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UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Simon Jenkins (Chair)

The Council

Uffington Parish Council has six councillors. They serve four year terms, with elections next due in 2019. The composition of the Parish Council is:

Mr Simon Jenkins (Chair)	Tel. 01367 820776	simon.jenkins@uffington.net
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Clerk

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The Chair and Clerk may be contacted on the above telephone numbers. Other Councillors may be contacted on the email addresses above.

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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 8pm) 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.

Annual Assembly

The Annual Assembly is to take place at 7.30pm on Monday 8 April in the THMH; refreshments will be served in the foyer from 7.00 pm. This is your chance to learn about what your Parish Council has done over the past year, its plans for 2019, and the opportunity for you to have your say, and ask any questions you may have. More information will be posted on the website, by e-mail and on the Parish Council notice board.

Local Council Elections – May 2019

Local elections for district and parish councils will take place on 2 May 2019. Individual nomination forms for positions on Uffington Parish Council have to be delivered to the Vale District Council by 4pm on 3rd April. We very much wish to see nominations from residents of Uffington to join the Council – all organisations need new blood from time to time. At the time of writing, we do not know if there will be more than 6 people putting themselves forward for the six Councillor positions, thus triggering an actual election. Updates will be posted on the website, by e-mail and on the Parish Council notice board.

Defibrillators

In late January the three villages of Uffington, Baulking and Woolstone completed a major project, to install defibrillators. Six defibrillators are now available 24/7, 365 days a year, throughout the 'UBW' villages, located as follows:

- a. Uffington: The Fox and Hounds, Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, Uffington Sports Club and the telephone box opposite St Mary's Church.
- b. Baulking: The telephone box opposite St Nicholas Church.
- c. Woolstone: The White Horse Inn.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is a condition from which no one is immune. From children to adults, to fitness fanatics and couch potatoes; everyone and anyone is susceptible to cardiac arrest, with over 30,000 occurring in the UK each year alone, with little to no prior symptoms before a collapse. The only definitive treatment against SCA is the life-saving shock from a defibrillator. Pairing this along with effective CPR can help to increase a victim's chance of survival from 6% to 74% if delivered within the first 3-5 minutes of collapse.

Slowly but surely, we're seeing more and more access to life-saving defibrillators available in public locations, meaning quicker treatment can be provided to a casualty and improving survival chances. We hope that our defibrillators won't be used, but we are very pleased that we can now provide life-saving support in case of a sudden cardiac arrest.

Important: Please note that if you need to use a defibrillator in an emergency, you must call 999 first so an ambulance can be deployed straight away, and you will be given further advice on how to access a defibrillator if appropriate.

We would like to thank:

- Nicki Rossiter and Alison Clarke for their persistence in pushing this project, and the many individuals who have contributed to raising a lot of money; this has been used to provide everyone in the UBW villages with contact cards.
- The Russ family who conducted a number of informative and amusing familiarisation sessions throughout the UBW villages, attended by over 90 people. (Strictly speaking, 'training' is not needed because the defibrillators are designed for use by anybody, regardless of training; they tell you very clearly what you must do, once they have been opened up).
- County Councillor Yvonne Constance's

Councillor Priority Fund and to the White Horse Show Trust for their very generous grants which have made this project possible.



Nicki Rossiter, manager at the Fox and Hounds Uffington, with the new defibrillator



Restoration of the Old School Room (Tom Brown's School Museum)

We have repaired and cleaned the windows for the first time in decades, so completing the full repairs to the building.

Jubilee Field – Spring Tidy

Thank you to the twelve stalwarts who turned out to assist with the Spring Tidy on a breezy and blustery day on 16 March. We made a good start on tidying up the hedge on the south side of the Jubilee Field, with a view to replanting with mixed hedging plants in the autumn. Amongst other things, a lot of old barbed wire was removed, which probably dates from when the Jubilee Field last housed livestock, before it was transferred to the Parish Council in 1971, and Craven Common was built.

A special thanks to the Beavers who did some litter picking around the Jubilee Field; rightly, they look very pleased with themselves:



Ditch clearance It is essential that the ditches around the village run freely. If you need some assistance in clearing ditches which are your responsibility, please contact the Parish Council at uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com

The Parish Council would 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 on Broad Street by the School

Please do NOT park, 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.

Speedwatch

Thank you to those who have put their names forward for training and involvement with the Speedwatch initiative. By the time this edition of the Courier is published, we hope to have completed the necessary training and be moving forward to some 'proper' sessions. We are also looking into the purchase of some equipment for the village, in conjunction with Shrivenham. The intention of course is to deter speeding in the village.

