

UFTON NEWS

September 2021 Diary

Fri	3	Blue and Green Bin Collection – if you have purchased a sticker Dennis Peaty – Wake (see main body of newsletter)
Tues	7	Ufton Parish Council 8.00pm Village Hall
Fri	10	Grey Bin Collection
Tues	14	Coffee Morning – Village Hall @ 10.30am – 12 noon in aid of McMillan Cancer Support
Fri	17	Blue and Green Bin Collection – if you have purchased a sticker
Sun	19	Church Service 11.00 am
Fri	24	Grey Bin Collection

Wake for Dennis Peaty 3rd September

For those of you who knew and remember Denis Peaty, his daughter Lauren is hosting a wake at The Leopard Inn, Oakley Wood Road, Bishops Tachbrook, Leamington Spa, CV33 9RN on **Friday 3rd September 2021 between 1.00 pm – 5.00 pm.**

Lauren will be pleased to see his friends and neighbours from Ufton.

Sale of Garden Tools

Leaf Blower/Vacuum – little used
Hedge Cutter
Garden Bench and cushions
Black & Decker Strimmer
Electric Weed Killer
Plus, lots more including saws
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(Sale is due to moving, all available until 7th September 2021)

Thank you

We have a lot of thank yous' this month to people within the village who have all willingly contributed to improving our village.

Firstly, thank you to everyone who has taken the time to cut their hedges back from the public footpath. The village is looking smarter, and it is easier walking along the footpaths. There are a few areas still outstanding, so if there is vegetation from your

garden which is encroaching over the public footpath please will you remove it.

Have you spotted the refurbished bench by the Cart Pond? Huge thanks go to Hilary who has rubbed it down and given it a good coating of preservative, it looks very smart.

Did anyone, apart from the residents of Broad Close, spot the broken drain cover in the grassed area? Greg from Greg's Eggs did. He has repaired the cement and put a new cover on it. Clearly, needing a sit down after undertaking this work, Greg realised the bench in Broad Close was not fit for purpose; it is now! Huge thanks to Greg for undertaking this work and making the grassed area safer for everyone.

Fed up with the plethora of redundant road signs littering the village, John Taylor, Mike Looney, Ian Crowther and Greg, rounded them all up (apart from the one by the Bus Stop) and put them on the grassed area of the hill by White Hart Lane. Warwickshire County Council's Locality Officer, Patch Bryne arranged for them to be removed. Drain Cover and replacement bench slats
Moving of road signs

Making the Counties roads safer

Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership is asking for the public's views on how the county's roads can be made safer by inviting them to take part in a public consultation on a new Warwickshire road safety 'Strategy to 2030'. The public consultation starts on the 18 of August and closes on the 15 of September. The draft strategy and consultation can be accessed through the partnership website: <https://warksroadsafety.org/>

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Date for items to be submitted for the October Edition – Sunday 26th September 2021.

Ufton Night Sky

Hello everybody and welcome to Ufton Night Sky.

Planets visible this month.

Venus is a stunning object low in the West in the evening after Sunset. It is brighter than any star in the sky so is easy to spot. Only the Sun & Moon are brighter objects.

Jupiter can be seen around midnight in the South just over 20 degrees above the horizon. If you have binoculars or a telescope it may be possible to see it's four brightest moons, Ganymede, Callisto, Europa and Io.

Saturn can also be seen in the South, best time to view around 11pm, it will be about 18 degrees above the horizon.

The Moon

New Moon is on 7th Sept so take advantage of the dark skies.
Full Moon on 21st.

Fun Fact

Neutron stars are extreme objects that have a diameter up to 20 km, they are so dense that a teaspoon of its material would weigh a billion tons!

That's all everybody
Clear Skies!

Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership announces the results of anti-speeding campaign

Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership has revealed that a total of 3,907 drivers were caught speeding in the county during an anti-speeding campaign that took place in July and August 2021.

In just a two-week period starting on 26 July, 161 drivers were stopped for speeding in 147 cars, 11 vans and 3 motorcycles. In the same two-week period, static and mobile speed cameras in the region clocked a total of 3,746 driver speeding offences on Warwickshire's

roads, including motorway speed detections.

During the campaign one man was stopped for doing 96mph on the M69 Southbound which has a 70mph speed limit. A woman was also stopped for doing 105mph on the M6 southbound where the speed limit is 70mph. These excessive high-speed offences will be prosecuted through the courts. In total 24 drivers are being prosecuted at court due to driving at excessive speed.

Shockingly, 51 drivers were stopped for speeding offences in 30 mph residential zones where there are more pedestrians including children.

