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## **UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Chairman**

### **The Council**

Uffington Parish Council has six councillors. They serve four-year terms, with elections next due in May 2023. The composition of the Parish Council is:

Mr Mike Oldnall (Chair)	Tel. 01367 820369	mike.oldnall@uffington.net
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The Chair and Clerk may be contacted on the above telephone numbers or email addresses. Other Councillors may be contacted on the email addresses above.

**Elections.** There has been no change to the composition of the Council since the local council elections in May 2019; the next election is due in 2023.

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**Chairman's Annual Report.** Because of the unusual circumstances in the last 12 months (also explained below), we have decided to include the Chairman's report for the year in this edition of the Courier.

### **Parish Council Annual Assembly – 12 April 2021**

Introduction. The Council meeting scheduled for Monday 12 April is also the 'Annual Assembly'. The Annual Assembly is an important occasion in the year as it is the opportunity for the Council to report on its activities for the previous year and its plans for the year to come. It is also an opportunity for any residents to raise any issues which they think are important. (But don't forget that issues may be raised at any time by contacting any of the Councillors or the Clerk).

The meeting this year cannot be an open one in the Village Hall as usual, but will be conducted digitally over Zoom, as have been all our meetings for the last year. The meeting is open to members of the public, so if you wish to join, please apply to the Clerk for a link.

In addition to forming the basis for the discussion at the Annual Assembly, this report will also be published in the weekly newsletter, on the website and on the notice board.

### **Chairman's Report for 2020 / 2021**

Simon Jenkins stood down as Chair in January 2021 after nearly 6 years in the post, and Mike Oldnall was appointed as Chair with Simon taking over as Vice Chair, by unanimous vote of the Council. Simon would like to thank all those who have served on the Council during this time, including Julia Evans, Clerk and RFO, for all their support and hard work, and also all the many residents who have shown interest in the Council's work, contributed with their feedback and ideas and taken part in many aspects of 'looking after our village'.

This year's report is in two parts:

1. The year to January 2021
2. From January 2021

**Part 1.** The Council's Aims and Objectives for 2020 / 2021 were:

### **Aims**

- To provide effective, efficient and accountable local government for the parish.
- To communicate our plans, actions and achievements, enabling residents to be involved in their future development.
- To be a strong voice for residents, working to improve the overall village area, both built and natural, while preserving the setting and character of heritage areas.

### **Objectives**

- To ensure ongoing compliance with all legislation pertaining to local government
- Manage in a cost-effective way the assets of the Council including the Old School Room
- Encourage and support within the parish all relevant policies and initiatives of the UK Government, Oxfordshire County Council and Vale of White Horse District Council relating to climate change and sustainability of our environment
- Consider very carefully all applications for planning permission, ensuring to the best of our ability that they all comply with the policies of the Vale of White Horse District Council Development Plan, including the adopted Uffington and Baulking Neighbourhood Plan
- Monitor projects utilising S106 funding and consider and prioritise any further eligible applications
- Review and improve where necessary the Council's communications to villagers to ensure residents receive appropriate and timely information
- Prepare an Emergency Plan for the village

- Update the website to comply with accessibility legislation

Without wishing to appear complacent, I think that we have achieved all those Aims and Objectives to a surprising extent, given that we have been in lockdown or subject to other restrictions for much of the year.

The mention of lockdown inevitably takes one's thoughts to the Covid-19 pandemic. It has been the most important topic for governments all over the world in the last 12 months and it has been a very difficult year for many people. We would like to express our sympathies to all who have actually had Covid-19, and particularly to any residents who may have lost family, relatives or friends to the disease. We would like to express the thanks of all in our villages to the many people who have continued to work in support of us, sometimes at personal cost to themselves; they are too many to mention individually, but locally they include all NHS staff, those who work in Uffington Post Office and Stores, Uffington Primary School, and also all those who volunteered in the very early days of the first lockdown to form the 'UBW Covid Support Group'. The Support Group are (they are still there) local residents who happily took on the job of looking after any elderly, shielding, vulnerable people who happened to live close to them, who were self-isolating, without family or friends to help with shopping, or anybody just to have a chat with.

