

Ufton News

September 2020

What's on in September

Fri	4	Blue and Green Bin Collection
Fri	11	Grey Bin Collection
Fri	18	Blue and Green Bin Collection
Fri	25	Grey Bin

“Thanks”

I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to those villagers who gave so generously of both their time and compassion during Gill's illness. For those who embrace it, village life is a rather special thing.

Peter Ingham

Memory of Councillor Bob Stevens

By now, most of you will have heard of the sudden death of Councillor Bob Stevens, who was a very good friend to the village. Bob was both the District and County Councillor for Ufton for over twenty years and worked tirelessly day and night for the good of the community. Bob always tried to attend the Parish Council meeting and if this was not possible always sent a written report.

Bob was a true gentleman and would always give you an honest answer, not always the one you wanted. He would try to help whenever he could, and Bob was one those very rare people who did not need to blow his own trumpet, he just got on with it. He always tried to support all the functions held within the village, e g Village Fete, Gillian`s Coffee mornings in the Village Hall, Men`s Breakfast`s and Public Meetings etc.

On a personal note, I will miss him terribly, he supported me when I needed guidance or advice as Chairman of the Parish Council and he was always there to give advice and guidance to the Parish Council when they wished to deal with matters relating to either Stratford or Warwickshire County Council.

On behalf of the Parish Council and all the villagers, I extend our sincere condolences to his family, he will be a great loss and sadly missed.

Colin Baldwin
Chairman of Ufton Parish Council

Diamond Wedding Anniversary

John and Mary Croft celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday 27th August 2020. They were married in St Michaels and All Angels, Ufton, as Mary was born at 6 Ufton Fields, but was living at 11 St Michaels Close at the time of their wedding. Their reception was held in the village hall. Apparently, it rained during the reception and someone placed a bucket on the top table to catch the drips. They started their married life at 14 Ufton Fields and then moved to 1 Broad Close. They left the village in 1963 when John was posted to Stratford on Avon Police Station; they returned to live in the village in 1981. Congratulations.

Grass Cutting – Ufton Island and The Cart Pond

Once again can we offer our thanks to Mark Langstone for cutting the grass on the island and around the cart pond, his efforts are truly appreciated. Mark also strimmed the grass on the green in Broad Close, enabling Amy and Chris Gandy along with Mel Thorpe and her partner to maintaining the grass going forwards. Thank you to you all.

New Streetlights, Southam Road

As you may or may not be aware, a Pelican Crossing is due to be installed on Southam Road (if you notice there are red markings on either side of the road by the village hall). The road lighting must be of a certain standard to ensure safety for local residents both pedestrian and motor vehicle users. Therefore, the lamp outside Tithe Barn will be replaced with a slightly larger lamp and four more streetlights will be installed between Tithe Barn and the island. Currently, no date has been set for this work to begin. If possible and practical, further updates will be published in Ufton News.

Community Speedwatch – Police and Crime Commissioner

Community Speedwatch has been relaunched across Warwickshire as part of a phased reintroduction in the county following its earlier suspension due to Covid-19. Speeding continues to be a concern for many communities in both rural and urban environments and so the safe reintroduction of such schemes will be welcome news.

Community Speedwatch (CSW) is a national initiative where active members of local communities join together to monitor speeds of vehicles in their local area with support from the police. In Warwickshire each group uses the LTI Speed Lasers independently purchased by either the group itself or the local parish council.

Any vehicles found to be exceeding the speed limit are referred to Warwickshire Police and receive a letter with the aim of educating drivers to reduce their speeds. However, in cases where education is ignored and there is evidence of repeat or excessive offences, even across county borders, enforcement and prosecution follow.

I'm very grateful to all the CSW volunteers who use their own time to help make Warwickshire's roads safer for everyone, playing their part in a real community effort to reduce the numbers killed and seriously injured on our roads.

I would encourage anyone who is concerned about speeding in their community to consider signing up as a Community Speedwatch volunteer. As well as helping Warwickshire Police and partners to raise awareness of speeding, the visible



presence of CSW helps to reduce the speed of vehicles to the speed limit, improving the quality of life for local communities and most importantly helping to reduce death and injury on our roads. This is something I am keen to support.

