# Upton News





## St. Mary's Church Services

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.00am Sung Eucharist\*

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 4.00pm Friends of St Mary's Carols\*

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.00am Sung Eucharist Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.00am Sung Eucharist Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 4.00pm Crib Service\*

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.00am Christmas Day Eucharist

\*refreshments served after these events Please see porch notice for weekday services

## **Carol Service**



Friends of St. Mary's Christmas Carols St. Mary's Church, Upton Saturday 10th December at 4pm.



Please come and join us for carols and festive readings to get you in the spirit for Christmas. Mulled wine, mince pies and merriment for all ages!

# **Drop In**

The Drop-In is an informal gathering to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a pleasant chat. Meetings take place in the Village Hall on Thursdays from 10.30am to 12.00pm. Dates for December are the 8th and the 22nd.

#### **Rectors Note**



#### Deep and Crisp and Even

Do you have a favourite Christmas carol? I wonder why it is a favourite?

It might be something about the words, or it might be something about the music. It might be that it brings back a particularly happy memory from our past.

One of my favourite carols is Good King Wenceslas. "Good king Wenceslas looked out, On the Feast of Stephen, When the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even..."

In many ways, it's a really odd carol. To start with, it contains no reference at all to the traditional Christmas story.

Furthermore, it tells a story which, so far as we know, has no basis in historical fact. It recounts a good deed purportedly performed by King Wenceslas, king of Bohemia back in the Tenth Century. The words themselves were written in the Nineteenth century.

And what of King Wenceslas himself? Well, I'm afraid he came to a sticky end, being murdered after a short reign. He was a good man, who sought to establish the rule of law, to improve educational standards, and to build up the Christian faith. By the end of the Tenth Century he was venerated as a saint, and down the years he has been a focus for Czech and Slovak nationalism.

So much for history. There are also those who would criticise what they take to be the message of the carol. For some, it reeks of an old-fashioned class system, which sought to relieve fundamental social injustices by occasional - and much publicised - acts of charity. "Page and monarch forth they went, Forth they went together...." Some would see this as Victorian paternalism at its most sentimental and ineffective, the way things were done before the rise of the Welfare State.

But can we dismiss this carol quite so easily? Yes, we live in an age of the Welfare State. But do we have the resources to fund a Welfare State that can provide for all our needs, from cradle to grave? And should it seek to do so? Surely there remains a place for generous acts of private kindness?

And is our society really so equal that the class system is a thing of the past?

So, I'm looking forward to singing Good King Wenceslas over the weeks ahead - and who knows, we might actually have snow, "deep and crisp and even"!

With every good wish for Christmas and the New Year

Fr Jason

### **Upton Wine Appreciation Club**

Our October meeting was presented by the double act David and Ian who gave us a tour of wines from South America as it is believed that the quality of wine from that region is increasing and there is still good value even with the diminishing pound against other currencies after Brexit.

lan introduced the white and rose wines beginning with the Errazuriz Wild Fermented Chardonnay (Majestic £12.99), Vinalba Torrontes (Majestic £9.99) Hey Malbec Rose (Majestic £9.99) and a Morande Gewurztraminer (Majestic £8.99).

The Torrontes seemed to please most of the members and the label on the rose was a sight to behold! Not sure if it would make you buy the wine or avoid it!

David started the reds with a Beefsteak Malbec (Waitrose £6.59) which did exactly as it said on the bottle. A malbec to go with a good steak. Next was the Norton Reserve Malbec (Waitrose £8.99) which was a step up from the Beefsteak followed by the Ben Marco Malbec (Majestic £14.99) went to the next level and finally the Mendel Mendoza (Majestic £22.99) a Malbec Cabernet Sauvignon blend which was the wine of the evening.

All the reds were from the Mendoza area where they are grown at height (3000 -3500 metres) where they receive plenty of sunshine which aids ripening cool moist air from the Pacific and semi-arid desert condition which are irrigated by melt water from the Andes. I'm sure a well hung Argentinian steak was mention in the description of one of the wines.

