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UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - Summer 2022

Mike Oldnall

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:

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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.

The Council is pleased to say that face-to-face meetings continue in 2022. The Council normally meet on the second Monday of the month in the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, at 6.30pm. Please check the website or notice board for confirmation. All residents are most welcome to attend these meetings and raise and discuss any issues during the "Open Forum" session early in the meeting (normally 7pm). The agenda is published on the Parish Council website and notice board at least three clear days before the meeting. We particularly encourage anyone intending to submit a planning application to come and discuss it with the Parish Council at an early stage. We may be able to help you to avoid unnecessary errors and suggest things you may wish to include to improve the likelihood of success of the application. If you have any doubts about this, please contact the Clerk or any member of the Council.

A digital copy of the Courier is always posted on the [Village website](#) from where the links in each edition are live.

Advertising in the Courier. The policy on Advertising is available on the [website](#). The cost of advertising in four issues of the Courier (one year) AND inclusion on the website on the 'Essential Contacts' page or 'Local Businesses' as appropriate is very modest and as follows:

- ¼ page or less: £20.00
- ½ page: £40.00
- Full page: £75.00
- Advertisements on the website only: £10.00 (Links to external commercial sites are acceptable, at the discretion of the Council)

Anybody wishing to advertise should please contact either the Clerk or the Chairman of the Council – contact details are above. Copies of the Courier are distributed to a number of shops, pubs and other outlets outside of the UBW villages making it more attractive to advertisers.

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 any additional categories of advertisement you would like to see included in future editions. Please contact [Simon Jenkins](#) (Tel: 01367 820776), or the [Parish Council Clerk](#)

Uffington allotments – Calling all keen gardeners!

Uffington Parish Council has 29 allotments, located next to the footpath leading from Waylands to the Fernham Road. Plots are of roughly 100 square yards each. There is currently a small number of vacant plots, which are available to residents of Uffington, Baulking and Woolstone. There is also a small number of vacant half plots. Annual rentals are £25 for a full plot and £12.50 for half plots.

If you already enjoy gardening but want more space, or if you want to take on the challenges and exercise involved in growing your own produce, please contact either [Barry Godsell](#) or [Nigel Puddicombe](#), who will be happy to show you round on behalf of the Uffington Allotments Association and give you more details to help you choose the best option. Once you are ready or if you just want to proceed, please contact the [Parish Council](#).

Village Maintenance

- **Hedges and verges.** The general condition of hedges and verges around the village is currently good and householders are thanked for keeping these under control. Householders are reminded that they are responsible for ensuring their hedges and verges do not overhang pavements, footpaths or roads beyond the boundary of their property. In order to facilitate their use by pedestrians, we would be grateful if all residents would continue to play their part in this to avoid the need for formal enforcement action.
- **Ditches.** The ditches are running very well at present and thanks go to riparian owners for keeping them clear. We hope this will continue through the year to minimise the risk of flooding.
- **Maintenance.** The Parish Council would like to thank the small group of residents who continue assist with maintenance work around the village, in areas which are the responsibility of the Parish Council.

If you need assistance with hedges, verges or ditches, or would like to join the maintenance group, please get in touch with the [Parish Council](#).

Defibrillators

The Uffington Parish Council, through generous help from local residents maintain a number of Defibs located around the villages in these locations; telephone box across from Uffington Church, telephone box adjacent to the Baulking Church, Uffington Sports Club, Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, Fox and Hounds pub and the White Horse Pub. Each month a general check of the appliance is required of which the status is then registered on the national database 'The Circuit'. We now seek an additional helper to check the defib located at the White Horse pub in Woolstone. If you can help and are happy to be able to go online and enter checks you undertake, please contact Councillor [Dale Pilchowski](#).

Jubilee Field.

The Jubilee Field continues to be well used and we are constantly working to keep it tidy, the grass cut and the trees maintained in a safe state. The last tree survey in March this year found that several of the ash trees were showing signs of ash die-back so they will have to be felled in due course. When mature trees are felled, we always aim to replace them with another native species tree.

