

UFTON NEWS

March 2023 Diary

Tues	7	Blue, Green and Food waste. Parish Council Meeting VH 8.00 pm
Tues	14	Food Waste and Grey Bin
Tues	21	Blue, Green and Food waste.
Tues	28	Food Waste

Electoral Commission – Voter ID

From 4th May 2023 onwards, electors wishing to vote at polling stations will have to show an acceptable form of photo ID.

Full details of the new requirement are available on the SDC website here: - <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/.../voter-id-at-polling...>

This gives details on what types of photo ID are acceptable and what electors should do if they do not have one.

Anyone without suitable Voter ID can apply online for a new Voter Authority Certificate via the Gov.uk website.

Paper applications can also be accepted by the Elections dept at Stratford District Council so long as they are accompanied by a suitable passport style photo.

Alternatively, electors can come into Stratford's Council Offices where staff will assist electors in completing the form on-line, take their photo and upload it to the portal. The Certificate will then be posted direct to them.

People have to be on the electors list to be able to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate.

Electors have until 25th April to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate in time for 4th May elections.

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Deadline for inclusion of items in March's Ufton News, Sunday 26th February 2023

Parish Council Elections

Parish Council elections are due to take place on 4th May 2023. Members of the Parish who wish to contribute to the village and help maintain services and assist residents are invited to stand as a Parish Councillor.

The Parish Clerk (Jackie Chapman, 12 St Michaels Close, Ufton. email uftonpc@gmail.com) has the application forms for anyone who wishes to apply. The forms need to be completed and returned to the Clerk by Friday 24th March 2023.

Condolences

The Parish Council send their condolences to Jenny Armstrong's family. Jenny passed away on 6th February 2023. Jenny will be missed by many, having lived in the village since 1980.

The Parish Council also send their condolences to Alan Deakin and his family on the death of his wife Jean. Whilst neither Alan or Jean have lived in the village for a few years, they were residents for many years and played an active part in the village.

New Book illuminating Warwickshire's medieval past

A new book sheds light on the founding and eventual desertion of a medieval village in Warwickshire.

The book – Burton Dassett Southend, Warwickshire – A Medieval Market Village (Routledge) by Nicholas Palmer and Jonathan Parkhouse – describes at length the results of an archaeological excavation which took place in advance of the construction of the M40 through Warwickshire in the late 1980s.

The excavation work was carried out by the Warwickshire County Council Museum Service and the report has been financed by Historic England. It describes the archaeological evidence for the founding and desertion of the medieval village of Southend, one of five medieval settlements in Burton Dassett parish.

It includes the site of a market promoted by the manorial lord Bartholomew de

Sudeley, with a charter obtained in 1267. The settlement initially prospered but declined throughout the 15th century and is recorded as depopulated by 1497.

Southend survived as earthworks in pasture until the construction of the M40 motorway prompted its archaeological excavation. The only building in the village to survive was the 13th-century chapel of St James, reduced, along with an adjacent post-medieval priest's house, to a cowshed until conversion in the 1990s.

The open area excavations at Southend investigated parts of ten medieval properties. The main period of occupation lasted from the mid-13th century to the late 15th century. Over 20 complete plans of houses and outbuildings were recorded, mostly in stone, but exhibiting a range of building techniques and representing the largest such site ever examined in the Midlands.

The well-preserved remains, protected under demolition rubble, included a door jamb, inscribed with the name of a tenant family 'Gormand', which suggests a degree of functional literacy for the tenants that could not previously have been assumed.

One of the identified properties was recognised as a smithy during the excavation and a pioneering sampling and analysis of the ironworking evidence was carried out. The site was also sampled extensively for charred plant remains and, unusually for Warwickshire with its slightly acid soils, a large assemblage of animal bone was collected.

Work on these provides direct evidence of medieval agricultural practice, to be compared with the local historical evidence. The large quantities of finds recovered, probably the largest assemblage from a medieval rural settlement in the West Midlands, enabled the reconstruction of the material culture of the late medieval village.

The excavation, the largest ever carried out by Warwickshire County Council, has led to one of the most anticipated reports in the authority's history. The book detailing the excavation is already tipped

to be one of the seminal research tools for students and practitioners of medieval history and archaeology in the UK.

Cllr Heather Timms, Portfolio Holder for Heritage, Culture and the Environment, said: "We are so fortunate in Warwickshire to have a variety of history from the 3500-year-old Rollright Stones through the medieval period to Roman Britain and every period in between.

"We are equally lucky in the County Council to have such a fantastic and knowledgeable in-house team of archaeologists who have been involved in shining a light on many of the major finds within our borders. There have been few finds as monumental as that of Southend at Burton Dassett and the learning about medieval life in Warwickshire has added to our better understanding of this period in Warwickshire and the wider region."

Anyone wishing to purchase a copy of Burton Dassett Southend, Warwickshire – A Medieval Market Village can find it via all major book retailers.

Pilates - Monday 10 – 11 am

Ufton Village Hall

If anyone is interested either pop along 15 mins before class starts or email jayne@pilates-forever-young.uk

Defibrillator Training

Thank you to Mark Livingstone for arranging and carrying out the defibrillator training in the Village Hall on Saturday 4th March 2023.



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