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UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman

The Council

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

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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.

Please note that public meetings will not take place until further notice, due to COVID-19. Instead, the Council is holding 'virtual' meetings using Zoom. The monthly meeting is usually held at 6.00 pm on the second Monday of the month, and there is the same opportunity for members of the public to join the meeting as for open meetings; if you wish to do this please ask Julia (Clerk – as above) for a link to the meeting. The agenda is published on the website and the Notice Board, as usual.

In normal times, 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:

- 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. 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.

CO-VID 19 (Coronavirus)

The year since the original lockdown started on 23 March 2020 has been dominated by the Covid-19 pandemic. At the time of writing (18 December), we emerged earlier in the month from the four week second lockdown into the Tier 2 restrictions imposed on the county of Oxfordshire, with further easing scheduled over the Christmas holiday. There is little point in trying to predict a return to normality, although the Government and media are excited and enthusiastic about the prospects of vaccination for everybody, eventually, in 2021.

The Parish Council would like to thank again, publicly, all those who have continued to support the community throughout the pandemic.

Remembrance Day 2020

Despite being in lockdown wreaths were laid at the war memorial in Uffington Churchyard on Sunday 8 November on behalf of the three villages of Uffington, Baulking and Woolstone, and other organisations:



Pam Cale laying wreath on behalf of the WI



Tom Jarvis laying wreath on behalf of the Scouts

Facilities for Teenagers

It is not a secret that there are not many facilities in the village for the older children, apart from the MUGA for football, cricket and netball. The Parish Council is looking into this but conscious that entertaining this age group tends to be complex and expensive.

To make progress we need your help and seek adult and older children volunteers to collate ideas, assist with planning, consultation, project management and, crucially, fund raising as a proportion of the costs will need to come from external sources. So, if anybody sees this as a need and would like to help – individuals or a small group – please make yourself known by contacting any member of the Parish Council team, or join our monthly Zoom meeting Open Forum at 6:30pm to discuss your ideas.

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. This is referred to as Section 106 Contributions. These facilities may be located within Uffington parish (e.g., Public Art) or further afield if shared (e.g., Secondary Schools or Swimming Pools). The Parish Council would hope to contribute to any eligible project with some funding from this source.

Emergency Plan

Uffington Parish Council has recently completed an Emergency Plan. The intention of the Emergency Plan is to give the Parish Council and other key people involved a head start in dealing with an emergency. At a time when the normal way of life may be disrupted, people injured and / or in a state of shock, and when you get personally involved, and under stress, it can be difficult to think logically so the plan provides a generic framework to enable things to get moving quickly. Experience has shown that businesses and communities which have spent time planning and preparing for an emergency are better able to cope, and recover more quickly and that communications are vital. (For the avoidance of any doubt, the Emergency Plan is not intended to comply with any of the legislation or procedures specifically concerning the 2020 coronavirus pandemic.)

To improve the Plan, we would like to have available a list of 'local resources' which might be helpful in the event of an emergency, particularly:

- Trained First Aiders,
- The owners of tractors and 4x4 vehicles, and
- The owners of chain saws
- Anything else you think might be useful in an emergency; e.g., a generator

There is no commitment required, other than to be on a list in case these resources are required in a hurry. If you are willing to be included please contact Simon Jenkins or Julia Evans – addresses above. An e-mail address and mobile telephone number will be required – NO home addresses are included. The distribution of these will be limited only to those who need to know for Emergency Plan purposes, in accordance with our Privacy Notice.

Highways matters

The last two Couriers have included information on the Government's mid-summer 'Active Travel' initiative, under which we sought money for the reduction of speeding in the village and to encourage walking and cycling; however, the funds available to Oxfordshire have been channelled towards urban rather than rural areas. We are still hoping for some money to be made available for physical measures to reduce speeding on the main approach roads to the village – entering and exiting – and in the White Horse area. In the meanwhile, please remember the following for the benefit of all residents:

- Parking. Please use car parks and driveways for parking, in order to get cars off public roads as much as possible, to make it safer for cycling and walking.
- Footpaths. Some of the footways / pavements around the village are very narrow, (non-existent in some places), and some have been made very much worse for pedestrians by overgrown hedges and verges restricting the pavement width. We are grateful to all those who have cut back overgrown hedges and verges to the property boundary; if you have not yet done this, now is the time, or enforcement action may be taken. If you need assistance please ask the Parish Council.

