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Uffington, Baulking and Woolstone

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The Council

Uffington Parish Council can have up to seven councillors. They each serve a maximum of a four-year term before needing to be re-elected to serve for longer. The composition of the Parish Council from 12 May 2025 is:

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The Council would like to request that all initial contact made is via the Clerk at either the above email address or by telephone. This helps to ensure that all enquiries are dealt with or directed to the correct individual.

If you are interested in becoming a councillor, or helping the Council without being a councillor, please contact the Clerk or Chair to discuss how you would like to help us.

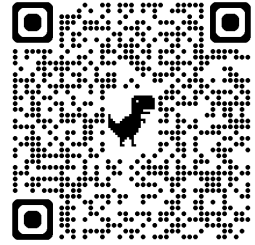
The Council meets on the second Monday of the month in the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, at 6.30pm. Please check the website or notice board for confirmation. The agenda is published on the Parish Council website and notice board at least three clear days before the meeting.

All residents are most welcome to attend these meetings and raise and discuss any issues during the "Open Forum" session early in the meeting (normally around 6:45pm). Members of the Public should not speak for more than 5 minutes. We particularly encourage anyone intending to submit a planning application to come and discuss at a Council Meeting before submission.

Cover Photo: *Neptunia in the panto. See the article on Page 18 for more details! Photo with thanks to Charlotte Holley.*

Council Communications

Over the coming months the Council will be conducting a review of how and what news and event information is communicated to residents. Views from residents will be incorporated into this review and an initial questionnaire has been created which can be accessed at the web address below or by scanning the QR code.



<https://www.uffingtonparish.gov.uk/community/uffington-parish-council-20878/communication-methods/>

The Council has also started testing some enhancements to the new website including News and Events alerts. To subscribe to these alerts please follow the instructions on the website.

<https://www.uffingtonparish.gov.uk/community/uffington-parish-council-20878/home/>

Weekly Newsletter

The weekly newsletter is kindly compiled and produced by Simon Jenkins on behalf of the Council and if you wish to be included in the distribution please contact sjmjenkins@gmail.com. Email addresses held are for distribution of newsletter items only.

Previous Village Website

The Parish Council has committed to retaining the previous village website www.uffington.net until at least 2027 and this website is now only updated on request. The Council would like to hear residents' views and comments regarding the future of this website for non-parish council information. Comments can be sent to clerk@uffingtonparish.gov.uk.

Facebook

Did you know that Uffington Parish Council has its own Facebook page? In today's world of social media, as well as traditional routes the Parish Council posts news and articles on Facebook to reach a broader audience and provide a faster method of communicating information. You can find the home page at <https://facebook.com/uffentun> .

Village Maintenance

Maintenance Volunteers. If you would like to help with village maintenance, including the Jubilee Field tidies, please contact the Clerk who can arrange for you to be added to the list of volunteers (necessary for insurance purposes).

Hedges and Verges. The Council would like to thank residents for maintaining their property boundaries. As we head into the growing season we would ask residents to ensure that all hedges are kept clear of public footpaths. **NB** before trimming any trees or hedges they must be checked for the absence of nesting birds.

Courier Magazine Advertising

The policy on Advertising is available on the website at <https://www.uffingtonparish.gov.uk/community/uffington-parish-council-20878/courier/> . The cost of advertising in four issues of the Courier (one year):

- ¼ page or less: £20.00
- ½ page: £40.00
- Full page: £80.00

All prices shown are subject to VAT.

Anybody wishing to advertise in the Courier should contact the Clerk by email at clerk@uffingtonparish.gov.uk . Copies of the Courier are distributed to a number of local shops, pubs and other outlets outside just the UBW villages making it more attractive to advertisers. We would be pleased to learn of any errors, omissions, or any additional categories of advertisement you would like to see included in future editions.

Previous editions of the Courier can also be found on the website at <https://www.uffingtonparish.gov.uk/community/uffington-parish-council-20878/courier/> .

Council Documents

All Council documents are available at the new website www.uffingtonparish.gov.uk .

Planning Applications

Planning applications are published as they are received in the weekly newsletter and are reviewed monthly at Parish Council meetings.

