

UPTON NEWS

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

ST MARY'S CHURCH

St Mary's Services for January

3rd January - No Service at St. Mary's
We are invited to join the Methodist for their Covenant Service at the Blewbury Methodist Church at 10.30.

10th January - 09.00 Sung Eucharist

17th January - 10.00 Christingle Service.
This is a delightful all age family service. A collection will be taken for the Children's Society. Refreshments will be served after the service.

24th January - 09.00 Sung Eucharist

31st January - 09.00 Sung Eucharist

SPRING LINE METHODIST CHURCH

We have now amalgamated with Blewbury to become the Spring Line Methodist Church so we are now the Upton Centre, and Methodist services will alternate between the Blewbury Centre and the Upton Centre.

Services commence at 10:30am

3rd January at Blewbury, Preacher - Rev. Helen White
St. Mary's and St. Michael's will be joining us for our Covenant Service.

10th January at Upton, Preacher - Helen Carter

17th January at St Michael's Blewbury
A United Service for the week of prayer for Christian Unity.

24th January at Upton, Preacher - Brenda Boyer

31st January at Blewbury, Preacher - John Dennis

THE THEATRE GROUP

I'm very pleased to announce that all tickets are sold for the trip to the Moscow State Circus in Swindon on 7 February, and all places for the outing to Stratford in June to see "Antony and Cleopatra" have been provisionally booked. Given that this is so far ahead, I'm happy to put anyone who is still interested on the reserve list. And given that I have paid for the tickets, indeed they have already arrived, I would be grateful to have the money (£37.50 a head including the minibus) at least as soon as the January sales are over.

Any ideas for October? Opera or musical?

Malcolm Wright (850705)

FAREWELL from GILL

As you may or may not have noticed, I moved out of Mouse House, Station Road on 30th November. It was a great wrench after 51 years, and I'm afraid I rather avoided making what would have been emotional farewells.

I hope to move to Lymington in Hampshire at the end of January, but am temporarily living in Chillton, so I'm sure to bump into many of you while out and about.

I would like to express my gratitude to Upton and its inhabitants for giving me such a good place to live for so long. No doubt I shall be able to hear all your news as it happens!

Once again, thank you all, especially those who constantly work so untiringly to make Upton what it is.

My very best wishes to you from Gill Bishop

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS



Do you have a favourite poem?

The other day someone shared the following poem with me and it has certainly got me

thinking. The poem was written by George Herbert, and speaks of God's love for each one of us.

You probably already know all about...

George Herbert (3 April 1593 – 1 March 1633)

a Welsh poet and Anglican priest.

As a student at Trinity College, Cambridge, England, George Herbert excelled in languages and music.

In 1630, in his late thirties he gave up his secular ambitions and took holy orders in the Church of England, spending the rest of his life as a rector of the little parish of Fugglestone St Peter with Bemerton St Andrew, near Salisbury.

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,
 Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow slack,
 From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,
 If I lack'd anything.

A guest, I answer'd, worthy to be here:
 Love said, You shall be he.
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah my dear,
 I cannot look on thee.
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
 Who made the eyes but I?

Truth Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my
 shame
 Go where it doth deserve.
And know you not, says Love, who bore the
 blame?
My dear, then I will serve.
You must sit down, says Love,
 and taste my meat:
 So I did sit and eat.

It is comforting to know that God always welcomes us with open arms, however we are feeling about ourselves, or about God!

Fr Jason

DIARY DATES

Saturday 30th January

UVHAT Jumbo Jumble Sale at 2.00 pm in Upton Methodist Hall.

Bargains Galore! Please support this event, all proceeds will go towards furnishings for the newly extended Village Hall.

UPTON OIL SYNDICATE

Happy New Year to you all.

The next order is scheduled to be placed on Monday 11th January. To be included, I need to have your orders by Saturday 9th January at the latest.

My contact details are (preferably by e-mail) colin.batchelor@eggconnect.net or by telephone 01491 671253 (after 7.00pm).

Colin Batchelor

DROP-IN

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and that 2010 will be a good year for us all. How about joining us in the Methodist Hall for the first Drop-in session of the year.

The next three sessions will be held on:

7 January – 21 January – 4 February
10.30 until 12.00 noon

Yvonne Collins 01235 850989

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The next police NHW Drop In surgery will be on Monday 4th January 5.45 – 6.45 in the Methodist Hall.

Feel free to call in and discuss in confidence any neighbourhood issues or concerns with your local Community Police Officer.

Celia Davies

50's CLUB WINNERS for November 2009

£10.00	Mr Durbin	167
£7.00	Mrs J.Napper	70
£5.00	Mrs J Gardiner	141
£4.00	Mrs Bunston	39

BLEWBURY W.I.

Blewbury WI next meet at 1930 on Wednesday 27th January in the Vale room of the Blewbury Village Hall. The topic is "The Cutty Sark" and should be very interesting. If you would like an evening out please just come along and you'll be made very welcome as a visitor, no pressure to join. Blewbury WI has something for everyone - walks, theatre visits, pub lunches, Scrabble, Mah Jong and most of all good company! Hope to see you there

EVENT AID

Could you do something amazing in 2010?

The 3 Peaks challenge is one of the hardest but most rewarding challenge events you can take part in. During 2009, over 100 people took part in the challenge to support local Oxfordshire charities. Teams came from Helen & Douglas House, Sobell House Hospice, Age Concern, SpecialEffect and Rosy to name a few and between them they raised nearly £30,000. If you would like to get a team together or maybe do it on your own and join in with another team, then please contact Teresa@eventaid.org or go on line at www.eventaid.org You will be fully supported with training walks, guides, insurance and full support from the Event Aid team. If the 3 Peaks is not for you, maybe running a marathon in Rome? maybe a Karting endurance event? or maybe one of the many challenge walks organised by Event Aid for local Oxfordshire charities may be your thing! Whatever you do in 2010, do something amazing for your local community and join in a challenge event.

MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE

Every minute of every day, someone is being cared for by a Marie Curie Nurse or Healthcare Assistant. They make it possible for patients to live their last days in the comfort of their own home and the service is free.

Every March, Marie Curie Cancer Care holds it's Great Daffodil Appeal at 42 collection points around Oxfordshire. This year they are looking to recruit 150 new volunteer collectors and they need your help.

If you can help this wonderful charity please give them a call on 0800 716 146 or go on line at www.mariecurie.org.uk/volunteering

CRIMESTOPPERS

Are you aware that Crimestoppers is an independent charity. Since it was set up in the Thames Valley area in 1999 it has received over 16,000 calls and as a result of the information passed through them 1,800 people have been arrested and charged.

If you do have information on criminal activity in this area it is always better to speak directly to the police but if you wish to stay anonymous you can always contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or go on line at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

GENTLE EXERCISE

If you are feeling the effects of over indulgence over the festive period and are looking for excellent local pilates/yoga classes for both sexes then give Esther a ring on 851111. Esther will be pleased to pass on the information or you can find the details by visiting your village website and look under 'Reviews'

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