

Ulcombe Annual Parish Meeting

Annual Parish Meeting of Ulcombe Parish held in Ulcombe Village Hall Thursday 18th May at 7 pm.

MINUTES

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Rachel Robinson, Chairman of Ulcombe Parish Council. In Attendance: Irene Bowie (Parish Clerk). 18 Members of the public

- **1. Welcome by Cllr Robinson (Chairman of the Parish Council).** Cllr Kenward welcomed all residents and guests to the meeting.
- 2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12th May 20223. The minutes were agreed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

3. County and Borough Councillor Reports

We still experience strange and interesting times in the world of politics, economics and public services as we now move on after the worse pandemic not only in our own country but throughout the world certainly in our living history. We have also had a major political and economic change with world events, an edge of Europe war with Russia and significant effects to the cost of living -especially energy- together with cultural & economic effects following Brexit and certain other world events or reactions that also have repercussions.

LIFE has been DRASTICALLY affected with issues from the Health & Care services, poor Policing to absurd weather. We have actually had record rain downfalls and much more pollution of our waterways. Frankly every aspect of our lives has been affected. And it is important to realise that whilst the national government have experienced more than a few problems, there have also been some mighty happenings in Germany and France with near Revolution in Paris to financial worries in the auto industry of Germany. Yet Maidstone Borough Council have proved to be un-distracted by that! But it hasn't been easy. Whilst that significant national and international picture does bear significance we must put that into perspective and consider that in Maidstone Borough Council a new leadership have gone about managing and effecting change whilst leading strongly and being innovative with foresight. Broadly our aims were:

Promote and improve the Town Centre, encouraging visitors for shopping, supporting & promoting business and cultural benefits, and supporting new and established businesses throughout the Borough. So we handed out 100s of grants & actively set up a Town Centre Strategy. Part of that work also put Arts, Culture and Leisure to the fore with more events to bring back people to the area.

Many businesses, some community groups in the Headcorn Ward, Churches, Grafty Green Village Hall etc have benefitted.

We continue with the governments Housing agenda and deliver a revised Local Plan, but also make it work better for LOCAL communities and its residents. So we decided to enter the market as developer and return to being a Housing provider, with a very ambitious but well managed budget and plan for 1000 homes. We now have some plans advancing well, and expect the first "sods to be turned and bricks put down" later this year.

Not only have we ensured front line services like Waste Collection have coped with struggles of continued ill health absence and soaring energy costs but where possible we sought improvements. Now we've got a new contract with a new provider from next year.

And we maintain financial responsibility, invest with foresight and innovation for long term financial returns but also review services and structures to secure the new directions & benefits for local people and communities. So we have a new Constitution, with a Leader and Cabinet system that can make or change Executive decisions quickly.... AND we have reviewed the size of Wards and reduced the number of Council Members from 55 to 48.... AND set up 4 yearly whole Council Elections for the Borough AND restructured management to deliver this!

We have just had the last Election of a third of the 55 Member Council this May, but the Headcorn Ward did not vote this year...and the results have meant the return to "No overall majority". At this point we still don't know how that will manifest in the make up and leadership of the Council until 20th May.

BUT ALL (NEW) WARDS will be up for Election in 2024 with Sutton Valence added onto the Headcorn Ward.

We still have a long way to go but we have made great progress.

Meanwhile the work of being a Council Member is not just sitting on Council & Committee meetings, attending briefings and training sessions and contributing to or challenging the directions and policies, it is also about the Ward and many issues that arise or concern.

Headcorn Ward is a very busy and frankly demanding Ward. It has 4 Parishes, soon to be 5, with several other distinct communities within them. Each is different whilst there are some common interests and many issues have knock-on effects.

The issues around Planning probably raise the most concerns and most of the work where lots of interactions are needed. The list is endless! Then crime, fly tipping and anti-social behaviour including speeding vehicles and rogue lorries on country roads take up many emails! Yet they are not always directly Maidstone Borough Council issues and require much more dialogue with other bodies. As does flooding and clean and dirty water matters, bus and train services and many concerns over health and care issues. So dialogue with those other agencies and keeping our MP informed is critical, especially if they are key issues which can provoke their involvement or possible benefits in National debate, law and policy. And the Headcorn Ward DOES have such key & national issues!

