

# UPTON NEWS

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## A REGULAR CHILDREN'S SERVICE AT ST. MARY'S?

We are very conscious, at St. Mary's, that we are doing very little to reach families with young children in the village, of which there are a number. As a Benefice we are engaged in discussions about the possibility of admitting young children to communion before confirmation and this has prompted us to examine what we do for the young here. Any planning for future services more appropriate for young families must engage with the families in question. We want to know what *you* want and do not presume to organise worship that we *think* you may want.

Therefore, we have arranged for our Deanery Training Officer to come to St. Mary's on Sunday 5 August for our 9am service. The plan is that we will stay on for the rest of the morning, for coffee, discussion and a shared lunch, finishing about 12.30.

All our regular worshippers and anyone else interested, especially young families, are warmly invited to take part in this consultation and I sincerely hope you will be able to respond to this.

Father Edwin

## Right up our Street!

What's in your freezer? Is it mainly home produce, rather than Mr. Tesco's? And when you come to eat it, do you wash it down with a nice glass or two of wine, preceded perhaps by a sherry, gin or vermouth?

That's what the market researchers say the villagers of Upton do, anyway. And a visit to [www.upmystreet.co.uk](http://www.upmystreet.co.uk) will reveal lots of other intimate details of the life of the residents of OX11 9JB. We are classified as an 'Acorn Type 2' settlement — what a romantic ring!

An idyllic picture is painted of Uptonians (only a slip or two of the finger from Utopians, come to think of it) quietly sipping a post-prandial port, one of our favourite tipples, apparently, while the debris is dealt with by the new dishwasher. We might glance at the *Telegraph* or the *Independent* (so much better than ITV or

## THIS MONTH'S DIARY

Saturday, 7 July from 2.30pm

The PTA's Grand Summer Fete is being held in conjunction with the VPA's 54th Annual Summer Show at Blewbury School.

Saturday, 14 July, 7.30pm

Summer Supper Evening in the Village Hall.

Bring your friends and come to enjoy an evening of good food and good company. It might even be nice enough to be outdoors! **The food will be barbecue style but cooked indoors and will include cheese and jacket potatoes, lots of salads and scrumptious puddings.** Bring your own drinks, although coffee will be available. Tickets £5 from Jessie West 851206, Sheila Parker 850591, Sheila Dawson 851205, Frances Telling 850448, Sue Bibby 851135.

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the likes of Fox FM, we think) while basking in warmth from the central heating which, Colin Batchelor will be pleased to hear, is 12 times more likely than average to be oil-fired.

An awful lot of us apparently like the place so much that we work in Upton. Home-based workers are three times the national average, while agricultural workers are five times more numerous here, though that still makes them only 10% of the total. And when not toiling in the spare bedroom or in the fields, we'll relax at archaeological sites, stately homes and art gallery — or perhaps in the greenhouse (twice as many in Acorn Type 2 places). Chris at the George & Dragon will be pleased to hear that rates of visiting pubs are above average, and he may confirm that we drink more ale than lager.

'What a load of rubbish' is probably a polite summary of your reaction to all this sort of stuff, and you'd be quite right. Should you ever open any of the junk mail that the poor postman has to lug around you may find it's all aimed at the lifestyle of the mythical Acorn Type 2-er. But perhaps they bombard us with so much marketing that we succumb to the tempting offers, and the marketer's theories become self-fulfilling. Who knows? They do!

Paul Batho

## DIARY continued

### Sunday 23 July 2.30-6pm

Sheila and Vic Dawson will once again have **Open Garden** with **Teas**. All are welcome. Proceeds for the Children's Party 2002. Entrance £1 at gate (children free). Lucky ticket wins a plant.

### Wednesday, Thursday and Friday — 1, 2 and 3 August 10-12 noon

Following the success of their April visit the **Goodsports Roadshow** (sponsored by the Vale) will return to the Recreation Ground with equipment for exciting sports for children aged 5-12. Athletics, basketball, kwik cricket, tennis, unihoc, tag, rugby, relay and parachute games.

## Boost for 50 Club

We had a good response to our appeal and have 165 numbers in the monthly draw, therefore the prizes have changed. The six special prizes throughout the year remain as two each of £15, £20 and £25. The monthly prizes are now £10, £7, £5 and £4.

### April-May winners:

£10 Mrs Hall; £7 Mr Caffyn; £5 Mrs A. Brown; £4 Mrs Gutfreund. £10 Mrs Maythem; £7 Mrs Concannon; £5 Mrs S. Parker; £4 Mrs J. Parker

### Village Hall

We are pleased to say that funding has been secured to replace the overhead infra-red heaters with slimline wall-mounted convector panel heaters. **J.W.**

## POST OFFICE NEWS

There is now no commission charged for foreign currency and travellers cheques at the post office. Currency can be ordered using cash, switch, credit card or cheque and arrives in four days, or less for a fee of £3.50. And there is no commission if you wish to exchange foreign currency. A good deal all round.

The post office also does a very good line in travel insurance. Come and pick up a pamphlet. Meanwhile, thank you for your continued support.

**Margaret Maytham**

## BANK HOLIDAY BOUNCE

A highly successful Fun Day (bouncy castle, barbecue and band) was held last bank holiday at the George & Dragon, attracting 600 people and raising £450 for Didcot Hospital respite care. **Chris and Sue Linney** are planning another for end-August.

## Grimsby Fish

Are people aware that a fresh fish man calls here in Stream Road at about 2.45 pm every Wednesday? Look out for the small white delivery van.

**Celia Davies**



We understand there is a free bus to Tesco's on Tuesdays. Pick up 9.42 at the George & Dragon, return 12 noon.

**Juliet Gardiner**

## From your County and District Councillor

The secrecy of the ballot means that I will never know for certain who voted for me in the recent County Council elections, and I am unable to thank them personally. If you were one of them, please accept this as a heartfelt and personal thank you. Also, I would particularly like to thank those who helped me or offered me encouragement during the campaign. I was invariably greeted in a most friendly and courteous way in Upton, by people of all political persuasions. With an electorate of 5,700 people, it was not possible to make contact with everybody, although I did call at most houses in the ward. If I missed you, or you were out, I would be happy to call again if you would like to discuss any issue.

Now that the election is out of the way, I look forward to helping anybody who lives in Upton with a Council problem, whether District or County. This applies equally to those who voted for me, those who voted for one of the other candidates, and those who, for one reason or another, did not make it to the polls. I can usually arrange a meeting at reasonably short notice and can be contacted on 850275.

**Richard Farrell**

## CHURCH SERVICES IN JULY

### St Mary's

### Sunday 9 am

- 1 Parish Eucharist
- 8 Parish Eucharist
- 15 Sung Matins
- 22 Parish Eucharist
- 29 Parish Eucharist

### Methodist

### 10.30 am — Preacher

- Reverend Timothy Dibble
- Michael Howlett
- Terence Adams
- Andrew Lockley
- Peter Hemmings

Debbie and family thank everyone at the skittles evening for their generous support of the raffle held to provide a Denton's voucher for the children. Her letter of thanks may be seen at the post office.

**Sheila Parker**

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