Uffington and Baulking Neighbourhood Plan

From Robert Hart, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG):

The Vale District Council's consultation period on the draft Uffington and Baulking Neighbourhood Plan finished on 24 January. The Vale submitted a list of recommended examiners to us for comment and subsequently appointed Mr Andrew Ashcroft as the Examiner for the UB NP in early February. Mr Ashcroft has already visited the village and submitted a short list of questions and requests for clarification, which were returned to the Vale on 15 March.

Your continued patience, support and engagement are greatly appreciated. The NPSG website, www.ubwnp.net, remains the best way to stay up to date on progress, and to place any comments or questions.

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

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

- P18/V2716/LB – Tamarisk Cottage, Woolstone Road. Replacement glazing to 2 ground floor windows.
- P19/V0207/HH – 1 Craven Common. Extensions.
- P19/V2073/HH – Meadowbrook, 4 Fawler Road. Demolish existing garage and construct new drive and outbuilding.

The following has been **refused**:

P18/V2990/FUL - Common Farm, Lower Common, Uffington, erection of 3 dwellings and associated works including new access onto Lower Common.

The following are **awaiting determination**:

- P18/V2632/FUL (formerly P18/V2632/RM) - Land adjacent to Dragon Hill. Reserved matters application following on from previous outline planning approval P15/V2017/O for erection of a single dwelling (all matters reserved a part from access). (Revised application).
- P18/V2199/O - Outline application with all matters reserved bar access, for erection of 20 dwellings, provision of allotment parking, drainage, public open space and ancillary works, on Land east of Fernham Road Uffington.

- P19/V0429/HH – Cuckoo Cottage, High Street. Proposed single storey rear extension.
- P19/V0450/HH – Symes Cottage, Broad Street. Proposed single storey rear extension.
- P19/V0546/FUL - The Hawthorns, Lower Common. Development work

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.

Jacksmeadow – Section 106 Contributions

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).

A project to install more seating and two picnic tables on the Jubilee Field has been approved and the equipment ordered; we hope to have them all installed before the Easter holidays.

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.

The Allotments

There are some spare plots at the Uffington allotments; the cost is currently £40 per year. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Council at uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com

NOTICES

Joan Little - RIP

We received the following notice from Lynne Creech, daughter of John and Joan Little, in early March: 'My Mother died on 16 February, aged 91. Her funeral was last Monday. Both my mother Joan and father John did a lot in raising money for the Village and Tom Brown's School (many years ago). Her ashes will be interred with my father's at the beginning of July (hopefully) in Uffington Churchyard.'

John Little was a previous Chair of the Parish Council and was the mastermind behind the setting up of the Tom Brown's School Museum. Should anybody wish to get in touch with Lynne, Karen Pilcher has her e-mail address.

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AFTERNOON CLUB

Ann Smith

In January our speaker from Trading Standards tried to make us aware about scams and how to avoid them, and in February Karen, curator of The Museum, came and spoke about 2019 theme the year 1969, 50 years ago.

We celebrated our 43rd birthday in March with lunch at THE CHEQUERS at Charney Bassett.

Our April speaker will be Mrs Jo Marshall telling us the history of The Uffington Hare

In May will be have a Sing Along with Beryl and on May 19th we will have raffle at The Sunday Market, do try and support us.

We meet 2nd Thursday of each month, usually in the village hall at 2 pm.

It only cost you your tea and we have a raffle

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The Watermill Theatre company, based at Bagnor near Newbury have been bringing their touring productions to THMH since 2005. These have ranged from Dramas, Comedies, based both on fact and fiction.

They are returning this year on Friday 21st June. This is with a powerful and controversial drama by Marietta Kirkbridge entitled "Our Church". See below some early details of the plot released by Watermill publicity: -

Our Church by Marietta Kirkbride

In some people's lives there is a moment when something goes wrong, when they do something very bad, something that poisons their life for good.

In a small village, the last remaining members of the dwindling church committee gather to discuss its future. At this critical meeting, Tom, a contentious nomination to join the board is put forward. Caught with indecent images of children on his computer, Tom has been to prison and is now on the sex offenders register. Whilst many of the community can't forgive him, one committee member proposes Tom is given a second chance.

When the impact of the past collides with the future of a village community, is forgiveness ever possible? A powerful and captivating new drama that explores from multiple points of view what it means to live a haunted life.

