

UFTON NEWS

January 2023 Diary

Tues	10	ALL BINS Parish Council Meeting VH 8.00 pm
Sat	14	Coffee morning with book and jigsaw swap. Village Hall 10 am – 12 noon. All welcome
Tues	17	Food Bin
Tues	24	Food Waste, Blue and Green Bins
Tues	31	Food and Grey Bin
Weds	1 Feb	Cost of living event Southam Congregational Church 12 – 2.00pm

Christmas tree recycling

SDC will be collecting real Christmas trees from 9 – 20 January 2023, and you do not need to have a green bin permit subscription to have yours collected. Please ensure all lights and decorations have been removed from the tree. Any tree which is over 5ft tall must be cut in half.

Leave your tree outside in a place that is not obstructing the highway, and SDC will collect it. If you are subscribed to the green bin service, you can chop it up and put it in your bin.

Carol Service and Punch Party Sunday 11th December 2022

Thank you to everyone who came to the Carol Service and punch party. It was lovely to see so many people in the church with all age groups catered for. Youngest being months old and the oldest, well I am not sure who was the oldest as they all looked so good.

It was lovely to hear the organ being played by Margherita. The vicar, who was really entertaining, described the organ as “not having power steering, so if there is the odd fluffed note, please excuse it.” Who knew the organ is hard to play.

The nativity scene was out on display and greeted you as you approached the aisle. This brought back many memories from previous Carol Services on Christmas Eve which used to start at 11.00pm and were always very cold. For those villagers who have

been here a long time I am sure you can remember Jack Read singing along.

Thank you to Ann Ainscow and Ian Crowther for arranging the carol service and punch party. Thank you to anyone else who may also have helped.

HS2 Road Works Updated notice of upcoming works, A425, Southam

Works are needed to allow the A425 temporary diversion road to be connected to the existing highway. Works will be carried out between 16 January 2023 and 17 February 2023. To carry out these works safely, single lane closures with temporary traffic lights will be required. We previously informed you about these works however to complete these works we will now also be implementing an overnight closure on 6 February between the hours of **10pm and 6am**. A fully signed diversion will be in place. Two-way temporary traffic lights will be in place at two points on the A425 from 16 January 2023 to 17 February 2023. Access to all properties will be maintained. Our workforce maybe on site one hour before and one hour after to set up and secure our equipment.

A425 Daventry Road from 9th January 2022:

Temporary closure of A425 Daventry Road, Southam/Shuckburgh Road, Napton on the hill and Napton Road, Lower Shuckburgh closed to vehicular traffic between Welsh Road East, Southam and Sawbridge Road, Lower Shuckburgh.

Reason for Order: Carriageway patching and associated works, **09.30 - 15.00hrs**.
Order Effective from: 09 January 2023.
Order made by Warwickshire County Council.

Free Cost-of-living event in Southam is taking place at the Southam Congregational Church on the 1st of February – 12-2 (Free refreshments and Children’s activities too)



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Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service - Safe and Well Checks

A Safe and Well Check is a free service to help people stay safe and reduce the risk of fire in their home. During a visit, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service provides the homeowner with fire safety advice, check that all smoke alarms are working and replace, or install, new ones if needed.

To enquire about a Safe and Well Check for yourself or someone you know, please email the Prevention Team at cfs@warwickshire.gov.uk.

Cheaper Bus Travel

Warwickshire residents are encouraged to choose cheaper bus travel this year as a new scheme to save money on fares launches.

Most Warwickshire bus operators have signed up to a scheme aimed at capping the price of a Single ticket. This will help families, commuters and other passengers save money on travel over the winter. The scheme, backed by £60 million of government investment, caps single tickets at £2 until 31 March 2023 across England.

In Warwickshire, the following operators have signed-up to the scheme:

- Stagecoach
- Arriva
- National Express Coventry
- National Express West Midlands
- Pulhams
- A&M Group - Flexibus (Service 9 only)

- IndieGo PLUS Demand Responsive Transport (DRT)

Designed to help with the rising cost of living, it is hoped that Warwickshire residents will seriously consider leaving the car behind and use the bus instead. With a major network of routes spanning the county, there is sure to be one that will make it a real viable alternative to car travel. Most Bus operators now offer free Wi-Fi and USB charging points on-board, as well as apps that you can download and track your bus with.

More details on Warwickshire routes and timetables, along with a journey planner can be found by visiting:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/buses.

CAB returns to Southam

Every Friday morning (9.00am to 1.00pm) from 13th January 2023 at The Grange Hall, Coventry road Southam, CV47 1QA. Please feel free to either drop on or make an appointment either by email or telephone call.

Deputyclerk@southamcouncil-warks.gov.uk

Tel Southam Town Council 01926 814004

Children's Society Boxes

For those people who have Children's Society Boxes, it is time for them to be returned to Ann Ainscow for emptying. Please either take them to Ann at the Old Vicarage or drop them into the Village Hall on Sat 14th Jan between 10.00 am and 12 noon. Date for boxes to be handed in by Saturday 28th January 2023.

If anyone wishes to have a box, please contact Ann on 01926 603303.

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