A few words on some of the above Objectives:

**Climate change.** The pandemic has diverted attention away from this very important topic, but we stand ready to support worthwhile initiatives in any way that we can at a local level.

**Planning.** It is heartening to see, and proves how worthwhile the effort was, that the policies of the Uffington and Baulking Neighbourhood Plan are being taken into account by the Vale District Council, as well as ourselves, in assessing all planning applications in the village. Planning applications under consideration are listed on the agenda for discussion at Council meetings and the results are published in the Minutes, on the website and in the Courier.

### **S106 funding.**

- In the last year, we are very pleased to have been able to support the Uffington Community Garden in their installation of a large new greenhouse, to which the White Horse Show Trust also made a generous contribution.

- We were also pleased to assist the Uffington Football Club with the purchase of a new mower – to be seen in action on the Jubilee Field and Sports Club field during the summer.
- At the time of writing, we are working on a project to improve Uffington Footpaths 387/ 18, 19 and 27, with the installation of kissing gates to replace the existing stiles. These footpaths are used by many local people and visiting walkers to get from the village to the Uffington White Horse, Uffington Castle, The Ridgeway and Waylands Smithy and for circular walks via Woolstone, Fowler and Kingston Lisle. More people would use these paths – and everyone would have a safer experience – if the stiles were to be replaced by kissing gates. A full report will appear in a future edition of the Courier if we are able to secure the funding required and to complete the project.

**Communications.** We are always conscious of the need to make sure we communicate enough (but not too much!) to residents. We do this through the weekly newsletter, the website, the notice board at the Shop, the Welcome Note to new residents and the quarterly Courier. Ideas for improvements are always welcome.

**Update the website.** We recently had to spend some money on updating the website, to comply with government legislation to make the website more accessible to all. Regular visitors may have noticed that the colour scheme has changed slightly to make it easier to read for those with colour impaired vision.

**Emergency Plan.** Despite some scepticism about the value of this Plan, we are required to have one and after some years of talking about it, an Emergency Plan for the village has been written and approved by the Emergency Planning team at Oxford County Council. It is very unlikely that any such plan should turn out to be perfectly tailored and appropriate for the emergency which actually happens, but a flexible ‘template’ will give the Parish Council and other key people involved a head start in dealing with an emergency. At a time when the normal way of life may be disrupted, people injured and / or in a state of shock, and when you get personally involved, and under stress, it can be difficult to think logically. Experience has shown that businesses and communities which have spent time planning and preparing for an emergency are better able to cope and recover more quickly. Communications are vital and our Emergency Plan therefore contains a lot of personal information so that those concerned stand a good chance of being able to speak with each other in what may be a confused situation. For GDPR reasons, the Plan will not be published on the website in order to protect this personal information. If you feel you have equipment or skills which may be useful in an emergency and would like to have this recorded in the Plan, please contact any member of the Council.

## **Part 2 - from January 2021**

As Simon has said above, Mike Oldnall took over as Chair in January 2021. Mike would like to thank Simon for all his hard and tireless work over the past 6 years which has resulted in a wide range of improvements to the facilities in and around the village.

