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The George and Dragon a hundred years ago. Outside are the Summersby family, who ran it.

SATURDAY 21 JUNE
7.30pm onwards

OFFICIAL LAUNCH PARTY AT THE PUB

Buffet and Musical Entertainment

VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR

We are still one person short on the Parish Council. If anyone feels they could give up some time to serve on this it would be very helpful. Those interested please get in touch with: **Mrs Lynne Riordan,** Clerk to Upton Parish Council, Freshfields, Chievely RG20 8TF, 01635 247855.

Vic and Sheila Dawson

invite you to their

OPEN GARDEN

at 2 Fieldside on
Sunday 29 June
2-6pm

Lots of plants to see on one side and hollyhocks, delphiniums, on the other. Fuschias and bedding plants, tubs and baskets. **Teas and cakes.**

All proceeds for Village Hall Funds.

SOME of you will already have noticed that the **George and Dragon** is under new management yet again — this time though I can assure you all that we are here to stay.

We offer a wide choice of **home-cooked meals** and serve food from 12—3pm and 7—9.30pm Monday to Saturday, and 12-4pm on Sunday. **The pub is now open all day, every day for drinks.**

We are looking for staff to help us in our new venture and if anyone is interested in joining us for a few shifts, please enquire at the bar.

Andrew will manage the pub on our behalf, but you can rest assured that my wife and I will spend much of our time there.

Children are welcome. As you know, there is an extensive play area and outdoor dining in the Beer Garden.

We look forward to seeing all of you in the near future,and in the meantime, if there is anything you would like to see happening in *your* pub (free beer and food excepted), please come in and tell us.

Robert and Janice Carolan

The Crown at Marcham — the Carolans other pub, where they live — is apparently King of Pub Curries. At the G & D there are now 10 kinds of curry on the board, and 10 specials.

Ed.

OUTING AND FLOWER FESTIVAL

Saturday 7 June: Classical temples and statues are almost as plentiful as trees in the gardens designed by William Kent. This is what you will see at Rousham Park. If you would like to join other VPA members or friends to visit this very interesting park, meet at the Manor, Blewbury at 2pm, or you could go direct to Rousham Park. If you would like a lift or have spare seats in your car please liaise with Margaret Maytham **850364.**

Saturday 21 June. Flower Festival at the Blewbury Festival. The VPA have been requested to support this event and are happy to accept. Caroline Ball, Karen Brooks, and Ken and Maureen Pottle will devise and execute an arrangement to complement the event. Both cakes and plants will be appreciated. All those able to contribute please liaise with Karen **850219,** or Ken and Maureen **850839**.

Happy Gardening!

Alf Timblick

Village Car Share — promoted by Oxfordshire County Council. To find out about this scheme tel. 08700 11 11 99 or go to www.villagecarshare.com or www.liftshare.com **J&P.G**

A BIG THANK YOU

To everyone who gave their time and energy to help clear litter throughout the village and surrounding area. We collected an astronomical number of bags of rubbish, many of which were taken away by the council and some which were taken by people to the dump. Throughout the week leading up to the 12 April people were out doing their bit. The result was little or no litter.

Despite there being no National Litter Day this year I feel we did incredibly well. So thank you to everyone for their help in making the village a little nicer.

Graham de Wilde

Need help with the world wide web?

The ICT room at Blewbury School was built for the children and also for use by people of all ages who are curious to find out what computers and the internet are all about. There will be two introductory sessions, free of charge, starting at 7.30pm **— on Thursday 3 and Tuesday 8 July.** Do come along on either day — both if you wish.

Robert Long 850427
Marion Mills 850411
(headteacher).

Does anyone want the company of a dog without the tie?

I am looking for someone in the village who is home during the day and would like to look after a puppy/dog for some of the day. I've been offered a Labrador pup but I work in Abingdon and cannot take it on without somebody's help. I am willing to pay a small amount to the right person. If you can help please pop round or call me.

Belinda Drew
850584, 8 Fieldside.

A BROADBAND SET-UP FEE BONUS

There is more good news about Upton's broadband internet access. The South East England Development Agency (SEEDA) have approved a grant of just under £14,000 to help pay the capital costs of our new wireless network. This in turn has enabled our supplier Invisible Networks to reduce everyone's set-up fee by £100 — so if you have ordered a Standard Service, you will now only pay a one-off charge of £99, including VAT, as well as the monthly usage fees. Similarly, the Premium setup fee will be £199, not £299. Please note that these prices will also apply to all new orders, now and in the future. So if you want high-speed internet and haven't yet got around to placing a pre-order, get on over to www.didcotring.uk.net and sign on the dotted today! We're still on course for a late-summer service launch in Blewbury, Upton and the Astons. If you have any questions please contact me at **851055** or chris@chapmansbarn.com.

Chris Whatmore

50 Club Winners

May £10 Mrs Hardwick, £7 Mr Wright, £5 Mrs Maunsell, £4 Mrs Curran.

CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE

ST. MARY'S Sunday 9am		METHODIST 10.30am — Preacher
1	Parish Eucharist	Barbara Kershaw
8	Parish Eucharist	Georgina Wood
15	Matins	Brenda Boyer
22	Parish Eucharist	Rev. Malcolm Atherton
29	Parish Eucharist	Mark Kimber

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