

UFTON NEWS

November 2021 Diary

Mon	1	Tai Chi Village Hall (7.30 – 9.30 pm)
Tues	2	Ufton Parish Council 8.00 pm Village Hall.
Fri	5	Grey Bin Collection Bonfire Night
Sat	6	Chair Sale Village Hall (10 – 12 noon)
Sun	7	Private Function Village Hall (11 – 5.00 pm)
Mon	8	Tai Chi Village Hall (7.30 – 9.00 pm)
Fri	12	Blue and Green Bin Collection
Sat	13	Men's Breakfast Village Hall (8.30 am)
Mon	15	Tai Chi Village Hall (7.30 – 9.00 pm)
Fri	19	Grey Bin Collection
Mon	22	Tai Chi Village Hall (7.30 – 9.00 pm)
Fri	26	Blue and Green Bin Collection
Mon	29	Tai Chi Village Hall (7.30 – 9.00 pm)

Roll-up, roll-up Village Hall Chair Sale is now on!

Following our recent purchase of upholstered chairs from Stoneleigh Village Hall, we plan to dispose of the wooden chairs that have lined the hall and used as church "spares" during busy Services.

There are 2 "Captains" chairs, 4 "Spindle-backs" and 20 "School" chairs per the photo and several parishioners have expressed a desire to purchase some. They have been professionally valued and with prices starting at £10 each and offered 'first come, first served' you'll need to be quick! They can be viewed (and taken away) between 10am and 12 noon on Saturday 6th November.

VASA – Volunteer drivers

During the pandemic, VASA continued working non-stop across South Warwickshire and Rugby district offering its transport services and has provided transport for over 1,000 Covid vaccine appointments. Plus, ferrying prescriptions to people's homes and being involved with

delivering food parcels in collaboration with the Food Bank.

Our amazing volunteers stepped forward to help vulnerable members of our society. However, they are now returning to work and understandably want to meet up with their own family and friends again. So, we find ourselves with a shortfall of volunteers as the demand grows for VASA's services.

The NHS is catching up with the backlog of appointments and we are experiencing a huge rise in the number of people needing affordable, accessible transport. Our volunteers are truly amazing, but we need more!

We need to spread the word to recruit more volunteer drivers and volunteers on the phones to support our most vulnerable residents.

If you can offer any help or require further information please contact Emma, our Communications Officer via email: emma@vasa.org.uk (Working Days Tues & Thurs)

Bonfire, Treason and Plot

If you intend to have fireworks on Friday 4th November and you are aware your neighbours have pets. Please be neighbourly and let them know in good time. This will enable them to ensure their pets are safe at home (no doubt with the curtains closed and the tv/radio up loud)

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Date for items to be submitted for the December edition – Sunday 21st November 2021.

Men's Breakfast 8.30am Saturday 13th November in the Village Hall

It was so good to be able to meet up once again in October – 20 months after our last event – and not having a speaker arranged was no drawback at all. The craic was as good as ever, “Chef Roger” was in top form and a toast was drunk in memory of our absent friends. In addition, “Toast Monitor John” gave an impromptu and very interesting Talk on `Going to Church in Kenya” so a cheque for Bees Abroad will be winging its way to his favourite charity very shortly.

Revd Andy Batchelor, vicar of Ufton, Ladbrooke and Harbury was in attendance for his first visit, and it certainly did not put him off – he is our Guest Speaker for November! What more could you ask, especially as Chef Roger will throw in his cracking Full English for a Fiver?

As always, the mantra is `first come, first served’ – the waiting list kicks in at 30 – so let Barry Parker know you’ll be coming as soon as possible either on 811254 or champagnebuff@gmail.com



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Be together this Christmas

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Free Range Cockerel Voucher

Traditionally the Village Hall sells raffle tickets for the opportunity to win some Christmas poultry, kindly donated by Heart of England Farms, but last year in the throes of a pandemic it was changed to a FREE numbered Christmas flyer.

With COVID numbers rising currently a similar approach is required, but this time all you need to do is complete the tear-off slip and the end of the newsletter and post it through the letterbox of Car Consultants – with thanks to the ever-helpful Richard Wright for offering his services again this year.

Do please ensure you post your slip before the Sunday 28th November deadline as we want the Winner to be able to order their prize in early December.

Warwickshire Police Rural Crime Team

Street Safe Information

Warwickshire Police is supporting Street Safe, a new national online tool to allow people to flag places where they have felt unsafe. The system, which is primarily aimed at women and girls, allows members of the public to anonymously drop a pin onto a map and describe factors that caused them concern and led to them feeling unsafe.

Superintendent Mike Smith, community and response policing lead for Warwickshire Police, said: “We’re pleased to support and promote this national initiative. Everyone has a right to walk the streets safely and we are committed to ensuring this happens. A key part of this is tackling violence against women.