Uffington allotments

There are 28 plots available to tenants at the Uffington allotments, on the Fernham Road out of Uffington, and 24 of them are now occupied. There are still a few spare plots which are available to all residents and also to others outside the village in the event of lack of internal demand. The terms are that you get an initial 12-month free period before the annual rent (currently £25 per annum) kicks in. (The free period is not on offer to non-residents of Uffington).

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

Village maintenance

Jubilee Field. The Autumn Tidy scheduled for the weekend of 31 October / 1 November had to be postponed because of the weather, but a small group of enthusiasts had a very successful day on the following Saturday:



The bonfire party



A tricky moment, removing a section of tree

The Spring Tidy will be held on **Saturday / Sunday, 20 / 21 March 2021.**

Hedges and verges. 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 play their part in this. We are grateful to all those who have cut back overgrown hedges and verges to the property boundary; if you have not yet done this, now is the time or enforcement action may be taken. If you need assistance please ask the Parish Council.

Ditches. It is essential that the ditches around the village run freely. 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

The pond

The very heavy growth of reeds and weeds during the summer has required us to clear a small section of the pond, by the footbridge; this was done on 15 December as part of our progressive programme of work to keep the pond dredged whilst minimising the disturbance to wildlife:



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

The following have been approved by the Vale District Council:

- P20/V1788/HH – 11 Freeman's Close. Proposed rear conservatory.
- P20/V1880/HH and P20/V1881/LB – Meadowgold, 1 Upper Common. Demolition of existing single storey sunroom, WC and study and construction of new two storey and single storey extension to the rear elevation. Internal alterations to the ground and first floor layout, the repositioning of the existing staircase, stud partitioning to create a utility room on the ground floor and new bathroom and bedroom on the first floor. New patio to exterior of family room and kitchen. Installation of air-source heat pump. (Amended submission to that approved under P19/V3330/LB and P19/V3328/HH).
- P20/V1902/LDE – Wharf Farm, Fernham Road. Certificate of lawful use application, for the use of converted building as 2 dwellings with use class C3 Residential.
- P20/V1918/HH – West View, Fernham Road. Demolish single storey structure to front of property. Construct new structure in its place consisting of utility and shower room areas.
- P20/V1860/FUL and P20/V1861/LB - Manor Cottage, Woolstone Road Uffington. Stonework repairs and installation of new gate.
- P20/V23296/FUL. Garden Lodge, Broad Street. Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of application P18/V0865/FUL to simplify the roof form.
- P20/V1890/HH. Shotover House, Shotover Corner. Proposed conversion of 1st floor garage attic floor to home office/occasional guest use.

The following are awaiting determination by the Vale District Council:

- P20/V1739/FUL – Dovecote, Britchcombe Farm, Uffington. Retrospective Planning and Listed Building Consent for the conversion of the dovecote to a dwelling.
- P20/V2912/HH – 19 Craven Common. Resubmission of drawings following approved planning permission. Approved rear single storey extension to extend by an additional metre.

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

- P20/V0394/FUL Meadowgold Cottage 1 Upper Common Lane Uffington Oxon SN7 7RU Description of development: Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of two storey dwelling, formation of parking area and enlargement of access. Appeal reference: APP/V3120/W/20/3261167 Representations must be submitted by 18 January 2021.

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. If in doubt, please contact any member of the Council.

Local information

Lists of local tradesmen and businesses which you may need and of scheduled local activities in the village are included on the inside back pages of the Courier. The majority of these are also listed on the village website. We should be pleased to learn of any errors, omissions, or anything you would like to see included in future editions. Please contact simon.jenkins@uffington.net (Tel: 01367 820776), or the Parish Council Clerk at: uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com

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

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.

