & Pins	Village Hall Annex	9.45a.m.
17	Tue	Badminton	Village Hall	8.00-10.00p.m.
18	Wed	Wednesday Probus	BMI	10.00a.m.
18	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics	Village Hall	7.30p.m.
18	Wed	Bell Ringing Practice	Church	7.30p.m.
18	Wed	Bingo	BMI	8.00p.m.
19	Thu	History Group- Gloucestershire Battles – Timothy Blain	Village Hall	7.45p.m.
22	Sun	Tennis Club Members Morning	Tennis Courts	10.00a.m.
23	Mon	Coffee Club	BMI	10.00a.m.
24	Tue	Recycle and food waste week		
24	Tue	Needles & Pins	Village Hall Annex	9.45a.m.
24	Tue	Tuesday Probus	BMI	10.00a.m
24	Tue	Badminton	Village Hall	8.00-10.00p.m.
25	Wed	Ladies Probus	BMI	10.00a.m.
25	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics	Village Hall	7.30p.m.
25	Wed	Bell Ringing Practice	Church	7.30p.m.
25	Wed	Bingo	BMI	8.00p.m.
26	Thu	Craft Club	The Old School Room	10.00-12.00p.m.
27	Fri	McMillans Coffee Morning	Upton Post Office & Shop	9.30p.m.
28	Sat	Entertainment Night	BMI	8.00p.m.
30	Mon	Coffee Club	BMI	10.00a.m.

OCTOBER

2	Wed	Bell Ringing Practice	Church	7:30p.m.
5	Sat	Autumn Quiz (Amended date from 21 st Sept)	BMI	8.00p.m.
7	Mon	Upton WI	Pavilion	2.30p.m
7	Mon	Parish Council Meeting	Pavilion	7.30p.m.
9	Wed	Bell Ringing Practice	Church	7.30p.m.
10	Thurs	Copy date for November issue of USL Life		
14	Mon	Twyver WI	Village Hall	7.30p.m.
16	Wed	Bell Ringing Practice	Church	7.30p.m.
19	Sat	Night	BMI	8.00p.m.
21	Mon	Abbeydale Garden Club	Village Hall	7.30p.m.
23	Wed	Ladies Probus	BMI	10.00a.m.

27	Sun	Comedy Night	BMI	8.00p.m.
30	Wed	Bell Ringing Practice	Church	7.30p.m.
31	Thu	Craft Club	The Old School Room	10.00-12.00p.m.

NOVEMBER

2	Sat	Entertainment Night	BMI	8.00p.m.
4	Mon	Upton WI	Pavilion	2.30p.m.
4	Mon	Parish Council Meeting	Pavilion	7.30p.m.
6	Wed	Bell Ringing Practice	Church	7.30p.m.
10	Sun	Copy date for December issue of USL Life		
11	Mon	Twyver WI	Village Hall	7.30p.m.
13	Wed	Bell Ringing Practice	Church	7.30p.m.
16	Sat	Casino Night	BMI	7.30p.m.
18	Mon	Abbeylea Garden Club	Village Hall	7.30p.m.
20	Wed	Ladies Probus	BMI	10.00a.m.
20	Wed	Bell Ringing Practice	Church	7.30p.m.
21	Thu	History Group – Katherine of Aragon – Gillian White	Village Hall	7.45p.m.
23	Sat	Entertainment Night	BMI	8.00p.m.
24	Sun	Sunday lunchtime Jazz	BMI	1.00-3.30p.m.
25	Thu	Craft Club	The Old School Room	10.00-12.00p.m.
27	Wed	Bell Ringing Practice	Church	7.30p.m.