“We will use the information collected by this tool alongside other community intelligence to identify areas of concern and put measures in place to address them.”

More information – <https://bit.ly/3DIF6gO>

Access StreetSafe – www.police.uk/StreetSafe

Please see below some useful guidance relating to scams.

Advice around scamming calls and emails
Some simple tools to help deal with scamming phone calls or mail.

Vulnerable people are increasingly being targeted by organised fraudsters via relentless phone calling or unsolicited mail. The services highlighted below are simple to use and may be effective in assisting vulnerable members of the community, your own relatives and friends or even you yourself.

Scamming or nuisance calls - trueCall38.

If contact details are required when completing a form in person or online, the phone number '0333 88 88 88 88', can be used instead of your actual number, to avoid any unwanted phone contact. Should the associated company, or anyone given access to your details call, a short, recorded message is played: 'trueCall38 is handling my calls. I prefer not to be contacted by phone, so please contact me via my email address. Goodbye!'

"Stop, hang up and call 159"

The UK-wide 159 call service is designed to give consumers a safe route to contact their banks. The scheme urges people to "stop, hang up and call 159" to check calls are genuine. The idea is to help those who believe they have been contacted by scammers claiming to be their bank, or by fraudsters who encouraged them to transfer money.

Telephone Preference Service (TPS)

This service aims to reduce the number of unwanted sales and marketing calls received. The TPS is a free service. Registration is online at <http://www.tpsonline.org.uk/> or by calling 0345 070 0707.

Scamming or nuisance mail
Mailing Preference Service (MPS)

The MPS aims to reduce the amount of direct marketing mail. The MPS is a free service. Register online [at www.mpsonline.org.uk](http://www.mpsonline.org.uk) or by calling 0207 291 3310.

Royal Mail Freepost Scam Mail

If someone is receiving scam mail in the post, it can be sent to the Royal Mail, by posting it directly to FREEPOST SCAM MAIL.

Royal Mail's paid-for redirection service

This enables people to have their post delivered to a trusted friend or relative. Applications are online at www.royalmail.com or at a Post Office branch.

News on Pedestrian Crossing for Ufton.

On Tuesday 12 October members of your Parish Council met with HS2 and Balfour Beatty to discuss the proposed siting of the Puffin crossing. You may recall HS2 had proposed 3 sites, each of which we considered unsuitable, and proposed a better one. At this meeting HS2/ BBV agreed to our preference, and (subject to final design and approval, which we believe will be a formality), the crossing is set to be built accordingly. We expect completion in spring 2022 but will not be able to improve on this. The Parish Council is nevertheless pleased with this step forward, some 7 years from our request to the House of Commons Select Committee, and much work and determination to win this new facility.



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Upcoming services

Sunday 14th November – REMEBRANCE SERVICE – 10:30am

Sunday 28th November – 11am

PCC meeting – Tuesday 9th November, 8pm in church

Flowers and cleaning rota

Remembrance pedestal flowers – Ann Ainscow

November cleaning & brasses – Margaret & Martin Ablitt

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

Reflection

“God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform”

So runs the first two lines of a hymn with which many will be familiar, and one could argue that is certainly true of the current shortage of vicars! Not only here in Ufton, which Revd Andy Batchelor shares with Harbury and Ladbroke, but also the wider church up and down the country. Andy cannot be in three places at once and that was certainly true for Ufton’s Harvest Service in October, but Revd Bob Clucas was able to be with us instead and to provide a moving and uplifting Service, and one that echoed those first two lines of that hymn perfectly.

Born a “Brummie,” Bob was towards the end of his training to be ordained when, in 1980, it became necessary to make a journey to Bedford with his wife Ann. A poor curate and short of funds his father-in-law gave them a tenner to “get something to eat” and they broke their journey at a small wayside pub. By that time, Bob already knew where his first parish would be – one of the poorest and most dangerous areas of Liverpool, one where they would find heroin addicts as neighbours and a tough life on the streets for one and all. As they sat in that pub window, waiting for lunch to be served and gazing at that wonderful valley that lay below and the vista beyond, Bob must have had an inclination of what lay in store when he remarked to Ann “not for us.”

Time marched on; they spent 5 years in Liverpool and with two children in tow, Bob felt a calling to become involved in youth work. He went after four jobs in the Liverpool area and got nowhere and then someone reminded him to look at the vacancies in the Church Times, which brings us nicely to the last two lines in verse 5 of our hymn:

“The bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flower”

That “**flower**” proved to be the offer of youth work in the Southam area and the opportunity to live in Bishops Itchington. Why was the “**flower**” so important? Because it was only when they went for a meal in our very own White Hart, here in Ufton that they realised they were sitting in that very same window of the pub they had visited back in 1980 that Bob had declared was “not for us”.

“God does” indeed “move in a mysterious way His wonders to perform”

Contact us on uftonchurch@gmail.com

Vicar – Rev Andy contactable on 01926 714295

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