The Parish Council is very grateful to the Smith family for their kind donation of a magnificent new bench which has been installed on the Jubilee Field by the

children's playground, looking towards Whitehorse Hill. It has been donated by Ann and Bill Smith and family in memory of their son Andrew.



Litter Awareness

There is no Jubilee Field Tidy or Roadside Litter Pick until the Autumn BUT there is a children's Litter Bug Trail designed to increase litter and recycling awareness operated by the District Council for children during the summer holidays. Details will be published on the noticeboard, on Facebook and in the weekly email.

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

The following applications are **awaiting determination**:

- P22/V1436/HH - Zaremba Broad Street Uffington Faringdon SN7 7RA. Loft conversion & relocation of front door
- P22/V1363/T28 - Prior notification for proposed installation under telecommunications code system operators of eighteen 11m wooden poles. The pole will be installed with 9m above ground.
- P22/V1285/FUL - The Old Police House Woolstone Road Uffington Faringdon SN7 7RQ. Variation of Conditions application on P18/V2052/FUL to vary condition 2 (approved plans) to remove the condition of planting new hedges behind the newly installed post and rail fence.
- P22/V0345/FUL - Sowerhill Farm Uffington Faringdon SN7 7QH. Installation of an outdoor arena with lights change of use from agricultural to equestrian.
- P22/V1141/FUL - Dragon Hill Woolstone Road Uffington Faringdon SN7 7RE. Proposed erection of 2no 4 bed detached (self-build) dwellings.
- P22/V1042/FUL - Land North of Baulking Lane Baulking Lane Baulking SN7 8NR. Permission is sort (sic) for change of use of land to residential, for one Gypsy Traveller family. The development to comprise one static caravan, one touring caravan, parking for two vehicles, associated hardstanding and infrastructure (retrospective).
- P22/V1003/FUL - The Fairmile, Farm Land at Baulking Lane Baulking SN7 8NR. Retrospective change of use to 1 no. Gypsy/Traveller pitch, comprising 1no. (static) caravan and 1no. (touring) caravan and associated works.

The following applications have been **approved**

- P22/V0486/FUL - Moor Mill Barn Moor Mill Farm Uffington. Change of use of an agricultural barn to a dwelling, together with associated external alterations, Formation of a garden, provision of parking, installation of ground source heat pump and mechanical ventilation with heat recovery (MVHR) unit, roof-mounted solar panels and boundary treatment.
- P22/V0090/LB – The Baker’s Arms, High Street. To mount an additional wall mounted aluminium street name plate beneath and existing street name place containing additional information to side elevation of an existing building. (*to indicate the way to Hill View*)
- P22/V0010/HH – Broadway Farm. To create a detached annex.
- P22/V0962/HH - Little Orchard Packers Lane Uffington Faringdon. Proposed detached garage

The following applications have been **refused**

- P21/V3056/HH, for development work at the following location: 9 Jacksmeadow Uffington Faringdon - Extension to existing fence.

The following applications have been **withdrawn – none**

The following applications have been **Appealed - none**

The live list of ‘Current’ and ‘Decided’ Uffington applications can be accessed via the links on the VOWHDC website here: <https://www.uffington.net/parish-council/planning/> along with the latest details of the main ‘Material’ factors considered (and not considered) when assessing applications.

Village Communications

- Village Web site. The village website can be found at <http://www.uffington.net/> The site is owned by 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 [Parish Council Clerk](#), Julia Evans or [through the website](#). The website also hosts electronic copies of the Courier which allow readers to follow the links.

- Email News. There is an email network of topical news and 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 email [Simon Jenkins](#) 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 Parish Council. The Parish Council now has its own Facebook page. This is gradually being improved and will complement the information available listed above. In particular, short-notice information will be added whenever possible. Any ideas for other information you would like to see on the page would be welcome.

Courier Magazine - is it time for a change?

The style and distribution of the Courier was discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 13 June. The following observations were made:

- The ever increasing cost of printing the 500 copies at approximately £1 a copy.
- The resources needed to distribute copies to all homes in Uffington, Baulking and Woolstone.
- The ecological aspects of so many paper copies.
- The style of the magazine, perceived by some as a 'church' magazine due to the cover design.