Warwickshire Police is keen to develop further CSW groups as soon as COVID restrictions, as well as being able to progress the training of newly formed CSW groups.

Volunteers all receive appropriate training and are supported by officers and staff including a new soon to be appointed Road Safety Officer who will oversee the CSW groups. The aim of CSW is to make our roads safer, and to ensure no CSW members or the public are put at risk, a full risk assessment is carried out for each group.

If you are interested in forming a CSW group in your area, please contact your local Safer Neighbourhood team. The details of your local SNT can be found by visiting www.warwickshire.police.uk and entering your location.

For more information about CSW, visit www.communityspeedwatch.org

Stockton Tip

Warwickshire County Council has announced that works are progressing well to reopen Stockton recycling centre. Reopening is planned for Saturday 27th September, with bookings scheduled to be released a week before. Warwickshire's seven larger recycling centres have been open for some months now, but the smaller footprint of this site and the fact that steps have to be alighted to dispose of some waste streams, have meant that more measures have had to be put in place to ensure the safety of the public and staff at Stockton when they reopen.

Since the reopening of the main centres, there has been a booking system in place for residents to book a slot to bring their waste for recycling. This system has been successful in ensuring the maximum level of safety for both visitors and staff by allowing social distancing to take place, while also minimising disruption to the roads around the centres by preventing queues. There are now over 12,000 appointments available each week across the seven recycling centres. Initially, Stockton will be open on Saturday and Sunday only and the usual opening hours for these days will apply.



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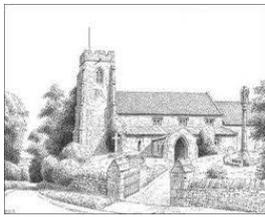
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Deadline for submissions for October's newsletter is **Sunday 20th September 2020**

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ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH, UFTON

As British life edges slowly more towards a “new normal” we are very pleased that we are able to open again in September and we are still looking forward to the arrival of our new priest Rev Andy Batchelor and his family in the autumn. We are still waiting for his confirmed start date, but we are expecting this to be in late October. However, whilst it may be a “back to school” feeling for many of us we are also very mindful of those for those whose lives are still very much far away from what normality is. This can be COVID and non-COVID related and please know that there is pastoral support which can be accessed if needed. We were also very sorry to hear about the passing of Gillian Ingham, one of our church members who has been a great support to us as churchwardens, a friend to many of us in the village and who will be very much missed.

Church reopening – 27th September – 11:00

After a long period of closure, we planning to hold a service in church on **Sunday 27th September at 11:00**. This is a later service time than previously as we work with Harbury and Ladbroke to ensure cover across the parish particularly during this time of interregnum. We are really pleased that Rev. Ann Mulley is coming to share a service of communion (in one type only) with us. We look forward to welcoming everyone who is able to join us.

However, given the current situation church may look and feel a bit different to normal, due to the requirements to ensure we are as COVID-2019 secure as possible. Please note the following things that may look and feel a bit different. This is new to all of us and please bear with us as we get used to this new environment. We will ask the following of people attending the services. 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.

The structure of the service will be a bit different to normal. Under current guidelines (writing in August) we are not permitted for congregations to sing together. However, music will be part of the service to listen to. Communion for those who wish to take it will run differently. We will not be taking an offertory during the service but those who wish to give (and this is very much appreciated due to the financial situation of the church) will be able to do so via a retiring collection. We are also unable to have refreshments after the service. This revised format will be strange for all of us as the church is an open, loving community, but we are in this together and I am sure we will get used to the 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.

PCC news

We have formally welcomed Katie Harwar and Ian Crowther formally to the PCC. Marilyn Kirkwood has stood down from her term as PCC Secretary and we thank her massively for all her support. We are still welcoming new members so please email the address above if this is something you would like to help with.

The PCC have an email address: uftonchurch@gmail.com. Churchwardens Andy & Adelle 711967