



UFTON NEWS November 2020 Diary

Tues	3	Virtual Ufton Parish Council Meeting 8.00 pm
Fri	6	Grey Bin Collection
Sun	8	Ufton Church Remembrance Day Service @ 10:30 am
Fri	13	Blue & Green Bin Collection
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COVID19 Lockdown

The Prime Minister has announced a four-week lockdown for England as from Thursday 5th November until Wednesday 2nd December 2020. Whilst the Parish Council has not had the opportunity to contact all those people who volunteered to help neighbours and villagers during the previous lockdown, they are hoping everyone will resume "their position". If anyone struggles to obtain help, please contact the Parish Clerk in the first instance.

Christmas Eve Jingle 2020

Will you be out at 6.00 pm on Christmas Eve to ring a bell for two minutes to help spread some joy and encourage Father Christmas on his long journey delivering presents.

SPEEDING IN UFTON IS NOTHING NEW

Just look at these speedsters of the Edwardian era. The bonneted lady in the front car, may be suitably attired for a Sunday-afternoon drive, but look closely! That's a racing number on the front windscreen and the following car bears the number 8 on the nearside mudguard. Judging by its position on Ufton Hill, the driver's in overtaking mode with no thought for cars that might suddenly appear from Southam on the road ahead. And is that a spectator or a Marshall perched on the left-hand side?

They say the camera never lies or does it?

Courtesy of a parishioner, the most appropriate comment wins a bottle of Prosecco!

Send your entries to feedback@uftonvillage.com or (if you prefer a more traditional response) jostle for position by sending it to Colin Baldwin at 16 White Hart Lane.

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Ufton Streetlight repairs

Ufton Parish Council is responsible for the streetlights on Ufton Fields, Broad Close, Reeds Park, White Hart Lane and the one by Tithe Cottage. If any repairs are required please let the Clerk of the Parish Council know, so the repair can be reported to the Parish Council's current contractor.



Dog Fouling

I hope there isn't an audible groan as this subject makes yet another appearance in Ufton News. Whilst the Parish Council has had cause to discuss "dog fouling" again at its meetings, this time a resident of the village has asked for this subject to be covered in the Ufton News. Therefore, a reminder to all people who may own and walk their dog(s) or walk someone else's dog; it is in the basic interests for the goodness of the village and its residents that all dog walkers take their responsibilities a bit more seriously and pick it up!

It really cannot be said any more clearly than that – be neighbourly and pick it up.

WRCC Oil syndicate

WRCC is a registered charity supporting residents in Warwickshire. They run an oil syndicate helping people who are off the mains gas supply network obtain very competitive prices on their heating oil. As winter approaches, they hope to reach as many residents as possible, for them to consider becoming a member of the syndicate and benefit from the consistently lower prices they achieve. Becoming a member is easy and free of charge. Orders are placed monthly either online or over the phone. WRCC deal with the negotiations, which removes the hassle from members. WRCC have been running the syndicate since 2012 and have an excellent track record for securing cheaper than average quoted prices. For further information either use their website (<https://www.wrccrural.org.uk/services/energy/>) or contact Sharn on 01789 472619 or via email energy@wrccrural.org.uk.

The Local Welfare Scheme continues to support children and families who rely on free school meals

The Local Welfare Scheme has been in place in Warwickshire for many years and it is through this Scheme meals will continue to receive financial support through the school holidays.

The Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme helps the most vulnerable residents at times of unavoidable crisis by providing basic and essential help. It is recognised within the Scheme that some families who are struggling financially, and are eligible for free school meals, have difficulty covering the period when their children are at home during the school holidays. This Scheme is therefore an opportunity to reach and help those most in need by supporting eligible families with the cost of food for their children over the school holiday periods.

The Scheme will benefit those children eligible for free school meals as well as their younger non-school age siblings aged 2 or above. This support will be available over **all school holidays**.

The only eligibility criterion for this offer is that parents are registered for free school meals.

To find out more about the scheme visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarecheme

Families wanting to apply for support through the Scheme should visit call 0800 4081448 or 01926 359182.

SPENCER DAVIS

R&B fans would have been saddened by news in October of the death of the founder of the quintessential Sixties R&B band the Spencer Davis Group best known for Gimme Some Lovin' and Keep on Running, but it brought back a more prosaic memory for Ian Crowther:

"During one summer holiday, a fellow student and I manned a U-shaped bay in the Grill Room restaurant on the M1 bridge at Leicester Forest East and early one evening Spencer Davis graced our humble servery.

I have no recollection of what he ordered, but I do remember he left us a half crown (12.5p) tip. My star-struck colleague was so overwhelmed that she insisted on giving me my one and threepence (6p) share there and then, because she was going to have the coin mounted on a chain and turn it into a necklace. I wonder if she still wears it....."

Ufton Parish Council

During the first lockdown Ufton Parish Council were not allowed to meet due to the restrictions. However, since July we have been meeting virtually by Zoom. Members of the public can attend the meetings by contacting the Parish Clerk prior to 4.00pm on the day of the meeting. The Clerk will then send you the appropriate joining instructions, which will include internet access and phone access.

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ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH, UFTON

Next service (Remembrance) – Sunday 8th November at 10:30 – Our Remembrance Service will start at 10:30 to allow for the silence at 11am. As in recent years, Gemma and Peter will be taking the service and we are very pleased to have them with us again.

Whilst we hope to accommodate all that attend the remembrance services, please note that we must respect social distancing requirements in church. Therefore, if the congregation is significantly higher than previous years, we would unfortunately have to allocate seats on a first come first served basis.

As a reminder in previous newsletters we ask for the following to be observed at the service. Please:

- wear face coverings indoors including during the service, unless exempt for medical purposes.
- use the hand sanitizer provided
- follow any social distancing markers and one-way systems put in place.
- observe social distancing requirements and keep a 2-metre distance from non-household members. This will mean that households are asked to sit two metres apart and remain in a set area during service. This will include children.
- for Remembrance Sunday this will include social distancing requirements outside at the memorial

Welcome to Rev. Andy Batchelor and family - Reverend Andy, his wife Julie and family have now arrived. We wish them all the best and send prayers as they settle into their new lives in the area. Rev. Andy's licensing service took place via zoom on 21st October and at the time of writing Andy was due to take the service at Ufton on his first Sunday in post.

Church reopening – It was so lovely seeing so many at the first service since COVID on 27th September and thank you to those who helped prepare the church for reopening through cleaning, decorating and COVID-secure preparations. Thinking very much of those in the community who were unable to attend and sending warm wishes.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) – Wednesday 18th November, 7:30pm, church – All are welcome at the annual church meeting where we will be discussing the life and community of Ufton church and also finances, fabric of the church and election of officers. Please feel free to bring a blanket/warm coat if you wish!

Poppy appeal – We are unable to sell poppies around the village this year because of COVID related restrictions. However, there will be boxes in some of our local businesses and at the church service should you wish to donate to the British Red Cross via there.

Communicating church news and changes - This newsletter is our main means of communication for service information and as we are aware guidelines can change very quickly. If you are not on our church email list and are planning to attend the service please email uftonchurch@gmail.com to get added so we can update you on any news nearer to the time. If the wider situation changes and you want to call to check the service is going ahead nearer the time, please do so via the details below.

Green fingered? Time on your hands? - If this applies to you, please do consider coming and giving us a hand to keep the church yard tidy, particularly the path to the church. It is currently very green, and we would really value and welcome the help! Please do just turn up if you feel so inclined!

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