A log of all applications can be found on the parish website at <https://www.uffingtonparish.gov.uk/community/uffington-parish-council-20878/planning-applications/> which is update monthly.

The master reference for planning applications is held by the Vale of White Horse District Council and can be viewed at <https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/planning-and-development/planning-registers/planning-application-register/> .

NEW LOOKS FOR THE MEMORIAL HALL

Gillian Ward

The early part of 2026 has seen a number of important projects for the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall come to fruition.

Most obvious has been the very successful upgrade to the exit from the small hall (see photo above) to ensure that it is safe for use by wheelchair users. Alongside this work was the resurfacing of the path from the High Street to the Hall and the replacement of a drain which had been compromised by tree roots. This work was funded by a grant from the White Horse Show Trust, a contribution from the Parish Council (which owns the land on which the Hall sits) and monies from our funds which are generated by income from Hirers.

To enhance the security of the Hall and discourage unsociable behaviour, our CCTV system has been upgraded to provide 360-degree coverage around the Hall. This upgrade has been possible due to a donation from the proceeds of crime fund administered by the Thames Valley Police Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner, a grant from the White Horse Show Trust and our own funds.

Finally, working with the Charity Commission we have completed an 18-month long project to update the Constitution of the Hall. A copy of the new constitution can be found on the Website. The main change has been to update the language of the document so that it is easily understandable. Additionally, we have clarified the management of the Hall. The oversight of the Hall by the Council remains unchanged.



The THMH is a superb facility which is the envy on many local towns and villages. The Management Committee of the Hall, all volunteers, devote a significant amount of their personal time to ensuring that the Hall remains in the best possible condition and is a facility for the benefit of all. We are supported by a small group of residents who help with daily checks and small maintenance issues and we are very grateful for these.

We would like to remind residents that the car park is part of the Hall and its use is regulated by the Management Committee. We are very happy to support the village with the casual use of the car park for visits to the shop, meeting places for walks, overflow parking for the church etc. However, we do ask that anyone needing overnight or long-term parking contact the Management Committee in advance. As a general rule, we are very supportive of such requests and can advise on the most appropriate place to park such that other activities are not disrupted.

To book the hall or contact a member of the Management Committee please visit our website www.thmh.co.uk

QUIZ 'N' CHIPS – THE FULL REPORT

James Wishaw

This account, of a convivial (and profitable!) event which took place back in November, failed to appear in Courier 204 thanks to the abjectly apologetic Editor.....

If you, like me, deep down have a good feeling around village events, then surely nothing beats an evening set in a 12th Century church, twinkling by candlelight with a well-stocked bar, a friendly level of competitiveness and, of course, the enticing aroma of Fish & Chips. “It’s like the best pop-up restaurant” quoth one Quizzer. And I guess it was... but with prizes, and many of them!

More than all this however, the support of 110 punters, (some from Newbury and further afield), created a trusted community mood that brought together enjoyment, fundraising and the chance of winning the rather glamorous St Mary’s Quiz Cup, duly returned by the 2024 winners (the ever-competitive Baulking team) and collected by Joanna Jenkins on behalf of the Jenkins table.

Naturally, the beauty of such a community is that therein always lies a deep pool of experienced and talented individuals. None more so than our resident Quizmaster, Andrew Wright, who once again generously gave his time, broadcasting experience and dulcet tones, to creatively write and deliver a dastardly set of questions that held appeal across the generations. Even in the challenging Music section, that had to, in the end, provide full marks for every table!

Great thanks and appreciation should also go to all who helped put the evening together, including the Mosses, Mark Palethorpe, Richard Salmon and of course our Vicar, Jeremy Goulson. Prizes were also generously provided by Newby Hands, The Mosses, Fay Forster, Charlton Park Garden Centre, Sole Pizzas (regularly located in the THMH Car Park), Branche D’Olive and Edward Moss Framing.

Finally, a huge thank you goes to everyone who took part, helped out, bought a raffle ticket, or a bottle of wine, all of which contributed to a wonderful evening and an excellent fundraising event for St Mary’s Uffington.