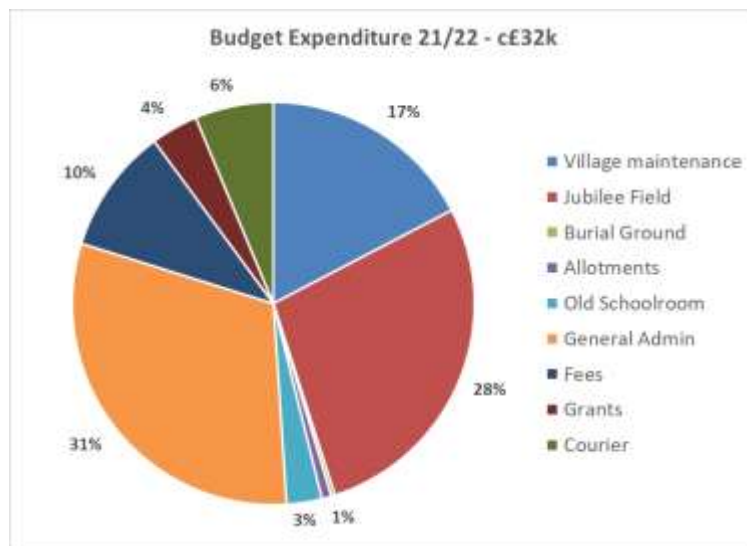
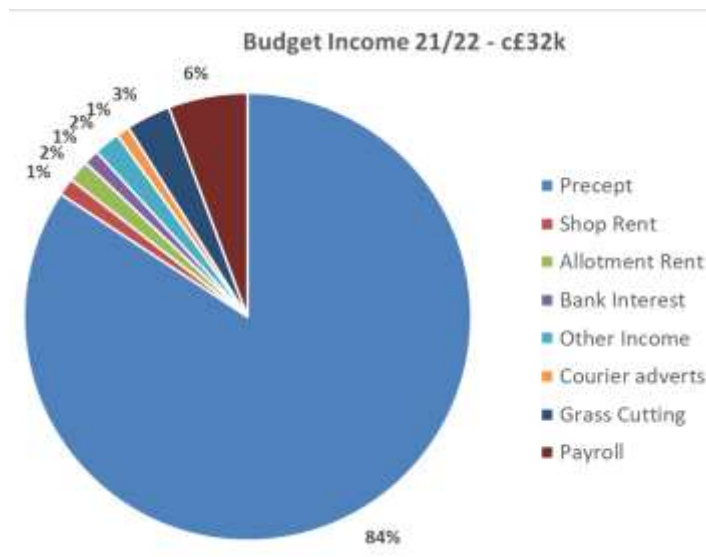
**Aims and Objectives for 2021/22.** The ongoing objectives remain very much the same as previous years but with three specific objectives for 2021/22:

- Provide support for local Covid-19 activities
- Complete the kissing gates project
- Improve broadband in Uffington

As the lockdown is eased and other things become necessary, or ideas come forward, these objectives may need to be expanded. Below is a bit more detail on the objectives above:

- Covid-19. Whilst we all hope that the impact of Covid-19 will reduce significantly during the coming year, there may well be a need to provide ongoing support for those affected. As stated above, the local Support Group is still in existence and its members have confirmed that they remain ready to assist as necessary. One of the most visible signs of the pandemic is the sanitiser bottles and signs on the children's playground. It remains one of our primary aims to keep this popular and heavily used facility open as long as possible and we urge all users to observe the latest regulations so that it can remain open.
- Kissing Gates. Simon has volunteered to continue managing the kissing gates project mentioned above – a project which has been almost 2 years in the making – so far! Hopefully this year will see it completed – weather and funding permitting.
- Broadband Improvement. Uffington received its first 'fibre' broadband in 2018 and this has proved its worth, especially during the pandemic. The pandemic has also highlighted the limitations of the current system, especially for those forced to work at home. With the next generation of fibre broadband (fibre right into individual premises) becoming available a project has just started to look at the options and get sufficient commitment to make it economically viable. Further information will be made available over the coming weeks. The first action will be to hold a public (Zoom) meeting on 28 April at 7:30pm.

**Finance.** The Council set its budget in January having decided to keep the precept at the same level as for 202/21. Whilst the precept is usually increased to at least keep pace with inflation it was decided that, in the current situation and as the other elements (District, County and Police) of the precept would inevitably increase, the level would not be increased. The breakdown of the budget income and expenditure is shown on the graphs below.