So the role of a Parish Council is critical to our work.

So Ziggy and Martin do keep very busy, especially where both play a very active role in many of the Council and Ward affairs. Martin is a Cabinet Member and Ziggy sits on several committees whilst both try to keep in touch with the Parishes and maintain that flowing dialogue ...and finding ways to support or seek solutions.

Thank you so much especially to the Clerk and Chair of this Parish but especially the people and organisations who do allow us to work, all of us, for the benefit of this wonderful community.

4. Report from the Chairman of Ulcombe Parish Council.

Welcome to our annual meeting of the parish. I hope you all enjoy the more relaxed format tonight. We first held the meeting in this format for our delayed 2021 meeting, following Covid and found that it was much more enjoyable and allowed people to have more informal conversations.

It has been a year of arrivals and departures on the Parish Council. In November Mary Ann Lovegrove died after an illness, she had served for eight years on the parish council, and Fiona Kenward the previous Chairman resigned from the council following her move to Dorset. We miss both Fiona and Mary Ann and their contributions to the Parish Council. We have also had several new councillors joining us, in May 2022 Liz Easton was co-opted to a vacancy created by the resignation of Bill Stacey. More recently we have co-opted Sean Charlton and Alana Diamond and we now have our full quota of councillors again.

Ulcombe Parish Council now hold bi-monthly meetings and therefore since last year's annual meeting of the Parish we have held six meetings. With no extraordinary meetings over the last twelve months.

We have attended several meetings with our MP, Kent County Council, Maidstone Borough Council and Kent Police. Discussing issues of local buses, road closures, planning and speeding to name a few of the topics discussed. Kent Police are soon to be rolling out a new model of community policing so we will no longer have an assigned PCSO however the new coverage model will see our "police cluster" which comprises ourselves, Headcorn and Grafty Green having an assigned "Beat Officer" who will be a fully warranted officer. We look forward to working with this new role.

Over the last year we have received and commented on 35 planning applications. We have also received a presentation regarding the potential development of land on Eastwood Road behind the cricket pavilion. The developers also ran a public consultation open to the public in September 2022.

Highways – it seems to have been a year of ongoing road closures. From August 2022 to January 2023 Ulcombe Hill was closed for the installation of a new watermain. This was obviously very disruptive, and the Parish Council attended several meetings with Kent County Council, South East Water and their contractors regarding mitigations. I am particularly grateful to the school transport team at Kent County Council who worked hard to ensure that the children of Ulcombe still had a bus service to school through this period. After a long time receiving complaints about the condition of the road surface between Ulcombe and Headcorn it is great to see the road finally being properly resurfaced this week, although it comes once again with the associated disruption.

Over the last year the Parish Council engaged Ken Parrish to act as a groundsman for the parish, collecting litter from the recreation ground and elsewhere around the village. We believe this has made a great improvement to the environment of the recreation ground. I would also like to thank our many parishioners who litter pick around our parish.

Last summer it was confirmed that Kent County Council would be removing their subsidy from the No.59 bus. Ulcombe has therefore lost its daily bus service to Maidstone although the school services were not affected. After several meetings and cooperation with other parishes along the route there has been a successful bid for a community transport grant from Kent County Council which secures our Wednesday bus service until spring 2024. I'd like to thank Vicky Ford, clerk to Boughton Malherbe Parish Council for her work on this project.

It has been a royal year with a jubilee, a funeral and a coronation. The Parish Council gave grants to both the jubilee and coronation celebrations held in the village. We also worked closely with All Saint's Church Ulcombe on the arrangements for the local events and book of condolence following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in September last year.

The Flood Resilience Group has continued its work over the last year and the Parish Council made a grant to them for supplies that can be used by all parishioners in the event of another flood. You may have noticed the new enclosure to the right of the village hall. I would like to thank all the members of the flood resilience group for their continued work.

The Parish Council undertook a survey of the Recreation Ground trees which identified work that needed to be done over the next three years. The first phase of this has taken place this week.

After years of touring the garages, sheds and outbuildings of Ulcombe I am pleased to report that the Ulcombe parish pump now has a suitable home on long term loan at the Museum of Kent Life. The museum is also home to the old Ulcombe Village Hall and they are sited close together.