Before making any changes to the magazine itself, it was decided to review the distribution and ecological aspects. To help us decide on the best solution, please let us know which of the following distribution options you would prefer:

- Receive a paper copy through your door
- Collect a paper copy from the village shop
- Download a copy as required or read on line
- Other – please let us know what this might be

Please respond by email to courier@uffington.net or via the Uffington Parish Council Facebook page. If you don't use the internet, please drop off your response at the shop, including your preference and, ideally, your name and address.

Traffic Calming in Uffington – a 20mph limit?

Only a few people responded to our previous question regarding the possibility of a 20mph scheme being introduced into the village. There have since been a few comments on Facebook which favour the idea. One key aspect of deciding whether the village could or should proceed with a 20mph scheme, is the cost. Unfortunately, whilst Oxfordshire County Council is currently assessing the feasibility of the scheme, progress is slow as there are 78 villages in Oxfordshire which have expressed an interest. OCC has also not yet finalised the financial arrangements and so is unable to give even an indication of the cost. As a result, the Council has decided to continue to monitor the situation but will revisit the idea when we have more definite information on costs and funding from OCC. In the interim if you have any points, or other ideas for traffic calming, please continue to let us know. We aim to conduct a formal consultation with village residents before a final decision is made.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Events– 2-5 Jun 2022

In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after seventy years of service. The extended bank holiday from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June provided us with the opportunity to celebrate this historic milestone.



On the 2nd June, on a glorious evening up on Whitehorse Hill, the National Trust lit a bonfire as part of the national chain of beacons.

The lighting was preceded by the

singing of the National Anthem by the Military Wives' Choir from the Defence Academy at Watchfield. Our grateful thanks to the National Trust and local volunteers who assisted our local Area Ranger Andy Foley in setting up and running this event.



On Sunday the 5th June, the morning service at St Mary's Uffington was a Thanksgiving Service for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Union Jack was flown from the new flagpole dedicated to Carl Oberman who, for many years, provided a temporary flagpole for such occasions. The flagpole will serve as a reminder and fitting tribute to a man who was so much part of the village and whose presence and sense of humour will be much missed.



On the 5th June the Parish Council organised a 'Village Picnic' as part of the national 'Big Lunch' initiative, which was run along similar lines to the successful Open Day on the 2021 August Bank Holiday. Whilst the weather



wasn't at its best, the rain did hold off and over 100 villagers enjoyed the event. Whilst many brought their own refreshments,





food and drinks were provided by the White Horsebox Pizza Company and the Fox and Hounds bar with tea and biscuits provided by Linda Lord from the Church Teas group. Fay Forster kindly arranged to show the Jubilee Pageant on the Hall's new big screen which was well received and watched by quite a few who fancied staying indoors rather than braving the cooler outdoors! Children's games were kindly organised by Jane Parritt and Juliette Moss and a most entertaining children's tug-of-war by Dibbles Coxhead who proved that the Uffington girls had a convincingly stronger pull than the boys! Our thanks too to Anne and Dibbles who donated the prizes for the event.

The Queen's Green Canopy is an initiative created to mark the Platinum Jubilee, inviting people from across the UK to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee". In celebration of the Jubilee, the Parish Council purchased a memorial tree and plaque which, along with trees from the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and a villager were unveiled at the Picnic by Councillor Fenella Oberman who had organised the plantings.



Women's Tour Cycle Race



On Saturday 11 June, Oxfordshire hosted a stage of the Women's Tour, an elite international cycling road race. The route from the start in Chipping Norton came down through Faringdon and Uffington and on to Wantage where it proceeded to the finish in Oxford. The riders, preceded by numerous police and race control vehicles responsible for keeping the route clear, are shown above passing the Museum at about 1pm.