79 drivers were also stopped for speeding offences in 70 mph zones

120 drivers received speeding tickets

An additional 41 drivers were offered words of advice about their decision to speed

The vast majority (79.5%) of offenders were male and over 25 years old.

Operations to catch speeding drivers took place across the county, from residential areas to major routes such as the A446 Stonebridge Road, A444 Nuneaton, M6, M42, A5, M69, A45, A46, and M40. In one operation on Monday 26 July, OPU officers issued 23 speeding tickets to drivers for excess speed on A45 Ryton-on-Dunsmore.

On Wednesday 28 July the same team completed static checks at the A45 Ryton-on-Dunsmore, A46 Stoneleigh and M40 J15 and issued 12 motorists with speeding tickets.

McMillan Coffee Morning – Tuesday 14th September 2021 10.30 – 12.00 noon – Ufton Village Hall.

A good opportunity for all Ufton residents to meet over a cup of coffee and catch up, whilst at the same time raising funds for a worthy cause.

Have your say on bus service improvements in Warwickshire:

The County Council is working closely with bus operators to develop an ambitious Warwickshire Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) aimed at encouraging more people to travel by bus.

Through the National Bus Strategy, the Government has earmarked £3 billion towards improving bus services across the Country. The BSIP will set out Warwickshire's ambitions for bus service improvements and help secure a proportion of the funding to benefit people living, working and travelling in Warwickshire.

We need your input to help us develop the Plan.

We want to find out what improvements are needed for local bus services and what would make you use local buses more. We'd like to hear from you whether you travel by bus or not. We welcome the views of all County Councillors, which will help shape the Warwickshire BSIP.

Please participate in the Warwickshire Bus Service Improvement Survey via the following weblink:

<https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/bus-service-improvement-plan>

The public engagement exercise will run between Monday 26th July 2021 – Sunday 19th September 2021.

Feedback will inform the development of the Bus Service Improvement Plan to be considered by Warwickshire County Council's Cabinet. Subject to Cabinet agreement, the Bus Service Improvement Plan will be published at the end of October 2021.

Following on from this, the County Council and all bus operators in Warwickshire will form a statutory Enhanced Partnership setting out how we will work together to deliver the aspirations of the Bus Service Improvement Plan. This will require further

engagement with residents, public sector, private sector and voluntary organisations, prior to the formal launch of the Enhanced Partnership and EP Scheme(s) in April 2022.

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Upcoming services

September 19^h – 11am – NOTE NEW DATE (was previously 5th)

On the weeks we do not meet in person at Ufton you can participate in physical services at Harbury and Ladbrooke as well as online if you wish. Please join the church mailing list or call us to find out more and receive the weekly pew sheet with updates (contact details at the bottom).

When we are back in church, we ask that people remain respectful of social distancing where possible and be mindful that different members of the congregation have different perspectives on new arrangements. Whilst mask wearing is no longer a legal requirement, we encourage their use if you are willing, and communion will continue to be given in individual cups. We will also be discussing at the PCC how these arrangements may evolve in the coming months.

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

We would be delighted if members of the church would join us for the day to explore what God's leading is on what we hold on to and what the future may hold. Rev Steve Tilley will be our facilitator for the day. Bring your own lunch; refreshments will be provided at the beginning and end of the day.

Flowers and cleaning rota

September cleaning & brasses (ready for service on 19th) - Marion Mulligan (cleaning), Sylvia Beards (Brasses)

September flowers (ready for service on 19th) - Ann Ainscow

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

This month, the three churches of Harbury, Ladbrooke and Ufton will be joining together for a 'Vision Day' when we will be taking stock of where we are and what the future may hold. We will be looking at the past, the many blessings that we have experienced over the years, the things that are important to hold on to, as well as the things that may have come to a natural end. We will review our present, particularly what impact COVID has had on our church activities, and what new things it has brought about as, like many other churches, we have developed our on-line and social media presence. We will also look to the future, recognising the new opportunities we need to grasp hold of. In all of this we will be seeking God's guidance and inspiration as we work out what shape our mission and ministry to the three communities we serve will look like. York University recently published a study on the impact of COVID restrictions on churches and how their physical closure had affected the people in their parishes. The lead researcher observed: "I think many people who don't normally go to church hadn't realised what churches meant to them until it was all taken away in a moment." This greater appreciation for church is hopefully also linked to a heightened sense of our need for God. Sometimes, having the peripheral things of life stripped away helps us to see what is really important. In fact, sometimes having the important things stripped away too helps us to see what is essential. There is so much need around us at the moment. A need for community, for emotional, practical, and spiritual support, areas where our churches have always had much to offer. Our doors are open again, and together we pray that we can discover where God is leading us, and how we can share his love, hope, and peace with all in our communities.

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