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UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman

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:

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

CO-VID 19 (Coronavirus)

The period since the Summer Courier was published in early July has continued to be dominated by the pandemic, with lockdown being relaxed, a little, from 23 July. Fortunately, that gave the Parish Council the opportunity to open the children's playground, albeit with some restrictions, and it has been good to see it being well used since then. A big thank you goes to Fenella and Mike on the Parish Council, for enabling this.



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

- The UBW Support Group. This remains in existence, albeit largely dormant at present; should you need assistance you should contact the person who gave you their details at the start of the lockdown, Simon Jenkins or Mike Oldhall (see above), or the Vale District Council on 01235 422600
- Uffington Post Office and Stores
- Uffington Primary School – now open for the Autumn term
- The Fox and Hounds and White Horse Inn
- All those providing the essential services which many of us nowadays take for granted.

We would also like to thank all the children of the village for their attitude and behaviour throughout the lockdown period. There was great potential for the older children to become unruly and difficult as they tried to contain their natural energy, but this, to a very great extent, has not happened. Parents: Please pass this on, whilst accepting some of the credit for your guidance!

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.

‘Active Travel’.

There was a lengthy section in the last Courier about this Government initiative in June, which led to us asking all residents to take up the following:

1. 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.
2. Footpaths. Some of the footways / pavements around the village are very narrow, (non-existent in some places), and some are made very much worse for pedestrians by overgrown hedges and verges restricting the pavement width. We would be grateful if those to whom this applies would please ensure any remaining overgrown hedges and verges are cut back to the property boundary by 31 October 2020 at the latest. Enforcement action may be taken after this date. If you need assistance please ask the Parish Council.
3. Cycling and walking to School. This is very much a School-led initiative, but we hope that as many children as possible will walk or cycle to school in Uffington; if cars are necessary, parents should use the village hall car park to off-load and then walk or cycle to School – it is only about 400m!

We also sent the following to Oxfordshire County Council as our ideas to reduce speeding:

20-mph speed limit. Introduce a 20-mph speed limit on the 'ring road' round the village, from Fernham Road junction at the Museum, via Woolstone Road, High St and Broad St back to the Museum.

10-mph speed limit. Introduce a 10-mph speed limit from the junction of The Green / White Horse to the end of the adopted highway on Lower Common.

Additional Physical Measures. Install physical measures to restrict speeding on the Fawler Road and Fernham Road approaches to the village. We would also very much like to see a resumption of the Speedwatch initiative to measure actual speeds on Uffington roads; Thames Valley Police approval to use the equipment held by a number of local villages was rescinded in April 2019.

We understand that these ideas have been accepted at local level, but to date they have not been examined for feasibility on the ground by Highways technicians, as Government funding for 'Active Travel' has been directed towards urban areas. We hope that our turn may come one day.

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. The site has been very active throughout the summer, and the majority of the occupied plots are looking healthy and productive.

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 will take place on Saturday 31 October / Sunday 1 November.

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. 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

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/V0876-HH – Whitcot, Shotover. Proposed single storey side extension with the addition of two new rooflights. Demolition and removal of existing garage.
- P20/V1245/HH – Symes Cottage, Broad Street. Proposed single storey rear extension.
- P20/V0762/HH – Lilac Cottage, Woolstone Road. Amended plans.
- P20/V1263/HH – Corrymore Cottage, Shotover Corner. Proposed extension and modification.
- P20/V1570/HH – 9 Craven Common. First floor front/side extension, single storey rear extension and front porch.
- P20/V1428/HH – 19 Craven Common. Single Storey rear and side extension, first floor extension over garage and entrance door, internal alterations, replacement cladding at first floor level and replacement windows and doors.
- P20/V0958 – Manor Farmhouse, The Green. Demolish existing car port. Erection of a greenhouse.

The following are **awaiting determination** 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/V1739/FUL – Dovecote, Britchcombe Farm, Uffington. Retrospective Planning and Listed Building Consent for the conversion of the dovecote to a dwelling.
- P20/V1860/FUL - Manor Cottage, Woolstone Road Uffington. Stonework repairs and installation of new gate.