The Parish Council has recently agreed the purchase a new defibrillator that will replace the refurbished one we received several years ago from Kent Fire and Rescue.

The recreation ground continues to be used by the Headcorn Football Club, this season they have had two teams playing. it is good to see our facility being used.

Finance Report 2022/23 for UPC Annual Parish Meeting 18th May 2023

Parish Council finances are managed responsibly. The Council has an agreed a set of financial regulations and also ensures that an independent internal audit is carried out each year. To help control Council finances we also agree an annual budget. Each year we complete an annual return to confirm that everything is in order.

The following figures are unaudited.

Total receipts in 2022/23 were £ 27,697.67. The precept was 24,912.51, Bank Interest was £24.16, MBC Parish Services Scheme was £2171, and £590 rent from Headcorn Football.

Total payments were £ 20,806.29 which was an underspend against budget of £10,623. The underspend came primarily from planned projects that were unable to be undertaken, including Recreation Ground Projects ,Flood Resilience Group, Road Upgrades and renovation of the Parish Pump.

As always, we are your Parish Council and always keen to hear your opinions, issues and ideas. Do come and speak to us this evening.

Finally, I would like to thank all my fellow councillors for their work over the last year for the people of Ulcombe and also their support whilst I found my feet as Chairman. Last and by no means least I would like to thank our clerk, Irene, for the work she does and the support she gives us, without I doubt anything would happen at all.

5. Reports from Village Organisations and Representatives.

Ulcombe Newsletter - Annual Report, 2022/23

During the Covid outbreak the Ulcombe Newsletter ceased to be produced. It had functioned in the form of

a four to six page photocopied paper, and had been produced in that format since Alex Hawes and Molly Poulter started it in December 1989.

Many in the village felt the end of the newsletter was a sad loss, though the Parish Council did its best to produce regular news items.

A group of people decided to try and reinstate the newsletter. A questionnaire was sent to every house in the village and the response was very positive.

Liz Foster, a newcomer to the village, offered to edit a newsletter and suggested it be printed with the main costs being covered by the sale of advertising space.

A Committee was quickly formed with Molly Poulter as Chairman, Richard Pilborough as treasurer, Peter Titchener as secretary, and Frances Crawford as distribution organiser. In addition to the committee, we were delighted that more than 14 volunteers offered to be newsletter distributors.

The price was set at £3 for the year and nearly half the village subscribed to it.

The first Newsletter came out in April 2022 and it has been produced every month since. By June 2022 we were delivering to 194 households and now, in May 2023, this has risen to approximately 230 households. This month alone, we have had 8 new subscribers, though we may lose one or two people who have yet to pay their subscription – as everyone who has previously been involved with the Ulcombe newsletter will know, collection of the annual subscription has always been problematical, though slightly less so now thanks to the use of BACS payments!

Everyone seems delighted with the new professionally printed newsletter. There is useful advertising, and interesting articles, as well as full coverage of what it going on in Ulcombe. So a big thanks to everyone involved and especially to our editor, Liz Foster.

Molly Poulter, Chairman

Village Hall.

Having been co-opted to the VH Management Committee and elected chairman only in November, my knowledge of what went on during the first 10 months of 2022 is scant, I'm afraid, and I am grateful to others on the committee and to Nikki Sharpe our 'Housekeeper' (ie cleaner & booking agent) who have helped fill the gaps in my knowledge and enabled me to produce this report.

The Hall committee during the year in question comprised Sara Jackson (secretary), Debby Boland (Treasurer), Tracy Watton, Wendy Saunders, Janine Monk, Simon Odham, Christina Cox, and latterly Poppy Cook and myself. Mary-Anne Lovegrove, a long serving committee member tragically passed away this year, having been incapacitated by illness in the preceding months. Although I personally knew her only slightly, I'm aware that she is much missed as the Parish Council's representative on the committee and by many in the village who knew her over many years.

The committee has had no chairperson in post since about May 2020 and my initial priorities have involved checking that none of the legal formalities have been overlooked as a result, and ensuring that the necessary 'bureaucracy' involved in running the Hall remains 'fit for purpose'. This work is ongoing, with reviews of our constitution, accounting procedures, hiring agreement, and licensing arrangements amongst other things.

