

# UFTON NEWS

## February 2022 Diary

Tues	1	Sugarcraft, VH 10am – noon
Tues	1	Ufton Parish Council Meeting VH 8.00 pm
Thurs	3	Dog Training VH 6 – 8 pm
Fri	4	Blue & Green Bins
Mon	7	Tai Chi 7.30 pm VH
Tues	8	Sugarcraft VH 10am – noon
Thurs	10	Dog Training VH 6 – 8 pm
Fri	11	Grey Bin
Sun	13	Private Function VH 10 – 1.30pm
Mon	14	Tai Chi 7.30 pm VH
Tues	15	Sugarcraft VH 10am – noon
Weds	16	Village Hall AGM 7.45 for 8pm
Thurs	17	Dog Training VH 6 – 8 pm
Fr	18	Blue and Green Bins
Sat	19	Men's Breakfast 8.30 am VH
Mon	21	Tai Chi 7.30 pm VH
Thurs	24	Dog Training VH 6 – 8pm
Fri	25	Grey Bins
Mon	24	Tai Chi 7.30 pm VH
Sun	27	Church Service VH 11am
Mon	28	Tai Chi VH 7.30 pm

## Solar Farm Planning Application R22/00001/FUL

If you recall mid to late 2021 all residents received a leaflet from novergy. The leaflet, a public consultation related to the possibility of a solar farm being built off Middle Road, Harbury. The proposed solar farm spreads across to the farm and fields at the bottom of Ufton Hill. The solar farm will be visible from Ufton and during travel up and down Ufton Hill.

Planning Application R22/00001/FUL has now been submitted to Stratford District Council and can be viewed on their website <https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/AppDetail.aspx?appkey=R56EC8PMHJF00>

The application is open for consultation until 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Comments can be made on line using the link above, emailed to [planning.applications@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:planning.applications@stratford-dc.gov.uk) or sent by post.

Please take the time to comment on this application whether you agree or disagree with it, so the Council is aware of residents views.

Your comments matter.

## Grit Bins

Some of you may have noticed the arrival of a grit bin tucked up against the hedge behind the metal safety barrier on the Southam Road.

The Parish Council arranged for it to be placed there and it has been filled with road grit. The grit bin in Broad Close has also been partially filled with grit.

## Men's Breakfast 8.30am Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2022 in Ufton Village Hall

January got off to a cracking start with an excellent Talk from Mike Gaffney about the Southam United Charity which proved both interesting and humbling; his chosen charity was Acorn Children's Hospice which benefits from our donation of £75.00.

February, in these hopefully COVID-diminishing times, has still proved awkward in finding us a Speaker, but that has never stopped us in the past – the good company, conversation and banter will continue unabated and when it's complemented by Roger's excellent "Full English for a Fiver" – who can resist?

Make sure you're not on that Waiting List that kicks in at 30 and observe our maxim "first come, first served".

Barry (now on the mend after his cataract "op") is on standby to receive your instructions, so let him know you'll be coming without delay! As always, he can be reached on 01926 811254, 07768 175682 or [champagnebuff@gmail.com](mailto:champagnebuff@gmail.com)

## Closure of Bascote Heath Road

Bascote Heath Road will be fully closed from 9.30 am to 3.30 on Monday 14<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

This is to allow HS2 contractors to remove track matting and associated materials from Long Itchington Wood, following the installation of monitoring equipment in the wood itself.

For information Long Itchington tunnel boring machine, also known as Dorothy is scheduled to pass underneath a section of Bascote Road twice at some point around March or April 2022 and again around November or December 2022.

From 29<sup>th</sup> January 2022 it is a requirement for all vehicles to pass horse riders at a speed under 10MPH and to allow at least 2 meters space.

Help make our village safe for all road users.



## UFTON VILLAGE HALL AGM Wednesday 16th February 7.45 for 8.00pm in the Village Hall

With COVID restrictions now fast disappearing the Village Hall Committee are pleased – at long last – to invite you to attend our Annual General Meeting. It will give you an opportunity to hear how we have coped over the last two years and also enable us to tell you of our plans for the future.

The Annual Report & Financial Statement for 2020/21 will be available on the night, but if you would like an advance copy, please contact Ian Crowther, Treasurer [ian@account-able.co.uk](mailto:ian@account-able.co.uk) Refreshments will be available beforehand and we look forward to seeing you all on the 16th.



## BYRNE LANDSCAPING & TREE SURGERY

- Tree Surgery
- Landscaping
- Stump Removal
- Forestry & Planting
- Logs supplied and delivered

Established 30 years. Free quotes.  
Friendly and expert service.  
Contact Greg Byrne Tel/fax 613581  
Mobile 07801 256766  
[www.byrnetreesurgery.co.uk](http://www.byrnetreesurgery.co.uk)

## CHURCH IN CRISIS?

When the Archdeacons attended the Open Meeting back in early 2020, the message was clear: -

“Ufton has no vicar and the Parochial Church Council (PCC) has just four members. If you wish to be included with Harbury and Ladbroke in the appointment of a new incumbent for all three parishes the PCC must be increased”

The meeting prompted two new volunteers, Ian Crowther and Katie Harwar resulting in the appointment of Revd Andy Batchelor as our vicar from October 2020.

Sadly, for various reasons the PCC has seen its numbers reduce in the interim from six to just two currently and within the congregation of seven on Christmas Day there were just three residents of Ufton.

In a proactive approach, aided by the Diocese the PCC has produced a Survey which forms pages 3 to 6 of this edition. Please do complete it – “Use it or lose it” is undoubtedly lingering in the ether somewhere – and the more results we get, the clearer will be residents’ view of the future of the church.

Please submit your response by 21<sup>st</sup> February so that the results can be reported in next month’s Ufton News.

You can either complete it by hand and deliver a hard copy to Ian Crowther, church treasurer at 14 White Hart Lane or online at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Uftonchurch>

All responses will be treated in strictest confidence and the results will be anonymised and summarised into a report that will not make reference to any individual response.

**Thank you!**

Parish Council Clerk, Jackie Chapman  
[uftonpc@gmail.com](mailto:uftonpc@gmail.com)

Ufton Parish News Editorial/Advertising  
[uftonpc@gmail.com](mailto:uftonpc@gmail.com)

Village Hall, Ian Crowther [ian@account-able.co.uk](mailto:ian@account-able.co.uk)

Village Website [www.uftonvillage.com](http://www.uftonvillage.com)

Deadline for inclusion of items in February’s Ufton News, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022