Community Garden

Heather Abel 01367 820709

As you would expect, the Community Garden behind the Fox and Hounds Pub is busy at this time of year with growing a range of fruit and veg as well as making sure there are lots of flowers and nature-friendly habitats available throughout the year for our wonderful and diverse wildlife. Providing the right environment for everything is key and therefore we leave areas of long grass (No-mow May), piles of stones to hide in, reduce the hedge cutting and make sure that we allow and encourage diverse plant life. We grow green manures such as Phacelia, (very beautiful flowers buzzing with bees) and grow our own fertiliser (comfrey). We trial new ideas with mole hill soil and feverfew hedges as well as trying 'no dig' techniques and of course never using chemicals or peat on site. The whole aim of the garden is to provide a wonderful resource for nature as well as for people and to learn to live and grow side by side in





harmony rather than in competition with each other. It's a work in progress, learning from our mistakes and not afraid to try some new approaches and sometimes, though not always, we get it just right!

It is this attempt to balance the needs of wildlife and the environment with the desire to grow healthy, chemical-free food and to share it with the wider community, that led to a very special visit that some of you may have heard about.

On March 24th this year we were delighted to play host to HRH The Duke of Gloucester as he chose to visit Uffington Community Garden. He recognised our recent Award as Climate Heroes from the High Sheriff of Oxfordshire back in February 2022 and was keen to see for himself what makes the garden such a special place to be. The visit was meticulously planned out beforehand in order to showcase the most important aspects of the garden and those involved. The finale of the Royal visit was the planting of a donated Cambridge Gage fruit tree in the garden. The sun shone beautifully throughout and we all had a splendid time.

Our work with the local children's groups is particularly significant as their enthusiasm is infectious and their sense of wonder, an inspiration. They are quick to pick up skills and ask all the right questions. The Guides had grown sunflowers which we later sold at the Garden Club plant sale in aid of Ukraine, raising £30. We have already started planting out the tomatoes sown by the Guides and now looking forward to a tasty crop in the greenhouse. Last year the Beavers had grown potatoes on site and this year the Cubs have already sown and harvested lettuces at the garden. All of their input was proudly shown to HRH who delighted in meeting them and chatting to them individually.



I was honoured to be able to show him round and explain what we do. Peter Abel showed how the bird boxes had been constructed and HRH helped to fit one together. We use all reclaimed wood and always reuse and recycle wherever we can.

As mentioned, it is great to liaise with village groups such as the White Horse Garden Club who have let us speak and sell our own collected seeds at their meetings as well as participating in their plant sale in May. Many thanks to Pam Preene and all.

We are grateful for all the kind words and support we get throughout the village but what we could really do with – are willing helpers. The garden relies totally on volunteers and is open to anyone who is interested in coming along. You don't have to be knowledgeable - just willing to learn and join in. All ages and abilities are welcome. No membership fee and no expected commitment – just come when you can and enjoy! We have the best view in Uffington! Turn up on Saturday afternoon from 2pm or get in touch by phone – 01367 820709. See us on Facebook or www.uffingtoncommunitygarden

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SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD

We are having a wonderful Summer term! Our Key Stage Two pupils had an opera workshop about Mozart's The Magic Flute with Oxford Opera – thanks to the super Saunders Trust who paid for the majority of this experience. For the Queen's Jubilee we all dressed up as Kings, Queens and other royal figures, there was even a pretend corgi on the playground! We then planted a new British tree per class, as part of the Queen's green canopy at the bottom of our school field, before we had our celebratory picnic.

During Book Week all of the children read a book entitled The Visitor, all about an elderly person who is lonely. This prompted us to make kindness postcards for Age UK adhering to our school motto that everyone matters.

This term will also be our very first White Horse Week. The National Trust are kindly talking to the children about the history, plus Key Stage two will visit the hill whilst our younger children visit a local farm. We are having a range of workshops from music to art to theatre and ending the week by opening our classrooms as art galleries showing our interpretation of The White Horse.

Our brand new school website has just gone live this week, so do take a look: <https://www.uffingtonprimary.org/>



From all at Uffington Primary School we wish you a pleasant summer.



Since opening in April we have seen a trickle of visitors and hope residents of our local villages can spare some time to support this is wonderful village asset. We are run entirely by volunteers and it is a great way to spend an hour at the weekend – learning about the history of the village, The White Horse and the story of education in Uffington back to 1617. This year's exhibition

'Village Celebrations' coincides with the Platinum Jubilee, with displays of photograph's and artefacts from over 100 years of events.