My aim is to ensure that our admin is in good order and able to support the 'real work' we all want to do, which is, of course, maintaining & improving the Hall for the benefit of the community, encouraging its use and organising community events ourselves.

Unless we are continually to go cap-in-hand to the Parish Council for assistance it is, of course, only income from the hiring out of the Hall and the running of events ourselves that allows us to fund any maintenance or improvements.

Necessary maintenance in 2022 included reworking some of the heating pipework to fix a leak and resolve a problem with air locks.

The most costly improvement made to the Hall was in the field of security, where our external CCTV cameras were upgraded, at a cost approaching £3000. Additionally, a multi-speaker sound system was installed (for which we must thank Simon, in particular)

In terms of encouraging the Hall's use, I'm pleased to report that hirings increased from the previous year. Our long-standing regular hirers (the Badminton Club and History Society) have been supplemented by a monthly 'Community Breakfast', the fortnightly 'Community Drop-in', and a weekly Fitness classes in particular. A good number of one-off events have also taken place and thanks go to Nikki Sharpe, for continually trying to encourage more users to the Hall.

In terms of events organised by the Hall committee, a quiz night and a Bazaar were both well attended and, between them, raised around £1000 for the Hall. Particular thanks are due to Janine & Wendy for organising these - although, as with everything we do, every committee member has freely contributed time, energy and ideas in support of our efforts, and several have volunteered to take on specific responsibilities, and I hope they will forgive me if I don't credit them all individually.

The hirings and events last year raised over £5000, but our costs (for electricity, oil, water, insurance, etc) still exceeded our income by over £2000 - even ignoring the one-off cost of upgrading the CCTV - and the year before it was a similar story, so our coffers have been consistently depleted of late.

We did have to pay out for the required 5-yearly check of the Hall's fixed electrical installation last year (which revealed no major issues) but, thanks chiefly to Simon, an electrical engineer by profession, we were able to conduct safety checks on our portable appliances in-house.

We incurred undue costs for our water last year, which continued into this year, due to a leak which defied several attempts to fix it, but which (hopefully) has now been sorted. We are grateful to the Parish Council for a contribution towards the cost of this. Debby Boland fought battles with the water companies over payments - and also over reimbursement via a 'leakage allowance scheme', which has only finally borne fruit since the end of the year.

Although I have been a member of this committee for only a few months, it's clear to me that it has some very committed and hard-working members who are keen to raise the profile of the Hall and who have helped me get to grips with my new role, and I will take this opportunity to publicly thank them all as we press on into 2023.

Richard Pilborough March 2023

Report from John Goode, Churchwarden at All Saints Church Ulcombe.

It has been a strange year for All Saints, as can be said for many churches across the Church of England. Like many congregations, Covid still held, and still does for some, fears and anguish. Being in a space with people whose health was an unknown factor, was and still is a troubling thought. Several Parishioners have had their social lives around a Sunday changed for ever. Times have moved on.

There have been people moving away, we lost a valued member when he had a short illness and died unexpectedly.

All Saints had unusual start to 2022. Within 3 months there were an unprecedented 8 funerals. All were old age or due to long term illness. A sad start to a year that held such promise.

There was one sparkle in February when Tayla and Jim were married. Some of you may remember them from Chestnut Close. They now reside in Lenham, so join us occasionally.

Easter crept up on us. It was unfortunate that the School Service had to be cancelled. Covid among the staff closed the school. The Children enjoyed extra holiday!!

During the summer the church decided to hold services outside of the front door when appropriate. Many welcome these times. There was comfort in the wide-open space. Of course, we remember the days when it was unbearably hot to be outside, so services inside were welcomed.

Sunday 5th June was the weekend of the Celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, 70 years 'of service to the Nation and Commonwealth. We celebrated with a huge Hog Roast and BBQ for the Village. It was a busy evening culminating with a huge bonfire that was our contribution to the National Beacons initiated by Her Majesty at Windsor. We welcomed many people for the Service of Celebration.

