

# UPTON NEWS

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## ST MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

1st June - 9.00 a.m. - Sung Eucharist  
8th June - 9.00 a.m. - Sung Eucharist  
15th June - 9.00 a.m. - Morning Worship  
22nd June - 9.00 a.m. - Sung Eucharist  
29th June - 10.30 a.m. - Joint Benefice Service  
at Blewbury. No service at St Mary's on this day

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## UPTON METHODIST CHURCH

Services commence at 10:30am

1<sup>st</sup> June Elisabeth Wood  
8<sup>th</sup> June John Dennis  
at Blewbury Methodist Church  
15<sup>th</sup> June Michael Howlett  
22<sup>nd</sup> June Brenda Boyer  
Blewbury Methodists will be joining us  
29<sup>th</sup> June Jim Price  
at Blewbury Methodist Church

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## UVHAT 50 CLUB

£10	Ms S.Tennant Flowers	144
£7	Mrs D. Simpson	84
£5	Mr H.Bucknell	55
£4	Mrs J.Parker	116

Thank you to all subscribers old and new to the 50's Club. The revenue for the hall, after prizes amounts to £500. This income has always supported the running costs of the hall and will continue to be used in this way.

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## OPEN GARDENS

Upton is holding an Open Gardens event on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June from 2 – 6pm**, admission £4 per adult. This is a rare opportunity to explore around 8 gardens not usually accessible to the public and we think you will be delighted and amazed at some of the secrets hidden in them. As well as the gardens there will be plant sales, teas and homemade cakes and musical entertainment on offer, making this an ideal family summer afternoon out.

Offers of cakes for the teas, being served at both the Manor and the Village Hall, would be most welcome and can be left with Jessie before, or at the hall on the day, where they will be divided between the two venues.

Tickets sold only on the day and will include a programme describing all the open gardens. All money raised will be going to the extension of the Upton Village Hall.

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## UPTON LADIES COVEN

Upton Ladies Coven will be meeting for one of our ever popular meals at 7pm in the George & Dragon on Thursday 5th June.

If you would like to join us please either call Lesley Shaw on 850308 and leave a message with your name and contact number or let Maggie Maytham know at the Post Office by no later than Tuesday 3 June so we can let Bill and Ceilo know how many of us to expect.

Anyone not wishing to eat is more than welcome to join us at 8pm as usual.

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## PARISH COUNCIL

### Chairman and Vice chairman.

At the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May, Mike Brown and Belinda Drew were re-elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman for the next 12 months.

### New Meeting Dates.

In order to allow the formation of a second Upton Guide Unit the Parish Council has agreed to move its meeting evenings to the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every odd number month.

The next meeting will be Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

### Environmental Project.

The Parish Council is looking to set up and undertake an amenity improvement project using mainly volunteer effort from parishioners. The intention is to clear the stream alongside Frog Alley and resurface the lane to make it into a really pleasant walk that is useable throughout the year.

The danger of improving the surface is that it will make the lane more attractive for use by cars and motorcyclist that would disturb the local wildlife and the peace and tranquillity of the area beyond Frog Alley Farm. The proposal is to erect a gate just below the pumping station that will be pedestrian access only with local arrangements put in place to allow access for farm vehicles and wheelchairs.

If funding can be raised in time it is intended to do the work in September to cause minimum disruption to wildlife.

If any parishioner has any concerns about the project or the erection of a gate across the lane will they please give me a call on 850135.

### Bus Service

As from 2<sup>nd</sup> June the bus service to and from Didcot will be operated by Heyfordian. Although we have some time changes that do not suit some of the regular users we are fortunate that we have retained 9 journeys per day in both directions between Upton and Didcot. Be careful when planning your journey, not all of the buses take the same route.

In order to retain this level of service we will need to make good use of it, to assist you to use the busses we are printing the full timetable on the back of this newsheet.