**Jubilee Field Hedge.** As part of our ongoing maintenance of the Jubilee Field, more of the new hedge, started last year, has been planted along Upper Common Lane to replace the overgrown tangle that was there. This has been planted with native species to encourage wildlife. The planting team in action in February:



**Traffic Calming.** Due to the ongoing complaints received about traffic speeds in the village, the Council continues to pursue a range of initiatives to address this:

- Current measures include the 20mph school signs, the vehicle activated sign on the Fowler Road and 30mph 'roundels' on some approaches. We



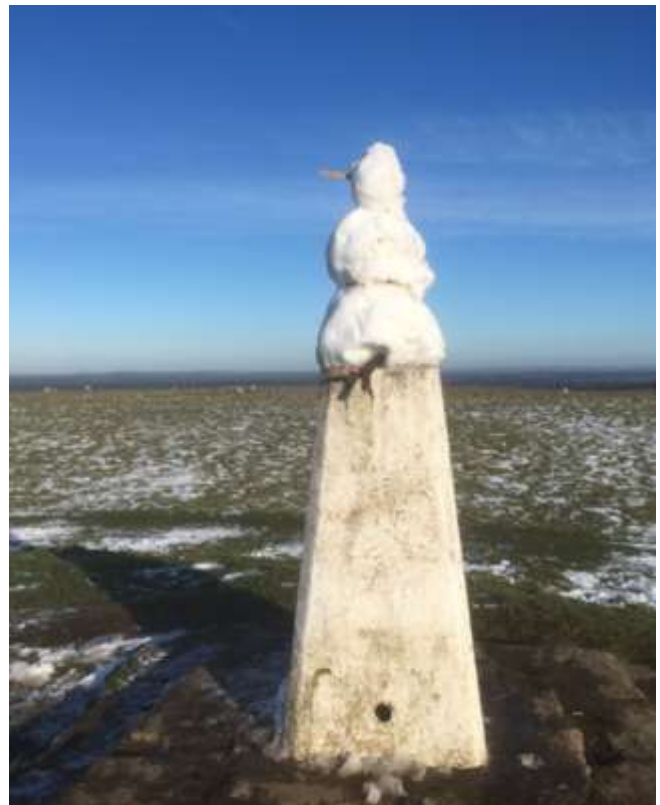
previously had a Neighbourhood Speedwatch team of volunteers but this has had to be suspended pending approval of a new handheld device by Thames Valley Police.

- We have recently added a moveable vehicle activated sign that, in addition to showing a coloured 'face' and vehicle speed, also records the speed of every passing vehicle. This data will allow us to identify peak times and locations where vehicles regularly travel at excessive speeds. We plan to use this data to target the Neighbourhood Speedwatch radars once these have been approved.
- Finally, we will monitor the County initiative '20 is Plenty' which hopes to introduce 20mph limits in all towns and villages across the county.

**And Finally.** I, on behalf of the Council and all villagers, would like to thank the 'Army' of volunteers who help to keep the village looking so clean and tidy – clearing the streams, litter picking, mowing small areas of grass, trimming hedges – the list goes on. I won't mention anyone by name but it really does make a very visible difference. If you would like to join the group, please get in touch with the Parish Council at [uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com)

### **Winter 2020/21**

We had a cold spell with some snow in January, as captured below:



**Lord of all he surveys?**

(If you are puzzled by this, somebody built a snowman on the trig point at White Horse Hill)

## **Planning applications in Uffington (with Vale reference number) – since the last edition of the Courier**

The following have been **approved** by the Vale District Council:

- P20/V2912/HH – 19 Craven Common. Resubmission of drawings following approved planning permission. Approved rear single storey extension to extend by an additional metre.
- P21/V0006/HH – Rowan Lodge, Fernham Road. Conservatory to rear extension.
- P21/V0556/AG – Common Farm, Lower Common. Erection of steel portal framed building.

The following are **awaiting determination** by the Vale District Council:

- P20/V1739/FUL – Dovecote, Britchcombe Farm, Uffington. Retrospective Planning and Listed Building Consent for the conversion of the dovecote to a dwelling.
- 21/V0009/HH – Gate Cottage, Lower Common. Two-storey side extension, single-storey side and rear extensions, glazed link and the erection of a one and a half storey outbuilding, incorporating a garage, annexe and home office.
- P21/V0417/LB – Manor Cottage, Woolstone Road. Installation of electric vehicle charging point to side of workshop.
- P21/V0467/FUL – Dragon Hill, Woolstone Road. Proposed erection of two self-build dwellings.
- P21/V0179/HH – Little Orchard, Packers Lane. Ground and first floor extensions.
- P21/V0682/AG - School House Field, Broadway, Uffington. Proposed Agricultural barn.
- P21/V0360/HH - Broadway Farm Uffington. Extension of existing dwelling to create an attached annex.
- P21/V0684/LDP - Britchcombe Farm Uffington. Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed use or development to confirm the use of the land referred to as Cross Roads at Britchcombe Farm for the siting of caravans, tents and motorhomes.

