

UPTON NEWS

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UPTON OIL SYNDICATE

The syndicate is now truly up and running with 36 members from all parts of the village. Broadly, it has been set up to co-ordinate two or three bulk deliveries at key points of high demand and thereby secure the biggest potential discount on price. It will also cater for those households which do not fall into this pattern or need an urgent top-up delivery. We are not tied to any distributor, allowing us to negotiate the best price for each order. The first 'bulk delivery' will be organised for late August/early September when we will order in excess of 20,000 litres (more than a tanker full!). We are also exploring discounts for maintenance and emergency call-outs from companies, and recommended local engineers too. If you would like more information or want to join in it is not too late, just ring me on 851362.

Syndicate members who have not notified me of their re-fill requirements for August/September need to do so ASAP. As long as you have room for 500 litres you can benefit from our collective discount at summer prices.

Colin Batchelor

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● **Another Pub Fun Day** ●
● The George and Dragon are having a Fun ●
● Day on Bank Holiday Monday (27 August) in ●
● aid of charity. There will be a bouncy castle, ●
● face-painting, 'stars in your eyes' children's ●
● karaoke, skittles, a balloon race, an all day ●
● barbecue and in the evening live music. ●
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Wishbone Walk

I would like to thank everyone for their generous support in sponsoring me for the Wishbone Walk. The grand total was £200, which will be used for orthopaedic research. I didn't manage the mile (it was very hot) but Claire, John and Jaimee did the rest for me, while Mick cheered me on. He only came out of hospital the previous Thursday. The hips are doing fine, but I do have a routine of exercises to keep up.

Jean



St. Mary's will be holding the village Fête on Saturday, 1 September, 2pm — this year on the Recreation Ground.

The usual stalls will be on offer, including cakes, books, bric-a-brac and entertainment for children, and the very popular teas will be available in the Village Hall.

The big attraction will be the Musicman, who manages to play 14 instruments at one time, plus the Abingdon Junior Band.

Children's church

The Deanery Training Officer's visit to St Mary's — announced by Father Edwin last month — has been postponed until Sunday, 7 October, when churchgoers with young families, and anyone else interested, are invited to a meeting after the 9am service, followed by a bring-and share-brunch at The Old School.

Neighbourhood Watch

You may be aware that there were two break-ins in Fieldside on the night of 25 July. Please be vigilant and lock all windows and doors at night, particularly during a hot spell. If anyone sees anything suspicious please ring PC Dick Frame on 01235 776000.

Celia Davies

MUSIC MAKER

Upton's resident conductor Sarah Tenant-Flowers' professional choir Singscape returns to Douai Abbey on Saturday 15 September, 7.45pm for another programme featuring 'Treasures of the Russian Liturgy', sung by candlelight.

Last year the critics said:— 'There was an almost tangible air of spirituality... achingly beautiful, and I remembered Stephen Sondheim's lyric: "all the beautiful sounds of the world in a single word"... Wonder-

ful...' (Newbury Weekly News)

(The performances) 'immediately transfixed us with their beauty, passionate climaxes and exquisitely controlled dynamics...' (Reading Chronicle)

Tickets £11 (£9 concessions) in advance or £12 (£10) on day of concert from Newbury Corn Exchange, tel 01635 522733.

NB Please let Upton News know when you are involved in interesting 'happenings' outside the village.

A SUNDAY TREAT

We would like to thank Vic and Sheila Dawson very much for once again opening their garden in aid of the children's New Year Party — a lovely garden obviously tended with loving care.

Delicious refreshments donated by kind friends and generous donations all helped to raise £120.

Thank you to all who came along to support us and in so doing enjoyed a very pleasant Sunday afternoon.

The lucky ticket holders were: Barry Dawson, Carol Hall and Juliet Gardiner.

Sheila
Parker
On behalf of the

50 Club Winners

June £10 Mrs Riordan; £7 Mr Simpson; £5 Mrs Davis; £4 Mrs Parker.

July £10 Mr Smith; £7 Mrs Pattison; £5 Mrs Shayler; £4 Mrs Bucknell.

What can go into those green boxes?

Several people have asked Sheila Parker what they can or cannot put in their re-cycling box. So here is what the Vale's leaflet says:

'Please help us by placing the following items in your Green Box for collection: newspapers, magazines, junk mail, catalogues, telephone directories (not Yellow Pages) glass bottles and jars, drink and food cans, plastic bottles, aluminium foil, textiles (please keep dry)'. They also add:

1. If you have too many materials in one week, leave one type in a separate carrier bag on top of your box (NB not in refuse sacks)

2. Do not put in lids or corks from bottles or containers.

3. Please wash plastic bottles and food cans and flatten as much as possible.'

For new/replacement or second boxes telephone 01235 520202 ext. 405.

Byelaws in place

As advertised in previous issues, from 25 May byelaws have been in operation prohibiting the playing of golf and the riding of motor bikes and motor vehicles in the playing field.

Upton Parish Council

Upton 140 years ago

In 1862 the Reverend Richard Hooper — first Rector of this newly created parish — began a 'Diary of the parishes of Upton & Aston Upton' of which he was also the incumbent. (He lived at Upton and rode over to Aston via Blewburton Hill.)

When space permits, Upton News will reproduce extracts from his jottings, compiled in 1971 by Mr F. M. Underhill, who lived in the village and left his papers to the Berkshire Record Office.

On arrival at Upton Mr. Hooper had many practical things to do, to set up a parish that would be fully independent of Blewbury.

Tuesday 22 April. Vestry meeting: We elected a sexton with an annual salary of 30/- and chose Edward Elliott. I determined that there should henceforth be no more so-styled clerk and Joseph Seymour who had hitherto held that office was dismissed.'

Monday 28 April. Went to Oxford to make arrangements with Mr. Davenport for the Bishop's coming to consecrate our churchyard on Saturday May 10; also ordered registers of burials, marriages and Banns for both parishes.

Tuesday 29 April. The churchyard at Upton was yesterday harrowed, rolled and sowed with grass seed, which I had bought at Sutton's at Reading. Today at 3 pm proceeded to the churchyard and Mrs. Philip Humfrey planted a yew tree which she gave to the parish, and was assisted by her son Wallace and daughter Alice, also Mrs Nathaniel Humfrey and her son Stanley, my wife and myself and James Grimshaw.

Friday May 2. Mr Philip Humfrey drew Plans of the churchyards at Upton and Aston Upton which were sent to Mr. Davenport for the business of consecration. They gave the exact measurements etc and were neatly done.

CHURCH SERVICES IN AU-

St Mary's
Sunday 9am

10.30am — Preacher

5 Parish Eucharist

12 10am Patronal Festival

Joint Benefice Service

outside if fine

19 Sung Matins

26 Parish Eucharist

Methodist

Reverend Timothy Dibble

Paul Williams

Gordon Skidmore

at Blewbury

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