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ST MARY'S NEEDS A NEW ROOF



ANNUAL GARDEN FETE

Saturday 7 September
2pm Village Hall

Proceeds to the Roof Fund
Buy tiles and have them
transcribed with your name

All the popular stalls, entertainment
and teas
Plus VINTAGE CARS AND TRACTORS



New Bus Timetable

Since July Thames Travel has added extra buses to provide an hourly service throughout the day, with two late pickups from Didcot Parkway station. Upton is well served by public transport now. Please use these buses. (NB Tappins Wednesday bus has ceased.)

Buses from Upton Monday-Friday: 07.43 08.48 09.35 10.35 11.35 12.35 13.35 14.35 15.48 16.48 Saturday: 07.48 08.48 09.35 10.35 11.35 12.35 13.35 14.35 15.48 16.48
From Didcot Broadway Monday-Friday: 8.13 9.07 10.06 11.06 12.06 13.06 14.06 15.20 16.11 17.11 18.11 18.58 19.43 Saturday: 8.17 10.10 11.10 12.10 13.10 14.10 15.24 16.15 17.15
J.G.

Upton and nearby villages face a traffic threat

Traffic is set to become denser in and around Didcot, with the new Orchard Centre in the offing and, more particularly, the projected new housing to the west and south-west of Didcot.

A report by the Colin Buchanan Partnership for South Oxfordshire District Council — the Didcot Integrated Transport Study — is a shopping list of various suggestions for alleviating traffic problems over the next ten years.

It is based on the criteria laid down by the Council:

'to provide sustainable travel facilities to meet the reasonable demands of all residents, visitors and workers; to reduce dependence on the car through alternatives; to minimise car use where new building takes place and to preserve and enhance the local environment.'

The villages around Didcot are frequently mentioned in the report, always with the proviso that the parish councils are consulted on all points.

The short term suggestions that involve Upton have little to add to the recent improvements already made to bicycle amenities (the Sustrans track into Didcot along the old railway line, with its ramp at the end of Chapel Furlong) and the expansion of the No. 134 bus service to Didcot (see left). The report does say that traffic calming may be necessary in the villages, and specifically suggests a traffic island at the junction of the A417 and Chilton Road.

Your transport representatives are, however, much more apprehensive about the implications of the planned development of new housing to the south-west of Didcot, on which the report is, to say the least, vague.

If access from these new houses onto Park Road is unrestricted, the ensuing congestion in the Hagbournes and Harwell, and consequently on the A417 in Upton and Blewbury, is an appalling prospect. These villages will need to co-ordinate a response to this environmental threat.

Peter and Juliet Gardiner

UPTON OIL SYNDICATE

As we are now in the middle of summer, most of you will have forgotten about how much oil you have in your tanks. I shall be getting ready to put together the next bulk delivery for the syndicate in the next couple of weeks. Delivery will be arranged for sometime in August/September depending on how desperate we are! This order is usually the biggest delivery (with hopefully

the biggest discount) and you can be included providing you can take 500 litres. So now is the time to top up the tanks before the autumn.

To be included ring me on 851362 or e-mail to colin.batchelor@eggconnect.net. If you haven't joined and want to find out more just ring.

Colin Batchelor

Jubilee gamble that paid off

The volunteers who regularly organise our social life can rarely predict whether or not their best efforts may put the village in the red. So it's satisfying to record that the success of Upton's Golden Jubilee fund-raising and partying exceeded expectations. Here is the book-keeping that shows how the whole thing worked out.

Garden Party 3 June

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| Income | |
| Proceeds from Sale | £294.06 |
| Donations | 76.00 |
| Sale of 6 mugs | 24.00 |
| Total | 394.06 |

Expenditure

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|------------------|-------|
| T.D.H. | 76.72 |
| Premier Trophies | |

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| 199.69 | |
| Tesco | 110.67 |
| Prizes | 6.49 |
| String | 3.70 |
| Eggs | 4.20 |
| County Supplies | 9.67 |
| Total | 411.14 |

Video and Supper Evening June 8

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| Income | |
| Ticket Sales | 232.00 |
| Donations | 5.00 |
| Total | 237.00 |

Expenditure

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| Equipment Hire | 158.00 |
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CHURCH SERVICES IN AUGUST

ST. MARY'S

Sunday 9am

10.30am — Preacher

- 4 Family Eucharist
- 11 Matins

- 10 am 17 Patronal Festival * Andrew Lockley
- 25 Parish Eucharist

* We celebrate St. Mary our patron saint on 17 August, when our sister churches join us. If you want to be part of a special service, do come along.

Friends and visitors always welcome

METHODIST

- Alan Fudge
- Barbara Sexton

Terence Adams

Wanted!

I am running the Children's Tombola for the church fete on 7 September and desperately need small prizes in good condition suitable for ages 0-12. Perhaps if mums are having a clear-out during the holiday they could think of me? Items can be left on my doorstep. Thank you for your help.

C e l i a

Davies

Letters to Editor

I would very much like to thank everyone who has sent good wishes, cards and flowers following my operation. Also the unknown donor of the lovely cherries.

I really appreciate all the kindness and help I have received and look forward to walking round the village with renewed vigour before too long.

Daphne Simpson

Congratulations to Jessie and Tony West who on June 2 quietly celebrated their Ruby Wedding in the midst of all the preparation for Upton Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

Thank you to Jessie for her planning, preparation and organising a super tea party and supper evening.

A wonderful time was enjoyed by all who were at the celebrations.

Anon

Christian Aid

The total amount raised in the village during the recent house-to-house collection was £278, an increase of £20 over last year. A sincere thank you to all who contributed to achieve this result and also to those who helped with the collection.

Alec Chenery

50 Club Winners

May £10 Mr Bibby, £7 Mrs Amos, £5 Mrs Abbott, £4 Mrs Whitmell

June £10 Mrs Fenn, £7 Mrs Potter, £5 Mrs Dauria, £4 Mr Noble

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