Our November meeting saw the wine club turn to wines from the Iberian Peninsula presented by William Betts. Discovered by the Greeks as they ventured west, the peninsula incorporates Spain and Portugal as well as Andorra, Gibraltar and a small section of southeast France. In terms of wine production, it's a fascinating and diverse region - Spain may lay claim to the largest area planted to vines of any country in the world, but other countries make more wine. Yields have traditionally been low, because there was little pressure for intensive production and irrigation was traditionally outlawed. And wow, does it make a variety of interesting wines.

Starting with a Portuguese Vinho Verde, with a characteristic spritzy prickle, we also sampled whites including an Albariño from Rias Baixas, a Sauvignon from Rueda and a Parellada (normally used as a constituent of Cava) in the form of Viña Sol from Torres.

Moving to the reds, I was delighted to be able to share a very decent crianza Ribero del Duero and a little known Priorat from the schistous llicorella slopes of Tarragona. Finally, we enjoyed a sweet treat in the form of Banyuls from the French Pyrenees.

We now look forward to December's meeting (Don't forget this meeting is one week earlier and will be £12.50) at which we extend the budget to show some high quality wines. Next year, we will be looking at wines from local merchants (at different price points), wines of the Loire and blind tasting. If you've wondered about joining us, please do contact an existing member or anyone from the committee - you're very welcome to try your first meeting as a guest, and the more the merrier. Or follow us online, @UptonWine.

Cheers!

Kevin Jacklin, Secretary and William Betts, Chair

#### **Council News**

#### Parish Council

#### **Planning**

P16/V0553/FUL Re application for a small traveler's site next the George and Dragon has been refused.

P16/V2788/HH Re two storey extension to the rear of 3 Beeching Close, Upton. UPC had no objections.

P16/V1916/0 Re development on site of Methodist Church, Upton. Planning permission has been granted.

P16/V1903/FUL Re building of Gate House, Upton. UPC continues to object to the position of the building.

P16/V2876/FUL New application of the building of a stable block, hay store and tack room on the pump station site near the Horse and Harrow. To be discussed at UPC meeting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in the village hall.

Recreation Ground - New goal posts are on order and the broken wooden horse in the children's play area has been replaced.

#### **District Council**

A draft report from the Planning Inspector into the Vale's Local Plan has been received for fact checking purposes. The contents of the report itself remain confidential until the final version is released by the Inspector. It is still intended to adopt the Local Plan at the District Council meeting on 14th December.

Please make sure you have returned your yellow electoral letter, there are still 5,800 outstanding and failure to return your form could mean a significant fine

The Vale and SODC are encouraging local village residents, including those living in Upton, to give their views as the community engagement programme for the future of Didcot Garden Town gets underway. A new interactive website has been launched at <a href="https://www.didcotgardentown.co.uk">www.didcotgardentown.co.uk</a>

As from 1<sup>st</sup> November drivers using council car parks, in both the Vale and SODC, can park using a mobile phone via a new system called Contact Cashless. This service replaces RingGo which ceased at the end of October. You can register for the service via a quick phone call to provide payment details - just one text later and you will be set up. More information is available on the Connect Cashless website.

The Council would like to thank the residents of Upton for sorting their waste out so carefully, ensuring it goes in the correct bins and where necessary using clear bags to contain loose waste, thus allowing the whole truck load to be re-cycled. No reports have been received of any Upton resident breaching the latest guidelines and having their waste rejected.

By typing in your post code and selecting your address, using the new Vale web-app <a href="https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/binzone">www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/binzone</a> you can find out what day your bin will be emptied, and most important which colour bins are due to be emptied next.

Housing and homelessness support services provided by South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils has been recognised by the National Practitioner Support Service (NPSS) as one of

the top performers. They scored an impressive 80 per cent, putting the councils in the top eight nationally (average 69 per cent) and one of the highest scorers in the south east.

#### **County Council**

There is a plan to restrict access to Chilton Road and to change the road signs to direct traffic to use the new roundabout.

It is acknowledged that action needs to be taken now on a new ten year development plan for the A34. Please see A34 Action Group on Facebook for further information on future developments.

