Village News



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Uley Parish Council Meetings		
You are very welcome to attend	e Village Hall on the first Wednesday of the mo I. Details of the meetings can be found on the in the Uley village website at: www.uleyparishcour	notice boards at



The February edition of the Messenger is available to download from:

https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/parish-resources/communications/#messenger

Uley Parish Council

Elections



Playground Stream

The Children are having great fun damming up the stream at the playground. To avoid a risk of flooding the area, could parents please ensure that it is "un-dammed" before going home.

Highways

Pot Holes and drainage issues (that aren't an emergency) can be reported directly to Highways 08000 514514 or at the GCC Fix My Street https://www.fixmystreetgloucestershire.gov.

Uley Society

our next meeting will be on

Thursday 15th February at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall

The Antipodes in 1852-54 and its impact on a unique Gloucestershsire house By Liz Davenport

Come along & join us, you will be most welcome.

Our next

Uley Bury Working Party

will take place on:

Saturday 17th February 10am to 12noon

Please meet at Richard's bench and bring your own refreshments. Many thanks.

More info from Janet on 860236

Church News

We are delighted to congratulate
Assistant Church warden Pat Jones on
her award of British Empire Medal in
the New Year Honours List. A wonderful
achievement and richly deserved – Pat
never does less than her best at whatever
she does, be it riding for the disabled,
dog training or church work, and her care
and support for others is second to none.

Sad news this month, announcing the death of Revd Nick Tucker RIP (Priest in Charge of Uley, Owlpen & Nympsfield 1988-2006) on Christmas Day after some months of illness. Nick & Cathy had lived happily in Tetbury since his retirement, and he died surrounded by his beloved large family. Here's just one lovely story from Nick's legacy in our community.

Uley Singing Allsorts has just celebrated its 20th birthday with a lovely concert in the Village Hall in December. Just over 20 years ago Revd Nick gave every member of the congregation £10 and told the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25: 14-30), issuing an invitation to use it in any way of choice. Hilary Weeks decided to use her £10 to start a community choir, and with friend and neighbour Pauline, got to work to get a group singing. Once underway much debate followed about a name for the choir (uley belles? hetty peglars?) until Pat Fisher suggested "Bassetts"! ("well, you sing Allsorts don't you?", she said), at which point Uley Singing Allsorts was born!

Maybe there are other recollections of how Nick's Talent challenge was taken up and made fruitful? Do share your memories.

It was great to have the whole school and their families in Church once again, for the end of term Christmas service. We are delighted to be able to promote Uley School with their banner displayed on the railings below the church and have been able to provide them with a "Lollipop" to enhance safety as they cross the road from school in future. We all look forward to welcoming everyone again, as the Easter Season will be upon us before we can look round!

We continue to warmly welcome our 2024 wedding couples as they make their regular visits to us so they can be married in Uley, Owlpen and Nympsfield. Couples will also have the chance to meet together at a Wedding Preparation Day at the end of February – it was a most enjoyable and happy event last year.

Lastly, YES PLEASE to used printer ink (but not toner!) and cartridges for recycling! There is a box in the church porch – proceeds benefit British Red Cross, the latest box sent for recycling has just raised £35!

But NO THANKS to pill packets. Frustratingly, as yet there seems to be no viable economic way of separating the component materials for recycling.



Wishing you all a Happy and Peaceful 2024

Two dates for your diary....

This years Lantern Festival will be held on Saturday 2nd November

Our Springtime Super Fundraiser will be held at beautiful Owlpen Manor on Saturday 25th May

More details nearer the time



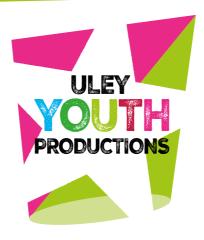
Short Elbow are back!

Uley Village Hall on Saturday 17th February from 7.30

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Uley Millenium Green

At the Uley Millennium Green AGM in June last year, it was decided that we should keep the village better informed regarding the beautiful open space on our doorsteps. We put an article in the Village News in August 2023 updating events, and outlining the duties that the Committee volunteers undertake.

At present, we have eight volunteers who manage Uley Millennium Green on behalf of the village. We normally meet 4 times a year (including the AGM) to organise and manage

maintenance programmes, as well as carrying out monthly health & safety inspections.

One of our members recently retired and we are now looking for another volunteer to join our Board of Directors. If you are passionate about nature and would like to be involved, we would love to hear from you.

