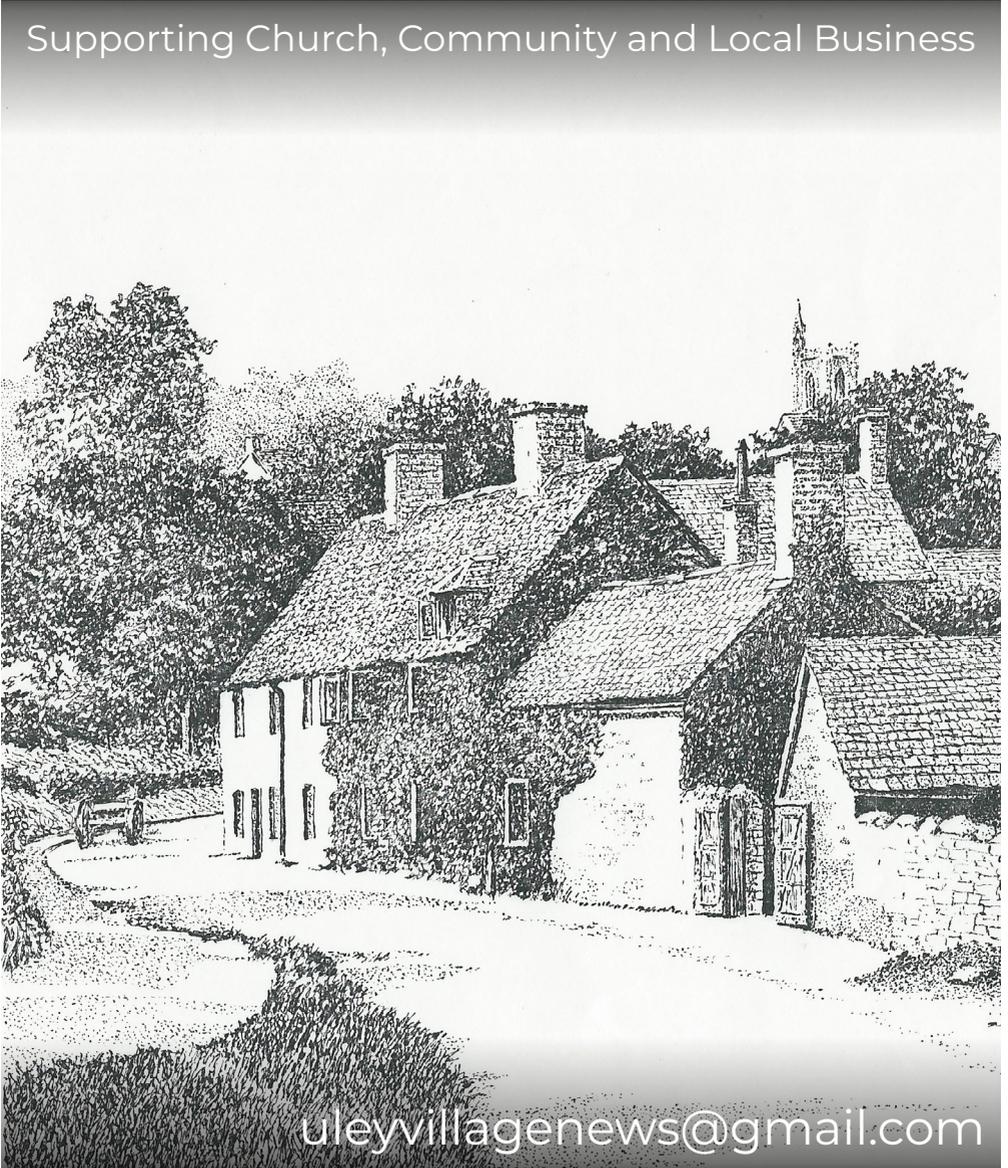


Uley, Owlpen & Nympsfield

April 2026

# Village News

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## Community Wellbeing

Email: [communitywellbeing.stroud@nhs.net](mailto:communitywellbeing.stroud@nhs.net) Tel: 0345 863 8323

## Uley Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council meets in the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm. You are very welcome to attend. Details of the meetings can be found on the notice boards at either end of the village or on the Uley village website at: [www.uleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.uleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)



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

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



## Launching *Uley Berries* – Your Friendly Local Women’s Group

We’re delighted to announce the launch of Uley Berries, a brand-new women’s group created to bring women in and around Uley together for friendship, fun and community connection.