A note of interest.- when gritting lorries are deployed in the county they cover 1500 miles of road each night.

Rural crime is down by 12%, although other types of crime (personal assault, sexual crime) are up. The Thames Valley police helicopter is under tremendous financial pressure and is in danger of being withdrawn.

There are currently 561 children in public care in Oxfordshire, including a small allocation of children from Syria.

#### **Free Car Parking**

To encourage people to shop locally District Councils are offering free parking in their car parks all day on the following days in the run up to Christmas:

Abingdon: Saturdays 3, 10, 17, 24
Didcot: Tuesdays 6, 13 and 20
Goring: Saturdays 3, 10, 17 and 24
Wantage: Fridays 2, 9, 16 and 23
Wallingford: Thursdays 1, 8, 15 and 22

#### **Thank You**

On behalf of all the Upton parishioners a very big thank you to Alan Davis, Simon Powell, John Dickens, Derek Vockins, Diane Rabbetts, John Lightfoot, Mike Collins, Rob Traynor, Stuart Fraser, Mike Brown, Bob Lott, Matt Bunston, Paul Batho, Richard Clayton, Kieron Humphrey, Steve Strange and team leader Graham de Wilde for your efforts in maintaining the Recreation Ground and several of our footpaths in such good order throughout another summer.

In particular a big thank you to Graham who has always made sure that petrol is available for the mowers, that the mowers are maintained, that the garage keys are in the right hands and that each person knows when their services are required. In addition Graham has spent many hours beavering away on manual tasks in and around the Recreation Ground and the Village Hall keeping the whole area neat and tidy and a credit to the village.

## **Upton Film Club**

A few people have made a start in organising a Film Club for the village. We have decided to have a trial showing on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in the village hall.



This will be a social activity with drinks and nibbles available. More details nearer the showing.

Here is your chance to have a say in what will be the first screening - we have narrowed down the extensive range of films available to four, simply email or text the number for your choice.

- 1) Jack Reacher Tom Cruise springs into action after the arrest of Susan Turner, an Army Major accused of treason. Jack embarks on a mission to prove that the head of his old unit is innocent. Action/Mystery/Crime.
- 2) The Lady in the Van 1973 London, playwright Alan Bennett develops an unlikely friendship with Miss Shepherd (Maggie Smith), a homeless woman who lives in a van in his driveway for the next 15 years. Drama/Biography.
- 3) Hail Caesar In the early 1950's, Eddie Mannix is busy at work trying to solve all the problems of the actors and filmmakers at Capitol Pictures. His latest assignments involve a disgruntled director, a singing cowboy, a beautiful swimmer and a handsome dancer. Mystery/drama.
- 4) The Nice Guys Holland March (Ryan Gosling) is a down-on-his-luck private eye in 1977 Los Angeles. Jackson Healy (Russell Crowe) is a hired enforcer who hurts people for a living. Fate turns them into unlikely partners after a young woman mysteriously disappears. Mystery/Crime Email your choice (one only) to <a href="mailto:ronyart5@hotmail.com">ronyart5@hotmail.com</a> or text a message to 07475818175.

We are still looking for volunteers to help run this activity and decide the future showings as it can include movies for children, families, special occasions etc. If you are interested please let you interest be known by email or in person on the night of the first showing Rob Traynor

# Bake Up!

Like baking? Then you might enjoy Bake Up. It's a new meet-up for baking enthusiasts in Upton. The idea is one morning every month we get together to try out each other's bread, biscuits, cakes, pies, etc and share recipes and tips. Maybe later we can think about demos or the dreaded technical!

The first meeting's theme (very loose) will be Scottish baking as it's just after Burns Night. Hope you can make it. Drop Kieron Humphrey an email if you have any questions: <a href="mailto:kieronhumph@gmail.com">kieronhumph@gmail.com</a>

When and where: Friday January 27, 2017 at 11am at Old Stream Cottage (Note access may be difficult for anyone with a mobility problem)

## **Blewbury W.I. News**

Christmas is approaching fast and we shall all be so busy with the preparations and seeing that the letters are sent off to Santa in time! But we would be pleased to welcome any new Members to join us at the following events.