All profits from the Watermill visit will go towards Hall improvements and it would be good if we could get a full audience to ensure the continuance of this event. So, please put a reminder in your diaries and remember that it is "Professional Theatre on your doorstep".

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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 12.30 pm on the Monday of the week in which they are needed, earlier orders would of course be welcomed. Prescriptions will then be available in the Post Office on the following Thursday.

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WHITE HORSE SHOW (WHS) TRUST - APPLY FOR A GRANT

The WHS Trust raises money from staging the White Horse Show every August Bank Holiday. Funds raised can support groups and organisations in the parishes of Uffington, Woolstone and Baulking and even nearby groups that directly benefit these parishes. Our Awards Committee considers applications for grants and if successful, they are usually awarded so they match funds already raised by the applying body. Youth groups, the (THMH) village hall, defibrillators, the school, minibus and churches have all benefitted. If you have a worthy cause, please do apply; it is not difficult. Website: <https://www.uffington.net/whs/> Grant Application Guidance Notes. (Volunteers are always needed to help with the show)

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UFFINGTON WHITE HORSE SHOW

Geoff Rumble

A committee member replies -

Dear Pat Gaule, in the Winter edition of the Courier you suggested the White Horse Show has had its day and the “wonderful people who have kept it going against all odds” should give up and organise and run a Maypole and Garden Fete. Can I ask how many volunteers you have already found to organise your Maypole and Fete, or are you expecting the White Horse Show Committee to do it all?? It is very easy and very demeaning to suggest “someone should do something”, particularly when you do not appear to be offering any help yourself.

So why exactly should the White Horse Show helpers give up? I have been Show Treasurer since 2014 and in those five years we have had 28,463 people pay to come to the Show and have raised £100,124.59p for the Trust to provide grants to many organisations in Uffington, Baulking and Woolstone. I think raising this amount of money for grants and clearly being attractive to a very large number of people are pretty good reasons for not giving up and as long as we can find volunteers to run the Show, that is exactly what we will do.

Pat, if you want to organise a Maypole and Fete for your American friends, I will happily come along and pay to be entertained. Perhaps you might like to do the same and come and see why the White Horse Show is still as popular as ever, instead of writing weasel words in the Courier .

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In December we held our Christmas meeting at Janice Sharp's home where we enjoyed good food, good wine and good company.

In January Kevin Little regaled us with tales of his life with animals. It was very entertaining. Animals of a different type were the subject of the February meeting and in March we had our annual general meeting at which four bursaries for courses at Denman College were awarded. The committee were re-elected and reports from the president, secretary, treasurer and catering officer were delivered and adopted.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 16th April in the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall when Barbara Hudson will deliver a talk entitled, "Can You Turn Your Life Around at 60?" One of our members has heard Barbara before and has promised us that the talk will be great fun. We welcome new members, and guests are always invited to join us at 8pm. at a cost of £3 per visit. We hope to see you there.

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SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD.

As we look forward to Easter and our service in the church on Wednesday 3rd April at 2pm, the children are working hard to rehearse performances and learning hymns. We even have chicks hatching in one of our classrooms!

Since we relocated our staff room, we have all been thrilled with our new learning space which we have named Uffington Castle! The children are able to work in groups, in a range of lessons and activities and it is in constant use throughout the day.

Soon we will commence our library make over with thanks to funds from the PTA, The Winter Warmer lunches and The White Horse Show. This will make such a difference to the children, who have come up with long lists of the books which they would like to see in the library! Thank you to everyone involved in raising the funds and for giving that precious commodity – time - in order to do so. The Winter Warmer lunches gift will also help us to cheer up our playground! The School council are currently looking at ideas and designs – so watch this space!

Finally we are always looking for ways to involve our children with the local community – if you have any ideas please do let us know:

office@uffingtonprimary.org

From all of us at school, may we wish you a Happy Easter.

Mrs Lisa Bradbury, Head Teacher

UFFINGTON TENNIS CLUB

Rob Hart (Club Chairman)

Dear Tennis Players,

Uffington Lawn Tennis Club is about to launch into the 2019 summer season - our first club night will be held at the courts on Weds 1 May at 1830hrs! All players welcome and encouraged to attend - club nights are every Wednesday throughout the summer and consist of a series of short games, rotating players throughout. All abilities welcome - arrive and leave as you please!