Please visit our website www.uffingtonmuseum.co.uk for more information or follow us on Facebook. We will continue to have local merchandise for sale and donations are always welcome to keep the museum up and running. You can also visit us at the Uffington Farmers Market and the wonderful White Horse in steel art is still available to purchase – they make excellent gifts.

We continue to welcome new members and volunteers and for £10 a year or a life membership of £100, a family can join the Friends of Tom Brown's School Museum.

Farewell from Karen - After nearly 7 years, the time has come to hand over the baton to a new curator to take over the running of the museum. I was very fortunate back in 2015 to have inherited the role from Sharon and Jane who did so much to develop the museum into what it is today. We are only ever guardians of this 'little gem' and I hope that I have added to what was started by John Little in 1984 when the idea was formed to create our village museum.

I am pleased to be handing over to Garry Gibbons who has been a Friend of the museum for nearly 2 years and whom many of you will have now met. I will leave Garry to introduce himself and it leaves me to thank everyone who gave me a wonderful send off at the launch in April.

Introduction from Garry - I'm an archaeology graduate from the University of Southampton where I studied as a mature student. Since graduating I've been a part-time lecturer and have run a number of heritage-related research projects. Before switching into the heritage sector, I worked as a graphic designer and photographer in the publishing industry. My specialist interests are chalk hill-figures, specifically the Wiltshire chalk horses of which there are currently seven

examples. And, of course, my research can't help but include Uffington's world-famous hill figure.

I'm interested in your feedback and hope to hear of any ideas you may have for enhancing the museum's offer so please feel free to contact me via email - uffingtonmuseum@gmail.com. The museum's collection is a treasure trove and I hope to use my experience to develop the resources and reach out to the community at large. I look forward to meeting you all.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to your visit

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UBW MINIBUS ASSOCIATION

Our regular services to Wantage continue, with appropriate Covid precautions, thanks to the support of our volunteer driver team.

The services start from Uffington at 9.30 on Wednesday and Friday, returning before lunchtime, and several calls are made on the way at points convenient for our passengers. Bus passes may be used, or alternatively there is a modest cash fare to cover our costs. Villagers not already familiar with our services are welcome to call 01367 820417 for further details.

The bus is available for villagers and local groups to use for their own social, educational and recreational purposes, customarily on a self drive basis. Please call the above number for details.

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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 day.

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White Horse Gardening Club Programme

Verity Cavanagh

veritycavanagh@gmail.com

JULY 7th - VISIT: Morning - Andy McIndoe's Garden at Sandhill Farm SO51 6JY
10am for 10.30am start. £10 Tour & Refreshments. (Min 25, max 50) Lunch:
Picnic/pub/cafe

Afternoon – Harold Hillier Gardens, Ampfield SO51 0QA (Max 25) 2pm. £12.50 to include tour.

AUGUST – free

SEPTEMBER 1st - TALK: 'Scent in the Garden'

Stephen Lacey is a garden writer, lecturer, broadcaster and plantsman, with a particular interest in planting design. He is a long-standing columnist and feature writer for The Daily Telegraph, and contributes to many other publications including House and Garden, the RHS Journal and Horticulture Magazine.

www.stephenlacey.com £5 visitors.

OCTOBER 6th - TALK: Botanical Tales from the East – Japanese Gardens Nicholas Wray, Curator of Bristol Botanic Gardens

This lecture looks at the history and evolution of Japanese gardening styles and highlights some of the key features and links between gardens and Japanese culture. The focus is on gardens in Tokyo, Nara and the cultural capital city of Kyoto.

OCTOBER 13TH - VISIT: Harcourt Arboretum Tour with Ben Jones TBC

NOVEMBER 3rd - TALK: ROSES

Stewart Pocock of Pococks Roses, Romsey, SO51 0QA

Established in 1984, every year produce in excess of 60,000 rose plants in a range of over 450 varieties. Plants for Sale

DECEMBER 1st - TALK: by Woodchester Valley Vineyard from Stroud.

www.woodchestervalleyvineyard.co.uk

Seasonal refreshments and wines to sample/purchase

A reminder that membership fees have been increased to £15 per annum.