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> December Scrabble at Rosemary's. 7.30pm.

Wednesday,  $7^{\text{th}}$  December Lyn's walk. Meet at the Village Hall 10.00am. Route decided on the day.

Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December Coffee at Style Acre. 10.30am. With Cilla.

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December RAL Harwell Lecture. Stopping Bad Guys with Lasers. 1.30pm.

Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December WI Christmas Lunch at The Blueberry. 12.00-3.00pm.

Mah-jong sessions will be held every Monday afternoon at 2.30pm. Venues to be decided.

For more details of any of our events, or if you wish to join us, please ring Karen on 850219 or visit our web page, htpp://blewburywi.wordpress.com where you will find more information.

### **Items Swop Shop**

Please send in a brief description of the item that you no longer require together with details of what you would like to swop it for. It is not a problem if you want to swop it for cash. Please also send in your name and preferred method of contact (Tel. No or email) to <a href="mailto:news@uptonvillage.co.uk">news@uptonvillage.co.uk</a>

No.	Item Available	Item in Exchange	Name	Tel No.
1	Garden Shredder	£10	M Brown	850135
2	Girls Bike Age 10?	£10	I Ross	851344
3	Set of 4 Bar Stools	£15	I Ross	851344
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# **Job Swop Shop**

Please send in details as for the items swop shop giving the jobs that you are prepared to undertake and what jobs you would like undertaken in return.

No.	Type of Job Offered	Type of Job Required	Name	Tel No.
1	Maths Tuition	Gardening	Example	
2				

## **Blewbury and Upton Village Produce Association**

Don't forget our final event for this year is our ANNUAL SOCIAL which takes place on SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER AT UPTON VILLAGE HALL - it will be a Mexican Evening! Food, Drink and Fun and Games. Tickets are £9 per head and on sale at Blewbury Post Office and from Maggie Maytham at Upton.

Provisional plans have been made for 2017 VPA calendar and full details will be available in the next issue of the Upton News. This is what we hope to be offering, provided we have sufficient support.

 $2^{nd}$  March - Meeting with three committee members each giving a '20 minute talk'.

? June - Visit to Gardener's World at the NEC, Birmingham (date to be confirmed)

8<sup>th</sup> July - ANNUAL SHOW

? August - Visit to Kew Gardens, London (date to be confirmed)

22<sup>nd</sup> October - Cake & Plant Sale at the Apple Day

1st November - Annual General Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> December - Annual Social

From the VPA Committee,

Season's Greetings and we look forward to seeing you at our Social on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

**DID YOU KNOW?** The Mulberry Tree is usually the last to come into leaf and traditionally country gardeners took it as a sign that they could not plant out free from the risk of a late frost until the buds of the mulberry had opened. Older gardeners still call the mulberry "the wise tree".

Happy Gardening

Eileen

## **Upton and Blewbury Girl Guides**

This term the Guides have been focussing on the "Waste Less, Live More Challenge", which involves working together on activities chosen by the girls which are good for the environment as well as being lots of fun.

We have enjoyed building indoor dens, a walk from Upton to Didcot by torchlight, a three course dinner made from the store cupboard items left over from camp, a scavenger hunt in the dark, attending the Harwell Scouts' firework display; and bowling at Thatcham.

The Guides and Rangers joined with Upton and Blewbury Brownies and Rainbows at the recent Remembrance Day parade and service in Harwell organised by the Royal British Legion.

We are looking forward to an evening without any electricity, and puppet making as well as our Christmas celebration, which will also mark 25 years of 1st Upton and Blewbury Guides.

If you are interested in joining us, either as a Guide or Ranger or helping as a leader please get in touch. <a href="mailto:lynn.nickerson.holywell@gmail.com">lynn.nickerson.holywell@gmail.com</a>

## **Emma Vaughan Jones**

It is with great shock and sadness we tell you that Emma Vaughan Jones - leader of Tuesday night Brownies and Rainbows in Upton Village Hall - passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in hospital on Saturday 29th October.

