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Recreation ground

Thirty people — young and old — came along to discuss the plan for developing the recreation ground. Some aired their misgivings about the PC's proposals but the consensus was positive, the meeting even described as 'vibrant'. Craig Mortiboys, Sports Development Manager for the VOWH, set the argument in a wider context by explaining the Vale's policy of encouraging better facilities for out-door activities in the villages for the benefit of local communities, and society at large. Their sports workers would help to organise team games, etc. if Upton had a hardsurface area and multisport wall.

The pressing point raised by the questionnaires was exactly where the site would be located. This was left open, but probably beside the old railway line as far from Beeching Close and Fieldside as practicable. Volunteers for the working party are: Jo Murphy, Graham De Wilde, Tony Durbin, Shaun Whiter, Sam Parham, Philip Dawson and Matthew Hubbard. Still needed, a civil engineer.

Carol Hall

SWINGING OIL SYNDICATE

The Upton Oil syndicate is in full swing. At the last count we had 47 members from the village (and one from Blewbury!) with a combined annual consumption well in excess of 100,000 litres. The main aim of the syndicate is to amalgamate our individual needs into a few co-ordinated 'village deliveries' throughout the year allowing us to shop around and get a decent discount on price. In August we ordered just under 40,000 litres for the village across 30 houses and we have just ordered another 16,000 to see us through the winter period. Want to join or find out more? Just give me a ring.

Colin Batchelor 851362

This has been received from Bruno Peek, OBE, Chairman

The Golden Jubilee

Summer Party

Monday, 3rd June 2002

A chance for all to get involved —
to have fun — to unite and celebrate

In 2002 the Queen's Golden Jubilee provides a unique opportunity for families, friends and communities to come together to celebrate a major milestone in history, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's 50th year as Monarch.

Everyone across the UK, the Channel Islands and the Commonwealth is being encouraged to join in the festivities by organising a Garden or Street Party and/or the lighting of a Beacon or Bonfire.

At lunchtime on 3rd June church bells, gongs, whistles and drums will herald the beginning of the celebrations. Later, Her Majesty the Queen will light a Beacon in London — the first of a multitude of Beacons and Bonfires which will spread light from John O'Groats to Land's End, to the outer extremes of the UK and beyond into the Commonwealth, forming a grand visual finale for what will be a memorable day.

Suggestions so far are for a village 'Tea Party' on the recreation ground, perhaps followed by an evening BBQ. How can Upton make this occasion really special? Please forward your ideas to the Village Hall Entertainments Committee — Jessie West, Sheila Parker, Sheila Dawson, Sue Bibby, Frances Telling.

OXFORD TOURING
THEATRE COMPANY presents

ARTHUR

THE SWORD AND THE LEGEND

It is the 5th century. The King, Uther Pendragon, lies dangerously ill, his people are troubled and at war... only he

who can pull the sword Excalibur
from the stone can unite the nation ...
then a boy, Arthur, steps forward.

An adventure of castles and kings and swords and sorcery unfolds as we follow Arthur as child king,

his romancing of Guinevere,
heroic and chivalrous deeds with the
Knights of the Round Table and
Sir Galahad's quest for the Holy Grail

Coming to Upton Village Hall,
Tuesday, 19th February 2002, 7.30pm
FOR A FAMILY AUDIENCE FROM 6 — 96!
Tickets £5, £3 concession, from
Jessie West 851206

Blewbury Youth Club ...

The Youth Club meets every Wednesday during term-time, from 7-9pm at Blewbury Village Hall. Children between the ages of 10-16 may attend if they live in Blewbury or Upton.

Activities include table tennis, badminton, football, hockey, snooker, basketball, kwik cricket, art and crafts and a disco at the end of term. We also arrange outings, eg. ice skating. In the summer the school allows us to use its grounds. We have a tuck shop which is kindly run

by volunteers of the Parochial Church Council.

There is a yearly membership of £1 and subs of £1 paid weekly. We have two youth workers, a parent helper and usually a committee member in attendance.

For further details and information about conditions of membership please contact Liz 851145 or Hilary 851037 or alternatively drop in at a session to get a 'taster' and speak to the Youth workers Dan and Trina.

Liz

... and Kids at Play Group

The Blewbury Kids at Play group has been formed to raise money to provide new recreational facilities for the local youngsters. A variety of events are planned.

In conjunction with the villages' pubs we are running a Pub Games Pentathalon over the next five months. The first event is a pool competition and will take

place at the Barley Mow, London Road, over the weekend of 19th and 20th January. There will be a small entry fee and a prize for the winner.

Those who are interested can just turn up on the day or telephone Andy on 850296 for further details.

Michaela Springford

FUND-RAISING RESULTS

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal raised £232.43p this year in Upton. Thank you very much to all the collectors and to everybody who gave so generously.

Helen Weston

Following Ghostly Encounters, the Victorian evening in the Village Hall, Peter Gardiner sent a cheque for £150 to Douglas House Hospice.

At the George & Dragon the Children in Need Appeal raised £1,500.

UPTON & BLEWBURY VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION



At the AGM in November the following were elected as officers: Chairperson Caroline Ball, Vice-Chairperson Alfred Timblich, Treasurer Margaret Maytham, Secretary Malcolm Wright. The Show Secretary position is to be shared between Karen Brooks and Richard Roslyn.

CHURCH SERVICES CHRISTMAS, JANUARY AND CANDLEMAS

St Mary's
Sunday 9am

Methodist

10.30am —

Preacher

Dec. 23 Parish Eucharist
4pm Carol Service

Brenda Boyer

24 Mon. 4pm Crib Service

30 Parish Eucharist

Georgina Wood

Jan.

6 Parish Eucharist

David Martin

13 Parish Eucharist

Reverend Timothy Dibble

20 Mattins

Stephen Atkinson

27 Parish Eucharist

Elizabeth Wood

Feb. 3 Candlemas — Family Eucharist

Following the October church meeting and responding to the request from village families we shall be holding our first

Post Office Xmas

Opening Times

27 December — usual hours

31 December — 1—3pm

2 January — usual hours

50 Club Winners

October £10 Mr S. Brown; £7 Mrs Milford-Cottam; £5 Mrs Marriott; £4 Mr Jacklin.

November £10 Mr J. Lightfoot; £7 Mrs E. Webb; £5 Mr J. Grimshaw; £4 Mr.J. Abbott.

Correction

The telephone number of beauty therapist Felicity Amos is 850504 (not 404) and her mobile is 07754 863118.

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