Maggie Turnbull

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Church Letter

These days, commercial pressures help make us celebrate Christmas before it comes, and see it as finished almost as soon as Christmas Day is over. But the Church officially starts Christmas on Christmas night, and continues it for twelve or even forty days, ending only with the Presentation of Jesus in the temple, Candlemass. So I write this quite early in the forty days of Christmas, and it will be published in time for the celebration of the presenting of Jesus in the temple. That is recorded by Luke to stress again Jesus' fulfilling the Law God gave to Moses, and that is important to us because it shows God's faithfulness. If God is faithful to his agreement with his ancient people, he will be faithful to us. The event tells of the old godly people, Simeon and Anna, rejoicing in Jesus. Mary is a young mother; we don't know how old Joseph was! Jesus was a baby. So the story reminds us that God cares for all ages.

Simeon spoke what has become one of the songs of the Church at evening services, the Nunc Dimittis – 'Now you dismiss.' He called Jesus, 'A light to give light to the gentiles, [= the nations, the non-Jews,] and

the glory of your people Israel.' Jesus fulfils God's promises to Israel and opens God's love and faithfulness to us and all people. God in Christ is for all people, Jews and gentiles. Simeon's song about light is why the feast was celebrated with candles and is called Candlemass. Light is a symbol of life, freedom, truth and safety – robbers tend to rob at night, and you don't know where you are and can't do much safely in the dark. Jesus comes to give us light and final salvation – safety and fullness of life.

Simeon in the temple already looked forward to Jesus' sufferings, and warned Mary her soul would be pierced with grief's sword. And this month will also see the beginning of Lent, the time of preparation for the celebration of Jesus' dying and rising, for the fulfilment of the Passover. for Easter. The Passover celebrated God's great rescue of his people from slavery in Egypt, by plaguing the Egypt oppressors, culminating in the death of their firstborn sons. The Exodus is about God saving the good and punishing the wicked. Evil does indeed bring disaster - the results of greed and carelessness today are the threat of a climate. catastrophe. But in Christ, God

reaches out to all. And, as none of us is perfect, if God only cares for the good, it is a poor lookout for us all. On the cross. Jesus. God the Son. took the place of the lambs which were sacrificed by the Israelites so that their sons did not die too. But thus he took the place of the Egyptian sons who died. He took the place of all who suffer, innocent and quilty, to bring us forgiveness and new life. In Egypt, the king lost his son. So we can say that, if Jesus took the place of the king's son, God the father took the place of the king, the Pharaoh. God takes responsibility for all our evils and sufferings, to bring us through to new life, shown in Jesus' resurrection. At the cross, Jesus was faithful to God and us even to death But God the Father was faithful to Jesus, bringing him through to resurrection, and was faithful to us too, to the point of enduring his beloved Son's sufferings for us, sufferings that, as a loving Father, he shared. In that faithful love we can trust, in good times and bad, and know that, if we do not reject God's love, then, if suffering comes, God will see us through it to a final share in his eternal joy in love.

Faithfulness is something that continues over time. It requires patience, endurance, stickability. If we don't show our patience and endurance by the disciplines of

waiting in Advent, let's do so in Lent. The disciplines of Lent are not some effort to show how good we are, or even to make us healthier by fasting. They are to help us respond in faithfulness to God's faithfulness. On Ash Wednesday, we read Jesus' teaching on almsgiving, fasting and prayer. These are vital disciplines and expressions of faithfulness to God and others. Alms, charity, is giving and caring for the needy. Fasting can take various forms, and is of no use without giving and prayer. But to desist from constantly placing ourselves and our appetites and desires first is necessary if we are to love and care for God. who is love, and for other people and our environment. And prayer, listening to God, thinking and talking with God, giving attention to being with God, is essential too.

So, Happy Candlemass: may we know God's light.

Happy Lent: may we open ourselves to grow in love.

And Happy Easter: may we know God's forgiveness, and share God's life and love for ever.

The Rev. Canon Richard Morgan

Uley Community Stores & Post Office Diary

Tel Shop: 861592 | Tel Post Office: 860203 (Ailsa, Sadie and Angela) <u>www.uleycommunitystores.co.uk</u> | Run by Volunteers

The lovely Christmas hamper donated by Debora and Paul Lawrence was won by a delighted David Gaytten, our landlord. Deborah and Paul also donated one for the Volunteers; this hamper was won by a thrilled Liz Purnell (worth volunteering for!).

As I mentioned in last month's Village News we have a new Uley Map to go on the wall outside the Shop and Post Office. The date for the unveiling is Saturday 10th February at 11am. The design artist Caroline Jeffrey, Cat and baby Ester as well as other Committee members will be there for this exciting moment. Do come along too.