Visitors fees are £3.00 for talks and visits. (except 1/09/22 - £5)

The WHGC programme (accounting year) will change to the academic calendar (Sept - Sept) as of 2023.

Therefore to enable a smooth transition the fee payable as of **1st January is £20 per member** which will be membership for one and a half years.

i.e. Next AGM and fees payable will be September 2023.

NB: WHGC Membership cards provide 10% off plants at Bampton Garden Centre.

All enquiries please contact Pamela Preene: parrottspreene@aol.com

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LOCAL CHARITY, VALE COMMUNITY IMPACT

Free Pop-up Community Café

Pop-up Community Café, being held at:

Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, Uffington

Wednesday 14th September 2-4pm

RSVP: 01235 765348 or gns@vci.org.uk

Come along to our pop-up café for support, friendship, tea and cake. Our lovely volunteers will be on hand with information about how you can access our Good Neighbour and Transport services. If you would like to come but unsure how you would get there, we can help you with this.

Whether you or someone you know is in need of an activity companion, a pair of ears and extra hands, or door-to-door transport, we are here to help. We can even assist with the weekly shop. Everyone's needs are considered on an individual basis. Let's see how we can help you.

Our incredible charity is here to help relieve need for those living within the Vale of White Horse. Over the past 50 years, our staff and volunteers have provided three key community services: local Independent Advice Centre, Good Neighbour and Transport services.

We recognised that since lockdown, there has been a significant rise in the number of Vale residents who are somewhat lonely and isolated, with fewer people on hand to assist. Our charity is working hard to provide opportunities for all Vale residents to get the support they need, to thrive.

Whether you are looking to Volunteer as a Driver or Good Neighbour, or seek our help and support, do come along. We would love to meet you, even if it is just to say hi or you fancy an afternoon out.

The Vale Community Impact team www.vci.org.uk

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BENEFICE 200 CLUB DRAW

Sunday 1st May 2022

Delayed results of the 1st quarter Draw of the year 2022

This draw took place before the Shellingford Morning Service

1 @ £200.00	130	Simon & Fiona Clark
2 @ £100.00	185	Mike Wright
	166	Carol Wadsworth
5 @ £50.00	132	Hilary Deakin
	192	Gillian & Paul Carroll
	125	Dr & Mrs Cracknell
	101	Simon & Fiona Clark
	136	E Leigh-Pemberton

There are a small handful of numbers available - £50 annually for 4 draws.

The 2Q22 draw will be held before the end of June. We were able to give the Benefice £6000 at the end of 2021 and it would be lovely to try and give a bit more after the past 2 years. Anyone interested should email me julia@lycettgreen.co.uk.

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BENEFICE 200 CLUB DRAW

We held the 4th and final Benefice Draw of the year on Sunday 19th June 2022 after the 8:45 Baulking service. The results are as follows

1 @ £200.00		Stephen Green
2 @ £100.00		Dr & Mrs J P Coad
		Amelia McPherson
5 @ £50.00		Dave & Rose Holborough
		Carol Wadsworth
		Ray & Jill Avenell
		David Harrison
		Patricia Complin Northmoor

I will send cheques out later this week

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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Happy memories indeed of village celebrations. A great coming together over a four day period with over a hundred people gathered in our St Mary's Church on the Sunday morning. The church looked magnificent with glorious flowers, church bells pealing, the churchyard smart and trim with the newly erected flagpole in memory of Carl Oberman flying the Union Jack on behalf of all of us. The Uffington Singers sang 'Zadok the Priest' and 'Gaelic Blessing' whilst the Children's Singing Group sang 'Oh Happy Day'. The Vicar preached and reminded us of the Queen's incredible commitment to Duty. Finally everyone sang the National Anthem lustily before being offered a glass of Champagne to drink the health of an incredible and much loved Queen.

The celebrations in the village over the extended weekend were the result of much hard work and we all owe a great debt of gratitude to all the organisers and helpers for making the effort so that as a community we were alive and well! The variety of flags, both very old and new, adorning houses, the bunting and decorations reflected all our pride and gratitude for a long reign. God Save the Queen!