The following application refused by the Vale District Council has been **listed for appeal**:

- P20/V0394/FUL Meadowgold Cottage 1 Upper Common Lane Uffington Oxon SN7 7RU - Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of two storey dwelling, formation of parking area and enlargement of access. Appeal reference: APP/V3120/W/20/3261167

The live list of 'Current' and 'Decided' Uffington applications can be accessed via the links on the website here: <https://www.uffington.net/parish-council/planning/>

### **Local information**

Lists of local tradesmen and businesses which you may need and of scheduled local activities in the village are included on the inside back pages of the Courier. The majority of these are also listed on the village website. We should be pleased to learn of any errors, omissions, or anything you would like to see included in future editions. Please contact [mike.oldnall@uffington.net](mailto:mike.oldnall@uffington.net) (Tel: 01367 820369), or the Parish Council Clerk at: [uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com)

Village Hall. As a result of the CO-VID 19 pandemic, the Village Hall remains partially closed and most of the activities listed at the back of the Courier are not happening for the time being. For Village Hall booking enquiries during the pandemic, please send an e-mail to: [booking@thmh.co.uk](mailto:booking@thmh.co.uk) or you can contact Geoff Rumble on 01367 820036.

### **Communications**

- Village Web site. The village website can be found at <https://www.uffington.net/>. It is in the ownership of the Parish Council, which pays the hosting and support charges on behalf of the village. Requests for additions and changes should be made to the Clerk, Julia Evans, at [uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com) or through the website.
- Email notices. There is an email network of topical information which is sent weekly to those who have signed up for it. If you wish to join please notify Simon Jenkins on 820776 or [simon.jenkins@uffington.net](mailto:simon.jenkins@uffington.net) For data protection reasons, email addresses are held securely and not disclosed to anybody else, or used for anything apart from Parish Council notifications and other information thought to be of general interest to residents, in accordance with our Privacy Notice.
- Village notice boards. These are at Uffington Post Office and Stores.
- Facebook page for Uffington, Baulking, Woolstone, Kingstone Lisle, Fawler. The majority of Parish Council communications are shared on the local Facebook page.

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## TOM BROWN'S SCHOOL MUSEUM

Karen Pilcher (Curator)



During the winter period we have been busy cataloguing photographs, newspaper articles and artefacts that have been donated to the museum. The cold weather prevented any outside work so we took the opportunity to clear a backlog of items, some of which were donated over 10 years ago! Our collection needs to consist of items that are relevant to Uffington and the surrounding area so we have also been able to donate to other historical societies and museums

where the item is from further afield.

Some of the displays have been updated and we are now able to exhibit items from the White Horse Show, we have a new display on the White Horse and we have purchased 2 prints of a view along High Street in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

One change many will have noticed is our new path which I hope you will agree improves not only access to the museum, but the overall first impression of the building. We are also in the process of updating the museum website, in readiness for when we can finally reopen, although the existing website is still available to view.







The Governments roadmap out of lockdown suggests that museums may be able to open from the 17<sup>th</sup> May, however COVID guidelines will still apply. In view of the size of the museum building it will not be possible to adhere to social distancing and with no running water, cleaning during visits will be difficult. We are therefore looking for the 21<sup>st</sup> June for a full opening with the aim that we also open a few times during the week, as well as the weekends as we did previously.

However, from the 17<sup>th</sup> May we are more than happy to open up for family groups of up to 6 people or those in a bubble. This can be arranged by contacting [uffingtonmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:uffingtonmuseum@gmail.com) or 01367 820978.

