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## UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Chairman

### The Council

Uffington Parish Council has six councillors. They serve four-year terms, with elections next due in May 2023. The composition of the Parish Council is:

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### **Clerk**

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Mrs Julia Evans (Alternative)		<a href="mailto:parishcouncil@uffington.net">parishcouncil@uffington.net</a>

The Chair and Clerk may be contacted on the above telephone numbers or email addresses. Other Councillors may be contacted on the email addresses above.

Please note that public meetings will not take place until further notice, due to COVID-19. Instead, the Council is holding 'virtual' meetings using Zoom. The monthly meeting is usually held at 6.30 pm on the second Monday of the month, and there is the same opportunity for members of the public to join the meeting as for open meetings; if you wish to do this please ask Julia (Clerk – as above) for a link to the meeting. The agenda is published on the website and the Notice Board, as usual. Due to the delayed move to the Government's 'Stage 4' rules, it is hoped that face-to-face meetings will resume in August.

In normal times, the Council meets on the second Monday of the month in the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, at 6.30pm (please note change of time). All

residents are welcome to attend these meetings and raise any issues; we will make it easy for you by having an “open forum” session early in the meeting (normally 7.00 pm) at which issues may be raised and discussed. The agenda is published on the Parish Council website and notice board at least three clear days before the meeting. We particularly welcome residents with planning applications that are to be considered at the meeting, to come and tell us about any pending application and explain any specific points which they may wish to make.

**County Council Elections.** As a result of the county council elections on 6 May 2021, Yvonne Constance continues to be our representative on Oxfordshire County Council, but control has shifted from the former Conservative/Independent coalition to a new Lib Dem/Labour/Green coalition.

### **Village Event – Bank Holiday Monday 30 August**

In response to several suggestions that the village should hold an event after the majority of Covid restrictions have been limited, the Council has started planning a family focussed event. We have chosen the Bank Holiday Monday 30 August as there will no White Horse Show this year and the Village Hall is available. The event will run from 3-8pm and be for all villagers and organised on a very much a self-help basis with no charges except for food and drink sales. The following is currently being planned:

- Bring your own food and drink
- Bring your own tent/gazebo and picnic or BBQ
- Bring your own children’s games
- Organised games for children
- Entertainment by the Uffington Players
- Tea and cakes (to purchase)
- Hog Roast and Pizzas (to purchase)
- Cash bar
- The Village shop will be open

If you have any ideas for other activities or would like to organise something, please let a member of the Parish Council know and we will try and accommodate them.

**Fernham Road closure – July/August.** The Fernham Road into / out of Uffington is likely to be closed for a period of up to 6 weeks in July and / or August, because the road bridge over the stream (50m from the Museum) has to be replaced. The formal public notice has not been received yet, but the Parish Council has been in discussion with Highways and Oxfordshire County Council recently to agree the proposals. The usual arrangements for vehicle diversions will be made and a temporary route for horses will be made available from the Fernham Road over the stream with a 'bridle bridge' on the footpath through the allotments to the Waylands estate.

**Advertising in the Courier.** The policy on Advertising is available on the website - <https://www.uffington.net/> The cost of advertising in four issues of the Courier (one year) AND inclusion in the website on the 'Essential Contacts' page or 'Local Businesses' as appropriate are very modest and as follows:

- ¼ page or less: £20.00
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Anybody wishing to advertise should please contact either the Clerk or the Chairman of the Council – contact details are above. Copies of the Courier are distributed to a number of shops, pubs and other outlets outside of the UBW villages making it more attractive to advertisers.

**Covid 19 (Coronavirus).** The roadmap published by the Government, is effective from 8 March – but remains subject to the rates of infection being under control. A graphic of the 4 steps is on the website [Uffington Parish Council - The 4 Steps](#) and on the noticeboard. The Parish Council would like to thank again all those who have continued to be prepared to give their time and effort to support the community throughout the pandemic.

**Uffington allotments.** There are 28 plots available to tenants at the Uffington allotments on the Fernham Road out of Uffington and 24 of them are now occupied. The few spare plots are available to all residents and also to others outside the village in the event of lack of internal demand. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Council at: [uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com).

