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UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Simon Jenkins

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 meets on the second Monday of the month in the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, at 7.30pm. All residents are welcome to attend these meetings and raise any issues; we will make it easy for you by having an "open forum" session early in the meeting (normally 8.00 pm) at which issues may be raised and discussed. The agenda is published on the Parish Council website and notice board at least three clear days before the meeting. We particularly welcome residents with planning applications that are to be considered at the meeting, to come and tell us about the application and explain any specific points which they may wish to make.

Advertising in the Courier. The policy on Advertising is available in the website https://www.uffington.net/ In summary, the costs for advertising in four issues of the Courier (one year) AND inclusion in the website pages entitled Essential Contacts or Local Businesses as appropriate are very modest, as follows:

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

<u>Uffington allotments – free 1st year to new tenants</u>

There are 30 plots at the Uffington allotments, on the Fernham Road out of Uffington, and only just over 50% are occupied at the moment. The site is in easy reach of most of the village by footpath and there is parking on the verge for a small number of cars. The soil is of very good quality and there is a good atmosphere of cooperation and friendly rivalry amongst the tenants – sometimes of the traditional 'my beans are bigger than yours' variety!

The Parish Council would like to see more use being made of this facility which is available to all residents and which is also open to others outside the village in the event of lack of internal demand. Some of the plots have never been worked, and those that have been empty for a period rapidly get very overgrown, so the first year of occupation is likely to require more work to clear the plot and get it ready for production. In recognition of this, the Parish Council is offering all new tenants an initial 12-month free period, before the annual rent kicks in.

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Council at: uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com

<u>Jubilee Field – Autumn Tidy</u>

The Autumn Tidy took place on Sunday 3 November, with most people preoccupied with the World Cup Rugby final on the day before.

Sunday 3rd was cloudy but dry and the Parish Council is extremely grateful to those who turned out to help on the Jubilee Field – including the Beavers. We achieved a lot,

especially in trimming back two big areas of very vigorous brambles, and getting a large pile of rubbish burnt.



Spring Tidy

Save the date: Saturday / Sunday 21 and 22 March.

Hedges and Ditches

Hedges. A reminder that householders are responsible for ensuring their hedges do not overhang pavements, footpaths or roads beyond the boundary of their property.

Ditches. It is essential that the ditches around the village run freely. Following the heavy rainfall since October, the ditches and streams around the village have run well. Thanks are due to all riparian owners who have played their part in this. Should you ever need help, please get in touch with the Parish Council at uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com

The Parish Council would also like to thank the small group of residents who assist with maintenance work around the village, in areas which are the responsibility of the Parish Council. If you would like to join the group, please get in touch with the Parish Council at uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com

Parking

Please do NOT park on Broad Street by the School, for however short a period of time, on the yellow zig zag lines outside the School, or on the white line which runs from the Church gate back towards the Museum. Both are there for an important purpose - which is to make it possible for children to enter and leave the playground safely. Despite repeated reminders, this request is still ignored by some users of the school. It is a parking offence to park on these lines and you may be liable for penalties.

Uffington and Baulking Neighbourhood Plan

The final 6-week public consultation period for the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) and VWHDC Decision Statement ended on 11 November. This was the final action of the NP creation and approval process. Since approval by the referendum on 17 July 2019 the NP, along with the Local Plan Parts 1 and 2, has formed part of the overall Development Plan used to help determine planning applications in the Plan Area (Uffington and Baulking parishes).

With the end of the NP process the dedicated website has been closed and the complete final document set is available from the Parish website here https://www.uffington.net/community-neighbourhood-plans/ Paper copies of the Plan and its supporting documents will also be placed in Tom Brown's School Museum.

The chairmen of Uffington Parish Council, Baulking Parish Meeting and the NP Steering Group would like to thank all those who participated and contributed to the creation of this plan.

<u>Planning applications in Uffington (with Vale reference number) – since the last edition of the Courier:</u>

The following have been approved by the Vale District Council:

- P19/V1990/HH 7 Jacksmeadow. Single storey side and rear extension
- P19/V1685/HH The Laurels, Broad Street. Removal of oil tank and boiler. Replacement with two air source heat pumps. Installation of new garage door.
- P19/V2658/HH The Old Bakehouse High Street. For development work.

The following are **awaiting determination**:

- P19/V2064/HH Land adjacent to Dragon Hill. New self-build four bedroom detached house, with attached garage.
- P19/V3105/FUL, for development work at Creslu, Woolstone Road. Addition of conservation rooflights in dwelling and proposed double garage.
- P19/V3159/HH, for development work at Gate Cottage, Road Alongside Lower Common. Proposed extension and new garaging.