Now that Spring is here, we're delighted to be opening for the season on Easter Saturday, 4th April! The Launch Party for our Friends and supporters will be immediately followed by our first open afternoon between 2-5pm. **We will be open every weekend 2-5pm and Bank Holiday Mondays from now until the last weekend in October.**

Every year we hold a new exhibition, alongside our regular displays. This year it is **Myths, Monuments and Memory** curated by Jane and Lauren Golding. They explore the myths and legends woven into the Uffington White Horse landscape — from St George & the Dragon to the story of Weland the Smith. It highlights how this landscape and its monuments have carried significance from prehistory to the present day. You may have seen our flyers asking people to share their stories and memories. There's still time to contribute to the exhibition as we'll continue to collect your memories throughout the year.

Monthly Talks in Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, Uffington at 7.30pm - £5, £3 Friends

This year's talks programme has got off to a flying start, with 'Uncovering Oxfordshire's Dinosaur Highway' in February bringing in our largest audience ever, followed by the enjoyable 'Black Wantage' in March, describing the den of iniquity that Wantage became in the early 19th century.

The talk on Monday 6th April will be 'Coleshill – Nerve Centre of the British Resistance'. Coleshill House in the Oxfordshire countryside served as the top-secret General Headquarters (GHQ) for the Auxiliary Units, often called "Churchill's Secret Army", during World War II. This secluded estate trained some 3,000–3,500 volunteers in guerrilla warfare, sabotage and assassination to combat a potential German invasion from behind enemy lines. This retelling includes a cast of characters ranging from 13-year-old schoolchildren and saboteurs bristling with explosives to the terrifying village postmistress!



Our upcoming talks and recordings of past talks are available to view on our website <https://www.uffingtonmuseum.co.uk/talks.html> You can also refer to the timetable printed in the Courier.

We're looking forward to welcoming everyone back to the museum after Easter! In the meantime, for anything museum related please email our curator Karen Pilcher at uffingtonmuseum@gmail.com



UFFINGTON MUSEUM
WILE OF THE WHITE HORSE

MYTHS, MONUMENTS & MEMORY

2026 Exhibition



We'd love to hear from you!

As part of this year's exhibition, we are looking to collect community memories of local legends and personal stories connected with the Uffington White Horse landscape.

Have you taken part in a scouring of the White Horse, a commemorative event or a ritual at the equinox? What legends associated with the local landscape do you remember hearing about growing up? From wishes coming true on the eye of the horse to the tale of George and the Dragon, we would love to hear about those too.

Share your story through our online form or by contacting us at uffingtonmuseum@gmail.com





Friends of Uffington Museum

2026 TALKS

Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, Uffington SN7 7SE
Mondays 7:30pm

2nd February Uncovering Oxfordshire's Dinosaur Highway

9th March Black Wantage

6th April Coleshill - Nerve Centre of British Resistance

4th May Myths, Monuments, and Memory

8th June Oxfordshire on the Home Front 1914 – 18

6th July Oxfordshire's Highwaymen

3rd August Coffee and Coffee Houses in Oxford

7th September The Mercurial Mitfords! The Uffington Connection

12th October The Landscape Detective

9th November TBA





UFFINGTON MARKET
AND CAFE

We've had a fantastic start to 2026 with an increase in visitor numbers for both the February and March markets. With over 50 local stalls registered and between 20 and 30 attending each month.

We now have a full complement of food stalls with bakery, butchery, eggs, veg, jams & preserves, cheese, oils, honey, olives & Greek food, truffles, sweets and craft beer. The artisan stalls sell crafts & gifts ranging from greetings cards, candles, art, lampshades, crochet and knitted items, flowers and bouquets, jewellery, children's books, scented soaps, colourful bags and clothes and handmade woodwork. Outside we have Gary's garden metalwork, blade sharpening & Oxford Cycle Surgery – the latter available for small repairs on the day.

In March we were joined by PCSO's from Thames Valley Police, providing advice on how to protect our communities and keep our valuables safe. We were also joined by Matthew Barber Police & Crime Commissioner and Cllr Lee Evans. At our April market on the 5th we will be handing out free Easter eggs to all children.

The café is always very popular – all the cakes are home-made and what better way to start a Sunday morning than a bacon or sausage bap. Lin made some wonderful Valentines cakes in February and we are delighted that many people visit the market to catch up with friends and have a natter over coffee and cake.