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TEAS at St. Mary's Church, Uffington

Every Sunday June - September

2.30pm - 5.30pm

Cream Teas, Delicious Cakes & Sandwiches

Please support your local church.

Seating inside and outdoors, weather permitting.

Enquiries - F. Forster 820363

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Well, our 2022 season is well under way. We had a popular Open Day on Saturday 23rd April with a number of new members signing up, it has been really great for the club to welcome some new players.

Our ladies have enjoyed some exciting matches and they are now half way through their list of fixtures in the summer league. We are also setting up some friendly summer matches and if anyone would like to participate, please contact Jo Parman on parmanjoanna@gmail.com.

Club nights continue to take place on Thursday evenings from 6.00pm. We'd love to see more players there and if you'd like to participate, everyone is welcome, regardless of ability, so please join the WhatsApp group by contacting Annabel Campbell on campbellannabel@gmail.com.

Our summer term coaching on Wednesday afternoons have been well attended offering a primary school age group, a teenage group and an adults group in the evening. As these sessions draw to a close in line with the school term, we are pleased to offer two weeks of holiday camps – from Monday 2nd to Friday 12th August. The sessions are aimed at 5-14 year olds, with age/ability splits catered for across the two courts and additional coaches as necessary. They run from 09:30-12:30hrs and are bookable as single sessions or for the whole week. For further information and to book directly please visit: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/gamesetandmatchplay/Coaching/Camps>

Our popular summer tournament followed by a delicious barbecue will take place on Sunday 11th September. More details to follow and all are welcome. Last year's tournament was a great success and a popular social gathering for club members.

So, the season is going really well, and we have been lucky with the weather so far. Let's hope the sun continues to shine on the rest of it. Anyone interested in joining this year, it's not too late. Please get in touch through our website <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/uffingtonlawntennisclub>.

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The Memorial Hall is very much back to pre-covid booking level now, with typically 10 -15 bookings most weeks. It is a popular venue for children's parties, with the added attraction in good weather that it opens out onto the Jubilee Field and is close to the play areas.

For those who may not be familiar with the hall and field management, the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall is a charity that owns the hall and leases the land, including the car park from the Parish Council. If you step out of the hall and onto the Jubilee Field, you are stepping from one village organisation to another so if, when hiring the hall, you also want to organise an activity on the field, please be sure to consult with the Parish Council.

Please also be aware, the Memorial Hall was built and paid for by fund-raising within the three villages, Baulking, Uffington and Woolstone and has Trustees representing these three villages. The principal source of funds came from the White Horse Show, that was created in 1972 for this purpose and over the years has provided many grants to help expand, modernise and improve the hall facilities. It is certainly pleasing to see the Show is arising like a Phoenix from two years of covid and will still be around to provide grants to organisations in our three villages.

Also worth noting, the hall has a 2-tier hire charging system. The booking form that is available on-line at thmh.co.uk or from the shop gives the charge rates for non-community hirers but a hire by someone from one of the three villages is eligible for lower community rates, which can be arranged when making a booking at the shop.

So far this year, the hall has been hired for a variety of public, private and regular events and the audio-visual equipment proved very useful during the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, allowing events on the Sunday afternoon, which were shown on BBC television to be projected on the big screen in the main hall. This was possible now the hall has installed wifi, which clearly enhances the range of uses for the audio-visual system.

Looking to the Summer, the hall has several bookings for larger events but also two of special note. On 3rd July, the Bullnose Morris Club is descending on the hall and we will have a car park full of classic cars from the 1920s. Casual users of the car park will be asked to park in the road. On 16th July, the Faringdon Singers will be holding a concert and all funds raised will go to the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

One final note: The Hall Management Committee are always pleased to hear from anyone who would like to help with the running and general management of the hall.

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UFFINGTON PLAYERS

Christine Holley

Following a recent meeting the players have decided to move panto to its more traditional

time in February 2023. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

Instead, we are planning to put two Murder Mystery evenings in October.

These will take place on Friday 28th & Saturday 29th.

Further information will be sent out once details have been finalised.