The following application has been **withdrawn**:

- P20/V1126/FUL – The Laurels, Broad Street. Removal of condition 9 - Closure of Existing Access on planning application P15/V0096/FUL (Erection of a new dwelling to the rear of The Laurels).

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.

NOTICES

A letter to all constituents from David Johnston MP

I spent the parliamentary recess visiting as many individuals and organisations as I could. I met with the founders of innovative companies like Rosemor and Aquobex, whose cleaning and flooding solutions respectively attract custom from around the world. I visited hotels like the Bear and Milton Hill House, hotels being one of the sectors of the economy that has been particularly badly hit by lockdown, with some people being more reluctant to return to their previous way of life. At gyms like tfd Health and Fitness and Fitness Space people are keen to get back their previous way of life – and as a gym-goer myself I understand them! – they just have to book in advance and adhere to a higher standard of hygiene than perhaps they did previously. No bad thing, in my book.

At Farmer Gow's I saw not just what a great family day out the farm is for young and old, but also met the proprietors of successful businesses that Anne Gow has as tenants on the site, from LissieLou, the cake decoration business, to Bark and Berry Dog Grooming and the Oxford Yurt, a pretty impressive glamping site – I've never been glamping myself, but if you like doing so I'd check them out. I was pleased to make my first visit to the Westmill Wind and Solar Farm and delighted they were successful in their bid for Government funding for a new visitors' centre that will increase the number of visitors 6-fold.

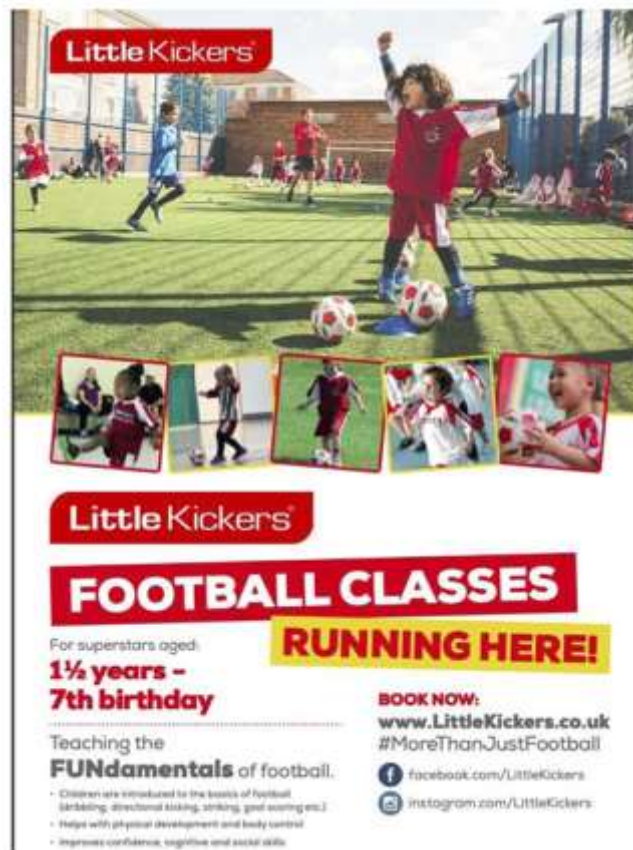
Along the way there were lots of other independent businesses, like Didcot Glass and Glazing, Emma's Vintage Style, 30 Something and Bob's Butchers. Charities too, like Children Heard and Seen, which supports the children of prisoners – more on that in a future column. On my Facebook page (davidjohnston4wantage) you'll see I've started 'three questions' with the owners of different organisations to spread the word about organisations people might not have heard of.

On my week off, we went to the Lake District, but unfortunately I crocked my knee on a crag and am currently on crutches! It's my first real experience of having restricted mobility and it does bring home quite how many places are inaccessible for those who need to use crutches or a wheelchair to get around, something I've understood only theoretically before. Parliament is probably one of the worst examples, although I'm grateful I've temporarily been given an office nearer to the House of Commons to reduce the walking I have to do. As ever, if I can help with anything then do get in touch via david.johnston.mp@parliament.uk

Little Kickers.