Contact Paula Quinn to have an event mentioned in the diary

Weekly courses

This section lists the courses that run every week

Activity	Day	Venue	Contact	
Yoga	Mondays 10am	Village Hall Annex	Lara Bricknell	07876 764425
Art Class	Tuesdays 2pm	Village Hall Annex	Christine Hughes	01452 614227
Dance Workout	Tuesdays 7pm	Pavilion	Debra Law	07505 761420
Chair-based Pilates	Wednesdays 1.45pm	Pavilion	Angela Harris	
Yoga	Wednesdays 6.30	Village Hall	Kat Hill	07507 971578
Tai Chi	Thursdays 10am	Village Hall Annex	Christina Caldwell	
Pilates with Sam	Fridays 9.30am	Village Hall Annex	Sam Slatter	07894 757360
Seniors Fitness	Fridays 10am	Pavilion	Ian Preston	07306 334222

Calling All Cyclists



To celebrate **Cycle September**, Gloucestershire is hosting bike repair workshops across the county at some of their wonderful repair cafes. Please find local details of when and where these will be held below.

<https://www.thinktravel.info/cycling/bike-repair-workshops/>

Gloucester/Tewkesbury/Cheltenham - Churchdown Repair Café

There will be a special bike repair workshop here on **Saturday 14th September**. You can drop in any time between 10am-12pm.

📍 St. John's Church Hall, Saint Johns Avenue, Churchdown GL3 2DG

📅 Second Saturday of the month

🕒 10am-12pm

🗨️ [Churchdown-Repaircafe](#) Facebook and [Churchdown and Brockworth Repair Cafe friends and supporters](#) Facebook page

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In the first few weeks of the schools re-opening in September, there are likely to be 150 cows walking after morning and afternoon milking, from the end of Whitley Court drive to the double gates on Nuthill.

This will occur twice daily during the grazing season, between approximately 8:30am and 8:45 am and again between 2:30pm and 4:00pm. Your co-operation is much appreciated.

Enid Seex



Meeting since 1846; the Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club (CNFC) is for anyone with an interest in the natural history, environment, antiquities and cultural heritage of Gloucestershire, the Cotswolds and elsewhere.

We are soon to start our NEW season of talks, meeting twice monthly in Box Village Hall (third Tuesday of the month) and the Painswick Centre (first Wednesday of the month) from October 2024 until May 2025. See inset for the upcoming Painswick lectures. Events planned for the coming months include our popular Christmas Social and a tour of the local Incinerator at Javelin Park, with plans in development for trips to Salisbury, Ledbury and the Hopewell Colliery.

Excursions are usually members only events and charged at cost. **Lectures are open to non-members, no booking required** - £5 for visitors, £2 for members, including light refreshments.

During the summer we also published The Proceedings, our Membership Journal which this year includes in depth articles about the transition of Cranham Common from local economic resource to a National Nature Reserve, also the history and restoration of a Cranham dew pond. Membership of CNFC is currently £25

per annum or £40 for two or more people at the same address. If you'd like to find out more, please contact Clare Woodman on 01452 812 767 or CNFCMembershipSec@outlook.com or just come along to one of our lectures.

Please visit our website: <https://cotsnatsfield.club/> you can also find us on FaceBook.

Lectures The Painswick Centre (1st Wednesday of the Month) – Post Code GL6 6QQ.

Parking limited at the Painswick Centre. Free parking in Stamages Lane Public Car Park GL6 6UZ.

October 2nd 2024, An aerial journey through the Cotswolds, Kate Peake.

November 6th 2024, Growing the Stonehouse Community Arboretum, John Parker.

December 4th 2024, Stroudwater History archives, Lois Francis.

A second lecture programme is available at Box Village Hall on 3rd Tuesday of the month – post code GL6 9HJ. Look at our website or contact Paul Wyeth on CNFCLectureSec.pw@gmail.com or mobile 07472 021 517.

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Members of USL Life took part in their annual Waygoose, hosted by Pete and Jo Wilson on Sunday, 28th July. All those involved with the production and delivery of the monthly newsletter enjoyed this extra special occasion with USL Life celebrating its 10th anniversary. A specially commissioned cake was much appreciated.

Pig Roast



Villagers in good spirits enjoying the annual Pig Roast on 10th August.

Thanks to Jim Browne for the photographs.



Church flowers in all their glory for the Licensing and Installation of the Reverend Helen Champion