## Village Maintenance

- **Hedges and verges.** Householders are reminded that they are responsible for ensuring their hedges and verges do not overhang pavements, footpaths or roads beyond the boundary of their property. In order to facilitate their use by pedestrians, we would be grateful if all residents would play their part in this. We are grateful to all those who have cut back overgrown hedges and verges to the property boundary and if you have not yet done this, now is the time to do so or enforcement action may be taken.
- **Ditches.** It is essential that the ditches around the village run freely and riparian owners are reminded of their responsibility to keep them clear.
- **Maintenance.** The Parish Council would like to thank the small group of residents who assist with maintenance work around the village, in areas which are the responsibility of the Parish Council.

If you need assistance with hedges, verges or ditches, or would like to join the maintenance group, please get in touch with the Parish Council at [uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com).

## Planning applications in Uffington (with Vale reference number) – since the last edition of the Courier

The following have been **approved** by the Vale District Council:

- P21/V1282/HH – 26 Jacksmeadow. Two storey side extension.
- P21/V0715/HH - Packers Forge High Street Uffington Faringdon SN7 7RP. Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of three-bay garage (as approved under P19/V1077/HH). Two storey rear extension and internal remodelling. New porch. External alterations, including changes to windows and doors. Creation of rear patio area with retaining wall (additional plans submitted 06th May 2021).
- P21/V0932/LDE - The Walnuts Broad Street Uffington Faringdon SN7 7RA. Existing and continued use for more than 10 years of land as Residential Garden attached to The Walnuts, Broad Street, Uffington.
- P21/V0179/HH - Little Orchard Packers Lane Uffington Faringdon SN7 7RT. Ground & first floor extensions.

- P21/V0360/HH - Broadway Farm Uffington Faringdon SN7 7QH. Extension of existing dwelling to create an attached annex.
- P21/V0006/HH - Rowan Lodge Fernham Road Uffington Faringdon SN7 7RD. Conservatory to rear elevation.
- P20/V2912/HH - 19 Craven Common Uffington Faringdon SN7 7RN. Resubmission of drawings following approved planning permission reference no P20/V1428/HH. Approved rear single storey extension to extend by an additional metre.
- P21/V0465/HH – 11 Jacksmeadow. Proposed rear/side extension.

The following have been **refused** by the Vale District Council:

- P21/V1063/HH - 1 Jacksmeadow Uffington Faringdon SN7 7GN. 2 storey side extension.
- P21/V0009/HH - Gate Cottage Road Alongside Lower Common Uffington Faringdon SN7 7SG. Two-storey side extension, single-storey side and rear extensions, glazed link and the erection of a one and a half storey outbuilding, incorporating a garage, annexe and home office.
- P20/V2556/FUL - Maleficent Meadows Baulking Lane Baulking Faringdon SN7 8NR. Change of use of former mineral workings land to a combined pedigree dog and cat breeding facility including the stationing of a temporary dwelling and associated development including, installing a Klargestor tank and hardstanding, for use by Traveller family. (Amended description 3.12.20) (Appeal submitted).

The following are **awaiting determination** by the Vale District Council:

- P21/V0467/FUL – Dragon Hill, Woolstone Road. Proposed erection of a self build dwelling with new access.
- P20/V1739/FUL and P20/V1740/LB – Dovecote, Britchcombe Farm. Retrospective application for conversion of dovecote to a dwelling.

The following has been **withdrawn**

- P21/V1142/HH – The Clock House, High Street. Extension to existing building.

## **Appeals:**

- Planning Appeal Consultation - P20/V0394/FUL - UFF – Meadowgold, demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of two storey dwelling, formation of parking area and enlargement of access.– Appeal Dismissed.

The live list of 'Current' and 'Decided' Uffington applications can be accessed via the links on the website here: <https://www.uffington.net/parish-council/planning/> along with the latest details of the main 'Material' factors considered (and not considered) when assessing applications.

**New planning applications.** We encourage anyone intending to submit a planning application to the Planning Department at The Vale District Council to discuss it with the Parish Council at an early stage. We may be able to help you to avoid unnecessary errors which serve to downgrade the quality and likely success of the application. There is an opportunity to do this in the Open Forum at every monthly meeting. If in doubt, please contact the clerk or any member of the Council.