Hope to see you all soon.

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## **THOMAS HUGHES MEMORIAL HALL**

**Douglas Dalrymple**

IF the Government's Steps towards normality hold good, the Hall expects to reopen in limited measure – much as last autumn – from May 17th (Step 3), and then fully from June 21st (Step 4): IF.

The Management Committee is only sorry that we have had to be closed, again, over the last 4 – 5 months, no Panto, no exercise clubs, no private events, to mention a few samples. A reminder for IF and when the time comes that [booking@thmh.co.uk](mailto:booking@thmh.co.uk) is where to head. Hopefully those using the larger Hall will be pleased by the improvements they find which came about during January. Our appreciation goes, once more, to Uffington's Stephen Crook and his team for fitting us in, at a fallow time for us but amongst the many projects on his list.

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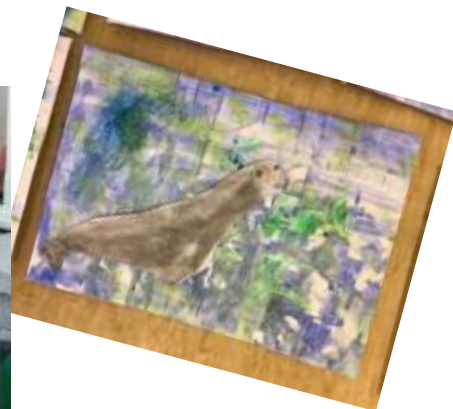
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## **SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD.**

We have had a lovely few weeks post lockdown with the school full of children again. They have been very happy to see their friends and to be back learning in a classroom rather than remotely. The children have been doing a range of project work from examining dinosaur skeletons, to raising money for red Nose Day, to locating meerkats who have travelled around Uffington and finally to hunting a woolly mammoth on the school field! Imaginations have been well and truly fired up! Some of our older children, inspired by their topic on plastics have written letters to companies and the government to ask that more be done to protect our environment. Please do have a look at our class gallery pages <https://www.uffingtonprimary.org/>

Although we cannot have our usual Easter service in church this year we have had lovely collective worship services online with Reverend Jeremy. We are hoping as things continue to improve that we will be able to hold some events over the summer term.

From all at Uffington Primary School we wish you a very happy Easter!







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\*Committee on Climate Change, February 2019

## ST MARY'S CHURCH

Rev Jeremy Goulston

Dear All,



The road out of lockdown has been a long one, and we are all probably feeling not a little weary. The road to Jerusalem before the first Easter Day was a weary road, for Christ and for the disciples, but the crucifixion only makes sense when it is put together with the resurrection.

The Gospel of Mark has two endings; the shorter, older version and the somewhat later manuscript with a longer ending. The shorter version simply

ends with the disciples returning to the tomb and finding it empty, and they were startled, amazed and terrified; they don't know what to make of it. The longer version adds resurrection experiences, and takes us all the way through a short period of episodes to the ascension of Jesus.

Along the way, within that longer version, is a startling moment where Jesus invites his followers to proclaim the good news to the whole of creation. So we have two images; our confusion about what resurrection means and even our fear of entering into the strong message that love conquers death on the one hand, and that longer story that unfolds the mystery that resurrection is something happening in the whole of creation and that we're invited to participate in that 'Eastering experience' – not once, not even as a moment in our lives, but as a way of 'Eastering' in our lives.

This encourages me that the message of faith should be one which equips us to care for the environment, as we care for ourselves and our neighbours within it. I want to thank all those who have helped to make 'lockdown' so bearable for me – family, congregations, pilgrim groups, and walkers, cyclists and joggers who have encouraged me to join them. May we, as we come out of lockdown, allow ourselves to put into practice the lessons we're learning about living – i.e. more patiently with ourselves and one another, and more caring to the world of which we are a part.

We can't do this in our own strength, but we can through the love of a God who cares for each one of us more than we know, and as Augustine said, is closer to us than we are to ourselves.

Happy Easter! And hope to see you in one of our churches soon. We remain open.

