

# UPTON NEWS

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## How to make the most of our website

The new village web site was launched in September at [www.uptonvillage.co.uk](http://www.uptonvillage.co.uk) and it has already received some good feedback and contributions from villagers. Although run by the Parish Council, this is not just for their use — it's there for all of us to share news and information.

There is no intention to replace *Upton News*; however a web site has some advantages over a newsletter — it can be updated instantly with news and information, it is permanent in nature (for example all 60 copies of *Upton News* can be found there) and virtually unlimited in size (no news is too trivial!), it can be easily searched, and of course is in glorious colour.

The amount of content grows continually, but it already includes a wealth of information which changes all the time: village news (and that includes you!), live traffic reports, Upton's current weather — updated every half hour and the forecast for the next five days — planning applications, minutes from Parish Council meetings, details of amenities such as the Post Office and village hall, church services, club details and news, transport information, including current arrival and departure times at Didcot railway station, bus timetables and restaurant and other reviews which you can write or comment on, local crime news, today's news in Oxfordshire, articles on Upton's history, photographs of Upton and its residents from the last 100 years, downloadable and interactive maps and aerial images, classified ads where you can advertise for free, events diary and copies of *Upton News* going back six years.

Over the coming months we intend to add even more material in the form of historic photos and archive information, etc., but we would also like to expand it to increase the usefulness to the community, perhaps in the form of a discussion forum, youth pages, etc.

### EASY TO USE

Hopefully the site is easy to use. Every page includes a menu bar across the top — as you move the mouse over a menu item, another menu can appear showing more options. Simply click on any menu item to go to that section. Under *Home*

**HARVEST SUPPER**  
**Monday 9 October 7pm**  
in the Village Hall  
Tickets £6 from Helen Weston 850031  
and Jessie West 851206  
for St. Mary's and Upton Methodist Church

## OXFORD TOURING THEATRE COMPANY

**The Firebird**  
by Jane Buckler

Coming to Upton Village Hall

**Saturday 18 November 7pm**

An exciting enchanting new play for family audiences, based on the classic Russian folk tale. Prepare to be dazzled!

## UPTON CHILDRENS' XMAS PARTY

**Wednesday 20 December 5-7pm**

at Upton Village Hall. Admission Free  
A fun disco for children aged 2 to 11yrs  
Hot Food and drinks provided  
A special visit from Santa is expected !!  
If you would like your child to attend  
please contact Karen Fenn on 851072  
or Angela Barton on 850957.

there's *Browse* which shows recent items that have been added anywhere in the site, and *Site Map* gives you a complete layout of the site. The left hand column shows an *Events Calendar* (go to the next month by clicking on the arrow) and list of imminent events.

The very top right of every page includes a *Search Box*. Type a word in here and hit *Enter*, and you will get a list of all pages in the site that contain that word. Options on the search results page let you specify how you want the search to be performed.

Below and to the right of the menu bar there is a row of icons. Move the mouse over these to see what they do — they can be used to alter the screen and font size depending on your computer screen and eyesight!

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In general, anything underlined is a link — you can click for more information on all underlined words.

### Registered users

Nearly all the pages can be accessed anyway, but some features are only available if you register on the web site — any resident of Upton can become a registered user simply by requesting a *user name* and *password*. The intention of this restriction is to provide some control over who can see local information such as planning applications, contact details, etc., and also who can submit material to the web site.

Registered users can submit event details, classified ads, news stories and reviews. To register, fill in the *Contact Us* form, or email me at [webmaster@uptonvillage.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@uptonvillage.co.uk). You will receive a user name and password — for example, Fred Bloggs might be given a user name of *fbloggs* and a password of *wurzel*. You can then log in to the site using the boxes at the lower left of the page — once logged in, the additional options will become available to you.

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### Submitting information

You can submit articles in several ways, depending on your level of technical expertise and courage. News can be submitted online or by email — full instructions can be found under *Help* (once you have logged in with your user name and password). Don't worry, nothing is published until it has been approved, so there is no danger of you causing damage, or of anyone posting libellous or obscene material!

### Nothing is too trivial...

If you have anything that you think may be of interest either to people in the village or further afield, please let me know. As I say, no news is too trivial, so stories of spare tickets to a show, a lost pet, or academic achievements, are all newsworthy. Likewise, old photographs and reminiscences of old Upton add greatly to the historical archive already being developed. And finally, if you think of any new features you'd like to see, or would like to help with the management of the site, please let me know.

### Brian Rippon

Autumn Leaves

[webmaster@uptonvillage.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@uptonvillage.co.uk)

### 50s Club Winners

**July** £10 Mrs Concannon, £7 Ms Shaw, £5 Mrs Hardy £4 Mrs Hardwick.

**August** £10 Mr Hubbard, £7 Mr Scarborough, £5 Mrs M. Abbott, £4 Mrs M. Dawson.

### COMING — A STUNNING VPA CALENDAR

At the autumn show in Upton the photography section was splendid; hopefully 12 of our best efforts is becoming a calendar of Blewbury and Upton! A truly great Christmas gift for family and friends will be available in the village post offices.

**Saturday 14 October, 2.30pm**  
Abners, Church Rd, Blewbury, sale of homemade cakes and preserves, plus cuttings and divisions of plants.

**Wednesday 1 November** is our AGM in the Vale Room, 7.30pm. Guest Julie Walsh will speak on trees and shrubs for small gardens. New committee members welcome, also any new villagers!

**Karen Brooks**

### New trees and shrubs

The Parish Council has decided to begin planting the designated conservation area in the Recreation Ground this autumn and would welcome any voluntary help and advice.

### TRIBUTE FROM LOUISE

I expect many of you will have heard the very sad news that Roni, Father Edwin's wife, died in August. She passed away peacefully at Sobell House after a relatively short but critical illness.

We shall all remember Roni in our own special way, but we are particularly conscious of the strength of the bond between Edwin and Roni and the immeasurable support this has given to Edwin's ministry amongst us. **Louise Butler**, Assistant Curate.

### CHURCH SERVICES OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

#### ST. MARY'S

#### Sunday 9am

October	<b>1</b> Parish Eucharist
	<b>8</b> Joining Methodists for their Harvest Festival
	<b>15</b> Parish Eucharist
	<b>22</b> Parish Eucharist
	<b>29</b> Parish Eucharist
November	<b>5</b> Parish Eucharist
	<b>12</b> Parish Eucharist
	<b>19</b> Parish Eucharist
	<b>26</b> Parish Eucharist

#### METHODIST

#### 10.30am — Preacher

At Blewbury
Rev. Helen White
Brenda Boyer
Geoffrey Caudle
Peter Hemmings
Helen Carter
Marlene Chalkley
At Blewbury
Rev. Martin Smithson

Coffee is served after church at St. Mary's on the first Sunday in the month