The Winter season closed with us finishing in 7th place in the mixed doubles league, narrowly missing out on 6th place by 1 point. This summer we have entered a ladies team (captained by Anne Hollingworth) and a mens team (captained by Giles Dawson) into the league. If anyone that has not been playing matches is interested in playing in the teams then please contact Club Captain, Annabel, (campbellannabel@gmail.com) as we are always keen to get new players involved. We will also organise some friendly matches with other local clubs and if you would like to get involved with this, please contact Juliet Moss (julietmoss@hotmail.co.uk).

The club will hold its annual mixed doubles fund-raiser tournament on Sunday 7 July at 1400hrs. Players will play with multiple partners so there is no need to have a partner to enter. The tournament will be held across several tennis courts in the Uffington and Woolstone area and will finish with a final and BBQ at Woolstone Lodge by kind invitation of Anne and Laurence Hollingsworth. Non-players are welcome to spectate and attend the supper. The tournament entry fee will be £10.00. The BBQ will be £12.50 for adults, £6 for Under 12s, and £30 for a family ticket.

Please sign up via email to Lynne Artus (lynne.artus@btinternet.com).

The club has been allocated 5 pairs of Wimbledon tickets this year. The ballot for these tickets will take place after the first club evening on Weds 1 May at the tennis courts. Winners will need to buy their tickets via the LTA website once allocated. The ballot will only be open to members of both Uffington Lawn Tennis Club and the LTA who opted in to the LTA ballot. If you have opted in but do not wish to be in the club draw, please email Lynne Artus to ask to be excluded (lynne.artus@btinternet.com)

Tom Wilsdon remains the club coach and offers both private and group coaching sessions at the club. He already offers junior coaching on a Tuesday in Faringdon, which many of our local children join in with, and these sessions will return to Uffington after Easter. He plans to start some adult skills and drills sessions soon too. To join any of these or for more information please contact Tom directly (Tel: 07729283603, email: tomjwilsdon@hotmail.com).

Membership Fees are due for the year ahead from the first club night on 1 May 19.

Fees have been frozen from last year as follows: Under 11 £10.00, Junior/Student 11 to 21 or in full time education £15.00, Adult 21 & over £45.00, Family 2 adults & children under 18 £95.00. For active members, the club secretary, Lynne Artus, will send a payment request to renew your membership. For new members, please sign up via the club website <http://www.uffingtontennis.co.uk/membership.html>.

Thank you - I look forward to seeing you on the courts!

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THOMAS HUGHES MEMORIAL HALL Douglas Dalrymple (Chairman 821063)

One of the major events in the Hall since the last Courier has been the Uffington Players' annual panto', an entertainment that - amongst much else - had two members of the Church Ministry team cast in unusual roles. A production of a very different kind, from the Watermill Theatre in outreach mode, can be seen in the Hall on the evening of Friday 21st June. Tickets are £10, as usual. The play, by Marietta Kirkbride, is titled 'Our Church', and the theatre's notes close with comment and advice as follows: 'This play contains themes of a sensitive and potentially distressing nature. Parental discretion is recommended.' Clearly not a show for all the family ... 16+? ... and maybe the Ministry team will find they have other business on their diaries that evening, unless an occasion of challenge and depression is their idea of fun!

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TOM BROWN'S SCHOOL MUSEUM

Karen Pilcher (Curator)



The museum will be opening Easter weekend 20th April Saturday, Sunday & Easter Monday 2pm to 5pm until the end of October. The new exhibition is 'Uffington 50 years ago' with the permanent exhibitions featuring John Betjeman, Thomas Hughes, the Victorian schoolroom and the White Horse.

Entry is free although donations are always welcome! There is merchandise for sale including the White Horse jewellery and this year we also have various aerial photographs of the village for only £5. Please come and

support your local museum

More details on the attached poster - we look forward to your visit

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WHITE HORSE GARDEN CLUB

Verity Cavanagh

All Good Wishes for a Splendid Year of Gardening

We look forward to seeing lots of you at our exciting itinerary of talks and visits for 2019