Thank you to everyone that continues to support the market – we are all volunteers & profits are invested back into publicity & admin together with donations to local clubs & charities. In March we made donations to Uffington CofE Primary School PTA and to Uffington Picnicfest. We are especially grateful to all our lovely stall holders who make the market such a success. If you haven't visited us yet then please come & see what we have on offer & support local businesses – there is always something new to try.

As a reminder, the market runs on the 1st Sunday of every month excluding January, in Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall from 10am to 12:30pm. Further details and an application form if you would like to trade, are available from uffingtonmarket@icloud.com or follow us on Facebook – Uffington Market.

UFFINGTON ALLOTMENTS

Barry Godsell

Seed potatoes are chitting, tomato, leek and other tiny seeds are peeping through in trays on windowsills and in greenhouses. The grass is growing and allotment beds are being prepared...it must be Spring!

It's good to see early signs of activity around the allotments. We hope that the weather will be kind to us this year and that we shall have good harvests as well as the chance to meet other allotment holders.

If, like us, you are energised by the start of the growing season and would like to enjoy the benefits of tasty vegetables and fruit you have grown for yourself, we still have ready -to-go plots available, at an annual rent of £25 (or £12.50 for a half-plot). If you think you might be interested in joining our community, contact us to see how we might be able to help at clerk@uffingtonparish.gov.uk or by calling Barry Godsell (07831 432532).

THE HISTORIC RIDGEWAY PROJECT

Dave Cavanagh

Imagine one of our local 17th century houses where the garden has been completely neglected. By now the structure of the house would have been completely concealed by ivy, and trees and shrubs would have obscured it further. Sadly, this is what is happening to some of the Ancient Monuments along our section (North Wessex Downs) of the Ridgeway. To reverse this, English Heritage has revived the spirit of community participation in the maintenance of our heritage through the Historic Ridgeway Project. Scores of volunteers are turning the clock back.

Until recently one could walk past Scutchamer Knob, an Iron Age round barrow alongside the Ridgeway above East Hendred, without noticing it, as it had been colonised by scrub. Vale of White Horse Ramblers removed the scrub over several visits in the winter of 2024-25 and have kept it down subsequently, transforming the appearance and making it possible for the public to first notice the Knob, then to wander over it without getting scratched or stung. Ridgeway National Trail volunteers have filled in holes in the adjacent Ridgeway making the approach to the Knob from the car park easier for people of limited mobility.

One of the jewels in the crown of the North Wessex Downs is the five and a half thousand-year-old Wayland's Smithy. It is kept in good order by English Heritage. However, the trees and scrub alongside the Ridgeway have, until very recently, obscured it from view. These have been removed by professionals so that today you can see the huge, imposing sarsen stones at the front of Wayland's Smithy from the Ridgeway. Now they beckon you to get closer. Relays of volunteers from

Oxfordshire, West Berkshire and Wiltshire have tidied up the heaps of cuttings by constructing a 300-metre-long dead hedge (also shown on the front cover), which will be colonised by wildlife. A new living hedge will also be put in place, which will be kept in check by volunteers.



Constructing the new dead hedge.

Wayland's Smithy from the Ridgeway

The Lord Wantage Monument on the Ridgeway was erected in 1903 by his wife Lady Wantage, to honour her husband, a soldier and philanthropist. Amongst other things he was a founder member of what would become the British Red Cross. Jane Hughes, sister of Thomas Hughes for whom Uffington village hall is dedicated, also played a role in this. Shrubs had encroached right up to the Monument, beneath which is a Bronze Age round barrow. Volunteers have cut them back.

Despite its name, the Iron Age Grim's Ditch at Mongewell, near Wallingford, is a raised causeway in places, previously devoid of shrubs and trees but now overgrown. Volunteers have cut some of them back to reveal extensive views over the surrounding countryside.