We have been running our fun football classes outside at Jubilee Field in Uffington. It's been great to start our classes again and very kind of Uffington Parish Council to allow us to do this, the kids and parents have loved being back. Our classes focus on play not push, so children learn whilst having fun. With the current situation we have had to make some changes to our programme and to how the classes run, which we have received great feedback from those partaking. If your child is between 18 months – 7th birthday and you'd be interested in attending please do get in touch.

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The poster for Little Kickers Football Classes features a large photo of children playing football on a green field. Below this are five smaller inset photos showing children in various football-related activities. The text is arranged in a clear, bold layout with a red and white color scheme.

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The Old School Room - Sarsens on the Bank

It has long been our wish to complete the line of sarsen stones supporting the bank outside the Old School Room:



Work in progress



Job done



**The team posing (socially-distancing) for the Uffington paparazzi - aka
Museum Curator**

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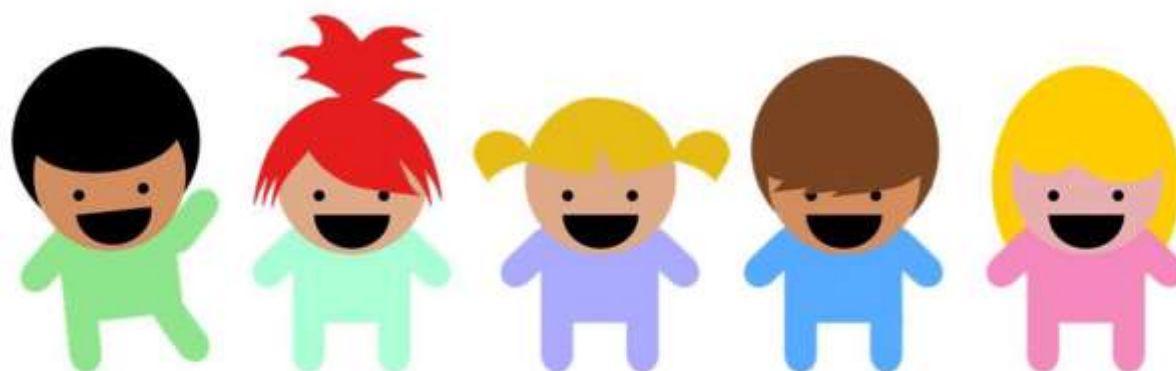
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- ★ healthy snacks for kids



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SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD.

This autumn it has been wonderful to welcome back all of our children into school. Children can teach us all so much! They have adapted to all of the new routines superbly and are joyously happy just to be with each other.

This term we have launched our new Jigsaw Charter based on our school prayer and our values of love, honesty and courage. This charter embodies how we treat each other. Each class has its own Jigsaw character and we have a focus each week. This week, we have been looking at how to make others feel welcome. Our House Captains have become our Jigsaw Champions and children who demonstrate actions linked to our weekly theme each week have their names placed on our celebration scroll!



Although many of our community focussed get togethers are postponed this autumn – here at school we wish all of you well.

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UFFINGTON PLAYERS

Christine Holley

Unfortunately, we still do not know if we will be able to put on a pantomime in February 2021.

We do hope to be back on the stage at some point in the future.

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 christineholley28@hotmail.co.uk

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NEWS FROM UFFINGTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB

It's been a lovely summer at the club, despite the restrictions in place. We have been able to take advantage of the long spell of dry weather to get onto the courts, with the highlight being our summer tournament, that we were still able to hold, taking care to observe the appropriate guidelines of course.

On a beautiful sunny September afternoon, 16 players took to the courts and enjoyed a fun and occasionally competitive, few hours of tennis. The final took place between Juliet Moss & Philip Ingles against Annabel Campbell and Robert Hart. The score was close early in the game but Annabel and Rob eased ahead and secured the win again, second year in a row! After the excitement on court, everyone was ready for the delicious BBQ, generously supplied and cooked by Linda and Kenneth Mitchell of Euro Fine Foods. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the afternoon such a success!

Our tennis ladder has also been busy and many congratulations to Luke Thomas who was the eventual overall winner. Thank you to everyone who took part and hopefully it allowed for wider participation in competitive games, given the local leagues did not run this summer.