If you think you would like to be involved in these or future productions or would like further information, please contact Christine Holley 01367 820474 or email

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LAST JOURNEY OF THE FARINGDON JOHNNY

by Pat Gaule

‘One mile to go then will I survive this. No it’s the end for me!’

Sadly it was the end of the Faringdon Johnny as he pulled the one carriage on his last journey. Over his shoulder he saw the compartment packed tight with children; happy contented. This was just fun for them.

‘Fat lot they cared for me, just a day’s outing.’

That’s how it seemed to him. Through the windows the children were looking, shouting and laughing, singing and hooting.

‘Why should they celebrate? Don’t they know my fate? Don’t they understand how I feel?’

Now the train is coming to Uffington Station. Children are cheering, the old engine sobbing and shaking, till he finally stands, quiet and patient as all the doors slam shut!

Soon everyone has left the station, hurried off homeward, not even a glance to where the old engine is bravely standing, wondering if the men will break up his body; so soon after children had broken his heart!

THE ROOKERY

by Pat Gaule

Near the railway station in Uffington is a Rookery.

I’ve never seen one so busy, noisy – so full of energy.

They seem to have a system that works. It can’t be mayhem it’s amazing! It’s a kind of paradise for birds. Their noise is almost as loud as the trains nearby. It gets more frantic in the spring. Birds, all kinds, flying in, building nests, and re-pairing them.

Cruising in low like bomber planes. Crows, beaks full of twigs, complete against Jackdaws and Rooks.

If only someone could photograph, record it all, it would be truly WONDERFIL!

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unless shown otherwise or mobile numbers)

Bookkeeping: Karen Swash 821128.
Building and Garden maintenance: Ricky Thorpe 07877 589438.
Catering: 'Famished Flamingo Event Catering' Chris Higgs: 07884 167800 chris_higgs@live.com
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Scheduled local activity information

Day of week	Time	Activity	Ages	Where	Contact
Mondays	9-10 am	Circuits	Adult	Village Hall	Lucinda 07967 157620
Mondays	7-8pm	Fitness	Adult	Village Hall	Michelle Southey 07826 524463
2nd Monday of month	6.15-8.30 pm	Parish Council		Village Hall	Parish Clerk Uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com
Tuesday	10-11am	Tai Chi	Adult	Village Hall	If interested, attend to make enquiries
Tuesday	12.30-1.30pm	Pilates	Adult	Village Hall	Fiona-wright@outlook.com
Tuesday	6-7.15pm	Beavers	Children 6-8	Village Hall	Dave Barnes 07811 424978
Tuesday	7.30-9pm	Bell Ringing	12 and over	St. Mary's Church	Hugh Baxter 820014
Wednesday	6pm	League Cricket 20 overs	14+	Sports Club Fawler Road	Joe Parman joeparman@outlook.com
Wednesday	5.45– 7pm	Yoga	Adult	Village Hall	Sophie Khan 07788 418469
Wednesday	7-8.30pm	Guides	Girls aged 10-14	Village Hall	Uffingtonguides@gmail.com
Wednesday	7-8pm	Fitness	Adult	Village Hall	Michelle Southey 07826 524463
Thursday	8.30-9.30 am	Box Fit	Adult	Village Hall	Lucinda 07967 157620
Thursday	6:30-8 pm	Cubs	Children 8-10	Village Hall	Katharine Murkett 820270
Thursday	7-9pm	Scouts	Children 10-14	Village Hall	Nathan Reade 07768 073363 Katharine Murkett 820270
1st Thursday of month	7.30-9pm	Gardening Club	Adult	Village Hall	Pamela Preene 820251
Friday	9.30-11am	Baby & Toddler	Children 0-5 Parents must stay	Village Hall	Michelle Garwood mhcgarwood@gmail.com
Saturday		League football	Adults	Sports Club, Fawler Road	Jason Wilkins 870487
Saturday	1pm	League Cricket (40 overs/side)	14+	Sports Club, Fawler Road	Joe Parman joeparman@outlook.com

For Village Hall booking enquiries, please contact Uffington Shop on 01367 820977 or check in the Hall booking calendar booking website www.thmh.co.uk

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