Clearing the scrub at Scutchamer Knob

WHITE HORSE SHOW 2026 – A new chapter for an old favourite Shelley Arnett

The White Horse Show will return on August 30th & 31st 2026 with an exciting new look! We're bringing you new attractions including the Stannage Stunt team, a world-renowned family troupe which specialises in high-risk stunts with fire, motorbikes and a spectacular high fall – they are not to be missed! Also featuring for the first time this year is the All-Steps Formation Riding team, which travels the country delighting audiences with their precision, harmony, and unmistakable style, riding in perfect unity to create a stunning equine ballet set to music. You'll still be able to enjoy the show favourites like Professor Crump, the dog show, clay pigeon shooting, Millets Falconry, and the MAD Bike Display team. The new layout will provide more space for attractions, trade stands and a dedicated food village with lots of delicious options for lunch, plus a fully stocked bar, where you can sing along with the brilliant Ukey Dukes.



Book your tickets now for an unforgettable day out and receive a massive 20% discount. Just visit whitehorseshow.co.uk - don't delay, the discount won't last long!

If you would like to book a trade stand, or enter a classic vehicle into the show, please visit the website and click on 'Book at trade stand' at the top of the home page.

The White Horse Show is delivered by a small team of volunteers and all the proceeds from the show are spent on worthy causes in the local community. If you would like to get involved in organising the event or can volunteer some time to help over the show weekend, please do get in contact with us via the website.

We look forward to welcoming you to our new look show in August!



At the community garden, we have been *longing* for sunshine and for the clocks to spring forwards, for the daylight to last a little longer each day and for warmth to creep into the soil once more. But sometimes, waiting patiently is not the answer!

In recent years we have sometimes been caught out as these early months have been a case of – cold... cold... cold... Oh! Too hot! Seeds don't really like a shock to the system and gradually getting warmer, hasn't happened of late! With this in mind, this year we are using a propagator – quite reluctantly, tentatively and certainly judiciously but using it nonetheless. The intention is to gently coax some of the more stubborn and sulky seeds to wake up and smell the coffee, a little earlier so we can get going, prepared for whatever the weather throws our way! Germination takes heat but then, out they come; no lounging around in the heat when they don't actually *have* to! Many of them are our own saved seed, so tried and tested and pretty strong. (available from the shop while stocks last!) By keeping intervention to a minimum, we should get stronger plants and better produce to share, earlier in the year. Nature always knows best but actually, some of the plants we want to grow or eat, come from quite different climates (e.g. aubergines and chillies from South America) and so they're already out of their comfort zone. Stressed seedlings soon succumb to pests and diseases so a longer growing season should give them an advantage right from the start.

There are many ways to help our plants grow more strongly and in return – there are many ways that we too, can grow stronger – in physical and emotional well-being – simply by gardening!

Everything we do is to do with LIFE! We are organic and don't 'kill' anything. We let nature take the upper hand, in order to create a balanced ecosystem. Sitting in a garden where everything is allowed to work in harmony with the natural world is relaxing! Noticing what is around you and appreciating the little changes, day by day, make sowing, planting, pruning, weeding, mowing, harvesting – a pleasure, not a chore! There are lots of easy tasks to learn if you have never gardened before – so,

Experienced or Absolute beginner – you are very WELCOME.
Come and GROW in our beautiful community garden.

Saturdays from 2 – 4pm
(behind the Fox & Hounds pub, entrance through Patrick's Orchard car park)

Pupils from Dragon Class and Wayland Class recently enjoyed an unforgettable trip to the Houses of Parliament, with visits taking place across February and March 2026.



Uffington School children in historic Westminster Hall

Both classes took part in an engaging programme at the Education Centre, where they learned more about how laws are made and the role of Parliament in shaping the country. The experience was brought to life with a guided tour of both the House of Commons and the House of Lords, giving pupils a rare opportunity to see British democracy in action.

One of the highlights of the trip was visiting the historic Robing Room, where the King prepares for the State Opening of Parliament. Pupils were fascinated to stand in the very spaces used by Lords, Ladies and Members of Parliament, imagining themselves in these important roles.

Although the journey involved a great deal of travelling, the experience proved to be truly worthwhile. For many, it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that will not be forgotten any time soon.





Hopefully by the time you are reading this we will have had a period of good weather and your gardens will be blooming with spring flowers. At a packed meeting in February we were inspired by Fergus Garret who gave a talk on Designing with Plants with the basic message 'shape, size and colour'. This was followed by a fascinating talk in March 'To Dig or not to Dig' and a lovely visit to Denton Gardens near Garsington to see the snowdrops. We were treated to a tour of the garden followed by delicious tea and cake on a surprisingly dry day.