We had a couple of false starts with attempts at re-painting the court surfaces but we are delighted to now report that the courts have been professionally cleaned and painted and look absolutely fantastic. Please enjoy them!

Just in time for the lifting of lockdown, we were delighted to engage the services of the team from "Game, Set and Matchplay" for the provision of coaching. Dave Tuck and Tom Francis, joint directors of the company, are both very experienced coaches as well as LTA sanctioned competition organisers. The team ran their first sessions during August and under the guidance of Level 4 lead coach, Paul Butcher, ably assisted by our own Luke Thomas (currently working towards his Level 2), are now running regular weekly junior sessions for ages from 5-18 years old. Paul has also run some fun adult sessions and is available for private one-to-one lessons by arrangement.

Considering the difficult times we have all been facing it is fantastic that we have managed to get in a busy summer of tennis, and we hope members will keep on playing into the Autumn, albeit with an extra layer on, and of course keeping safe and sticking to the Covid guidelines.

Keep an eye on our website where all information and contact points you may need can be found (<http://www.uffingtontennis.co.uk>).

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ST MARY'S CHURCH

Rev Jeremy Goulston



These Covid times are tough for all of us, young and older alike, and they will have us nursing wounds. Psychotherapist Carl Jung believed wounded healers develop insight and resilience from their experiences which enable the emergence of transformation to occur. African American philosopher, theologian, educator, and civil rights leader Howard Thurman (1900–1981) was a living example of such insight. In his poem, 'Upon Thy Altar', he reminds us with tenderness and compassion that one of the most important aspects of healing *is the process of* offering our wounding to God:

Our little lives, our big problems—these we place upon Thy altar!
Brood over our spirits, Our Father,
Blow upon whatever dream
Thou hast for us
That there may glow once again upon our hearths
The light from Thy altar.
Pour out upon us whatever our spirits need of shock, of lift, of release
That we may find strength for these days—
Courage and hope for tomorrow.
In confidence we rest in Thy sustaining grace
Which makes possible triumph in defeat, gain in loss, and love in hate.
We rejoice this day to say:
Our little lives, our big problems—these we place upon Thy altar!

Take time with this poem, and use it as we go through this second wave of 'Covid times' together and separated. Remember to be kind and patient with one another, because that's the way God deals with us. We, in Oxford Diocese, are being called to focus on the 'three C's' regularly and to make our Churches places where these things abide; Contemplation, Compassion, and Courage – I think we're going to need all of them in spades! It is good to be journeying with you; do come and experience worship with us, and let us know if we can be of help to you. Thank you to all those who are supporting us in any way. I am particularly

grateful to those who are giving via the Parish Giving Scheme, it is hugely appreciated. Ask me about this if you'd like to learn more. From Churchwardens to Churchcleaners and quiet contributors in all our villages; I thank God for you all, and the jam and chutney makers, everywhere!

With Love and Prayers,
Jeremy

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THOMAS HUGHES MEMORIAL HALL

Douglas Dalrymple

Further to my piece in the Summer Courier, the Hall has been gradually re-opening over mid-July to early September, as demand has re-emerged and latest circumstances have permitted. The trouble with the latter is that they broaden at one moment, but then they narrow again, which makes organisation difficult for groups of varying sorts that wish to use the Hall, and is tricky and time-consuming for the Management Committee as well. However, it has been good to welcome back the Garden Club and the Farmers' Market, and now that we are well in to September we look forward to other clubs or groups restarting their activities, including a promising number of exercise clubs. Good for them: good for us all, no doubt.

The new audio-visual facility shows splendid potential, but those who wish to use it should seek a familiarisation session with either Geoff Rumble or Paul Armishaw before they first do so, in order that their show should proceed without a hitch. . We are now giving consideration to an uplift project as regards decoration in the large Hall,-part of which would be to box in the iron girders, anyhow up to pelmet level.

Please do not hesitate to contact Geoff Rumble if you wish to make a booking: the way to do this is via booking@thmh.co.uk. We shall do what we are allowed to do to oblige, but we regret that there remain situations when we have to say 'sorry, no, we can't help'. May 2021 turn out to be less constraining, even if the end of 2020 may well not.