Nothing much to report at the Post Office, but a reminder that you can have your Amazon orders sent and returned at the Post Office. One other reminder- all International parcels and large letters now require a customs declaration to be completed. To save time at the PO pick up your declaration form in advance, complete it then bring the parcel back to post.

Shop Opening Hours

Monday to Friday: 8am - 5.30pm Saturdays: 8am - 1 pm Sundays: 9am - 12pm

Post Office Opening Hours

Monday to Friday: 9am – 5.30pm (Closed for lunch 1pm – 2pm) (Wednesdays closes 4.30pm) Saturdays: 9am – 12.30pm Sundays: Closed

There are two special days to look forward this month and to prepare for. Firstly February 13th Shrove Tuesday "Pancake Day" all the items you will need are in stock, apart from the frying pan. Then the following day February 14th Valentine's day, get your card and some yummy goodies for your loved one from the shop.

If you have any suggestions for any new items you'd like stocked in the New Year please let us know.

Dami Daviş

The Uley Singing Allsorts...



would like to thank everyone who attended their Christmas concert in December.

The Allsorts presented an evening of festive songs and carols as well as wine, sausage rolls and mince pies at the interval. This was very much enjoyed by the audience in a packed village hall.

We are very grateful to the following for their generous donations of raffle prizes:

- · Uley Brewery
- · The Vestry Cafe
- · Uley Community Stores
- · Maurice & Maria Ball

A special thank you is due to all those who purchased raffle tickets and made generous donations on the night. All money raised will be donated to our chosen charities, which are The Uley Churchyard Wall Repair Fund and Emily's Gift.

The Churchyard Wall Repair Fund needs to raise over £25,000 to rebuild the bulging section of the wall opposite the bus stop in the village. Emily's Gift is aiming to raise £500,000 to fund a psychologist on the Emily Kent Children's Cancer Unit at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital for 10 years.

We are delighted to announce that a grand total of £1065 was raised. This will be divided evenly between the two charities

orna Tutton

Chair Uley Singing Allsorts



Uley WI Diary - January 2024

January, traditionally the time for New Year Resolutions, is also the time in which all WI groups have the chance to vote on the campaigns for 2024. In small groups, (munching chocolates), we discussed the resolutions, concerning Dental Health, Poor Housing, Gambling Advertising and Improving Outcomes for Women in the Criminal Justice System. Following group feedback, we cast our individual votes.

After a break for coffee, again in our groups, we talked about what activities and outings we would like to do this year. Already planned is a Snowdrop visit to Cotswold Farm, a trip to the Holburne Museum in Bath, and some of us will be taking part in the County quiz and skittles tournaments.

Uley WI meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month in the



Village Hall. Visitors and New members are always very welcome.

We also enjoy monthly coffee mornings and book clubs, and weekly Knit and Stitch and Bridge groups.

Our next meeting will be at 7.30pm on February 14th, when our speaker, Dr.Brian Whitcombe will be telling us about "The Science and Side Effects of Sword Swallowing". Sounds interesting!

Catherine Day.

For more information on Uley WI please contact our email address: secretary.uleywi@gmail.com. You can also follow us on Facebook at 'Uley WI'.

From the Archives

A very big thankyou to the person who left a couple of archive documents in my porch.

One of these documents was a Uley & Coronation Souvenir Programme of the 1953 Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II and I see that the village put on a splendid show of festivities on 2nd June 1953. The happenings continued throughout the day with Church Services, both at St. Giles and Whitecourt /Chapel, carnival procession, tea for residents over 65 at Stouts Hill School, Athletic sports and much more. At 10pm a bonfire was lit (arranged by The British Legion), accompanied by a Royal Salute with maroons.

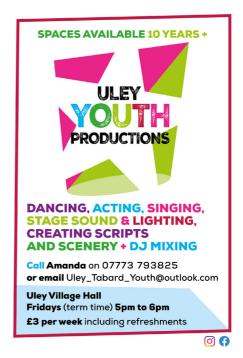
During the afternoon the children were presented with Coronation Beakers. We do not appear to have such a Beaker in our archives – if anyone has a spare from all those years ago, we would very much appreciate one to add to our collection of Uley china. Also, more recently at the King's Coronation in May of this year mugs were again presented to the children, but we do not have one for the archives. If you have a spare, please pass it on to us for remembrance & safe keeping. (01453 860579)

Margaret Groom

From the Registers

Year's Mind in February

David-Alexander White, Gwen Valentin, Anne Goldingham, Barbara Gallie, Cynthia Anderson, Anne Brooke, Basil Blackwell, Ron Baker, Vera Gertrude Reynolds, Richard John Smith, Ivy Bailey, Austen Robinson, John Bowden, Charles Poultney, Andrew Blackler, Peter du Feu, Maureen Inglefield, Pat Stopford, Bryan Davies, Cynthia Jones, Priscilla Wathen, Catherine Russell, Bryan Harris, David Wakefield and Jeremy Chapple.



