

UFTON NEWS

May 2021 Diary

Tues 4	Virtual Ufton Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by monthly meeting 8.00 pm.
Weds 5	Annual Church Meeting in the Church @ 8.00 pm
Thurs 6	WCC and Police and Crime Commissioner Elections
Fri 7	Grey Bin Collection
Fri 14	Blue Bin Collection Green in – if you have purchased a sticker.
Fri 21	Grey Bin Collection
Fri 28	Blue Bin Collection Green Bin - if you have Purchased a sticker.
Sun 30	Church Service @ 11.00 am

May Elections

Elections are due to take place on Thursday 6th May 2021 for a new County Councillor, following the death of Bob Stevens and Police and Crime Commissioner.

Male from Arley Caught Fly Tipping in Ufton

By [RURAL-WATCH](#) | 18th April 2021

An adult male from the Arley area has been located and interviewed in relation to a fly tipping incident after several car parts were dumped at Ufton Fields, Ufton in early April. This investigation was picked up by our team after being reported by local residents. The male responsible, who had reloaded his vehicle with most of the waste after having second thoughts, made a full and frank admission to the offence of depositing waste on land without a permit and has accepted a community resolution.

Community resolutions take a restorative justice approach with the aim of making offenders aware of the impact of their actions, seeking to repair harm caused. Community resolutions are offered after many considerations around the individual and the circumstances of the offence.

The offender in this instance will be making a £200 donation to Warwickshire Wildlife Trust who maintain Ufton Fields Nature Reserve.

Thank you to the residents who reported this crime.

New residents to Ufton

Recently we have seen a few residents leave the village and new residents move in. The Parish Council welcomes the two new households along Ufton Fields and the new household in St Michaels Close; we hope you will enjoy living in the village.

Flies and Smells (what a title!!)

Cllr Bryne asked our local District Councillor to raise the issue of excessive flies within the village with Environmental Health at Stratford District Council, to see if anything can be done to reduce them now the better weather is coming.

It transpires responsibly for this type of complaint lies with the Environment Agency. A report has been lodged and the Parish Clerk has spoken to an Officer. The Officer stated whilst they can investigate this, it helps them if they have more reports and for these reports to be made when the problem occurs. The recording of incidents allows them to track the complaints according to the processes being undertaken at the recycling plant; this can highlight where processes may need changing.

The same applies to “odours” emanating from the recycling plant. If odours are reported as they occur, they can track to see what activity was taking place and ask for adjustments to be made.

The EA can be contacted at any time by calling 0800 80 70 60

If you are deluged by flies or inconvenienced by smells such that you must shut your doors and windows or go inside as you cannot sit outside due to the offensive smell, please take the time to report this.

If all residents to this, there is a greater chance the problem will be resolved.



centres will retain their typical May Bank Holiday opening timetable.

The smaller sites of Cherry Orchard in Kenilworth, Shipston and Wellesbourne will be shut on Monday 3rd May due to planning permission restrictions. It is

Being A King

I was visiting the Pensions Service contact centre in Dundee whilst working with Ian Duncan-Smith at the DWP and got bored in my hotel room so wrote this.

Being A King!

He's powerful enough to be a King
And he can sing
What a wonderful thing

And he can sing
This wonderful King
Because he's powerful enough
To be King

What a wonderful thing
It is to sing
Especially if you're a powerful King

And because he can sing
The wonderful thing
Is why he's such a powerful King

It's a wonderful thing
To sing like a King
And a powerful thing
To be a King

A powerful thing
It is to sing
And a wonderful thing
To be a King!

Steve Dover – Dundee
19th October 2010

Warwickshire Recycling Centres

All Warwickshire's HWRC sites will be open on Saturday 1st May and Sunday 2nd May.

Recycling garden waste, wood, metal and cardboard this bank holiday weekend will still be easy, as Warwickshire recycling

necessary to pre-book to visit any Warwickshire recycling centre.

Recycling centre summer opening hours are in operation. The opening hours are 8:30am to 5:30pm weekends (Shipston shuts at noon on weekends). There will be a later opening on Wednesday evening, with the sites closing at 6pm (Shipston shuts at 3pm). The opening hours on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday are 9:30am to 3pm. There are nearly 16,000 slots in total released each week.

All materials, such as wood, garden waste and electrical items are available for recycling. Visitors are advised to check the website for the exact materials available at each site and to pre-sort waste when packing their car for an efficient visit. Full details of all the materials that can be recycled at one of the 9 recycling centres in the county, and details of how to book, can be found at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/hwrc.

Booking is required for a 15-minute slot for a car and there are also 30-minute slots for a car and small trailer on certain days at Lower House Farm near Atherstone, Cherry Orchard in Kenilworth and Burton Farm in Stratford.

It is important that residents do not visit the recycling centres if they have Covid symptoms, have been tested positive for Covid and are self-isolating or have been advised to self-isolate due to being in contact with someone with Covid. Any contaminated waste, such as tissues or masks, should be double bagged and quarantined for 72 hours before disposal.