PS. Apologies in advance, should the situation have so changed, between my writing this –September 19th - and your reading it, that our hands become further tied than they already are.

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CAN YOU SPARE A HALF DAY A MONTH TO HELP THE COMMUNITY MINIBUS ?

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

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

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

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

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

The same telephone number may be used if you wish to come on our community services as a passenger, or have the bus for your own social purposes.

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WHITE HORSE GARDEN CLUB

Following the recent Government update we can now confirm that we will continue with our programme of talks through Autumn/Winter whilst abiding by COVID 19 Government legislation and THMH emergency arrangements to ensure all our members are safe.

Numbers will be limited to 30 with pre-booked seats, chairs 2 metres apart, masks obligatory and hand sanitiser on entry and exit.

Our talk on September 3rd from Bob Brown on 'Asters' from Cotswold Garden Flowers was very successful. Thank you to all who attended for being so co-operative and adhering to all the new COVID 19 safety regulations.

We will follow the same guidelines for our talk on October 1st.

This will be 'Passion Flowers & Jasmine' by Jane and Toni from Tynings Climbers in Somerset with plants for sale.

November 5th "Flora and Landscapes of Sicilly' by Nick Wray, Curator of Bristol Botanic Garden. We hope to be whisked away to the sunshine and enjoy the flora!

December 3rd. AGM followed by 'Stay Grounded' by Jane Rennells. We hope to serve festive refreshments but this under review.

The WHGC regrets that it is unable at present to welcome the community to the meetings but we do but hope that the situation improves soon.

Unfortunately limited numbers in the hall also mean there will be restrictions on the number of WHGC members able to attend.

NEXT MEETING - Thurs 1st OCTOBER AT 7.30PM

VENUE: Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall

TALK: Passion Flowers and Jasmine

SPEAKERS: Jane Lindsay and Toni O'Connor

Tynings Climbers hold the National collection of Passiflora CVS & Jasminum. www.tyningsclimbers.co.uk

PLANTS FOR SALE.

Meeting only open to members

Numbers are limited to 30! Places allocated on a first come first served basis. Please email Pamela Preene parrottspreene@aol.com ASAP to apply for a place.

Seating is arranged respecting a 2 metre social distance - please do not move chairs.

Plants will be for sale after the talk, forming a queue respecting 2 metre SD.

Raffle: Donations please on entrance for chance to win plant/£10 voucher - names of everyone attending will go into pot to be drawn by speaker.

Zoom: A Zoom invitation will be sent out to all members by Georgina Deakin

If attending the meeting at the hall please note the following:

- A. Use hand sanitizer on entering/leaving the building
- B. Maintain 2 metre social distancing at all times
- C. Use of toilets – one in one out.
- D. Face masks are obligatory unless health issues.
- E. Do not touch curtains or other surfaces
- F. Personal belongings (coats, bags etc) must be kept by owner. Do not use coat hooks.
- G. If you should fall ill with COVID-19 (within 14 days) after attending meeting please inform WHGC Committee who will pass onto THMH Committee.

The autumn equinox has now arrived providing beautiful colours to the trees and shrubs that surround us.

Happy gardening, stay safe and well and we look forward to meeting up soon.

Pamela Preene (On behalf of the White Horse Garden Club Committee - Verity Cavangah, Jane Cracknell, Patricia Dalrymple, Hilary Deakin, June Henville, Janey Nelson)

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mary Plant (President)

The WI are in the process of setting up a Zoom conference for 20th October 2020 at which Al Sylvester will be giving and talk on his walk from Land's End to John o' Groats. The time for this event has yet to be arranged.

For further information please contact WI President, Mary Plant, on 01367 241663

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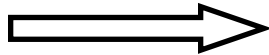
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BENEFICE 200 CLUB

Benefice 200 Club – Draw No. 1 for 2020/2021

Following the Harvest Evensong at St. Nicholas Church in Baulking on the 20th September the Benefice 200 Club held its first draw of the new 2020/2021 season.