- Email notices. There is an email network of topical information which is sent weekly to those who have signed up for it. If you wish to join please notify Simon Jenkins on 820776 or simon.jenkins@uffington.net. For data protection reasons, email addresses are held securely and not disclosed to anybody else, or used for anything apart from Parish Council notifications and other information thought to be of general interest to residents, in accordance with our Privacy Notice.
- Village notice boards. These are at Uffington Post Office and Stores.
- Facebook page for Uffington, Baulking, Woolstone, Kingstone Lisle, Fawler. The majority of Parish Council communications are shared on the local Facebook page.

Road from Hell: A420 and plans ahead

Cllr Yvonne Constance

LOSS of A420 as a 'local road'

Our MP did us all a favour in mid-November when he used an Adjournment Debate in House of Commons to speak directly to the Transport Minister about the A420 and the A34. He described them as 'roads from hell' reporting that drivers avoid them because there are so many accidents. The Minister has agreed to hear more details which could be very helpful.

The A34 is a national route managed by Highways England, and A420 is a 'local road' managed by the County Council, who are very aware of the huge increase in traffic (especially freight traffic) and the unacceptable number of accidents. To make improvements I have raised A420 issues at every opportunity and led the County Council to get the attention of the regional transport body, working under umbrella of England's Economic Heartland (EEH). Following the recent consultation on EEH Transport Strategy, planners have agreed to carry out a 'corridor study' on A34 and A420 next year to understand the problems, including heavy use by freight. So David Johnston MP has spoken up for us at just the right time!

Next year County Council will carry out a full consultation on a new Oxfordshire Local Transport Plan. The A420 was constructed to serve local users and is not built for the heavy traffic seeking a short cut between M4 and M40. I will propose we re-state its function is limited to 'local road' and protect that with weight restrictions and speed limits to force short-cutters to use M4 to A34 at Junction 13. I am working to set up a working group with Swindon Borough Council to ensure this status is recognised from the start of EEH corridor study. Meeting with the Borough Council will address the concerns not only of the impact of the New Eastern Villages residential dwellings but also the distribution centre at Symmetry Park. I hope combining efforts of our MP and OCC will bring rewards.

Government's Planning White Paper

You may know that Government has put out a consultation on (another) change to the planning system which proposes that central government takes over a number of powers from the local planning authorities. Major changes include central determination of the number of houses to be built (housing need), and CIL and S.106 contributions, which might make local housing development even less appealing than it is now. OCC's response and those of many Parish Councils have made clear the importance of making these decisions locally.

Locally I hear so often that we have no 'local need', but that ignores the extraordinary growth in Oxfordshire, which is fast becoming one of the globally important centres for bio sciences, energy (nuclear), autonomous vehicles, space (UK Space Agency) and so on.

The EEH vision for the region - Cambridge through Milton Keynes (with its new Science University) to Oxford is to double, possibly treble UK GDP by 2050, which presents great opportunities for today's young and for the next generation. We must deliver the best for residents now and in the future by accepting growth and making sure to do it well. Change may be good for us all, and Oxfordshire County Council has negotiated big funding from Government to improve road infrastructure in the Growth Deal and in two major Housing Infrastructure Funds – one for area north of Didcot; the other for A40 between Witney and Oxford: In total we are working on projects to spend £608 million in Oxfordshire.

We intend to apply the same determination to improving A420, which is now firmly on every agenda!

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We are keeping everything crossed that we can re-open the museum in 2021 at Easter. The exhibition 'Valuing our Environment' will still be on display for the new season – only a handful of people (15!) were able to see the winning entries from the photo competition. We have produced a 2021 calendar with 12 of the entries – available from Uffington shop or uffingtonmuseum@gmail.com – with all profits going towards the running of the museum.



The 'White Horse in Steel' continues to be very popular with over 200 ordered since June. www.hurstbourneforge.co.uk are selling direct from their website and the museum receives commission on every order for which we are extremely grateful.

Whilst the museum would ordinarily be closed for the winter, we are happy to open up for small family groups or those in a bubble.

Wishing you all a Happy & Healthy 2021.