**Local Business Information.** Lists of local tradesmen and businesses which you may need and of scheduled local activities in the village are included on the inside back pages of the Courier. The majority of these are also listed on the village website. We should be pleased to learn of any errors, omissions, or anything you would like to see included in future editions. Please contact [simon.jenkins@uffington.net](mailto:simon.jenkins@uffington.net) (Tel: 01367 820776), or the Parish Council Clerk at: [uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com).

**Village Hall.** As a result of the Covid 19 pandemic, the Village Hall remains partially closed and most of the activities listed at the back of the Courier are not happening for the time being. For Village Hall booking enquiries during the pandemic, please send an e-mail to: [booking@thmh.co.uk](mailto:booking@thmh.co.uk) or you can contact Geoff Rumble on 01367 820036.

## **Communications**

- **Village Web site.** The village website can be found at <http://www.uffington.net/> It is in the ownership of the Parish Council, which pays the hosting and support charges on behalf of the village. Requests for additions and changes should be made to the Clerk, Julia Evans, at [uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com) or through the website.
- **Email notices.** There is an email network of topical information which is sent weekly to those who have signed up for it. If you wish to join please notify Simon Jenkins on 820776 or [simon.jenkins@uffington.net](mailto:simon.jenkins@uffington.net) For data protection reasons, email addresses are held securely and not disclosed to

anybody else, or used for anything apart from Parish Council notifications and other information thought to be of general interest to residents, in accordance with our Privacy Notice.

- Village notice boards. These are at Uffington Post Office and Stores.
- Facebook page for Uffington Parish Council. The Parish Council now has its own Facebook page. This is gradually being improved and will complement the information available listed above. In particular, short-notice information will be added whenever possible. Any ideas for other information we should put on the page would be welcome.

### **Traffic Calming in Uffington**

There have long been concerns about speeding in the village and this short article aims to inform you what has been done and what we hope to be able to do in the future. It is important to note that 'speeding' (breaking the law) and perceived 'driving too fast' (opinions based on the situation) are not the same thing and that police resources to monitor and/or enforce any limits are unlikely to be available on anything more than a very occasional basis. Various options have been looked at by the Parish Council; some have been implemented and others have had to be discounted due to practicality and/or cost. These have included:

- Insertion of roundabouts at key junctions forcing traffic to slow – very expensive and space usually not available.
- Speed humps – universally loathed and would probably cause unacceptable inconvenience to residents.
- Road markings – red roundels, white 'dragons teeth' markings – reasonably priced but wear and don't physically slow vehicles. Some have been repainted recently.
- 'Gates' on entrance roads to the village – these physically or visually (may be combined with dragons teeth markings) reduce the width of the road – these are expensive (£4000+) and width restrictions may cause problems for big farm vehicles.
- Speedwatch volunteer speed camera monitoring – we started doing this and it proved to be an effective deterrent but was halted in 2019 by the police whilst they decide on a different legal 'speed gun'.
- A fixed Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) on Fawler Road – this is a useful deterrent and now augmented in other locations by a moveable Speed



Indicating Device (see below) which have been found to provide a better deterrent at a similar cost.

**Speed Indicating Device (SID).** Most recently, with the aid of County Council advice and funding, we have added 4 poles around the village on which we can mount a SID. We move the SID between poles periodically to provide a degree of uncertainty as to where it will be on any given day. The SID not only indicates the speed to passing drivers but also records the speed of each passing vehicle. This information will inform us as to where best to site the Speedwatch equipment in order to achieve the maximum deterrent effect when this is restarted, as the records from the SID will be used to inform the location of the Speedwatch sites – although there are strict safety rules as to these locations to ensure the safety of the equipment operators and where there are good sight lines of the roads being surveyed.

**Way Ahead.** We continue to monitor the situation and look for cost-effective ways to improve traffic safety in and around the village. We are currently considering:

- Install one or more additional fixed post to take the moveable SID. This is a cost effective (about £500 per post) option BUT there are limited locations due to the road layout and bends.
- The availability and roll-out of a newly approved speedguns and the ‘Restart and Relaunch’ of the Speedwatch initiative so that we can recommence operations. We await to hear the cost of the new equipment but may partner with another village (we had previously started looking to partner with Shrivenham) to keep costs down.
- Consider supporting the ‘Twenty is Plenty’ initiative. This is part of a wider National/County initiative to make villages which want to do so become 20mph zones.