During the Spring, Church Authorities and the Bell Ringing Association began to pass to Parishes details of Operation London Bridge, the long-established plan for the details of what will happen in the event of the death of Her Majesty. Representatives from All Saints and Ulcombe Parish Council met and jointly put together details so that there would be no duplication. There was expectation that we were prepared but there was not any expectation of having to implement any of the procedures.

So, we were slightly prepared when on the 8^{th of} September, everyone across the World was shocked by the announcement that Her Majesty was seriously ill and shortly after that she had died.

There was a quiet, sombre service of Celebration of Her life and work, written very hastily by the Revd John Huggins, on Sunday 11th September.

Remembrance Service on the 13^{th of} November brought many people to the War Memorial. Covid restrictions were being relaxed and people feeling more comfortable mixing.

The Annual Service of Carols and Readings was on the 21^{st of} December. We welcomed the biggest congregation for a few years. People were now feeling very relaxed in large groups, or was it the minced pies and mulled wine???? And we did run out of the wine!!!

Christmas Day followed very shortly and again we welcomed a large gathering of people, celebrating the Birth of Christ and a newfound freedom from restrictions.

And so, into 2023 and high hopes and optimism for a better future.

Headcorn Football Club

HFC Juniors are again very grateful to be able to hire the pitches at Ulcombe, as this provides invaluable extra capacity to help support our ever growing club.

For the current season, the Ulcombe pitches have supported our 6 of our 14 teams. 3 of those playing Nine aside on the main pitch (or 2 under 12 mixed teams, and our u14 girls team, and 3 Five aside mixed teams (2 u7 and 1 u8).

It is often commented how good the playing surfaces are at Ulcombe we are forever grateful to have the opportunity to use them. We also appreciate the toilet facility solution that was implemented which really was well received by all teams that visited during the season.

Mark Pleasance Chairman

ULCOMBE COMMUNITY DROP IN.

The idea of a community 'Drop In' came about after several discussions while out walking around the village. Nikki and I were definite about facilitating a group that would cater for all the residents of Ulcombe Parish; young, old and in between. The group would be donation only, this was very important to us and meant that we would not turn anyone away.

After several months of planning to find a suitable day and time; gathering toys and equipment, these we obtained through donations. We also received donations from an Ulcombe resident and the Parish Council. The 'Drop In' opened in September 2022. The group meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month during term time this is so that our younger visitors can be better catered for. We also have refreshments available and we encourage all members to mix with each other. We find that having young children is a tonic for our older visitors.

It started very slowly initially, we placed an advertisement on the village whattsapp group and in the village newsletter. We also decided to notify surrounding villages through our facebook page.

We now welcome new visitors along with our regulars to the 'Drop In' and we are finding that the support and friendliness makes us popular with everyone who attends. We have received many compliments from those that come along, we have also been recommended to childminders who now attend regularly. We now finish with a bounce and rhyme session, where mums, babies and toddlers come together to sing nursery rhymes and action songs.

Our aim for the coming year is to refurbish the outdoor area so we can use it during the session. We also plan to hold picnics during the summer holidays so that the group will continue at a time when other groups

close for the summer.

We are looking to purchase some new tables and chairs, small world play, and musical instruments.

We also plan to hold a Christmas Party.

We constantly monitor what we provide so it is always fresh and interesting for all.

Wendy Saunders Nikki Sharp

Ulcombe History Society

This Annual General Meeting brings us back on schedule after the previous disruption caused by Covid. It runs for 13 months from December 2021 to December 2022.

Programme

We have enjoyed a full programme of speakers, apart from our January speaker cancelling due to Covid, and the snow/ice in December causing safety concerns. Both talks have been replaced by ones in July, to ensure that we are still offering eight talks a year. Topics since the last AGM included Christmas on the Home Front; Norman Sicily; Food Rationing in WW 2, Elizabeth Barton, Maid of Kent and Royal Jubilees. We enjoyed a Quiz Trail of Kent, given by one of our members, Liz Foster, an interesting talk on Witchcraft and Macbeth by parishioner Joe Sutton and a very entertaining presentation by Simon Odam on the History of Theatre production, with performances by local artistes, both musical and theatrical. This last event involved extra volunteer helpers back stage, front of house and on refreshments, so a big thank you to everyone involved.