She was a dedicated leader to both units having started Rainbows only last September. She had been with the Guiding organisation for many years and we as leaders not only have lost an inspirational leader but also a friend.

Emma leaves her husband Wayne, daughter Willow, all her family and work colleagues, as well as many, many friends. She will be very sadly missed by all.

Rachel and all of the other Guiding Leaders

I am sure it is on behalf of all of the 2nd Upton and Blewbury Brownies, both past and present, that I record how sad and sorry I was to hear of Emma's death.

Emma gave her time tirelessly to ensure each evening was both good fun and educational. She was a wonderful leader who we will all fondly remember for a very long time. My sympathies go out to all of Emma's family and in particular to young Willow who judging by the way Emma cared for all of us, has lost a wonderful mum.

Lucy Ross

Note; Both Rainbows and Brownies are continuing at their usual times

#### **Road Closures**

Over the next 3 months Upton is going to have a problem with necessary road closures.

Church Street will be closed to facilitate drainage work for 5 consecutive days starting on Monday 12 December. Limited access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and for frontages within the closed section of road, subject to the progress of the works.

Also starting on December 12<sup>th</sup> will be major road works in the London Road (A417) area near it's junction with High Street to facilitate an essential water main upgrade.

Hollow Way just south of the A417 will be closed from 12<sup>th</sup> December to 6<sup>th</sup> February. Access to Alden Farm will be available via the track off the Lynchway.

The junction from High Street onto the A417 will be closed from 16<sup>th</sup> January to 24<sup>th</sup> February.

The A417 will not at any time be closed but traffic lights are likely to be in operation for much of the time the work is ongoing so make sure you leave that little bit earlier if you intend to use that section of road.

Further information regarding the works may be obtained by contacting Lee Henry on 07598 236 516

## **Theatre Group**

If the remaining reserved tickets for "Improbable Fiction" at The Mill at Sonning on Thursday 23 March aren't taken within the next fortnight I shall have to return them. The cost per person, which includes an evening meal, is £40.50, a 25% reduction on the usual price. Anyone is welcome, whether from Upton or not! Ring me on 850705 or e-mail me on malcolmwright@f2s.com or call at Karibu, High Street.

There are also some seats available at £25.00 each for "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time" at the New Theatre, Oxford on 23 May. Malcolm Wright

## **Blewbury Post Office News**

We are now getting really busy with Christmas post! We will have extra collections from early December to help clear our tiny Post Office, otherwise we can't get to the kettle! We **do not** have time to stick your stamps on, and All AIRMAIL post must have an airmail sticker on it, and if "NON EU" must also have a customs label BEFORE you get to the counter, the people behind really appreciate it! We are not being difficult in asking for all post to be in by half an hour before closing, we don't get paid for overtime, and we have to cash up and dispatch the paperwork before the postie comes in (approx. 15 minutes before closing) At this time of year we do at least an extra hour every day!

Last date for UK Christmas posting is 2<sup>nd</sup> class Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December and 1<sup>st</sup> class Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>, Special Delivery Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Other last dates:

Mon  $28^{\text{th}}$  November; Int. standard to operational HM forces

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> December; Africa & Middle East

Weds 7<sup>th</sup>; Cyprus, Asia, Far East & Japan, Eastern Europe

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup>; Caribbean, Central & South America

Sat 10<sup>th</sup>; Greece, Australia, New Zealand,

Mon 12<sup>th</sup>; Int. Standard to static HM Forces

Weds 14th; Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Poland

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup>; Canada, Finland, Sweden, USA

Fri 16<sup>th</sup>; Austria, Denmark, Iceland, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland,

Sat 17th; Belgium, France, Ireland, Luxembourg

Please also remember that anything flammable or explosive have restrictions on them, phones, batteries, perfumes, nail varnish & aerosols have to have special labels on, be securely packed, and have the senders address on!

Karen and Angela

#### Cineworld

Are you aware that live screenings of opera, ballet and theatrical performances are available as single performance showings at Cineworld. You have the chance to see opera from the Met and Covent Garden, together with ballet from the Bolshoi in Moscow and the Royal Ballet, RSC productions from Stratford Upon Avon and a mix of top performances from London theatres.

