

# UPT NEWS

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## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CHEAPER OIL?

All of us who use domestic heating oil currently get it from different suppliers, at different times and pay different rates. Overall we collectively order way in excess of 100,000 litres a year and by 'pooling our demand' we could obtain a reasonable discount. I have spoken to a few companies and all of them are 'very interested' to do a deal in principle. This could be structured/organised in a number of ways depending on the overall needs of the village.

To take this further I now need a better idea of numbers, volume and individual delivery frequencies to establish our requirements and negotiate a discount.

I am willing to sort out the best deal and organise any logistics on behalf of the village if there is sufficient interest, for no additional personal benefit. If this gets off the ground we could look into the possibilities for Calor gas users too. Please give me a ring on 851362 if you would like to participate, have views on such a scheme or have further questions.

Colin Batch-

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## Neighbourhood Watch

### TWO GARAGE BREAK-INS

On 22 March a garage in Beeching Close was broken into and a bicycle was stolen. On 24 March there was a similar break-in in High Street, although nothing was taken.

Would all neighbours please be vigilant and if they see anything suspicious ring either their coordinator or the police. Meanwhile, please ensure that garages and sheds are securely locked and if possible alarmed.

It may be useful to keep this number by your telephone for easy reference: 787600, ask for Police Constable John Cullum.

Celia Davies (850684)

## LITTER BLITZ IN VALE

The National Spring Clean takes place again from 30 March to 8 April. Refuse sacks are available from Lynne Riordan (The Briary, Stream Road 850165). When full they can be left at the recreation ground. Opportunity to ask children to help keep the village tidy.

## THIS MONTH'S DIARY

Tuesday, 10 April

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

8pm Village Hall

To review matters relating to the village and enable everybody to have their say.

Thursday, 12 April

10-12 noon, Village Hall

Cost £3 (sponsored by the Vale)

The **GOODSPORTS ROADSHOW** is a mobile scheme that provides sporting opportunities for children aged 5 to 12 at different venues across the district. The sessions are staffed by sports leaders who have experience working with children and are qualified first-aiders. The activities include athletics, basketball, kwik cricket, tennis, unihoc, tag, rugby, relay games, parachute games and much more, all offered in a safe and fun environment.

Friday, 20 April

7.30 pm, Village Hall

### GOOD FUN, GOOD COMPANY, GOOD FOOD

An evening not to be missed.

Yes, it's the

### SKITTLES AND SUPPER EVEN- ING

Tickets £5 from Jessie West (851206), Sheila Parker (850591) Sheila Dawson (851205), Sue Bibby (851135), Frances Telling (850448).

Saturday, 21 April

2pm, Hall Barn, Westbrook St., Blewbury

### Upton and Blewbury VPA's GRAND PLANT AUCTION

Auctioneer: Norma Bird

Established potted plants, all types, some rare, for sale at bargain prices. Bring your own seat or stool and plenty of cash! At least 50% of proceeds will go towards VPA events, especially the shows.

Vendors please label plants, give your name, etc. and bring them to Hall Barn on Friday between 5 and 7 or Saturday between 10 and 11.

NB Next VPA meeting 4 April in Vale Room: talk on 'The Pleasure of Alpines', pick up annual programme and show schedules. Subscriptions (due by 1 May) are only £3 a year per family or £1

## Sustrans' route for Upton cyclists

On Tuesday 6 March at 6.45 for 7pm there will be a public meeting at East Hagbourne Primary School to talk about the proposed cycle route from Upton to Didcot (Upton News June 2000). Simon Pratt, area manager for Sustrans (01296 713126) will make a short presentation on the National Cycle Network Project and plans for the old railway line, which will be followed by questions and discussion.



The Vale DC's letter to those eligible for concessionary bus fares did not make clear that the tokens and new half-price bus passes can be collected at Upton Post Office.

### Parish meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday 13 March, 8pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome.

### Free skip

There will be a rubbish skip in the village hall car park over the Easter weekend. This is a free service.

**DEVASTATED EARTH QWAKE, GUJARATHI STATE, INDIA**

It was January 26, 2001 Republic Day of India morning 8.30 minutes..... a bright sunny day..... the town of Gujarat. Ahmedabad, Bhuj, Kutch are happily celebrating the republic day..... children from all schools participating in rally. 8.30 minutes..... morning trickled..... 8.46am, the whole Bhuj town, Kutch and some 300 villages were trampled down with a **great quake**. The earth under the feet of thousands cracked with in minutes. Thousands..... buried under the debris of building..... lakhs of houses trampled down..... thousands of people knowing what happened buried under..... debris. Destruction..... devastation..... distress..... and death..... In the towns of Gujarat. Wailing of thousands, agonies of the lakhs and a great psychological trauma had spread over there once a happy crowds.

This is the time the fellow human beings should give a **hope** and relief to the thousands of victims.

Even a small donation will bring hope to the survival..... our Samskar volunteers are in the Gujarat to give a helping hand to..... survivors. Please help for relief and reconstruction. Your donations to this address:

Hemalata Lavanam  
Samskar  
Andhra Bank  
AC 7530  
Patamata, Vijaywada - 10  
Andhra Pradesh  
India.  
[hemalatalavanam@yahoo.com](mailto:hemalatalavanam@yahoo.com)

I have received the above from friends who run a well-known Atheist Centre in India, which Dick and I visited. If you would care to help them please let me know. Carol Hall (850811)

## CHURCH SERVICES MARCH and APRIL

Sunday	St Mary's 9 am	Methodist 10.30 am	Preacher	Lent study group
	<b>March</b>			
4 Lent 1	Parish Eucharist		D. Morton	Once again there will be a series of meetings beginning on Wednesday 8th March at 8pm at Corderoys, Pound Lane. This year we will be studying York Courses 'Faith in the Fire'. All are welcome. Further details from David Dendy (850760).
11 Lent 2	Parish Eucharist		M. Chalkley	
18 Lent 3	Choral Matins		A. Lockley	
25 Mothering Sunday	Parish Eucharist		M. Atherton	
1 Passion Sunday	Parish Eucharist		Wendy Holt	
8 Palm Sunday	Parish Eucharist		Pam Martin	
	<b>April</b>			
	Holy Week			
12 Thursday 8pm	Maundy Service, St. Andrews, Hagbourne			<b>Women's World</b> <b>Day of Prayer</b> Friday, 2 March 2.30pm at the Methodist church. All welcome, whatever gender. The service has been devised by the Christian women of Samoa.
13 Friday 2pm	One Hour Devotion			
14 Saturday 8pm	Easter Vigil, St. Michael's, Blewbury			
15 Easter Day	Festive Eucharist		G. Wood	
22	Parish Eucharist		At Blewbury	

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