

UPTON NEWS

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EVENTS DIARY



Village Produce Associations's Sale

When you are lifting and splitting perennials in the next few weeks, remember that the Upton and Blewbury PVA are having a **Bring and Buy Plant (and Cake) Sale** at 2.30pm on **Saturday 13 October** at **Abners, Church Lane, Blewbury**. It is a good opportunity to increase your stock of plants inexpensively and to buy a homemade cake as well.

B.H.

BEYOND GLOBALISATION — EXCITING NEW ALTERNA-

Abingdon Earthcare invites you to a public meeting on **Thursday 11 October at 7.30pm** at **The Abbey Hall, Guildhall, Abingdon**. Free entry and refreshments.

This event will look at how economic globalisation is harming people and the earth, and present sustainable alternatives which give priority to rebuilding local economies, communities and environments.

The speakers will be Dr. Caroline Lucas, MEP, an expert on globalisation and localisation and James Robertson, a leading UK new economics writer. There will be ample time for questions and a rich variety of literature available.

Abingdon EarthCare is a voluntary Local Agenda 21 Group, founded in 1998, whose aim is to promote sustainable living in and around Abingdon.

The organisers invite you to 'Come and find out about the problems of globalisation and what changes are needed to safeguard our children's world'. The meeting is supported by the Vale of the White Horse District Council and Oxfordshire County Council.

GHOSTLY ENCOUNTERS



Illustration by Phiz (with apologies) from the frontispiece of *Bleak House* by Charles Dickens

Come to the **Village Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday 3 November** to hear some ghost stories suitable for the Hallowe'en season, retold in readings by village thespians, including youngsters, with interludes from Sine Nomine Singers.

An unconventional Victorian evening listening to five rousing tales — recounted by different voices — ranging from melodramatic and creepy to ghoulish comedy. No clanking chains or gibbering spirits. Tickets can be obtained from **Geoffrey Summers (850801)** or **Peter Gardiner (850449)** at £5 (£3 for OAPs and children). All proceeds to Douglas House Hospice.

The Sine Nomine Singers, who David Dendy has led from Upton for more than thirty years, will also be performing at **St. Mary's, Streatley on Saturday 20 October at 8pm**. The theme is Autumn, expressed in words and music. This fund raising concert is for the church's organ fund.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Who's for a Games Wall?

The September edition of Upton News may have led other Upton residents to believe that the people living in Beeching Close and Station Road who are likely to be most affected by the siting of the proposed facility as indicated — namely the Churchman, de Wilde and Shaw families — were in full support of the above facility and its proposed location. Although these families acknowledge the need for more facilities for teenagers in the village, it is categorically not the case that the proposal as presented has their approval and the matter has now been raised formally with Upton Parish Council.

Edith Churchman
R.S. Churchman
John Churchman
Gillian Churchman

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

What's in it for co-ordinators?

I You become a member of a team working to protect everyone from crime.

I Neighbourhood Watch is all about looking out for each other.

I It is not about being nosy but about being aware, being a good neighbour and caring for your community.

I Operating together means that many eyes and ears are aware of any happenings that may cause worry or concern.

I You can help to allay the fear of crime, especially for people who live alone.

Possible bogus road-menders

I Some men have been calling round the village on the pretext of offering to clean and repair your driveway. They do not sound legitimate, please be on the alert.

I At lunchtime on Thursday 20 September a robbery took place in the High Street area. An intruder forced his way into a house and made off with a sum of cash. Advice to elderly or vulnerable neighbours is to keep doors and windows locked and be particularly wary of callers.

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50 Club Winners

August £10 Mrs Miller; £7 Mrs Collins; £5 Mrs Temple; £4 Mrs Durbin.

Good luck to Londis

A well kept secret has been the re-vamping of what has become our nearest local grocery store: Londis on Curie Avenue, 'up the Atom' — as the UKAEA was once called by Uptonians.

Bill and Veronica Jones took over a year ago. They are well stocked and breaking even and 'if it fails it won't be for want of trying.' Now leafleting, Bill says 'we need the villages to come along to give us a reasonable return.'

The Jones' live in Burford, have a newsagents in Charlbury and the UKAEA Londis is open seven days a week: Mon-Sat 8-8, Sun 10-4. It is 'still growing' and Bill anticipates 'we'll be here for many years to come.'

C.H.

SOUTH AND VALE CARERS CENTRE

This organisation offers information, advice and support to anyone looking after another person who because of age, physical or mental illness/disability, is unable to look after themselves. If you are a carer it can help you.

The centre is based in Didcot, with outreach workers through South Oxon and the Vale of the White Horse.

They make home visits to discuss the services and benefits needed for those with a caring

role. People can also drop into the centre between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday to talk over their concerns. Appointments can be arranged outside these times.

There are benefits and services available to support carers. One call to the centre's free confidential service will provide the information to enable you to decide the support you need. If they can assist call 510212.

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Unfriendly letterboxes

Have you ever posted anything through your own letterbox? No? Then please try right now! How was it? Having done a lot of delivery around the village I am amazed at the variety of mailboxes. Some eat gloves, other prefer fingers! Some are too small even for a letter, others are too high, some too low, some are hard to find and others non-existent. So please take pity on those who deliver to your house, including the postman and paper boy.

Ann Dendy

CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER

St Mary's	Methodist
Sunday 9am	
10.30am — Preacher	
7 Parish Eucharist	Reverend Timothy Dibble
followed by coffee and a family discussion with the Deanary Training Officer then brunch in the Old School.	All are welcome
14 Parish Eucharist	B. Dams
21 Choral Matins	Peter Hemmings
28 Parish Eucharist	F. Wood

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