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And so they drag on, the pandemic and its accompanying and varying restrictions. Despite which it has been good to have had the Hall used by a few groups over the last three months, of a size and style allowed. We look forward, though, to resumption of attendance at full bore of all groups or clubs as soon as possible, even if no one has a firm clue as to when that might be: one hears that optimists are looking to April, but that pessimists reckon on August.

The Hall has normally held its AGM towards the end of January, during the week beginning Monday 25th, but obviously that cannot be a certainty, thus postponement is a *possibility*.

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THANKS

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Faringdon and District Branch would like to thank all those who contributed to the 2020 Poppy Appeal, and particularly the following:

Uffington Shop (Dave and Rose)

Fenella Oberman

Tony Osborne (Woolstone)

Uffington Church (Fay Forster)

Uffington School

Shellingford School

The White Horse Inn, Woolstone

The collection raised a total of £1,679.61.

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PHOTO DIARY



Four Uffington residents enjoying the autumn sunshine



St Mary's Church Christmas lights

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

Benefice 200 Club – Draw No. 2 for 2020/2021

Unfortunately we are still largely under the control of Coronavirus and so we have been unable to hold a draw after a church service. Instead, we managed to get a few minutes of the Vicar's time to hold the 2nd draw in the car park outside the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall! Jeremy did the honours again pulling the numbers at noon on 1st December.

This quarter's winners are as follows:

BENEFICE 200 CLUB DRAW – 1st DECEMBER 2020

Results of the 2nd Draw of the year [quarter ending 31st December 2020]

This draw was held outside the THMH, on 1st December 2020 at 12noon.

1 @ £200.00	6	Steven & Rachel Green
2 @ £100.00	49	Jeff Stevenson
	191	Ray & Gill Avenell
5 @ £ 50.00	149	Georgie Deakin
	68	W M Mitchell
	67	Ed & Jenny Preece
	103	Roberta Jarvis
	82	John Comley

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UBW MINIBUS ASSOCIATION

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

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

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*Committee on Climate Change, February 2019

The Community First Oxfordshire (previously ORCC) fuel Oil scheme has been operating in our three parishes since its inception in 2010. We have circa 50 household members, but this has plateaued, and I am writing this to encourage further membership.

I look back over the records and realise that fuel oil is comparatively cheap at present, the average price being around 35p/L as I write. It was as low as 18p/L for a short period after the first Pandemic wave! At the beginning of the year, it was circa 50p/L and around when the scheme began it was approaching 70p/L. So, the Pandemic has had a considerable effect this year. This impacts on the percentage savings that the scheme can provide members, but they are still substantial.

I would ask you to consider other gains. The number of monthly customers' orders for our three parishes can often reach 10 – 12, the record is 18. These will be delivered by one tanker blitzing the area so there is considerable environmental and traffic benefit. When your stocks get low and you want to order fuel oil, you do not have to go ringing around the various suppliers trying to get the best deal. Prices can vary considerably with this process depending on suppliers' quotas being satisfied and the amount you order. This process is negotiated for you between the agents, Affinity (Anglia Farmers) with their purchasing power and the oil companies to provide the best bulk order price. Furthermore, if you order the minimum amount of 500L, you still only pay the same price per litre allowing you to budget accordingly. Last year the syndicate order for Oxfordshire exceeded 1.5 million litres. Information can be provided on fuel tanks etc or advice If you have moved and are new to dealing with fuel oil. Affinity can also provide storage tank and bottled gas deliveries.

CFO provide other rural services and the membership fee helps to provide these. They give support to community minibus schemes and community shops and have provided help to us in these areas. The organisation has been extremely useful with the development of THMH over the years.

I hope this helps to explain some of the schemes benefits but if you wish to know more with a view to possibly joining, do not hesitate to contact me on 820385 or armishawpaul@gmail.com

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WHITE HORSE GARDEN CLUB

White Horse Garden Club wishes you all a brighter year in 2021. Many of us, we are sure, have found our gardens a great bonus in coping with Covid during 2020.

Below is the planned schedule of talks and visits for the coming year. Visits will be subject to government Covid safety guidelines and talks may have to be arranged by zoom.

Updates will appear in the Courier, Simon Jenkins circular email and notice at village shop.