Appeal. APP/V3120/W/19/3235719 — Common Farm, Lower Common. The appeal against refusal of permission for three dwellings has been allowed.

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/

New planning applications

We have said this before, but we encourage those intending to submit an application to the Planning department at The Vale District Council to discuss them with the Parish Council at an early stage. We may be able to help you to avoid unnecessary errors which serve to downgrade the quality of the application. There is an opportunity to do this in the Open Forum at every monthly meeting – usually at 8.00pm. If in doubt, please contact any member of the Council.

<u>Jacksmeadow – Section 106 Contributions</u>

As part of the planning approval for the development of Jacksmeadow, certain sums of money were required to be paid to the parish, district and county councils as contributions towards the additional infrastructure and facilities required to support additional residents. These facilities may be located within Uffington parish (e.g. Public Art) or further afield if shared (e.g. Secondary Schools or Swimming Pools).

There is some money left and we would welcome fresh ideas or applications for grants towards projects which would be of benefit to the Uffington community. Please contact any member of the Parish Council to discuss an idea.

Communications

- Village Web site. The village website can be found at http:// 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 or through the website.
- E-mail notices. There is an e-mail 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 For data protection reasons, E-mail 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.
- Facebook page for Uffington, Baulking, Woolstone, Kingstone Lisle,
 Fawler The majority of Parish Council communications are shared on the local Facebook page.

NOTICES

Electricity and Water - why sign up for priority services?

The following information and advice has been received from SSEN and Thames Water.

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happened, what we're doing to fix it, and any additional support you might need, including an alternative supply of water or power.

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Residents thanked as Oxfordshire is named top waste recycler in England

Oxfordshire has been named the best performing county council waste disposal authority in England for the sixth year in a row, thanks to residents' commitment to the environment.

Last year residents recycled or composted a larger proportion of their household waste than the previous year, while the national average for recycling fell, according to new government figures released on 29 November.

Recycling officers at Oxfordshire County Council point to residents recycling more of their food waste as an important reason for the increase. Nearly 20,000 tonnes of food waste was recycled in 2018-19 – up 6% on the previous year. The four district councils and the city council in Oxford operate the kerbside collections of household recycling and waste, which Oxfordshire County Council then disposes of.

Overall 58% of household waste was recycled in Oxfordshire last year, compared to 57% the previous year. The national average was only 44.8%, according to the new figures from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). Individually, the five District and City Authorities in Oxfordshire have also achieved excellent results above the national average. Yvonne Rees, Chief Executive at Oxfordshire County Council, said:

"I would like to thank our residents who have done another great job of recycling so the county keeps the top spot in the country. Oxfordshire councils provide really good waste collection and recycling services, but it is only because most people use them properly that we're able to perform so well." But waste officers at the county council have said that there is still a lot more to be done to improve recycling rates and the county council is keen to see further improvements as part of its goal to becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

Around half of the waste put in the general waste bin – the bin for non-recyclable materials only – could actually be recycled. Further increasing the amount of waste that is recycled or composted would make a huge difference to the county's figures and save precious resources from being wasted.

The county's leading place is down to the commitment of our residents to reduce and dispose of waste responsibly. The County Council's Waste Disposal Authority, together with the five district and city authorities in Oxfordshire, provide comprehensive services to maximise the amount of materials that can be collected for reuse, recycling and composting.

Oxfordshire also has a very active network of community action groups (CAGs) funded by the county council that help tackle and reduce waste, especially the Replenish network which is doing great work to tackle food waste.

Residents can use one of seven household waste recycling centres (HWRCs) across the county. This is part of the county council's commitment to enhancing the quality of life in our communities and the protection of the local environment are top priorities.

Yvonne Rees added:

"We're not complacent though. This year more waste collected for recycling than ever before has been rejected due to the wrong waste being put into the wrong kerbside containers such as textiles, nappies and food being put in the mixed recycling bin.

"We know that around half the items placed in the general waste bin could have been recycled using the services provided locally, and this includes a huge amount of food waste. So please check your local council website, make sure you're recycling everything you can and look for tips on how to reduce the amount of waste your household produces."

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In September Hazel Harris joined us for a very timely session "Autumn Harvest" flower arranging and in October Anna Maria led an active session where we made Christmas decorations from recycled materials. Richard McMahon talked about the Children's Air Ambulance Service which takes critically ill children to centres of excellence where they can be attended by the best specialists in the relevant field. This was our November meeting and in December a number of our members went to Denman College for a delicious Christmas lunch.