We hope that the above information helps you understand what we are doing to address concerns about excessive speed in and around Uffington. If you have any comments or ideas on what else we might consider we would love to hear from you. We’d also welcome any views on the applicability on the ‘Twenty is Plenty’ to Uffington.

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## NEW MOWER FOR FOOTBALL CLUB



The new mower which Uffington Football Club were able to purchase recently with some of their contribution from the S106 Agreement for the development of the Jacksmeadow estate and Brian Wilkins using it on the Jubilee Field.

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### HANDYMAN - CRAFTSMAN – GARDENER

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Email: [mjpalethorpe@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mjpalethorpe@hotmail.co.uk)

## TOM BROWN'S SCHOOL MUSEUM

Karen Pilcher (Curator)



We were so close to reopening the museum on the 26th June, however the Governments 4 week delay pushed this back to the end of July. All things being equal, with fingers crossed and a prevailing wind we are now aiming for Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July.

We have many new exhibits to show off so please, as soon as we are open, take some time to visit us. It's free entry although we have local merchandise for sale and donations are always welcome to keep this wonderful village asset up and running.

We have updated our website [www.uffingtonmuseum.co.uk](http://www.uffingtonmuseum.co.uk) which includes details of our exhibitions and examples of some of the many photographs and reference material we hold – please take a look.

We are always happy to welcome new members and volunteers and for £10 a year or a life membership of £100, a family can join the Friends of Tom Brown's School Museum. There are always small jobs that need doing so if you are interested in joining us please E-mail [uffingtonmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:uffingtonmuseum@gmail.com) or contact me on 01367 820978 for a chat.

Hope to see you all soon

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## SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD

It has been a busy and exciting term. The children have been learning and creating a vast array of things from designing animals to live in a variety of habitats, to building homes for insects, singing the days of the week in Italian, finding out about the seaside in Victorian times and going on 3 D shape hunts! We have summer events still to come, such as sports day, drama workshop day and Founder's Day (all within the guidelines of Covid operating procedures). On national Thank a Teacher Day, our own Mrs Moore was nominated by a pupil which was included in Oxfordshire's county council news release - see picture below!

At the end of this summer term Mr Rob Hart will be sadly standing down from our Governing Body after many years of service. He has been resourceful, supportive, embraced progress and ultimately has been invaluable to the school. Our thanks to him.





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\*Committee on Climate Change, February 2019

## **ELM TREE SURGERY SHRIVENHAM PRESCRIPTION COLLECTION SERVICE**

Will patients ordering repeat prescriptions from the Surgery please note that they should now do so before 3pm on Friday, earlier orders would of course be welcomed. Prescriptions will then be available in the Post Office on the following Thursday. The repeat prescription telephone line at Elm Tree Surgery is open between 1.30-3pm each

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## **UBW MINIBUS ASSOCIATION**

We regret that our activities remain suspended because of the unacceptable risks to our passengers, volunteers and their contacts at this stage in the pandemic.

John Hatcher remains available on 01367 820417 to discuss any matters of interest or concern to you in regard to the minibus.

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## **UFFINGTON PLAYERS**

**Christine Holley**

We hope everyone is well and continuing to stay safe.

**On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August**, the players will be helping the parish council to host an event on the Jubilee Field. We will be organising the entertainments in the form of sketches, songs, and dance. Our theme will be medieval/fantasy.

If you think you would like to be involved in this or future productions or would like further information, please contact Christine Holley 01367 820474 or email [christineholley28@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:christineholley28@hotmail.co.uk)

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## **WHITE HORSE GARDEN CLUB**

**Verity Cavanagh**

veritycavanagh@gmail.com

07975861790

Our plant sale this year has been a great success, enabling us to book excellent speakers for 2022 Looking forward to a summer of long awaited sunshine.

### **Thursday 1st July**

**10.30am. BRAMDEAN HOUSE, Alesford, Hants SO24 0JU.** Courtesy of Edward & Leonora Wakefield. Fee: £10 includes tour and refreshments.

**2.30pm. MALVERLEYS GARDEN, East Lane, Hants RG20 0AA.**

Fee: £10 includes tour and refreshments.

