

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 —

May 2000

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
23

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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