The committee has organised a number of great talks and visits again this year - further details can be found on the poster opposite in this edition. A reminder that we have our very popular village plant sale trail around the village on Saturday 16th May. If you have any plants that you would like to donate for the sale please contact me on the email below.

The gardening club is held on the 1st Thursday of every month excluding January and August. Meetings are held at Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall in Uffington from 7:30pm to approx. 9pm with plenty of parking available. The hall opens at 7pm and there is always a raffle. Annual subscription is £20 from September to August and members receive a 10% discount off plants at Bampton Garden Centre. Non-members are very welcome at a charge of £5, unless otherwise advertised, although membership is more cost effective! During the summer months the talks give way to garden visits for an additional cost and usually include a stop for refreshments.

For further information or a membership application form please contact Hilary at hilarydeakin@me.com or 07802 426822. Follow us on Facebook – Whitehorse Gardening Club.



THE WHITE HORSE

GARDENING CLUB

UFFINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE

2026 Calendar of events



5th Feb - Talk - Designing with Plants

Fergus Garrett

13th Feb - Visit - Denton House Garsington

5th Mar - Talk - No Dig



2nd Apr - Talk - Daisy Days



18th Apr - Visit - Wisley RHS Gardens



7th May - Talk - Salvia's

16th May - Village Plant Trail



4th Jun - Visit - Fernham Gardens



18th Jun - Visit - Cadenham Manor Chippenham

October 2026

Guest Speaker - Rachel de Thame



CAPTAIN MOONFLEET SAILS AGAIN!

The Editor

We had to wait expectantly for two years since the last Uffington Players pantomime. As ever, Christine Holley and her redoubtable team did not disappoint, even if 'The Ghost of Captain Moonfleet' might have felt a bit on the lengthy side.

At the centre of it all was the stentorian (look it up in Homer) Duncan Saunders, who originally penned this panto-style musical play for the local troupe all of 20 years ago. As well as directing this production – including some excellent sight gags, you had to be there – Duncan bestrode the stage as Captain Blight, a juicy part for a practised villain if ever there was one. As he sang: "No more Mister Nice Guy", indeed.

Anna Gardiner made a suitably outrageous Dame, named Edna Bucket, so might be forgiven for being a laydee in real life. Paul White took time away from his multifarious local activities to portray a spooky Captain Moonfleet. It is always a joy to see and hear Beryl Packer strutting her stuff, this time as Neptunia, goddess of the sea. Doubling as young Nelson Bucket (annoying offspring of Edna) and expert choreographer was Dani Clark; she also duetted nicely with Olivia Russ as Mary Rose. Pete Osmond as Roger Bucket once again set the standard for vocal delivery, timing and movement.

Sets and costumes were alike impressive, with sensible use of the front curtain. Only one of the regulars (James Broadbent) was missing from the stage, taking his turn on this occasion in prompt corner. One only needs to glance at the programme to appreciate what a tremendous team effort is required to entertain the locals in this way. Christine H asks me to thank everyone involved, and all those who came to the Hall on the three February nights to support that effort.

If you would like to be involved in any future productions, please get in touch with Christine Holley christineholley28@hotmail.co.uk .





We are currently looking to appoint two new Trustees, one from Woolstone and one from Uffington. Trustees meet just two to three times a year, with meetings usually lasting around an hour, making this a manageable but meaningful role. We would love to hear from anyone who has, or has had, children at Uffington School, or from those who simply care about education and supporting local children. This is a rewarding opportunity to make a real difference, helping pupils take part in educational trips and access resources that enrich their learning and experiences beyond the classroom.

About the Saunders Trust

The Saunders Trust has been supporting education in our local community for over 380 years. It was founded in 1644 by Thomas Saunders of Woolstone, whose family established the original Uffington School in 1617. His generosity ensured that education would be supported for generations to come. Today, the Trust continues this legacy by providing financial assistance to pupils at Uffington School for educational trips and essential needs. Each year, the Trust also presents dictionaries to year 6 pupils at a special Founders Day Service. This includes a traditional procession from the school to the Old Schoolroom, now a museum, where pupils give thanks to Thomas Saunders and lay flowers on his grave in Uffington Church, followed by a presentation for pupils preparing to move on.

