

UFTON NEWS



February 2021 Diary

Tues	2	Virtual Ufton Parish Council Meeting 8.00 pm
Fri	5	Blue & Green Bin Collection
Fri	12	Grey Bin Collection
Fri	19	Blue & Green Bin Collection
Fri	26	Grey Bin Collection

Stratford District Council Green Bin Charge

SDC has received over 11,000 subscriptions for their 'Clip & Collect' garden waste service since applications opened 2 weeks ago.

There's still time to take advantage of the early bird offer - £35 for each green bin for a 12-month subscription, starting on 1 April 2021.

To subscribe and find out more about this service, please visit: www.stratford.gov.uk/gardenwaste or call 01789 267575.

Remember – your green bin will not be emptied after 1st April 2021 if you have not subscribed to the “Clip & Collect” Service.

Let's do the Right Thing for Warwickshire, Car Sharing

From Warwickshire County Council Public Health.

- You must not share a car with someone outside your household or bubble unless it is essential.

If you do car share remember to follow the latest guidance:

- Keep the car ventilated.
- Maximise distance between people in the car.
- Wear a face covering.
- Clean the car between journeys.

Warwickshire County Council Public Health

NHS staff across Coventry and Warwickshire are working hard to vaccinate people against [#Covid19](#). The [#NHS](#) will let you know when it is your turn to have the vaccine. It is important not to contact the NHS or your GP practice for a vaccination before then [#CovidVaccine](#)

Census Day Sunday 21st March 2021

Early in the New Year, households will receive a letter about the Census with a unique access code allowing them to complete the questionnaire online on their computers, phones or tablets. Paper questionnaires will be available on request. Census Day is Sunday 21 March, but you can fill yours in as soon as you get your access code in the post. Your answers should be about the people who usually live in your household on this date – even if you are filling it in before then. If your household circumstances change on Census Day, you can let the Office of National Statistics know.

Warwickshire County Council's – New Gritters are named.

Following a request for suggestions for names for their 5 new gritters, WCC are pleased to announce the following have been selected from the 100s put forward:

1. Usain Salt
2. Professor Chris Gritty
3. Gritta Thunberg
4. Snowbi-Gone Kenobi
5. The Mighty Thaw
6. Charlie Boy
7. Grey13 Hero2.

WCC thanks everyone who put forward a suggestion, the range and quality of names were impressive!

The eagle-eyed amongst you will have noticed there are seven names on the list when the initial competition only sought names for five gritters. The reason for this is that two of the names – Charlie Boy and Grey13 Hero – stood out to Officers as being particularly poignant.

Charlie Boy is named in memory of Charlie Round, a little boy from Tamworth who sadly lost his battle with a rare form of childhood cancer in 2017. Charlie is remembered as a little boy who, despite facing incredible adversity, lit the world around him with an amazing smile and outlook. The Gritter bearing this name will serve the area where Charlie and his family lived.

Grey13 Hero is named in memory of Jack Mitchell (John Arthur Mitchell) and was put forward by his daughter, Alison Mitchell. Jack worked for Warwickshire County Council for over 50 years, including on the County's gritting fleet at a time when the service was carried out by shovelling the grit off the back of a truck as it went along Warwickshire's essential routes. Grey13 was Jack's call sign from his time working on the gritters. The gritter bearing his name will serve the area of Cubbington where Jack lived.

When I am old – Jenny Joseph.

Last month we published Swift's 'Resolutions for Older Men'. In the interests of balance, here is some guidance for the older ladies of Ufton. It's the first few lines of a poem 'When I am old', by Jenny Joseph.

When I am an old woman, I shall wear
purple With a red hat that doesn't go, and
doesn't suit me,
And I shall spend my pension.
on brandy and summer gloves
and satin sandals,
and say we've no money for butter.
I shall sit down on the pavement when I
am tired and gobble up samples in shops.
and press alarm bells,
And run my stick along public railings.
And make up for the sobriety of my youth.
I shall go out in my slippers in the rain.
And pick the flowers in other people's
gardens.
And learn to spit.

St Wulstan Surgery, Southam

Is proud to announce that the Surgery and their patients have achieved the highest levels of flu vaccination uptake.

in South Warwickshire across most groups, this Winter.

St Wulstan Surgery has the highest uptake of flu vaccination in the following groups:

- Patients aged 65 and over.
- Patients aged 50-64
- 6 months to under 65 years: At-risk
- Pregnant Women

These incredible results are made possible by the hard work and dedication of their staff, and the support of their patients. Having the flu vaccine helps protect the community.