There are many day and weekend courses run at the college which is in Marcham. These are open to both members and non-members. The craft and the cookery courses have proved popular with our members.

Make it your New Year's resolution to come to the UB&W WI meetings in the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall in Uffington . We meet once a month, on a Tuesday at 7pm. You will be made very welcome. See below for the dates and topics for the Spring 2020. As you can see, the sessions are intriguing , possibly amusing, informative and interesting.

Tuesday January 21st Fishy Tales with Kevin Little

Tuesday February 11th " Diabetes " Speaker Dr R Russ from the White Horse Medical Practice

Tuesday March 17th. Annual meeting

Tuesday April 21st. Changi Quilts: A talk by Barbara Hately

We look forward to seeing you there.

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AFTERNOON CLUB

Ann Smith

It was with much soul searching and regret that we had our last meeting on Wednesday 11th December 2019 after 43 years due to the lack of members.

We changed our day to Wednesday so that we could join the school children at their matinee school Christmas entertainment. A big THANK YOU to all the children, the teachers and helpers - everyone in the hall enjoyed your performance

On a personal note, I would like to thank ALL who have supported us over the past 43 years, too many to mention, but especially The White Horse Show Trust, The Mini Bus committee and the drivers who gave their time to drive us and many people who were on our committee past and present

Without the support of my own family I would not have been able to have been involved all those years.

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<u>UFFINGTON WHITE HORSE SHOW 2020</u> <u>Callum Skeat – Chair, White Horse</u> Show Organising Committee



PLEASE HELP KEEP THE WHITE HORSE SHOW ALIVE

Dear Fellow Resident,

In short, the White Horse Show has raised huge amounts of money over its lifetime and in the past decade £211,000. Free pitches given to local groups such as barrow of booze, Church and crockery smash raised £6,500 this year alone.

This money is available, on application and with a good justification, for the benefit of the folk of Uffington, Woolstone and Baulking. The funds raised have supported many Youth groups, defibrillators, the village hall, minibus, the school, the church, the museum and lunches for the senior members of our community.

A very active group make up the organising committee who plan, organise, set up, run and the clear away the show every year. They do great work, meeting once most months, and staging the show itself. But we are losing a number of people after the 2020 show and without replacements, the show will cease. The work is divided out between those who arrange the traders, health and safety, car parks, set the show out, run the finances, organise activities, organise the historic cars, the stationary engines, the archery, funfair, catering outlets and so on. Divided up, the work is very manageable.

But some have given much to the show and are retiring from the committee and there are currently no replacements. Without newcomers, this will mean that the 2020 show will be the last.

On **28 January at 7:30pm** we will hold an information evening at the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, so please come along, on a no obligation basis, to see if there is something you could do to help keep the show going. There will be a complimentary glass of wine or soft drinks too.

Many thanks for reading this Callum Skeat White Horse Show Chair

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THE FRIENDS OF SAINT MARY'S CHURCH Geoffrey Foster (chairman)

A big thank you to all who came to our very successful December Carvery Lunch we very much enjoyed your company.

Just a reminder that there are still places for our two remaining lunches this winter, Sunday 2nd February and Sunday 1st March.

£12.50 for adults. Children under 11 half price and 3 and under free.

If you would like to book please contact;-

Geoff Foster 01367 820668 Geoff Rumble 01367 820036 Ray Avenell 01367 820242

A very happy Christmas and New Year to all.

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Whenever the calendar marks that the White Horse Show has passed, my thoughts tend to turn to the approach of colder weather. This in turn, the need to be stocked up with adequate fuel oil particularly over the December, January and February period.

Community First Oxfordshire (previously Oxfordshire Rural Community Council) has been operating a bulk Fuel Oil buying scheme since February 2011. Uffington, Baulking and Woolstone were the first to set up a membership and to have a coordinator. There are regular monthly order dates and you submit your order to the local coordinator or directly to the purchasing agent who negotiates with the oil companies. The present purchasing agent is A.F. Affinity (Anglia Farmers) who have massive purchasing power to negotiate with the oil companies. There is a membership subscription that supports CFO but with the bulk order purchasing power that the scheme employs; this is easily recovered by members resulting in very competitive prices. The scheme has over 800 members in Oxfordshire alone and over fifty in UBW. The smallest order you can place is 500 litres. For this you pay the same price per litre as for the maximum order of 2,399 litres. This avoids the premium that oil companies invariably put on smaller regular orders and so helps with budgeting. The scheme is good for the environment as well with only one tanker from the successful company being despatched to blitz the area rather than several different ones.