### Recreation Ground Fence

Those of you walking across the Recreation ground will have noticed that the fence was vandalised just one week after your council had repaired it. If anyone has any information about who was responsible or saw anyone tampering with the fence

will they please ring Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or give me a call.

### Help Required

In the next few weeks (probably 14<sup>th</sup> June) new safety mats will be fitted under both sets of swings. I will be seeking help from all of you who are on my list of volunteers to help out with such tasks. It is just over 2 years since that list was first put together and although several names have been added I am looking to add a few more.

If you are able to help with manual task similar to the work coming up in the children's play area and you would like to lend a hand please give me a call or better still send me your email address so that I can contact you when we need you.

Mike Brown 850135 [kameki39@btinternet.com](mailto:kameki39@btinternet.com)

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### HALL EXTENSION FUND UPDATE

Promises so far. £1730

Local fund raising. £1045

Total at 1<sup>st</sup> June **£2775**

We are 28% towards our local target so lets keep it going!

### Next Fund Raising Event.

Open Gardens on 29<sup>th</sup> June. See Page 1

### Other Suggested Events.

Offers have been received to investigate the possibility of organising a 'Fun Run' and a 'Pimms, Pate and Pudding Event'.

Come on lets have some more offers, how about a bit of adventure with some sponsored parachute jumping or abseiling, or something a bit less stressful like a ramble or a swim or something even more sedate like a bridge afternoon or perhaps a promises auction. All offers to organise any fund raising event will be gratefully received by your Village Hall committee.

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### GEORGE AND DRAGON

Apologies from Cielo for not providing her normal interesting note, it has been very hectic these last few days. June should be a more routine month and normal service will be resumed in the July issue.

## POST OFFICE LAST BULLETIN

After a lot of campaigning to save the Post Office, you will no doubt be aware that we have been unsuccessful in our bid to remain open. The last day will be Thursday 5th June. I will continue to do the dry cleaning that goes on Wednesdays and Fridays, so if you have anything you want cleaning just phone me. As to the phone number that will change to 850126 as from the 18th June as the line was taken over by the P.O. and will now close down. The Blewbury Bulletin will still come and will have to go in a container on the porch for the time being.

Thank you all for your support and custom over the last 13 years. I will miss you all.

Best Wishes Margaret M Maytham

P.S. The Parish Council is still battling away to retain some sort of Post Office service in the village but the process is similar to kicking at a large bag of wet sand. After much effort movement is nil.

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## UPTON VILLAGE THEATRE GROUP

There are just three tickets left for the Glyndebourne "Magic Flute" in Milton Keynes on Tuesday 18 November. The minibus is secured, but I don't yet have a price for it. The circle tickets are £45 each.

"Joseph" (3 June) and "Love's a Luxury" (31 July) are both fully booked. Any ideas for our first outing for 2009?

Malcolm Wright (01235 850705)

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## VILLAGE DROP-IN SESSIONS

The next three sessions are scheduled for the following Thursdays:

12 June, 26 June and the 10 July  
10.30 until 12.00 noon.

We look forward to seeing you.

Yvonne Collins (01235 850989)

## VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

Our next treat is on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June, when a small group of us will be going to RHS Wisley, coach cost will be £15, entrance free, as we are an affiliated group. Names to Maggie or Austin on 850364 please, spaces are limited, and names on the board at the next talk will be taken first! Members only though, join now! Available at the post offices or via a committee member.

Happy gardening  
Karen Brooks

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## WOMENS INSTITUTE

Wednesday June 25<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm in the Vale Room of Blewbury Village Hall - features Mel Rees "Brought to Book - That's Life" ..... guaranteed to make you laugh!

Visitors made very welcome, give it a try! If you need a lift, contact Rosemary Tilden 850528

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## DIARY DATES

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June

The Annual General Meeting of Upton Village Hall Amenities Trust at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Village Fete - 2.00 p.m. at the Village Hall and Recreation Ground.

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Historic Churches Sponsored Ride & Stride  
If anyone would like to take part in this sponsored event please contact Clare on 850486.

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