Forthcoming Program

Opera from Royal Opera House.

Il Trovatore, 31 January 2017.

Ballet from Royal Opera House.

The Nutcracker, 8 December 2016.

Woolf Works, 8 February 2017.

Sleeping Beauty, 28 February 2017.

Bolshoi Ballet, from Moscow.

Sleeping Beauty, 22 January 2017.

Swan Lake, 5 February 2017.

A Contemporary Evening, 19 March 2017.

#### Opera from The Met, New York.

L'Amour de Loin, 10 December 2016.

Nabucco, 7 January 2017.

Romeo et Juliette, 21 January 2017.

Rusalka, 25 February 2017.

La Traviata, 11 March 2017.

Idomeneo, 25 March 2017.

#### National Theatre Live.

No Man's Land, 15 December 2016.

Amadeus, 2 February 2017.

St Joan, 16 February 2017.

Hedda Gabler, 9 March 2017.

Royal Shakespeare Company.

The Tempest, 11 January 2017

## **Christmas Reading**

We have encountered major problems with the script for our next proposed concert reading - it's too long. That comes of trying to adapt a short novel instead of a short story. I fear that might mean it will be Christmas 2017 before it's finished; certainly nothing will be ready before Christmas this year. A superhuman effort might permit something still (just) within the pantomime season, but don't hold your breath. I'm very sorry to disappoint our loyal readers and audience.

Malcolm Wright

#### **Events at Earth Trust**

Natural Christmas Sunday 4th December, 11.00am-3.00pm.

Get into the festive spirit by making decorations and gifts from natural and recycled materials. Plus, meet Father Christmas. Price by activity, no need to book.

Winter Wetland Birds Sunday 11th December, 9.30am-11.00am.

Come and explore Thrupp Lake in Radley (OX14 3NG) and find out about some of the wetland birds that call it home over the winter. With Ben Carpenter. £5 adult, £2 child; booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at <a href="https://www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson">www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson</a> (incurs a booking fee).

More information can be found on our website

www.earthtrust.org.uk. To book a place at any of the events ring 01865 407792

#### **Didcot U3A**

This month's meeting is on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm for our Christmas Lunch and Entertainment. Please arrive 15 minutes early.

For more information phone 01235 211291 or 01235 510048 or email secretary@didcotu3a.org

## **Upton 50 Club Prize Winners**

#### November 2016

£25	No.82	Mr Bardell-Smith			
£20	No.102	Jane Smith			
£15	No.90	Gloria Smith			
£10	No.153	Jo Pangandian			
Lesley Shaw					

# **Notes from the Allotment**

Last Sunday was a perfect day for putting the allotment to bed, bright sunshine, clear sky, a slight breeze and not at all cold, so I made an early start and managed to do three and a half hours before giving up and going home for lunch. During that time I dug over two sections, spread some leaf mould and covered one section with black cloth; then emptied both compost bins (and refilled them with new weeds) and had enough reasonable (if a bit twiggy) compost to cover the other section.

Although we have had a considerable amount of rain in the past couple of days, the earth was perfect for digging, with the weeds easy to remove. I gathered up all the beanpoles and netting and stacked them neatly in the corner, and secured some spare netting around the remaining brassicas. Some of the runner bean roots had large stubby roots, so I left them there to break down and release their nitrogen. The remains of the sweetcorn plants which were too fibrous to compost were added to the bonfire pile on the other side of the stream - but it is not going to be lit as there are probably little creatures hibernating in its depths.

I had intended to cut down the autumn raspberries today but ran out of steam, so merely removed a couple that that had strayed onto the path; a job for another day. At this time of year I normally sow some broad beans at the allotment, but I've decided to follow Monty's example and put some in the grow bags in my cold greenhouse at home; that way they will not be eaten by the mice and I should be able to plant out some strong seedlings in early Spring.

Angela Hoy (angela.hoy@sky.com)

Submissions for *Upton News* should be sent to <a href="mailto:news@uptonvillage.co.uk">news@uptonvillage.co.uk</a>.

Deadline for the January edition is

Monday 26th December