Jeremy

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## **ELM TREE SURGERY SHRIVENHAM PRESCRIPTION COLLECTION SERVICE**

Will patients ordering repeat prescriptions from the Surgery please note that they should now do so before 3pm on Friday, earlier orders would of course be welcomed. Prescriptions will then be available in the Post Office on the following Thursday. The repeat prescription telephone line at Elm Tree Surgery is open between 1.30-3pm each

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## **UBW MINIBUS ASSOCIATION**

We regret that our activities remain suspended because of the unacceptable risks to our passengers, volunteers and their contacts at this stage in the pandemic.

John Hatcher remains available on 01367 820417 to discuss any matters of interest or concern to you in regard to the minibus.

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## **UFFINGTON PLAYERS**

**Christine Holley**

We hope everyone is well and continuing to stay safe.

The Players hope that the Government guidelines will soon allow us to start getting together to plan our pantomime for February 2022.

If you think you would like to be involved in future productions or would like further information, please contact Christine Holley 01367 820474 or email christine-holley28@hotmail.co.uk

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## **WHITE HORSE GARDEN CLUB**

**Verity Cavanagh**

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07975861790

After a long winter in lockdown how wonderful to be out in our gardens again enjoying Spring sunshine.

Our February talks via zoom are proving a great success but we look forward to seeing you all again outside of lockdown.

We are also delighted to have had an enthusiastic increase in membership. Details for joining Uffington White Horse Garden Club can be found below.

### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

‘Peonies – how to plant, grow and propagate’ By Alec White from Primrose Hall  
Peonies

### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

‘Hydrangeas’ By Sally Gregson from Mill Cottage Plants. Plants for sale. [www.millcottageplants.co.uk](http://www.millcottageplants.co.uk)

### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Plant sale**

### **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – DAY VISIT TO Bramdean & Maverleys TBC**

### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 6pm - VISIT to Buckland Gardens Visitors £2.50**

### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July - VISIT OXFORD ARBORETUM TBC**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2pm – VISIT to Englefield House & Gardens, Theale, Reading RG7 5EN. £7.50 includes tour. Teas available in from Estate Café. Plants for sale in estate garden centre. TBC**

**AUGUST - no event**

### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

‘The Care and Pruning of Fruit Trees and Bushes’ By Chris Lanczak from Waterperry Gardens, Oxford.

### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

‘Where did your Garden Grow – a fascinating history of our familiar garden plants’. [www.broadleighbulbs.co.uk](http://www.broadleighbulbs.co.uk) By Christine Skelmersdale

### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

‘In the not so Bleak Winter’ by Timothy Walker. [www.timothywalker.org.uk](http://www.timothywalker.org.uk).

### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

AGM & Talk by Woodchester Valley Vineyard from Stroud. [www.woodchestervalleyvineyard.co.uk](http://www.woodchestervalleyvineyard.co.uk)

Seasonal refreshments and wines to sample/purchase.

The WHGC have some first class talks arranged for this year - so don't delay join today. **Fee £10 per annum.**

**Bank transfer: sort code is 090153, account number 28382280, account name - White Horse Gardening Club, reference WHGC + surname.**

**Please email Patricia (pjdalrymple@btinternet.com) to inform her of your payment - thank you.**

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After months of lockdown I hope by the time you read this, and if all goes according to the Government's planned roadmap, our tennis courts will be open again on the 29<sup>th</sup> March. Hooray!! Please refer to the LTA's website for their latest advice and guidance: <https://www.lta.org.uk/about-us/tennis-news/news-and-opinion/general-news/2020/march/coronavirus-covid-19---latest-advice/>. It's great to see that members are already booking courts and are keen to get back out and start playing again.

Over lockdown we have migrated the club website onto the LTA's Clubspark platform and you will find us at <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/UffingtonLawnTennisClub>. The old website may remain accessible for a while, but will be out of date and should not be used. Our new Clubspark page brings together our information, court booking, match information and membership sign-up pages. I would encourage you to take a few minutes to look round the new website and familiarise yourselves with it, as the majority of what you might want from the club will be accessible there.

