

# UPTON NEWS

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## Briefing for the Parish Council's Fun Day

On Sunday 9th July we celebrate the millennium with a Family Fun Day and evening BBQ. It kicks off at 10.30am with the Fun Run, assembling on the recreation ground. The route encircles the village (no main roads) with four laps for adults (3-3.5 miles) and one for children under 14. Entry is limited to 50 people, fee £2 until 5 July, £2.50 thereafter, including on the day.

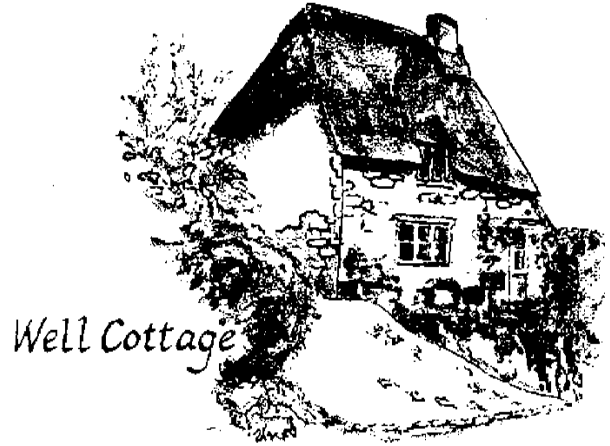
A drink and an engraved souvenir medal will await all who finish the course, with a special award for the winner of each category. Entry forms from Carole Hubbard (Old Stream Cottage, Froggally), Caroline Ball (The Ridges, Church Street), Margaret Maytham at Upton Post Office and Savages, Blewbury.

At 1.30 pm the Cycle Race will start from Newmans Close. The route follows the footpath to East Hagbourne and returns along the railway embankment. Juniors will complete one lap (about 3 miles) and seniors two. Entry forms from John Lightfoot, Thimbles, Newmans Close (850486) should preferably be received by 5 July. Entry fee £1. There will be a certificate for all finishers and trophies for the winners.

On the recreation ground refreshments will be available all day. Attractions will include a Bouncy Castle, various side stalls, and a Tug of War (4pm). A family Rounders Match will be played in late-afternoon and the BBQ will start at 6.30pm. Tickets £4 adults, £2 children from Jessie West (851206), Helen Weston (850031) Brian Simpson (851192) and Suzanne Batchelor (851362), until 5 July.

Caroline

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• **OPEN FIELD SIDE GARDEN** •  
• Sheila and Vic Dawson invite you to share the •  
• pleasure of their garden at 2 Fieldside, and •  
• enjoy tea and chat, on Sunday, 16th July from •  
• 3-6pm. Entrance £1 (for the next children's •  
• party). Vic has 140 fuschias of 82 varieties, •  
• four of which are new this year. •  
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One of eight listed buildings in Upton, all of which are illustrated on the millenium map.

### VILLAGE MAP WILL GO ON DISPLAY

As most of you will be aware, Upton Parish Council asked Joan Durbin, our village artist, to produce a map of the village for the millenium. This is now completed and we wish to congratulate Joan on her work, and thank her for her diligence and accuracy. A full size copy of the original is to be permanently displayed next to the PC notice board in the recreation ground. For those who have not already placed an order with Joan (850035), A3-size laminated copies price £5 are available from the Post Office.

Lynne Riordan, Clerk

Based on the Ordnance Survey, Joan's colourful design depicts a map of Upton's boundaries — Scotland Ash to the north, just short of the A34 to the south, Chilton to the west and Blewbury Mill to the east — showing historical field names, footpaths and byways. (More on the geography next month.) Placed beside the map is an enlarged street plan of the village, detailing properties and house names as they were on millenium day.

Joan wishes to thank all the people who helped to research this challenging project.

#### STOP PRESS

Broken glass has been found scattered in the play area and recreation ground on numerous occasions recently, particularly to the rear of the village hall. Parents, will you please talk to your children about these malicious acts and ask if they know who is doing this. We would also like information on who persistently breaks the wooden fence palisades round the play area. L.R

# Neighbourhood Watch

## New VPA president

We are pleased and honoured to announce that Joyce Gilbert has agreed to become President of the Blewbury & Upton Village Produce Association. As we know, she has given so many years service, and been a very hands-on ommittee member. We also welcome Alf Timblick from Upton onto the committee.

The Annual Summer Show is to be held on Saturday 15th July, in our usual marquee, in Blewbury School grounds, by kind permission of the Headmistress. Staging is from 8.30-11 and the show opens at 2.30.

It is a really traditional village affair, with classes to suit everyone interested in gardening, cookery and handicrafts. Many of these are for novices, so why not have a go? New classes include 'a plant grown in an unusual container' and 'a photograph of any topic in the panoramic format.' Show schedules from Karen Brooks (850219), Joyce Gilbert (850388) Margaret Maytham (850364).

Please could anyone holding VPA trophies return them to Karen Brooks or any committee member. A special plea for the return of the clearly engraved President's Cup — the whereabouts of which is a mys-

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● **CHILDREN's DRAMA** ●  
● **GROUP** ●  
● meets at the village hall every ●  
● Thursday in term time — from ●  
● 4.30 to 5.15pm (50p per session ●  
● to cover the cost of the hall) ●  
● **JUST TURN UP AND** ●  
● **JOIN THE FUN** ●  
● For further details ring Malcolm ●  
● Wright (850705) ●  
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## Dear neighbours

Since taking over as the Neighbourhood Watch scheme co-ordinator for Upton from Austin Maytham, I have spent some time reviewing the documentation and attempting to establish contact with the previously listed representatives for the various parts of the village.

I expect to be able to publish an up-to-date list of co-ordinators by the next edition of this newsletter. Could I remind any previous co-ordinators who have as yet not been in touch to do so as soon as possible. Please be aware that we do not have a co-ordinator for Alexander Close. It would be useful to have a volunteer to act in this role.

It is my intention to communicate general news on a monthly basis via Upton News and to pass important up-dates from Thames Valley Police direct to the area co-ordinators. If anyone has any information which requires distributing please get in touch with me.

I have been in contact with Thames Valley Police and can confirm that there are no recent incidents to report in the village.

## Top tips

### Christian Aid

The total amount raised in the village during the recent house-to-house collection was £230, an increase of £43.82 over last year. A sincere thank you to all.

Alec Chenery

## 50's CLUB WINNERS —

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Mrs Maytham £10, Mrs Hubbard £5, Mr Prior £4, Mrs Creed £3.

In warm weather please be wary of leaving ground floor windows open at night. If you are away, ensure that milk and papers are cancelled and if possible leave a key with a neighbour in case of problems.

Neighbourhood Watch in the Vale contact number 01235 556957 (Hilary Green).

## Celia Davies

Deveens Fir, Reading Road, Upton (850684)

## EARLY WARNING

St Mary's will be holding their Annual Garden Fete on Saturday, 2nd September in Prospect House garden, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Simon Powell. As you tidy up during the summer, save your 'white elephants', discarded books, outgrown toys, surplus plants.

Further information from Julian Sayers (852450), Clare Lightfoot (850486), Ann Dendy (850760), Jessie West (851206), Brian Simpson (851192).

## SUNDAY SERVICES

### St Mary's church

9 am  
July 2 Parish Eucharist  
9 Parish Eucharist  
16 Sung Matins  
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Parish Eucharist  
30 Parish Eucharist

### Methodist church

10.30am Preacher  
July 2 Georgina Wood  
9 Brenda Boyer  
16 At Blewbury  
23 Ruth Dams

30 Geoffrey Caudle

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