

UFTON NEWS

July 2021 Diary

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| Fri | 2 | Grey Bin Collection |
| Sun | 4 | Light by Night Photography Exhibition, Old Bakehouse |
| Mon | 5 | Ufton Fields closed to vehicular traffic – see newsletter. |
| Fri | 9 | Blue Bin Collection Green in – if you have purchased a sticker. |
| Fri | 16 | Grey Bin Collection |
| Fri | 23 | Blue Bin Collection Green Bin - if you have Purchased a sticker. |
| Sun | 25 | Church Service 11.00 am |
| Fri | 30 | Grey Bin Collection |
| Sun | 27 | Church Service @ 11.00 am |

Smells and Fly-tipping.

The following organisations are more likely to react swiftly if many people call these numbers, so please don't assume that somebody else will!

So, a reminder: for unpleasant **smells** from the landfill site call the Environment Agency
on 0800.807060 (advisable to check wind direction first!) or email incident_communication_service@environment-agency.gov.uk

Please always ask for an incident number

For **fly-tipped rubbish** call SDC on 01789 260616

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Date for items to be submitted for the August Edition – Friday 23rd July 2021.

Ufton Pedestrian Crossing

Some 5 years ago, your Parish Council addressed the House of Commons Select Committee on HS2 and gained approval for a pedestrian crossing on the A425 in Ufton. Things duly moved at a snail's pace but (long story shortened) in early June we sent a letter to be considered at a meeting of senior politicians, including our MP, the head of Warwickshire County Council and HS2. This letter repeated our reasons for our proposed location for the crossing (between the exit from White Hart Lane and the entrance to the Private Road) and our objections to three (!) locations for this crossing proposed by HS2.

The review meeting unanimously supported our case. Consequently, HS2 have been asked to reconsider, and as you may already know will be doing 'ground investigations' to where utility services are. This will mean disruption to traffic and 3-way lights for a period of up to two weeks from 12 July.

The traffic lights are necessary as the trial pits are apparently quite large and "could hold two people". The work could take up to two weeks maximum but is likely to be less.

We will keep you informed. If you've any comments or questions call any Parish Councillor or our Clerk Jackie.

Another road closure

Ufton Fields is due to be closed to vehicular traffic as from Monday 5th July 2021 for up to 18 months or until works are completed, whichever is sooner. There is an anticipated completion date of Thursday 8th July 2021.

This is to enable work for a new domestic gas service. Vehicular access & egress will be maintained where possible.

Contractor: for Cadent Gas, Headway Road
Services Tel: 0800 999 111

Ufton Night Sky

Hello, welcome back to Ufton Night Sky for July.

Planets visible to the naked eye for July are:

Jupiter & Saturn can be viewed low in the South in the very early morning, a couple of hours after midnight.

Venus is shining brightly in the constellation Leo in the West - northwest and is best viewed on 13th July at 22.00. Mars can be viewed in the evenings low in the sky towards the West - northwest.

New moon is on the 10th July and Full moon 24th.

Keep your eyes peeled for sporadic meteors (shooting stars), particularly when it is dark during new moon.

Fun Fact: You could fit 1.3 million Earths inside the Sun!

That's all for this month.

Clear Skies!

Carl

Light by Night Photography

Vegetation growing over footpaths

The Parish Council would like to gently remind all residents it is their responsibility to ensure any vegetation growing within the curtilage of their dwelling does not encroach over their boundary; particularly where their boundary abuts a public footpath or highway.

Currently, there are a few hotspots around the village where the public footpath is being encroached. The Parish Council asks for these areas to be cleared back to the boundary as soon as possible.

Ultimately the Parish Council can request Warwickshire County Council (WCC) to intervene. WCC have powers under the Highways Act 1980 to serve a Hedge Cutting Notice, undertake the work themselves and recoup the charges.

Ufton – taken from Rural Romance, Quaint Tales of Old Warwickshire, by T B E Horniblow. Printed and published by Courier Press Leamington Spa 1923

One approaches Ufton from Leamington by way of Ufton Hill and- to put it vulgarly-it's "some hill". However, the gasping climber will be cheered by the sight of a little white inn at the summit, where he may rest a while in the cool and cleanly little "parlour" and take advantage of its liquid resources. In the old coaching days a terrible accident occurred on this same Ufton Hill. It is said that the driver of the coach wagered the landlord of the inn that he would get to Leamington in a certain time. In his eagerness to win this bet he descended the hill at so great a speed that the coach overturned and came to grief, killing two of the horses outright and injuring several of the passengers. At one time in the village there was a horrible belief that on wild and stormy nights, when there was a moon, the mangled remains of the horses could be seen dragging the coach up the hill to seek vengeance from the two men primarily responsible for their fate.

In Ufton there resides F. J. Filed, who has rung he bells for over 40 years and whose father rang them for over 50. I imagine this is something in the nature of a record.