If you would like further information on the Oil scheme, do not hesitate to contact me (820385). Information is also available on the Community First Oxfordshire website at www.communityfirstoxon.org Follow the "Community First Oil & LPG" icon.

Note that bulk LPG and bottles are also directly available through CFO.

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Don't take the Village Halls for granted. Why not take an interest; learn how 2019 has gone; discover what plans there are for 2020; even contribute some ideas, or offer practical assistance. The AGM takes place on Monday January 27th, at 8.00pm, in the Small Hall.

Anyone who lives in the 'Area of Benefit' – Baulking, Uffington, Woolstone – is most welcome to attend.

Any pre-meeting queries can be made to the Chairman of the Management Committee,

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1st UFFINGTON BROWNIES

The autumn / winter term for 1st Uffington Brownies was completely action packed! The girls learnt about how to care for a pony (on a real pony), they also did wood work, apple pressing, woodland den building, choreography & ice skating (to name but a few things).

The Brownie team would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered their time & expertise to help create such an exciting and varied programme, we wouldn't be able to do it without your help. Also, huge thanks to the White Horse Show Trust for approving our grant application, it is greatly appreciated.

There are lots more fantastic activities planned for 2020. Meetings resume on 15th January at 17:30 in the village hall. If you have a daughter aged 7-10 years who would like to join in the fun, please drop an email to first_uffington_brownies@outlook.com we love to welcome new members!

https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/brownies-7-10/

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Tom Brown's School Museum Photographic competition



Valuing Our Environment

Our new exhibition for 2020 will focus on the environment and we are looking for your photographs to display in the museum.

They can be taken within a 5 mile radius of Uffington and show anything from the wildlife, flora and fauna or our countryside. Be as creative as you can and look for the things that spoil our environment as well as those that enhance it.

They can be photos you've already taken or new photos taken before the closing date of <u>Friday 31st January 2020</u>.

E-mail your entry to <u>uffingtonmuseum@gmail.com</u> with your name, age if under 18, where the photograph was taken and a short description.

A £50 cash prize will be awarded in the under 18 and over 18 categories and winners will be notified by Friday 31st January 2020. We hope to display many of the photos in the museum during the 2020 season.

Thank you and good luck!



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- Putting up roller blinds, bookshelves, curtain rails, hanging large pictures
- Repairing the kitchen floor where your puppy has chewed the Lino into pieces!
- Finishing those DIY jobs that just didn't get completed......
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CAN YOU SPARE A HALF DAY A MONTH TO HELP THE COMMUNITY MINIBUS?

The Uffington Baulking and Woolstone Minibus Association is run entirely by volunteers and provides essential services to Wantage and Faringdon in the absence of a scheduled bus service.

We have lost drivers recently because of house moves and changes in personal circumstances, and it is a fact of life that this will continue to happen. The services are a lifeline for some of our friends in the community, and volunteers who are able to spare a morning a month to drive find it a very satisfying experience.

The minimum age for drivers is 25 and a full car driving licence is needed.

If driving is not your thing please do not be deterred from checking out the backroom jobs which need doing to keep us on the road. The more we can spread these around, the better.

John Hatcher (01367 820417) will look forward to telling you more about the Association, or if you already know one of our team please have a word with them.

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BENEFICE 200 CLUB

Dear Parishioners

The eagle-eyed will have noticed that the denominations of the prizes for this year have changed – for the better! You will notice that the top prize is bigger than last year and that we are giving away a little more at each prize-giving.

We hope this encourages you to want to join the 200 Club. Luckily there are still a few numbers available. Should you like to take up one (or more) of the available numbers please email stevecharris@btinternet.com

BENEFICE 200 CLUB DRAW - 13 OCTOBER 2019

Results of the 1st Draw of the year [quarter ending 30th September 2019] Held at St Nicholas Church, Baulking following Morning Prayer Service On Sunday 13th October, 2019

1 @ £200.00	164	N & S Johnson
2 @ £100.00	38 161	Jeremy Goulston Mrs S Florey
5 @ £ 50.00	139 76 114 134 10	Hilary Deakin Michael & Gay Green Lucy Matthews Uffington Sports Club Ann Kelsey

BENEFICE 200 CLUB DRAW – 1st DECEMBER 2019 Results of the 2nd Draw of the year [quarter ending 31st December 2019] Held at THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH UFFINGTON CARVERY LUNCH at THMH On Sunday 1st December 2019

1 @ £200.00	96	Juliet Moss
2 @ £100.00	61 184	Dr A King Marcella Seymour (deceased)
5 @ £ 50.00	170 174 94 164 192	Brona Jones Sue Harrison Paul Armishaw N & S Johnson Gillian Carroll

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TOM BROWN'S SCHOOL MUSEUM



Uffington Museum Trust is responsible for overviewing the day to day operation of the museum through the appointment of the curator. All positions are voluntary so we are always looking for new volunteers to support us. In 2019 we welcomed over 850 visitors to the museum and early indications show that we will make a small profit from donations and sales of merchandise.