Numbers are limited on both these gardens so please apply for a place asap to Patricia Dalrymple: [pjdalrymple@btinternet.com](mailto:pjdalrymple@btinternet.com)

Payments only when Patricia emails to confirm you have a place please

Payment by BACS with reference: surnameBRA = Bramdean or MAV = Maverleys e.g. smithBRA, SmithMAV or SmithBRA&MAV

**Bank transfer: sort code is 090153, account number 28382280, account name - White Horse Gardening Club**

### **Wednesday 14th July**

**2.00pm. ENGLEFIELD HOUSE AND GARDENS, Theale, Reading RG7 5EN**

Fee: £8 includes tour. Refreshments available from estate cafe. Plants for sale in estate garden centre.

Please apply for a place by email to Patricia Dalrymple [pjdalrymple@btinternet.com](mailto:pjdalrymple@btinternet.com).

Payment details as above with ref: surnameENG

**AUGUST – No event**

### **Thursday 2nd September**

‘The Care and Pruning of Fruit Trees and Bushes’ By Chris Lanczak from Waterperry Gardens, Oxford.



## **Thursday 7th October**

'Where did your Garden Grow – a fascinating history of our familiar garden plants'.  
www.broadleighbulbs.co.uk By Christine Skelmersdale

## **Thursday 4th November**

'In the not so Bleak Winter' by Timothy Walker. www.timothywalker.org.uk.

## **Thursday 2nd December**

AGM &Talk by Woodchester Valley Vineyard from Stroud.  
www.woodchestervalleyvineyard.co.uk

Seasonal refreshments and wines to sample/purchase.

A list of those attending visits and will be emailed on the Monday before each visit:

Bramdean and Malverley visits on Thursday 1st July - email on Monday 28th June.

*Englefield visit on Wednesday 14th July - email on Monday 12th July.*

*Transport for all these visits will be by individual cars or car sharing, if appropriate.*

We are pleased to report that White Horse Garden Club membership is soaring - so don't delay join today.

**Fee £10 per annum.**

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Brampton Garden Centre will give 10% off plants with your membership card.

Any further queries please contact Pamela Preene 01367 820251

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Dear All,

We recently had a week's break in Shropshire, a county we didn't know at all well. Those of you who have been will know it is a place of great natural beauty with much to see. We took Esther for a short walk, carrying her in the 'back pack' for some of the way, on the Long Mynd and got lost on the site of the Battle of Shrewsbury (1403) which is a fascinating spot – to name but two of our adventures.

My mother was with us, and towards the end of our week we managed to visit the village on the Welsh border where she was evacuated with her mother, brother and sister in 1940 as bombs were falling on London. She spent several years in Chirbury; between the age of 4 and 8, on and off as the bombing waxed and waned. The family was billeted in several different houses around the village during their time there, while my gran helped pay their way by cooking in the local pub, The Herbert Arms. It was news to me that my mum had been baptised in the local church with its huge and ancient tower.

Churches in that part of the world often have big, solid looking towers as they were partly defensive for when Welsh raiding parties came to pay a visit. These revelations got me thinking of the peace we know today, and how easily it can be broken. The tower looked a bit like a silo and we are always in danger of living in a kind of 'silo culture' ourselves – we talk to people 'like us' but often find it hard to step across boundaries and listen to other voices too.

Singing is a great way to get to know others, and a way to nurture our own talents too. Our new Singing Club is open to all children between the ages of 8 and 11, not just those who attend Uffington School. If your child would like to give us a try, we meet in St Mary's between 3.15 and 4pm in term time and sing anything from songs off hit musicals like 'Matilda' through to well known choruses. Let us know via [info@uffingtonbenefice.com](mailto:info@uffingtonbenefice.com) if you are interested.

Wishing you a very happy and peaceful Summer!

Jeremy Goulston

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Our tennis season is now back in full swing with matches under our belt and a busy coaching schedule underway. Even though we've had more than our share of rain this year there have been plenty of long summer evenings for club members to get out on court.

We have an enthusiastic Ladies team who have been promoted to Division 2 and they were under no illusion that this would be a hard summer season. The team have battled bravely, played some good tennis and are justly proud of their enthusiasm and commitment. There has been one notable win and many close matches resulting in both draws and losses. We are now halfway through the season and the team is determined to ensure we remain in Division 2 next year.

Our Mixed team has enjoyed a series of tight matches on Thursday evenings in the Swindon & District Summer League. We've played six matches against various sides from Pewsey, Marlborough, Swindon, and Royal Wootton Bassett so far with mixed fortunes - winning three and losing three. We currently sit fourth in the table with four more games to play in July before the league ends.