Reuse shops at most recycling centres are open. Shops at Shipston and Stockton remain closed. Details of reuse shop opening times and safety measures can be found through the charity websites:



#BeWaterAware campaign

As the current Covid-19 restrictions ease, it is anticipated many people will head to coastal locations and inland water beauty spots.

Few people would think they might become a water incident statistic, but the fact is in the UK in 2019, 223 people died from accidental drowning.

The National Fire Chiefs Council's (NFCC) Be Water Aware campaign is running from 26th April - 2nd May. Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service is taking part to encourage people not to be complacent when spending time in and around water. The aim is to encourage people to be safe by being aware of the risks.

Kieran Amos, Chief Fire Officer for Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service said: "Of the 223 deaths in 2019, 44% of these people just happened to be near water and had no intention of entering the water which goes to show that people can find themselves unexpectedly at risk.

"Following simple advice will help reduce the deaths and many more injuries, which can be lifechanging, after water related incidents. There are some small things people can do to protect themselves and others. For instance, never swim alone in case you need help, don't drink alcohol when undertaking water related activities as it impairs judgement and your ability to swim and don't dive or jump straight into open water as this can cause potentially fatal cold-water shock even on the warmest day."

The Fire Chiefs Council's advice also states that members of the public should not enter the water to try and rescue someone but should instead call 999 and

ask for the Fire Service if inland and the Coastguard if at the coast.

NFCC's Drowning Prevention Lead Dawn Whittaker said: "We want people to enjoy spending time in and around water safely and that's why we are asking people to be water aware. By highlighting this issue and making sure simple safety messages

reach them, we hope to reduce the number of these needless and preventable deaths."

Members of the public can stay up to date by searching for #BeWaterAware on social media or visiting www.nationalfirechiefs.org.uk/Be-Water-Aware for more information and advice.

Contributions to Ufton News

Ufton News is solely for the villagers of Ufton and we try to keep you informed of relevant and appropriate items.

If you would like to contribute an article, poem, quiz, recipe, historical information, fun fact or anything else who may feel is of interest please send it to the Parish Clerk, Jackie Chapman via email Uftonpc@gmail.com or to 12 St Michaels Close.

All submissions, in principle will be welcomed.

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Upcoming services

Services will usually be held at 11am on the last Sunday of the month, the next two being **May 30th and June 26th**. It would be lovely to have you join us! Also, if you are able to be on the flower or cleaning rota, please let us know via uftonchurch@gmail.com or calling 711967 asap as we have lost several members due to illness and passing recently.

Annual Church meeting, 5th May, 8pm in church

Please do join us for our annual church meeting (termed an APCM) which we will hold in church with covid precautions. If you would rather join via zoom, we will give it a go so please let us know!

We will be holding elections for both PCC members and churchwardens. Adelle and Andy are no longer able to continue in the latter role and we really do need someone from the community to step forward and take on this role for the church to remain active and accessible to the community. Please look in the church porch for nomination forms or call Andy (details below) if you have any questions.

Future vision for the parish session, 10th July 10-4, Radford Semele

A facilitated future vision meeting across Ufton, Harbury and Ladbroke will be held on Saturday 10th July 10-4 at Radford Semele church, and all from our church communities are strongly welcomed to attend. There will also be a prayer event in Ufton on Saturday 26th in June to help us prepare for this. Please put both dates in your dairies.

Message from Rev Andy

I've been very aware recently of the troubled world we live in. As I write this, we have just seen the verdict from the Derek Chauvin case in America following the death of George Floyd. There has recently been a worrying build-up of troops and tension at the Russia/Ukraine border, and the worldwide pandemic is still raging in many countries. We have seen a resurgence of violence in Northern Ireland and increasing concern about the impact of climate change.

None of us have been left unscathed by the events of the past year, and statistics show that anxiety and stress can have a serious impact on many people's mental health. In my dealings with those who are struggling with dark times in their lives, that has certainly become apparent. As we move through the Easter season we are reminded once again of Jesus' encounter with his disciples after his resurrection, and one of the first things he says to them is simply 'peace be with you'.

It isn't hard to find adverts for courses or programs or exercises or lifestyles which promise to help us find inner peace, but Jesus simply says 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. God offers us peace as a gift, all we need to do is accept it, there are no fees, no subscriptions, no checklists. One of the most important lessons of the restrictions we have all been under is how they have highlighted the value of our relationships, the bond that we have with family and friends, and how much we miss those when they are taken from us, even if only temporarily.

If we allow God to work in our lives, accept the gifts he promises, then we forge a relationship with our creator that nothing and no-one can take from us. While no-one is immune to the pain and turmoil that life can sometimes bring, and sometimes we all wonder where the world is heading, God's presence and constant love expressed by the work of his Spirit within us assure us that he brings us a peace that comforts when nothing else can. May you find that blessing and special peace this Easter season and always.

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