The new exhibition for 2020 will be 'Valuing our Environment' and we are running a competition to display photographs portraying the good, the bad and the ugly of our local area. The closing date is 31st January 2020 with full details on the poster published in this edition of the Courier.

How can you support **YOUR** museum for **FREE**?

- Like and follow us on Facebook
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WHITE HORSE GARDEN CLUB

White Horse Garden Club - February 2020 Talk

Our first talk for 2020 is on Thursday 6th February 7.30pm. Bulbs can bring that much needed burst of colour in the winter but are also treasures all year round.

"The Year-Round Bulb Garden" an illustrated talk by Lady Christine Skalmersdale from Broadleigh Gardens, Somerset. www.broadleighbulbs.co.uk

Meetings are held in the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, Uffington SN7 7RA 7.30pm Annual Membership £10.00 Visitors welcome - entry £2.50 unless otherwise stated.

Enquiries: Pamela Preene (Chairman) 01367 820251 or parrottspreene@aol.com

Our full calendar of events for the coming year:

THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY

TALK: THE YEAR-ROUND BULB GARDEN Lady Christine Skelmersdale of Broadleigh Gardens, Somerset. www.broadleighbulbs.co.uk

THURSDAY 5 MARCH

TALK: EPIMEDIUMS Sally Gregson of Mill Cottage Plants. Plants for

sale. www.millcottageplants.co.uk

THURSDAY 2 APRIL

TALK: CLIMBING PLANTS FOR SUN AND SHADE WITH PARTICULAR

EMPHASIS ON CLEMATIS'. By Marcus Dancer. Plants for

sale. www.clematisplants.co.uk

THURSDAY 7 MAY

VISIT to Andy McIndoe's Garden at SANDHILL FARM SO51 6JY. £10. Tour and refreshments. 10am for 10.30 start. Car share. Pub lunch/picnic

VISIT to Harold Hillier Gardens, Jermyns Ln, Ampfield, Romsey SO51 0QA 2pm. £9.20 group entrance fee (tbc).

SATURDAY 9 MAY - PLANT SALE

2.30pm – 4pm. Please bring plants for sale. Label & price each plant.

Please support our main fund raising event.

THURSDAY 4 JUNE

VISIT TO BRAMDEAN HOUSE, Bramdean, Alresford, Hants SO24 OJU

Courtesy of Edward & Leonora Wakefield. 10.30am. £10 includes tour and refreshments. Car share. Pub lunch/picnic

VISIT TO THE MAVERLEYS GARDENS, East End, Hampshire RG20 0AA.

2pm. Details TBC.

THURSDAY 18 JUNE

VISIT TO BUCKLAND GARDENS. Start 6pm – refreshments.

Free for members. £2.50 visitors. Car share.

THURSDAY 2 JULY VISIT

VISIT TO BRISTOL BOTANIC GARDEN, Stoke Park Rd, Stoke Bishop, Bristol BS9 1JG 10.30am. £8 includes tour. Purchase own coffee/lunch. Car share.

WEDNESDAY 15 JULY

VISIT TO ENGLEFIELD HOUSE, Theale, Reading RG7 5EN

www.englefieldestate.co.uk

£7.50 includes tour by head gardener. Car share.

Teas available from Estate café. Plants for sale in Garden Centre.

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

AGM +TALK: MICHAELMAS DAISIES

Bob Brown from Cotswold Garden Flowers. www.cgf.net

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

VISIT to RHS WISLEY Flower Show with Barnes Coaches. Depart 9am return 6pm £21 members. £23 visitors. Includes entry and coach.

THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER

TALK: THE CARE AND PRUNING OF FRUIT TREES AND BUSHES.

Christopher Lanczak from Waterperry.

THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER

TALK: FLORA AND LANDSCAPES OF SICILY

Nick Wray, Curator of Bristol Botanic Garden

THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER

TALK: STAY GROUNDED. By Jane Rennells Samples of coffee and festive refreshments.

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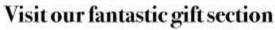
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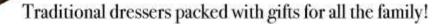








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