On the coaching front, the junior groups are both taking place on Wednesdays during termtime. These sessions take place from 4-5pm for the primary school children, and between 5-6pm for Years 7 upwards. Both are popular and well attended. Differing abilities are catered for by splitting the group between the Head and assistant coach who rotate during the sessions.

In addition two weeks of junior holiday camps are planned from 2nd August. Please visit <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/gamesetandmatchplay/Coaching/Camps> for further information and booking. The weekly adult group session on 'dynamic doubles' (following the Juniors on Wednesdays from 6-7pm) are very popular and all standards are reaping the rewards of attending.

Visit <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/gamesetandmatchplay/Coaching/Summary/06f4075d-648d-4ed7-87ec-a70b19f431fd> to book.

We are extremely fortunate to have a great coaching team led by Paul Butcher - LTA Level 4 coach supporting the club coaching programme. Paul is also available for private sessions on 07779 123867.

Let's hope the sun shines on the rest of our season and we wish our teams every success in their forthcoming matches. If all goes according to plan with the easing of restrictions we will be holding our popular Annual Tennis Tournament early in the Autumn. In the meantime club nights continue on Fridays at 6pm. Absolutely everyone welcome. Hope to see you on the courts soon.

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## VIOLIN/PIANO LESSONS

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To start with the good news – the Hall is open, has been from May 14<sup>th</sup>, to a limited extent. Well, open up to a point is surely better than not open at all, and a few clubs have been able to resume their activity, exercise, or whatever. So some people have been able to appreciate the fresh decor in the Large Hall, even if the new audio/visual facility remains a mystery for most. We hope that news on June 21<sup>st</sup> will enable us to resume fully.

Now to the disappointing news: The Hall has been subject to several incidents of vandalism in recent months. Happily, our CCTV system recorded some of these and the perpetrators involved. The Management Committee have taken what they consider appropriate action and are hoping that lessons have been learnt. Please be aware that the Hall has CCTV systems, but information and support would be appreciated if you see the Hall being damaged.

The Committee, Trustees, but sadly few of the Council, met recently in person. It was agreed that running the Hall in Covid times has been much harder work than in normal ones. It was also agreed that, whilst the Hall, its maintenance, its increasing facilities, its finances, are all in good shape, if the progress is to be maintained, if the Area of Benefit (Uffington, Baulking and Woolstone) is to continue to have a good Hall available, then what is needed is more, rather younger, volunteers to share the tasks with the few, current, rather older, ones!

Any community minded persons prepared to do their bit, please contact any member of the Management Committee that they know. My telephone number is 01367 – 821063. No new volunteers will mean, quite soon, no Hall.

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**THE FRIENDS OF SAINT MARY'S CHURCH**

**Geoffrey Foster (chairman)**

The Friends are a non-religious group that fund raises to help with the upkeep of the fabric of our village historic church. Over the years we have raised many thousands of pounds to this end, however, due to advancing age, the existing team is retiring and handing over to a new group. We very much hope you will support them as you have supported us.

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Thank you to all our patients for their co-operation, common sense, and patience in helping us to provide safe and effective primary health care. We have continued to offer full services since March 2020, and indeed have had nearly as many consultations per month than before the lock downs: 2595 in May 2019 and 2566 in May 2021.

It seems that the Covid vaccination programme has been even more successful than we could have hoped and we strongly urge everyone to take up their offers of vaccination when invited.

We are all looking forward to the easing of the Covid restrictions but it is important that we continue to follow the emerging government advice.

As the restrictions ease, we all need to be aware of the continuing issues relating to biosecurity and, here at Elm Tree Surgery, being mindful of this whilst providing our services in our very small building.

We plan to unlock the front door later this summer; however we ask that most patient contact continues to take place through the front window because we will have very limited waiting spaces for elderly and vulnerable within the building, compared to pre-pandemic times, as we have had to make changes in the building to accommodate the extra services that we are offering.

Telephone consultations will continue to be the preferred consultation method, thus allowing us to provide a more efficient and quicker service and enabling patients to remain at home or work, rather than travelling to the surgery, arranging time away from work, or sorting out child care.