If you are aged 50-64 and have still not had your flu vaccine, it's not too late. Please call reception if you wish to book. 01926 810939

Their domain rankings are given below:

- Patients aged 65 and over 1st (out of 32 practices)
- Patients aged 50-64 1st (out of 32 practices)
- 6 months to under 65 years: At-risk 1st (out of 32 practices)
- Pregnant Women 1st (out of 32 practices)
- Children aged 2yrs 2nd (out of 32 practices)
- Children aged 3yrs. 4th (out of 32 practices)

Stay Alert – COVID19 Vaccination Scams

FACT CHECK

- You do not need to apply for it.
- You do not have to pay to receive it.
- You do not have to share your bank details to confirm your identity.

Stressed out?

Take a break, a deep breath and visit Every Mind Matters... for expert advice on managing your stress levels and your mental health.

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/stress/>

Exercise

You can leave you home for essential reasons, such as exercise, but you must exercise alone, with your household or with one other person outside your household while maintaining social distancing.

If you go outside to exercise, keep a safe distance from others and if an area looks busy please move on to somewhere quieter.

Warwickshire County Council Library - BorrowBox eBooks and eAudio

For adults and children.

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If you are not a member of the library, you can join online:

<https://library.warwickshire.gov.uk/iguana/www.main.cls?url=jointhelibraryonline>

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.

Shrove Tuesday Annual Pancake race

For obvious reasons Ufton's Annual Pancake Race will not take place this year. This is probably the first time this event has had to be postponed. Let's all hope we are in a different and better situation in 2022 and once again adults and children can charge with gay abandon down Ufton Fields.



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Edition – Friday 26th March 2021.

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH, UFTON

2021 and Services

We hope that this newsletter finds you in good health and that you are managing ok in these challenging times.

Since the last time of writing and with increasing lockdown restrictions unfortunately we have felt it necessary to cancel yet another service (scheduled for 31st January). We know this will be a disappointment for some, but we really do feel that it is better to be safe than sorry at the moment. We will let you know as soon as we feel safe to resume services.

Please know that in the meantime there are many options to join in worship virtually including a weekly service at present run by our own ministry team. Please visit allsaintsharbury.org for details on how to join virtual services in the parish, **it would be lovely to have you along**. Please also let us know via email or calling us on 711967 (Adelle & Andy) if you would be interested in opening up of the church for private prayer.

And please do consider joining the church email list – please email us on details below to get the latest news.

MESSAGE FROM REV ANDY

I wonder where you feel your roots are? Perhaps your family has lived in the same area for generations, or maybe you have relocated because of work or family reasons, and have settled into a new community. But to really feel at home can take time. When my family and I were in Cumbria we were told that it takes many decades to lose the status of 'offcomer'. We lived there for only 11 years so were only part way on that journey!

But as you may know I am a Midlander at heart, and so moving back to Warwickshire was a bit like returning home. But sadly of course sometimes our home may not be a good place to be. Some people may feel trapped in an abusive situation, longing for something better but unable to see a way out. As foster carers we are all too aware that some children cannot safely stay in their family home, but have to build a new life in a new home, though of course their links remain to family and the place they grew up. There are also those who have no place to call home, whose circumstances leave them without security and feeling abandoned. Others long for the days to return when they don't have to be isolated within four walls while the vaccines are rolled out.

But whatever our situation may be, wherever we find ourselves, and however long we have been there, our permanent home is still waiting for us. In John's gospel Jesus says 'In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.'

God tells us that there is a place reserved for us in his Kingdom. A place that will be our eternal home. People have some odd ideas about heaven. All that ethereal stuff about stars and clouds and angels. But in fact it's going to be more real than anything we have experienced on this earth. It's like we are currently living in black and white – the world to come will be in full technicolour. All the darkness and despair of our world will be stripped away, and life will be as it was always meant to be. The book of revelation promises 'The old order of things will have passed away'.

God is calling all of us to come back to our real home. Ash Wednesday is on the 17th February, a day that marks the beginning of Lent, a time when we can reflect on our lives and our relationship with God. This year during Lent our diocese are presenting some reflections on prayer to be held on Wednesday evenings, details below: <https://coventry.anglican.org/leaning-into-lent-2021/be-nourished/journey-into-lent.php>. Do tune in if you can and discover just what a difference prayer can make in our lives and in our world, and how we can begin to experience our true home in God's Kingdom.

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