Preparing for the inevitable – new group launched at Longfield

Facing the final chapter of life can feel daunting, and many of us might prefer not to think about it.

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Specialists will offer sessions on legal matters, such as will writing and Lasting Power of Attorney, as well as managing symptoms, funeral planning and dealing with grief. There'll also be an opportunity to gather treasured objects and create a comforting memory box.

Sessions will be held from 17th January from 10.30 to 12.30pm, with an optional lunch.

To book a place, call the Wellbeing Team on 01453 733 706 or email wellbeing@longfield.org.uk

Lunch with Longfield

Join Longfield for lunch at Egypt Mill in Nailsworth on 22nd February. For £25pp, you'll be greeted with bubbles on arrival, followed by a delicious two-course lunch and coffee. You'll hear the latest news from Longfield and find out you can take part in fun fund raising opportunities. All proceeds to Longfield Community Hospice.

Book your place at <u>www.longfield.</u> <u>org.uk/event/egypt-mill-lunch</u> or call 01453 886868



Money Advice



I've built up a bit of debt and I am panicking. Even though I cut back, my spending has gone up and what I have coming in just doesn't stretch as far as it used to. What can I do?

The first step is to **collect all the information you have about your debts**, this might include contracts, bills and statements

Next, make a list of your debts and write down the details of each. This could include who you owe money to, when you first missed a payment, and how much you now owe. You'll also need to make a note of your account or reference number and what steps the person or company has taken to get the money back, eg. sending you letters.

If you are behind on household bills, prioritise paying your rent or mortgage, plus energy bills and Council Tax first. Not paying these bills has the most serious consequences. You should speak to the person or company you owe money to, to see if there are any manageable steps you can take to start reducing your debt.

Once you've got these debts under control, you should look at any other debts like credit card or store card debts, payday loans or missed Buy Now Pay Later payments.

You can find further advice on

dealing with debts, as well as support for energy and living costs, and possible benefit entitlement, on the Citizens Advice website – <u>www.</u> citizensadvice.org.uk

There is also emergency support that you may be able to access, such as a food bank or fuel vouchers.

If you cannot access the website or need further help you can contact Citizens Advice Stroud and Cotswold Districts on 0808 800 0510 or 0808 800 0511 Monday to Thursday, or Email us using the form on our website (www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk).



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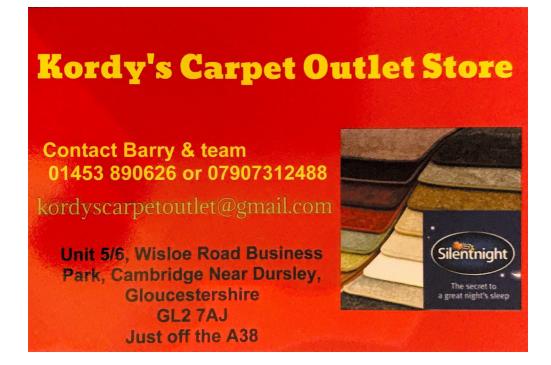
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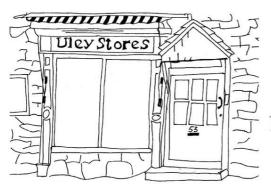
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February 2024 Services

Sunday 4th February

St Bartholomew's

St Giles

2nd Sunday before Lent

10.00am Parish Holy Communion

6pm Evening@St Giles, informal worship

Sunday IIth February

St Giles

Sunday before Lent

10.00am Parish Holy Communion

Weds I4th February

St Giles

Ash Wednesday

12.00pm Holy Communion with ashes

Sunday 18th February

Holy Cross

First Sunday of Lent

10.00am BCP Parish Holy Communion

Sunday 25th February

St James

Second Sunday of Lent

10.00am Benefice Holy Communion

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Church opening times

St Giles is open each day for private prayer St Bartholomew's is opened during the week Holy Cross is open each day

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Clare White, Benefice Administrator

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Church Activities





Next Messy Church 3rd February 10-12noon in St Giles