The oldest part of the church, the chancel, dates back to the 13th century and the entire structure in company with the surrounding trees makes a very restful picture for tires eyes. On the east wall of the north aisle is an inscription in brass as follows: "Here lyeth the Boddyes of Richard Woddomes Parson Patron & Voissioner of the Church & Parise of Oufton in the Countie of Warwike who dyed one Mydsomer daye 1587. & Margerye his wyffe with seven children"

I had better explain that a "Voissioner" means an owner of the Advowson, or one who has the patronage of the church. You will observe that Richard Woddomes "dyed one Mydsomer daye." Here is no bald or prosaic statement as to the year but just "one Mydsomer daye." There is something delightfully appealing about it – it challenges and fires the imagination.

The village is worth a visit, if only for the wonderful view of Leamington, Warwick, the spires of Coventry and the Malvern and Lickey Hills.

Thank you to Tony Tutt for sharing this article with the village.

The Inflatable Dinghy

Is there anybody here
Who's been boating by the sea
In a dinghy only eight feet long
Designed to carry three

Well, I have, and I'd like to say
What a lovely day I had
But that would be completely false
As good times turned to bad

Now if I say "I crossed The Run"
You won't know what I mean
It's a narrow stretch of water
Where small boats are seldom seen

There is a Pub on the other side
Quite nice that time of year
So, I thought I would make the trip
And stop and have a beer

The locals said be wary
When the tide is on the turn
But I said that was rubbish
And was none of my concern

Well, I'd nearly reached the other shore
When the engine died on me
I'd have to get the oars out quick
Or get swept out to sea

I rowed full speed with no effect
The tide was going out
And I was getting out of breath
Of that there was no doubt

A spectator standing by the pub
Could clearly see my plight
And asked if he could lend a hand
To try to put things right

Throw me a rope he said
If you've got the strength to try
Although the Coastguard has been called
And the Lifeboat's standing by

Just then he started laughing

His mates were laughing too
In fact, it's quite embarrassing
Relating this to you

I think you've been had he said
But the secret's hard to keep
You could get out and walk you know
It's two feet deep!

Thank you to a parishioner for this rhyme.
They have asked to remain anonymous. All
I can say is this rhyme is based on a true
story.

FOR SALE

Hand painted child's toy box with dinosaur transfers, filled with boys' toys and complete with Play Road rug 3'1" X 4'4"

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Upcoming services

July 25th - 11am

September 5th – 11am

It would be lovely to have you join us! There is no need to pre-book to join our services, just turn up. On the weeks we do not meet in person at Ufton you can participate in physical services at Harbury and Ladbroke as well as online if you wish. Please join the church mailing list or call us to find out more (contact details at the bottom).

Future vision for the parish session, NOW 18th SEPTEMBER, 10-4, Radford Semele

Note that our vision day has now been rescheduled, due to continuation of restrictions. Please note this date in your diaries, all from our church communities are strongly welcomed to attend.

Flowers and cleaning rota

July cleaning & brasses (ready for service on 25th) - Barbara Looney

July flowers (ready for service on 25th) - Ann Ainscow & Rachel Hill

If you have not done so already, please contact June 612686 if you are happy to be added to the list.

Message from Rev Andy

In the midst of all the current uncertainty about travelling abroad, many people have had to change their plans for this summer and have decided to holiday in the UK this year. There are some wonderful parts of our country to explore, and my family are particularly fond of Cornwall, where my sister and her family live. But often people develop a close affinity with another country having spent time there on holiday, and for me it is the Greek island of Corfu which has a special place in my heart, and I know that is true for many others as well.

Sadly, the pandemic has decimated many countries tourism industries including Spain, Portugal and Greece, who are particularly reliant on British visitors, and along with the impact of rising prices and rising unemployment, falling incomes, and austerity measures, many lives have been turned upside down, and many businesses ruined.

Life, as we all know, is unpredictable. As Psalm 23 reminds us, one day we can be in green pastures, besides quiet waters, and the next we can find ourselves in a very dark place indeed.

One of the best-known passages in the New Testament is found in the gospel of Matthew and is called 'The Sermon on the Mount', where Jesus lays out a framework of ethics and morals which many admire, even if they would not call themselves Christians. Right at the end of the passage Jesus challenges his audience to consider what their lives are built on. He uses the illustration of two men, one who builds a house on sand, and one whose foundations are set in rock. When storms come, it is the house build on rock that stands firm, while the other is swept away.

There are all sorts of things that we can base our lives on, that we can put our trust in. We may build a business, a career, a family, a portfolio of investments, an image. Yet all too easily these things can be taken from us, a sad reality so many have experienced over the past 18 months. There is only one thing, says Jesus, that is as solid and immovable as rock, and that is God's love for us, his promises to us. Only a life built on those promises, a daily experience of his love, can see us through the uncertainties of life – everything and anything else is merely shifting sand.

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