WHITE HORSE GARDEN CLUB PROGRAMME 2019				
DATE	DAY	TIME	TALK/VISIT	TITLE & SPEAKER
07-Feb	THURSDAY	7.30	TALK	SHRUBS FOR SITUATIONS - making the correct choice
				Andy McIndoe, former MD of Hilliers. www.andymcindoe.com
14-Feb	FRIDAY	10.30	VISIT	SNOWDROPS - Mrs Alice Munsey,
				14 Chawley Lane, CUMNOR OX2 2PX
				£4 inc refreshments.
07-Mar	THURSDAY	7.30	TALK	BRISTOL BOTANIC GARDEN
				Nick Wray -Curator
				www.bristol.ac.uk
04-Apr	THURSDAY	7.30	TALK	THE BENEFITS OF WILD FLOWER GARDENING
				Nick Field, Landscape Gardener
11-May	SATURDAY	2.30 - 4.00	SALE	FUND RAISING PLANT SALE - please bring plants for sale
				Label and price each plant.
18-May	SATURDAY	9.00 - 6.00	VISIT	EXBURY GARDENS, SOUTHAMPTON SO45 1AZ
				£25 each includes coach and entrance.
				www.exbury.co.uk
06-Jun	THURSDAY	6.00	VISIT	30th ANNIVERSARY GARDEN PARTY
				AT BARCOTE GARDEN, BUCKLAND SN7 8PP
				Courtesy of Mr and Mrs C Smith.
				£15 inc supper and drinks.
11-Jul	THURSDAY	2.00 - 4.00	VISIT	JEKKA MCVICAR'S HERBETUM, Shellards Lane, Alveston,
				BRISTOL BS35 5SY. £15 Tour and Refreshments.
				Max 30 people
18-Jul	THURSDAY	2.00	VISIT	HASELEY COURT, Little Haseley OX44 7LL
				£7 inc tour and refreshments
05-Sep	THURSDAY	7.30	TALK	THE HIGHS AND LOWS OF GROWING VEGETABLES
				Victoria Logue,Whitehall Farmhouse Plants.
				www.wfplants.co.uk
03-Oct	THURSDAY	7.30	TALK	THE VICTORIAN GARDEN - a picture of how life was pre WW1
				Dr Francis Burroughs
07-Nov	THURSDAY	7.30	TALK	DAVID AUSTIN ROSES - Growing the Best Roses www.davidaustinroses.com
				Michael Marriott. Roses for sale.
05-Dec	THURSDAY	7.00	TALK	30th ANNIVERSARY TALK - GROW GREAT VEG AND HAVE FUN
				PIPPA GREENWOOD. www.pippagreenwood.com
				Tickets £5 members. Visitors £10. Seasonal refreshments inc.

Everyone WELCOME at the White Horse Garden Club.

Membership is £10 per annum. Visitors £2.50 per meeting. Raffle £1.

Venue: Thomas Hughes Memorial (large) Hall, Uffington SN7 7RA

White Horse Garden Club Committee: Verity Cavanagh, Alison Corley, Jane Cracknell, Patricia Dalrymple, Hilary Deakin, Pamela Preene.

Further information: Pamela Preene, T: 01367820251

E: parrottspreene@aol.com

Verity Cavanagh veritycavanagh@gmail.com 07975861790

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THE FRIENDS OF SAINT MARY'S CHURCH

Geoffrey Foster (chairman)

Our latest project was to supply cushions for the choir stalls in the chancel. This has now been completed.

New curtains have been fitted to the south door, with thanks to Rose Holborow for her hard work, and we have also awarded a grant to The Parochial Church Council to upgrade the lightning conductors on the church

Once again, a very big thank you to everyone who supports us, it is very much appreciated.

Please don't forget our very popular **Sunday Carvery Lunches** which will be held on:-

Sunday 1st December, Sunday 2nd February 2020 and Sunday 1st March 2020.

We have already taken a number of bookings for all three of these lunches.

Book early and don't be disappointed.

To book please telephone:-

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

And finally, a plea for help. All of us have left our youth behind and although we are young at heart, we would like "The Friends" to carry on into the future. There will soon be a time when we may not be able to continue, especially with the lunches, so if there is someone out there who would like to help and continue our work we would love to hear from you.

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From the Vicar

I am writing this on the day we are supposed to leave the EU, and yet the House of Commons, and the country, is still in much turmoil over the issue. Richard Harries, a former Bishop of Oxford delivered his Thought for the Day this morning – he is a wise bird. He spoke of the implications of

‘Loving thy neighbour’; that you really have to take the trouble to understand where your neighbour is coming from, to ‘walk a mile in their moccasins’, before you can think in ways which promote their flourishing.

This willingness to bear with, and walk alongside one another, we know is important to build any kind of relationship. My hunch is that it will go better in Parliament if old and new friendships can be allowed to grow across party lines.

Old friends share some of the same characteristics of old clothes. In the best sense, they’re easy. Shared experiences, and deep understanding, mean that an enormous amount can go unsaid. One phrase, or mention of someone’s name, can set us off into uncontrolled laughter.