You will see that the prizes are a similar set to last year – and there will be a similar draw each quarter of the season. For those unfamiliar with the Club, the season starts on 1st July each year and each of the 200 numbers has an equal chance of winning a prize.

We try hard to ensure that all 200 numbers have been taken up each year so that after paying for all the prizes the remaining income can be given to the Benefice to help with the upkeep of all four churches.

Last year we were able to give the Benefice £7,000 but, this year, unless we can gain more members we will not be able to pay nearly as much. We realise that times are hard at present but by joining the Club you will get the opportunity to win prizes every quarter.

Each number requires a payment of £50 for the year and we encourage participants to sign a standing order form (that they can cancel at any time) to make life easier for all concerned and to keep our costs down. If you would like to join please contact stevecharris@btinternet.com.

This quarter's winners are as follows:

Results of the 1st Draw of the 2020/2021 year [quarter ending 30th September 2020].

**The draw was held at St Nicholas Church, Baulking at 19:00hrs, following
6pm Harvest Evensong.**

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| 1 @ £200.00 | 37 | Eric & Jackie Wyard |
| 2 @ £100.00 | 126 | Fiona & Simon Clark |
| | 177 | Cherry Mawle |
| 5 @ £ 50.00 | 191 | Ray & Gill Avenell |
| | 132 | Hilary Deakin |
| | 95 | Jeremy Moss |
| | 51 | James Edgedale |
| | 28 | Pam Cale |

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Whilst the decision has been made to close the museum for the remainder of 2020, we are still fund raising. A HUGE thank you must go to everyone who has ordered one of our 'White Horse in Steel' which has generated a good profit for the Trust. In just over 5 weeks we had 150 orders and the supplier has now placed the artwork on his

website for direct ordering. Please see the advert in this copy of the Courier – they would make a lovely Christmas present and the museum receives commission on every order.



You can still support the museum by liking and following our Facebook page. Even better why not register for Easyfundraising - every time you shop online at over 4000 retailers a percentage is donated to Uffington Museum Trust and goes towards the day to day running of the charity. It costs you nothing but raises much needed funds.

Thank you for your ongoing support

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Uffington Apple Juice

We are often asked how many apples do you need to produce a litre of apple juice. A week or so ago we delivered about 250 Kg of apples, kindly donated by people of Uffington and the surrounding villages, to "My Apple Juice" near Hungerford for pressing.



We were delighted to learn that our apples had produced 186 x 750 cl bottles, (140 litres) of apple juice, pasteurised, bottled and labelled.

The apple juice is destined to raise money for St.Mary's Church and also for ACCESS, a small charity in Bangalore, India which we have been associated with for over 20 years.

The juice is now on sale at Norton House and Uffington Farmers Markets at £3 per bottle. Being pasteurized it will keep for up to a year, so would be an ideal addition to a Christmas hamper!

Carl and Fenella

The White Horse in Steel

Tom Brown's School Museum has a new product for 2020.

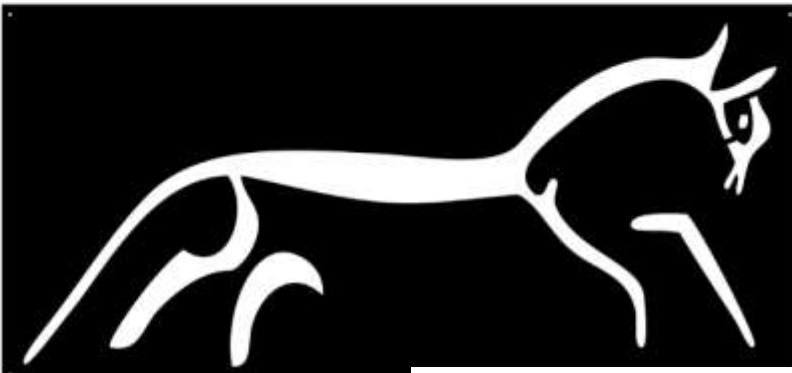
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| Day of week | Time | Activity | Ages | Where | Contact |
|------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Mondays | 9-10 am | Exercise Class | | Village Hall | (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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