### **Just to remind you:**

#### **League Matches**

Uffington Lawn Tennis Club competes in the Swindon and District League all year round - Summer matches are on Tuesday evenings for Ladies and Thursday evenings for Mixed. We're always keen for new players! If you'd like to know more or to take part email Club Captain, Annabel Campbell - [campbellannabel@gmail.com](mailto:campbellannabel@gmail.com)

Friendly Matches with other local clubs are arranged throughout the Summer. If you would like to take part in these please email Juliet Moss - [julietmoss@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:julietmoss@hotmail.co.uk)

#### **Coaching News**

There are catch up sessions for those who were previously enrolled in the winter junior coaching programme, and they're happening on Saturdays 3rd, 10th & 17th April. Those involved should have been notified of these dates by the coaching team.

The summer term will move to Wednesday evenings with Junior sessions running 4-5pm and 5-6pm, followed by adults coaching following on from 6-7pm. The term starts on 21st April and finishes on 14th July. Details can be found at: <https://www.gamesetandmatchplay.co.uk/coaching>

## Club Nights

These will now move to Friday and start once light is good enough until around 8.00pm

Finally, membership renewals are coming up again so please visit the relevant web page: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/UffingtonLawnTennisClub/Membership/Join>. You will see that we have also updated our payment options, with both direct debit and card payments now possible. Please could we encourage you to renew your membership and review your contact details etc as soon as possible. Thank you very much and we look forward to seeing you out on court again soon.

Robert Hart

Club Chairman

Uffington Lawn Tennis Club

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Village Hall. For Village Hall booking enquiries during the pandemic, please send an e-mail to: [booking@thmh.co.uk](mailto:booking@thmh.co.uk) or you can contact Geoff Rumble on 01367 820036.

Day of week	Time	Activity	Ages	Where	Contact
Mondays	9-10 am	Exercise Class		Village Hall	(If interested, attend the class to make enquiries)
Mondays	7 – 9 pm	Smart Hema		Village Hall	(If interested, attend the class to make enquiries)
Mondays	7:15 – 8:15 pm	Insanity		Village Hall (SH)	Sports Club 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of month
Tuesday Term time	5:45-7pm	Beavers	Children aged 6-8	Village Hall	Dave Barnes 07811 424978
Tuesdays Term time	7:15-8:30 pm	Yoga		Village Hall	Deborah Atkinson 07875 633923
3rd Tuesday each month	7-10pm	W.I.		Village Hall	Mary Plant 241663
Every Tuesday	7.30-9pm	Bell ringing	age 12 and over	St. Mary's Church	Hugh Baxter 820014
Wednesdays	9-10 am	Exercise Class		Village Hall	(If interested, attend the class to make enquiries)
Wednesday Term time	5:30-7:15 pm	Brownies	For girls aged 7-11	Village Hall	Vikki Bond Vikkibond33@mail.com first_uffington_brownies@outlook.com
Wednesday Term time	7.15- 8.45 pm	Guides	For girls aged 10-14	Village Hall (SH)	Tina Monk 820878 tina@waylands.net
Wednesday	7:30-9pm	Uffington Taekwondo club	From 6 - adults	Village Hall	Duncan Saunders 07790 241891
1st Thursday	7.30 pm.	Gardening Club		Village Hall	Pamela Preene 820251
Thursday Term time	9:30-11am	Baby & Toddlers	0-5 years parents/ carers must stay	Village Hall	Katherine Foxhall katfoxhall@gmail.com facebook @uffingtontoddlers
Thursday Term time	6.30– 8 pm	Cubs	Children 8-10	Village Hall (SH)	Katherine Murkett 820270
Thursday Term time	7- 9 pm	Scouts	Children 10-14 years	Village Hall (SH)	Chris Palmer chris_palmer101@hotmail.co.uk
Fridays	9-10 am	Exercise Class		Village Hall	(If interested, attend the class to make enquiries)
Saturdays		League football	Adults	Sports Club, Fawler Road	Jason Wilkins 870487 or 07810 022127

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