Outings

In May we took a full coach of members and friends to Strawberry Hill House and Ham House. Two interesting places and glorious sunshine. Thank you to John Moore for all the work involved in making this such a successful trip. In June we enjoyed a guided walking tour of Historic Lenham, led by Henny Shotter, followed by supper at the Square Fish Bar. Henny spoke to us last month.

Archive

During the last year Bridget Samuelson has spent a great deal of time collating Molly Poulter's archive of Ulcombe History Society, creating several large folders of photos and press cuttings, and sorting other material into box files. This work is ongoing. Bridget also created a leaflet for the Platinum Jubilee using information from the archive relating to previous jubilees and coronations. There are still some copies left if you didn't receive one.

We have liaised with the Village Hall Committee and Parish Council about constructing storage/shelving for the archive in the committee room, and contributed to the cost. Simon Odam has drawn up the detailed plans for which we are grateful.

Links with other History Societies

The secretary contacted eight local History Societies to inquire whether they would like to receive notice of our talks and outings, offering to promote their events in return. So far we have had positive responses from Lenham Heritage, Charing, Bearstead and Mersham. Members will have received emails listing the details of these other programmes, which they can attend as guests. Also, we have joined the Kent Archaeological Society which gives us access to further speakers and helpful advice in running the society.

Sound system

We have contributed towards the new Village Hall sound system.

Acknowledgements

In my first year as Chair I have been indebted to our excellent and efficient Secretary, Bridget Samuelson, who has provided stalwart support and is a mine of information. Thank you so much. I would also like to thank our Treasurer Derrick Parkes for his capable financial skills, constructive suggestions and good humour; John Moore for the many hours spent organising such successful trips and Bev Martin for arranging our speakers and on occasion finding new ones at the last minute. Also our other committee members, who help to keep the committee running smoothly. Lastly, thank you to you, the members, for donating raffle prizes – please continue to do so -. And for your enthusiasm and interest, without which there would be no Ulcombe History Society.

Ulcombe Church of England Primary School - Annual Report

This year has been very busy here at school. We have had many new children start during the course of the year all of which are now very settled. We are expecting eight new reception children in September and losing nine Year 6 children to secondary schools.

We have undergone some extensive refurbishments in school, the most visible being the security fencing and gates - the first phase of a larger project. We have also undergone some work inside the school and over the summer a full redecoration project will be taking place.

The school is very well resourced with the children enjoying the very best provisions to help with their learning. This includes being well staffed to allow for small groups to learn together away from the whole class when needed.

We are just about to finish a Nurture UK accreditation making Ulcombe a fully recognised school of nurture with specialist teachers in house. There are designated zones around the school for nurture provision - the most viable being the outside classroom (canopy).

One of the most successful projects this year has been the community church service. This is held once per term in school with members of the church team leading as well as the children. Slowly we are seeing more people from the local community taking part and hope this continues as we go forward.

Emma Masters - Head of School

Ulcombe Share and Repair Café

Share and Repair Café runs once a month on the first Saturday were people from the Village and surrounding areas can come have Lunch, sit and chat and perhaps make new friends.

We are a very friendly group and we like to welcome everyone you when you walk through the door.

We have seeds and books to swap or buy. Also, proving very popular is the Repairs, where you can bring along any small item and we will have a look at it and asses the fault and carryout the necessary repair if possible. There is a small charge for this service.

Kitchen of the Old Dragon who produce fine Jams and Chutneys bring their Produce, also Avon.

Christina Cox

An Introduction to Ulcombe Independent Productions

Who are Ulcombe Independent Productions?