Close companionship fosters intimacy. Shared intimacy gives us permission to be honest with one another. It allows us both to support and challenge one another, because we’re working from a position of mutual trust. There is no guile, no agenda. As the Hebrew proverb goes: ‘Wounds from a friend can be trusted, while an enemy multiplies kisses.’

We need our friends, and parliamentarians are no different, like we need oxygen. The older the friendship, the more we need to acknowledge it, and them – especially in times of trouble or when the shadows lengthen. Because that’s when we need company. There’s a verse that is said to come from the novelist Albert Camus or from a Jewish folk song; either way it rings true: *‘Don’t walk in front of me; I may not follow. Don’t walk behind me; I may not lead. Just walk beside me and be my friend.’*

Another way of looking at Church or Christianity is that it’s about making true friends of ourselves, one another, and of God. Come and try us sometime, you will be made welcome, and not immediately put on a rota! I pray that whatever comes of the whole Brexit process, neither we as a nation, or the MPs in the House of

Commons, and members of the Upper House, don't forget how to love their neighbours, the people they are sitting next to and across the aisle from.

This Prayer for the Nation is on the Church of England website together with some great resources for discussion (look out for our next Holy Moly's date).

God of hope, in these times of change, unite our nation and guide our leaders with your wisdom.

Give us courage to overcome our fears, and help us to build a future in which all may prosper and share; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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BENEFICE 200 CLUB DRAW – 3rd March 2019
Results of the 3rd Draw of the year [quarter ending 31 March 2019]
Held at The Friends of St Mary's Church
SUNDAY CARVERY LUNCH, THMH
On Sunday 3rd March, 2019

1st Prize £150.00	177	Cherry Mawle
2nd Prize £55.00	33	Beryl Packer
	99	Jeremy & Sarah Cale
	178	Lucy Scott-Watson
3rd Prize £ 35.00	198	Dougie Dalrymple
	89	Linda Lord
	90	Yvonne Constance
	40	Jeremy Goulston
	39	Jeremy Goulston
4th Prize £27.00	72	Dave & Sheila Shirley
	79	Benedikt Von Michel
	116	Sheila Matthews
	76	Michael & Gay Green
	22	Michael Holmes

UFFINGTON BAULKING AND WOOLSTONE MINIBUS ASSOCIATION

Our community minibus, which seats 16 people plus a driver, exists for use by all within our villages and the surrounding area, for social and recreational activities. A team of volunteer drivers operates regular shopping trips, and the minibus may also be reserved by local groups and individual members of the community for their own purposes.

It is necessary for villagers and local groups to join the UBW Minibus Association in order to use the minibus. Membership is available to all, and there is no charge to join.

The shopping trips are to Faringdon every Tuesday and Wantage every Wednesday and Friday. We leave Patricks Orchard, Uffington at 9.30, picking up and setting down members where convenient for them.

The Association is run on a 'not for profit' basis. There is a modest fare for the shopping trips, and Bus Passes may be used.

Group and individual private bookings are charged a flat fee of £20, plus 80p per mile driven, plus VAT. Insurance and fuel are included.

The Association has an ongoing need for new volunteers to drive or assist with administration, in order to sustain our activities. The driving commitment is about one morning a month. A full car licence is required, and training is provided.

Please call John Hatcher (01367 820417) for further information.

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UFFINGTON PLAYERS

Christine Holley



The Uffington Players production of Goldilocks and The Three Bears was a great success, well done to everyone involved.

We would also like to thank everyone who came along to support us. A special thank you must go to Claire Whitfield who directed this production.

If anyone is interested in being involved in future productions, on or back stage, then please

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Dear All,

I have been chewing on holding a small discussion group about all things pertaining to faith and the world for some time.

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Key ingredients: informality and a willingness to discuss the big things (even Brexit!) in life with open and non-judgemental minds and hearts, all in a friendly atmosphere.

- There should be tea/coffee and maybe something to eat.

We could look at good books, films, and things people wanted to suggest, without being too attached to one way of doing things.

My thought is that we'd start in the upper room in St.Mary's, but try the pub too.

At the moment I can do 13th or 27th April at 10am, in the upper room (above the porch) in St Mary's.

Can you let me know whether you are interested, which date might work best for you, and any other thoughts you may have on the above?

With thanks for taking time to think about this, and regards,

Jeremy G

PS If you want to pass this on to anyone else, please do... partners and singletons welcome...

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