The Saunders Trust is a registered charity managed by a small group of Trustees, including representatives from Uffington and Woolstone, alongside the Vicar as Chair. Trustees oversee the careful use of funds, ensuring the Trust can continue supporting local children now and in the future.

If you are interested in giving a small amount of your time to make a lasting difference in your community, this role offers a unique chance to be part of a long-standing local tradition that directly benefits children at Uffington School. Email bronajones@rocketmail.com

BARRY SMITH - In memoriam

The family of Barry would like to Thank all those who have supported us during a very difficult time. Also everyone who attended his funeral the collection for the THAMES VALLEY AIR AMBULANCE raised £739.

THANK YOU ALL. Yours sincerely
Ann Smith



UFFINGTON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

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9TH MAY

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*In the event of bad weather this will be rescheduled to
9th June*



Reg Charity 1092213

Uffington C of E Primary School PTA

QUIZ NIGHT

MONDAY 22ND JUNE AT 6:00PM

Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall

- Fish & Chip Dinner at 6:15pm

(Alternative options available by pre-order)

- Quiz starts promptly at 7:00pm

- Come as a team or make one up on the night (Max 8 people per team)

- Prize for the winning team

- Bring your own booze 🍷

- Raffle

- Homemade sweet treats on sale

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Kirsty on 07743 957504

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**Thank you for your continued support.
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– UFFINGTON STORE TEAM



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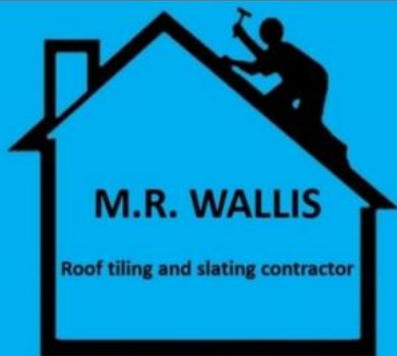
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Tuesday	10-11am	Tai Chi Qigong	Adult	Village Hall	If interested, attend to make enquiries
Tuesday	11.30- 12.30pm	Pilates	Adult	Village Hall	Fiona-wright@outlook.com
Tuesday	6-7.15pm	Beavers	6-8	Village Hall	Dave Barnes 07811 424978
Tuesday	6-9pm	Table Tennis	All ages	Village Hall	Paul White, paulwhite.smp@me.com
Tuesday	7.30-9pm	Bell Ringing	12+	St. Mary's Church	Hugh Baxter 820014
4th Wednesday of month	7-9:30pm	WI	Adult	Village Hall	whitehorsewi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk
Wednesday	6pm	League Cricket (20 overs)	14+	Sports Club Fawler Road	Joe Parman joeparman@outlook.com
Wednesday	6-7pm	Yogalates	Adult	Village Hall	Carolyn Courtney 07825414609
Thursday	6-7pm	Legs, bums and tums	All	Village Hall	Carolyn Courtney 07825414609
Thursday	6:30-8 pm	Cubs	Children 8-10	Village Hall	Michelle Garwood mhcgarwood@gmail.com
Thursday	7:15-9pm	Scouts	10-14	Village Hall	Nathan Reade 07768 073363 Katharine Murkett 820270
1st Thursday of month	7.30-9pm	Gardening Club	Adult	Village Hall	Pamela Preene 820251
Friday	9.30-11am	Baby & Toddler	Children 0-5	Village Hall Parents stay	Jessica Mildenhall jessica_mildenhall@hotmail.com
Friday	12:30-1:30 pm	Yogalates	Adults	Village Hall	Carolyn Courtney 07825414609
Saturday		League football	Adults	Sports Club, Fawler Road	Jason Wilkins 870487
Saturday	1pm	League Cricket (40 overs)	14+	Sports Club, Fawler Road	Joe Parman joeparman@outlook.com
Saturdays	2-4pm	Community Garden	Adult + accompanied children	Community Garden	Heather Abel 01367 820709 heather.abel@hotmail.com
1st Sunday of month	10-12:30	Uffington Market	All	Car Park And Hall	uffingtonmarket@hotmail.com or Facebook

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