Our receptionists will continue to ask for the reason you are requesting an appointment as this enables us to offer timely appointments with the most appropriate clinician, which could be our nurses, physiotherapist, clinical pharmacist, midwives or social prescribers rather than a GP.

Whilst you may have read in the papers that GPs are required to offer face to face consultations on request this is not actually correct - face to face consultations, as now, will be offered if clinically appropriate. This enables us to keep the surgery as clean as possible, to reduce the risk of infection for our patients and staff, and to avoid congestion in communal areas.

Prescriptions and dispensing will continue as it is now. If you can, please use on-line ordering as this is the easiest way to request your medicines.

Rather than coming to the surgery we would request that you use the telephone or on-line services to: make or change appointments order medicines collect medicines, unless you have been advised by us that they are ready for collection make general or other enquiries

If you do have a face to face appointment with one of our clinicians please do not arrive too early for your booked appointment and come alone if possible

and safe. Obviously we would expect a parent to bring a child but, if at all possible, please just bring the child who has the appointment.

We want to open up the surgery without being overwhelmed, overcrowded and unsafe.

The doctors would also like to pay tribute to everyone in the surgery for their dedication and adaptability and sheer hard work during the pandemic.

## **SUMMARY**

Only come into the surgery for:  
pre-booked face to face appointments

Go to the Front Window to:  
collect medication when you have been advised that they are ready  
collect or deliver specimens and letters  
collect or deliver registration forms

Use the telephone or on-line for:  
all prescription requests  
booking or altering appointments  
all other enquiries

Appointments can be booked with:

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## **USEFUL NUMBERS**

111 for medical advice or treatment; call this number when the surgery is closed

119 for all Covid vaccine-related queries

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## **OTHER NEWS**

The COVID-19 vaccination status service is now live.

People in England can access their vaccination status via the NHS App, through [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) or by telephoning 119 and requesting a letter (COVID-19 vaccination service).

Please do not ask the surgery for this information.

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**Local businesses** (Telephone numbers are all 01367  
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Day of week	Time	Activity	Ages	Where	Contact
Mondays	9-10 am	Exercise Class		Village Hall	(If interested, attend the class to make enquiries)
Mondays	7 – 9 pm	Smart Hema		Village Hall	(If interested, attend the class to make enquiries)
Mondays	7:15 – 8:15 pm	Insanity		Village Hall (SH)	Sports Club 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of month
Tuesday Term time	5:45-7pm	Beavers	Children aged 6-8	Village Hall	Dave Barnes 07811 424978
Tuesdays Term time	7:15-8:30 pm	Yoga		Village Hall	Deborah Atkinson 07875 633923
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month	7-10pm	W.I.		Village Hall	Mary Plant 241663
Every Tuesday	7.30-9pm	Bell ringing	age 12 and over	St. Mary's Church	Hugh Baxter 820014
Wednesdays	9-10 am	Exercise Class		Village Hall	(If interested, attend the class to make enquiries)
Wednesday Term time	5:30-7:15 pm	Brownies	For girls aged 7-11	Village Hall	Vikki Bond Vikkibond33@mail.com first_uffington_brownies@outlook.com
Wednesday Term time	7.15- 8.45 pm	Guides	For girls aged 10-14	Village Hall (SH)	Shona Webb shonawebb1@outlook.com Elaine Russ elaineruss@hotmail.co.uk
Wednesday	7:30-9pm	Uffington Taekwondo club	From 6 - adults	Village Hall	Duncan Saunders 07790 241891
1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	7.30 pm.	Gardening Club		Village Hall	Pamela Preene 820251
Thursday Term time	9:30-11am	Baby & Toddlers	0-5 years parents/ carers must stay	Village Hall	Katherine Foxhall katfoxhall@gmail.com facebook @uffingtontoddlers
Thursday Term time	6.30– 8 pm	Cubs	Children 8-10	Village Hall (SH)	Katherine Murkett 820270
Thursday Term time	7- 9 pm	Scouts	Children 10-14 years	Village Hall (SH)	Chris Palmer chris_palmer101@hotmail.co.uk
Fridays	9-10 am	Exercise Class		Village Hall	(If interested, attend the class to make enquiries)
Saturdays		League football	Adults	Sports Club, Fawler Road	Jason Wilkins 870487 or 07810 022127

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