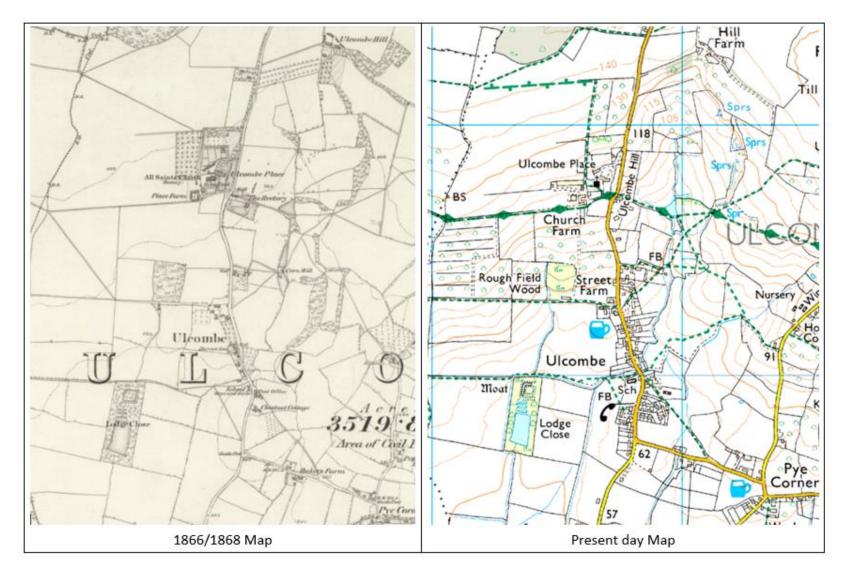
A group of individuals who enjoy organising and delivering events for the village of Ulcombe.

If the event raises some funds for village and other groups so much the better.

All of the UIP contributors live in the village and have different skills to offer.

What have we done so far? Read on:

Village Walk 28th December 2021, With a bit of history



Village Walk 19th February 2022 A history of Church Farm and Ulcombe during WW2



Village Walk 27th December 2022 Chestnut Coppice in Kent and Sussex

A presentation about chestnut coppice in the village hall with a demonstration of how to work up coppice products.



Walk on private farmland to some chestnut woodland in Kingswood for "A Brew in the Woods"



After the Brew in the Woods





Ulcombe Variety Show 25th February 2023 Our biggest event yet



Nearly a sell out with over 90 tickets sold

A total of about 20 performers

Production crew of seven + front of house + bar staff etc,

Raised a total of over £700





More highlights from the show:

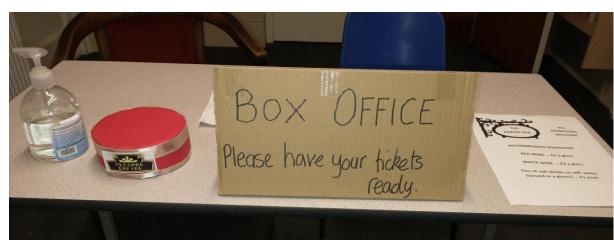












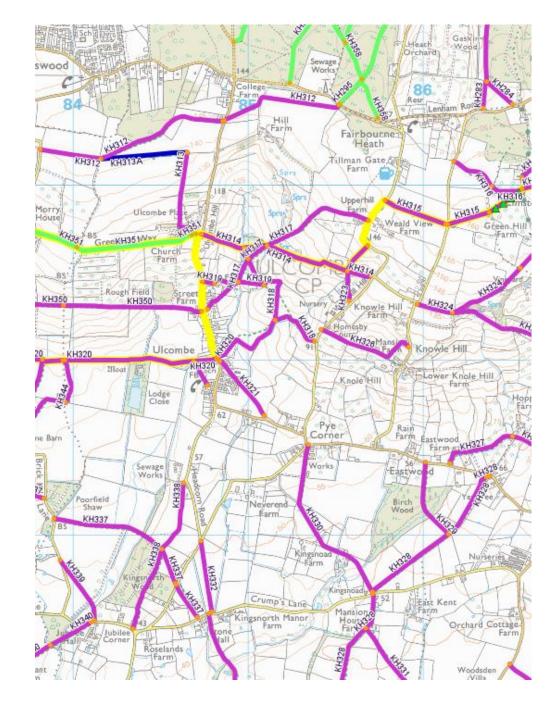




What next from UIP

Summer Village Ramble with a picnic lunch on Saturday the 22nd July

- Meet at the village hall (drop off your picnic for transport to the lunch site)
- About a two hour ramble mainly on public footpaths
- Picnic lunch on a farm or in woodland
- Then another walk to complete the circuit of the village



After that on the 30th September

End of Summer/Harvest Home Dance with two village bands



After that on the 25th November The 2023 Christmas Bazaar



Finally for 2023 Ulcombe Lighting Up 3rd December 2022