Members will receive email updates.

New members welcome please email/call Patricia Dalrymple (pidalrymple@btinternet.com, 821063) OR Pamela Preene (parrottspreene@aol.com 820251) for payment information and membership card.

Bampton Garden Centre give 10% discount off plants with WHGC membership card.

Members will be updated nearer the time of each event.

WHITE HORSE GARDEN CLUB 2021

Thursday 4th February

‘The Winter Garden at Spring Cottage’ by Val Bourne.

www.valbourne.co.uk

Thursday 4th March

‘Trees – under the canopy’ By Ben Jones, Curator of Oxford Botanic Garden Arboretum

Thursday 1st April

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

Thursday 6th May

‘Hydrangeas’ By Sally Gregson from Mill Cottage Plants. Plants for sale. www.millcottageplants.co.uk

Saturday 15th May – Plant sale

Thursday 3rd June – DAY VISIT TO Bramdean & Maverleys TBC

Thursday 24th June 6pm - VISIT to Buckland Gardens Visitors £2.50

Thursday 1st July - VISIT OXFORD ARBORETUM TBC

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

AUGUST – free

Thursday 2nd September

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

Thursday 7th October

‘Where did your Garden Grow – a fascinating history of our familiar garden plants’. www.broadleighbulbs.co.uk

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

Due to the current situation we have been unable to hold our usual Sunday Lunches or any other form of fund raising for the church. We would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported us in the past.

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UFFINGTON PLAYERS

Christine Holley

We hope everyone is well and continuing to stay safe.

Unfortunately, we have had to make the decision that we will not be putting on a pantomime in February 2021. We do hope to be able to start planning next year for 2022

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

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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Happy New Year to you all. Well, what a year 2020 was! I'm not sure we've seen one like it with so much uncertainty, affecting everyone in some shape or form. Tennis of course wasn't left unscathed and it has probably been a year we have played our least tennis, but one in which, unfortunately, the committee has had to be most active. Despite the two lockdowns, and the intervening period where limited and restricted play was permitted, we have managed to get some good tennis in. We generated teams in both local leagues, summer and winter - albeit many matches weren't played, we played some social matches, ran a full age range coaching programme, cleaned and repainted our courts and of course managed to hold our fabulous summer tournament! Huge thanks from me to everyone who has pitched in to keep things going, and to all our members for continuing to support us despite the limited opportunities to play.

In 2021 we intend to migrate our website and membership payment system onto the LTA's Clubspark platform, which will make subscriptions easier for you and us. We also aim to continue the great work our previous committee has done to make the existing pathway to the courts more substantial, and here we will need the support of the Sports Club. We will also continue to investigate the possibility of installing floodlights, but again support and funding will be critical enablers! Watch this space.

As you are no doubt aware Oxfordshire is now in Tier 4 and things may have changed again by the time you read this. We'll have to wait and see. As of now we are still allowed on court, but only for singles games, unless you are playing with people from your own household. Please check on the LTA website for any updates here: <https://www.lta.org.uk/globalassets/news/2020/local-restrictions-grid---tennis-activity-by-tier.pdf>

Restrictions permitting we will try to organise some winter matches assuming we get back on court in time. We will continue to enter teams in the summer leagues and we will continue with our coaching programme. Our providers, Game Set & Matchplay, have done a superb job of building up the coaching programme in a very short space of time, despite incredibly challenging circumstances. Numbers attending the junior sessions increased into the Autumn/Winter term, and ability and age splits were managed very successfully. Paul Butcher is available for private 1:1 coaching and can be contacted on 07584 259413. We are keen to maintain interest amongst the adults and are seeking to form a link between Faringdon Tennis Club to enable adult coaching to continue. Once longer days return, we will return to weekday evenings at our own courts in Uffington. All details

about coaching is available here: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/gamesetandmatchplay/UffingtonLTC>

These are times when events can change quickly, including what we are free to do, so please do check on the LTA website for the latest rulings on what access to our courts is possible. In the meantime, stay safe, and let's hope as a country we don't have to wait too long to have greater access to our favourite sports again.

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

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