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EVENTS DIARY

Children in Need Theme Night AT THE GEORGE & DRAGON, UPTON 16TH NOVEMBER 2001

The BBC Children in Need Appeal is a charity event held annually all round the country. We have chosen 102 Dalmations as our fancy dress competition theme, so on that Friday night (from 7pm) expect a lot of big spotty dogs around Upton.

An auction on Thursday 8 November (starting 8pm) will lead up to the big day. Among all sorts of items already donated are a holiday in France, a 1-year gold card for a local fitness club, a mobile phone, vouchers for meals, clothes and drycleaning, a magnum of champagne and cakes. Some things will have a reserve price and become raffle prizes on 16 November if this is not reached.

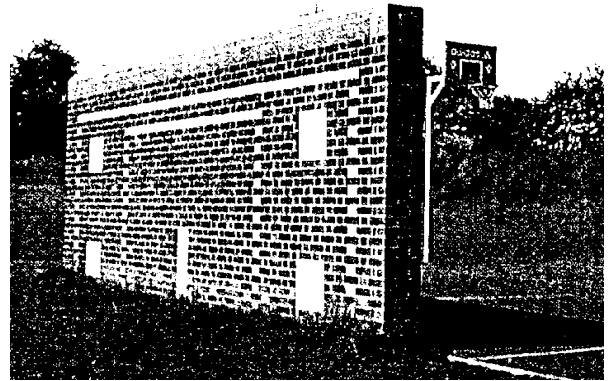
On 16 November there will be a marquee in the car-park, parking in the neighbouring field, a barbecue, and the Grand Finale will include live music from Carroll Rees. Thanks for all donations and do come and help to make our two Children in Need evenings a success.

Sue and Chris Linney

Tuesday Tiddlywinks

All Toddlers and Babies of Upton please tell your Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Carers that Tiddlywinks has moved from Thursday to Tuesday. (Same time though: 9-30-11.00ish. Every week we try to do some little activity but there's always all the usual fun of Play-dough and sharing toys and making new little friends. Don't forget this year our Christmas Party is on 11 December.

Deborah Marinkovic



VILLAGE OPINION ON THE RECREATION GROUND

The two questionnaires circulated last month — one to adults, the other to young people — have produced a useful response to Parish Council plans to develop the recreation ground. There will be an **Open Meeting on Tuesday, 4 December at 8pm** in the village hall to discuss points raised in the answered questionnaires and decide how to proceed.

Statistics indicate that of the 25% of adults who returned the questionnaire 66% were in favour of a multi-sport games wall and hard court and 33% against, though some were not sure. Of the young people, 33% replied with a 100% yes vote for the wall. In all 47 questionnaires were answered.

Various ideas emerged about what exactly is required. So, if you are interested, do come to the meeting.

Carol Hall

Parish Council sub-committee

120 YEARS AGO

Friday August 31, 1883. Buried at Upton, 6.30pm George Hazell. He was a ganger over the permanent way Navvies and dropped dead in the Railway cutting on Wednesday morning. At the Coroner's Inquest it was elicited that he really belonged to Churchill near Calne, but had deserted his wife and children three years ago. He was passing under the name of George Brown and was about to marry a young woman of Cold Ash! He resided at Chilton but was buried at Upton, as the inquest was held at the George & Dragon where the body was taken. His wife came from Churchill and recognised the body but would not follow the funeral. I proceeded from the churchyard gate straight to the grave and the corpse was not taken into the church. (Excerpt from the diary of Reverend Richard Hooper, Upton's first vicar.)

LIGHTING BONFIRES

Please, please could the householders of Upton think twice when lighting bonfires during the day. On a lovely sunny and windy day following days of rain, I had clean washing, bedding and clothes on the washing line outside.

When discovering the smell of smoke drifting into the garden from a bonfire it all had to be re-washed. Very frustrating. We don't like to wear clothes smelling of bonfires. This isn't the first time.

We light bonfires considerately, at tea-time or in early evening.

Mary Hetherington
Chilton Road



VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION AGM

Do you want to have your say about VPA affairs? Got a question about the committee's actions this year?

Then come along to the AGM on Wednesday, 7 November at 7.30 in the Vale Room, Blewbury Village Hall.

Without your involvement the VPA will wither and die. Eight committee members will be standing down and all except Brenda Hopkins will be offering themselves for re-election, thus at least one new committee member is required.

Want to stand or know more? Speak to Joyce Gilbert (850388), Malcolm Wright (850705) or Caroline Ball

(850053).

At the AGM you also get the chance to vote for the officials for the forthcoming year. Know someone who would like to be Treasurer or even Chairman? They need to be on the committee first but anyone could do it, and new blood is especially welcome. After the meeting Ian Butterfield will give a talk entitled 'Travels in Butuan' accompanied by 3D slides. Free entry to members.

Please also note that on 7 December the popular fireside gardening evening will be at Toad Hall, Upton. £2 including refreshments.

Post Office News

Christmas will soon be upon us, so we should all be thinking about sending those overseas presents and cards. Last posting date for airmail outside Europe is 7 December.

Phonecards for the UK and rest of the world are now on sale at the PO. They are a very good rate compared with other cards, paying by the second with no hidden charges, and they can be used via landlines and mobiles. A good idea for a Christmas present?

Best wishes

Margaret Maytham

Upton beautician

Felicity Amos ITEC, CIBTAC is a fully qualified Beauty Therapist who runs a convenient mobile service.

She says: 'I can offer professional skincare advice and a wide range of beauty treatment using Dermalogica products for the face and body and a luxurious selection of Jessica manicure and pedicure treatments, together with the St. Tropez natural tanning system, which gives the appearance of having been somewhere exotic without the risk of sunburn!'

For more information you can contact her on 850404.

50 Club Winners

September £15 Mrs Gardiner; £15 Mrs Hall; £10 Mr Abbott; £7 Mrs Abbott; £5 Mr Wright; £4 Mrs Wright.

CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

St Mary's

Sunday 9am

10.30am — Preacher

4 Parish Eucharist

11 Parish Eucharist

18 Choral Matins

25 Parish Eucharist

Methodist

Reverend Timothy Dibble

Alan Fudge

Derek Morton

Reverend Malcolm Atherton

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