

UPTON NEWS



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Children's Party

Wednesday 27 March, 2.00-4.30pm
Village Hall

Small people of Upton — this year we have moved your party to the first week of the Easter holidays, hoping to take advantage of better weather. There will be an 'outdoor adventure/treasure hunt' in and around the recreation ground for ages 5 upwards. So, those with a good imagination will be well suited. Those that haven't had better brush up on the stories! In the event of bad weather there will be various activities in the hall. Accompanied under 5's are welcome too.

After you've been worn out (or maybe that's us) tea will be provided by parents of Upton Tiddlywinks. Funds have kindly been raised by the Village Hall Amenities Trust and there is **no charge** for Upton children. We may need you to dress in a colour theme (yet to be decided). We need to know numbers, so to reserve your places please ask your mum/dad to call Colin (851362) or Jo (850701). Any offer of help will be welcome. Hope you can make it.

Colin Batchelor

LAST TALLY HO!

On Friday 1 March the Garth and South Berks Hunt met at Upton. I'd never been hunting before but wanted to see for myself what it was all about, so this was my first and, if a ban is effected later this year, possibly my last experience of it. I am grateful to Hilary Powell for lending me everything required, from horse to outfit, and for guiding me safely over ditch and field for the entire day.

After much cleaning and polishing of myself, not to mention the tack, and a fumbling attempt at mane plaiting we set off to meet the rest of the Hunt at Henry Bucknell's farm. There a welcome stirrup cup and clutch of supporters awaited us. One of them, upon seeing my horse's tail sporting a red tie remarked 'Is that to show you're a novice?' This did nothing for my confidence and I decided to set myself the modest aim of simply trying to stay on.

We set off at a brisk canter and within

SKITTLES AND SUP-

Saturday 6 April, 7.00 for 7.30pm start
Village Hall

No need to play, just come and enjoy the good food and good company
Tickets £5 available from Jessie West 851206, Sheila Parker 850591, Sheila Dawson 851205, Sue Bibby 851135 and Frances Telling 850448.

Who's Who in Upton 2002

It has been suggested that a pictorial record of everyone living in the village be made, at this time of the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

Would you be willing to let us have a photograph of yourself... as a couple... as a family, whichever applies? Or let us come and take a photograph? Someone will contact you sometime during the next month or two.

Jessie

STOP PRESS Oil Syndicate

Those who wish to be included in the March delivery (minimum order 500 litres) please contact me asap. The next 'big delivery' will not be until August. Anybody intending to join or interested in finding our more just ring Colin Batchelor 851362.

just a few minutes screeched to a halt whilst the hounds explored a cover. This seemed to set the pattern for the day: exhilarating riding at a fast pace, followed by periods of standing and waiting. During the course of the day residents of Upton may have heard us clattering down Frog Alley, up and down the Coffin trail or negotiating the numerous ditches and embankments in the vicinity.

To my secret delight the majority of Upton's foxes outwitted us, but it was a fabulous day's riding spent in enjoyable company with people who care passionately about this countryside pastime and tradition. With the issue of hunting looming on the parliamentary horizon I'm glad I can at least contribute to the debate from the perspective of having experienced it at first hand.

By the way, whatever happens it will be the end for the Garth and South Berks, which is amalgamating next season with another hunt.

Sarah Tenant-Flowers

CHILTON SCHOOL

Chilton School Nursery class is due to open in September 2002. It will be in a purpose built unit within a brand new primary school and will take children from the age of 3 until they are ready for school entry at 5.

It will be staffed by an experienced teacher and nursery nurse and will give children the opportunity to develop academically and socially in an exciting new environment.

The catchment area for this nursery covers the villages of Chilton, Upton, Hagbourne, Blewbury, South Moreton and the Hendreds.

Please contact the school (834263) if you would like to have more information and admission details.

Christine Dunsdon
Headteacher

50 Club Winners

January £10 Mr Hammond, £7 Mrs Brown, £5 Mrs Shayler, £4 Mrs Amos.
February £10 Mrs Pattison, £7 Dr. Rowbotham, £5 Mrs. Bonner, £4 Mrs Schumacher.

BAVARIAN NIGHT

Blewbury School PTA proudly presents a **Bavarian Night** on Saturday 16 March in Blewbury Village Hall. Tickets £12 each (10% reduction for booking 10 or more) are on sale at the School Office, the Post Office and Savages. Supper is included. This promises to be an entertainment-packed evening, so please come along!

Virginia Ifould

POST OFFICE NEWS

I have received the annual list for concessionary fare tokens. If you have received them before, your name goes forward but if you have had your 60th or 65th birthday in the last year and would like to receive them please telephone Mrs Hine 840370. Also a reminder that your post office can acquire many currencies and travellers cheques within 2-3 working days sold commission free, except 1.5% for sterling. NB The Post Office will be shut on Monday 25 March.

Margaret Maytham

Upton & Blewbury VPA Events



Wednesday 3 April 7.30pm

Vale Room: May Baker will speak about Fruit, Fungi and Berries.

Chelsea Flower Show. We have two tickets for 23 May, price £36. Contact Margaret Maytham 850364, who will draw a lucky winner.

Plant Auction Saturday 25 May, Blewbury (venue to be confirmed). All plants should be well established and named.

Hampton Court Palace Show 2-7 July. We have been selected to present a Hanging Basket and a Window Box. Caroline Ball 850053 and Richard Roslyn 850356 will be organising these displays. Anyone who is able to help in any way please contact them.

Neighbourhood Watch

As many of you are aware, there was a burglary in Stream Road on 5 February between 1.30 and 3pm. Sadly these incidents are on the increase and I would urge everyone to be more vigilant and keep an eye out for one another. These recent break-ins have all happened in broad daylight. Keep this police tel. number handy: 01235 776000. If you would like to receive NHW updates via e-mail please contact me at CeliaDavies@ad.com.

Celia Davies

CHURCH SERVICES MARCH/

ST. MARY'S

March Sunday 9am

Preacher

3 Family Eucharist
10 Parish Eucharist —
Mothering Sunday
17 Matins

Dibble

24 Parish Eucharist —
Palm Sunday
31 Parish Eucharist —
Easter Day

April 7 Family Eucharist

14 Parish Eucharist
21 Matins

METHODIST

10.30am

Alan Fudge
At Blewbury

Reverend Timothy

Paul Williams

At Blewbury

Georgina Wood

Derek Morton
Mark Kimber

Services for Holy Week — March

St. Mary's Monday 25, 8pm
— Holy Eucharist with Sermon

St Andrew's Tuesday 26, 8pm
— Holy Eucharist with Sermon

St. Michael's Wednesday 27, 8pm
— Holy Eucharist with Sermon

St. Andrew's Thursday 28, 8pm
— Celebration of the Last Supper

St. Mary's Friday 29, 2pm
— One Hour at the Cross

St. Michael's Saturday 30, 9pm
— First Eucharist of Easter

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