Our monthly gatherings will take place at Uley Village Hall on the second Wednesday of each month from 7:30pm – 9:30pm. Whether you’re looking to meet new people, learn something new, or simply enjoy a relaxed evening out, Uley Berries is a warm and welcoming space for women aged 18 and over.

Our first event will be held on Wednesday 8th April, and we’re kicking things off with a special **Quiz Night**. Gather your friends or join a team on the night for a fun and light-hearted evening.

Membership for the launch year (April – December 2026) is just £20, giving you access to all our monthly events. If you’d like to try us out first, visitors are very welcome and can attend an event for £4 per evening. Women aged 18+ from

Uley, neighbouring villages and friends further afield are all warmly welcome.

Uley Berries is a community charity with a simple aim: to help strengthen local connections and create a sense of belonging. We hope to offer a varied programme including guest speakers, outings, activities and opportunities to support the community through volunteering and fundraising.

Come along, bring a friend, and be part of something new in our community. We’d love to see you there!

### Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 8th April – Quiz Night, Ideas & Intros

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Speaker Nik Hill: Chasing laughs: a comedian’s survival story and a taste of comedy

*Ann Warrender*

On behalf of *Uley Berries*

For more information please email [uleyberries@gmail.com](mailto:uleyberries@gmail.com)

Follow us on Facebook at *Uley Berries*

# Uley Parish Council

Vicky Boroughs was warmly welcomed as a new councillor at the March UPC meeting. Vicky will gradually be taking on a number of roles on behalf of the Council.

On **Wednesday 1st April 2026** starting at 6.30pm in the Village Hall the Parish Council's **Annual General Meeting** will occur. This is where the schedule of meetings for the next year is agreed and councillors choose the Chair and Vice Chair for 2026-27. The April UPC meeting will commence as normal at 7.00pm on the same day.

The Council was contacted by the newly appointed Severn Trent Community Rep and has been asked to remind everyone of the importance of not putting **wet wipes** down the toilet, even

those with the message 'fine to flush' on the packaging. Wet wipes contain plastic and do not break down quickly enough, causing significant sewer blockages, costly plumbing repairs and river pollution. In fact, wet wipes are reported to contribute to 94% of sewer blockages. We will invite the Severn Trent Community Rep to a future meeting for further invaluable information.

The Dursley and District Association for the Transport for the Disabled and Elderly, locally known as DATE, has been operating a twelve-seat minibus in the district for more than 40 years. The association is volunteer run and relies on income from its user groups, and grants and donations from various sources and organisations. It can be booked through Sylvia Woods on 01453 545828.

## Defibrillator Training

Earlier this year the two defibrillators we had in the village were renewed as they had come to the end of their working life. The defibrillators are designed to be easy to use without training and guide the user through the process, however UPC have decided to explore the possibility of organising a 2 hour course provided by the Red Cross to provide additional training in their use. The class is limited to 12 people and would run on a weekday either morning or afternoon. It is not a First Aid course.

UPC have decided that we should subsidise this event and only charge a nominal amount of £5 per person. If you are interested in attending and are over 16 years old please indicate your interest by sending an email stating your preferred day of the week and times of the day to [t.mills@uleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:t.mills@uleyparishcouncil.gov.uk). We cannot guarantee anything, but once we have ideas then we will contact those that have shown an interest.

All Electors of the Parish of Uley are invited to take part in:

# THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Wednesday 22nd April 2026  
in Uley Village Hall  
6pm - 7.15pm

Do come and enjoy a glass of wine with the Councillors. This is your opportunity to come and talk to the councillors and to discuss issues relevant to the parish. We hope that representatives of all the organisations which receive grants from the Parish Council to support their work will attend.



Please note that this is not a Parish Council Meeting but it is chaired by the Chairman of the Parish Council in accordance with legal requirements. Councillors attend this meeting as members of the public.

Drinks and nibbles will be provided!

# From the Churchwardens

By the time you read this, the period of Lent will be almost over and we will be fast approaching Easter. A couple of updates on church activities from us this month.

Firstly, steady progress is being made with the refurbishment of the St Giles Room. Fresh paint on the walls and woodwork, new lighting and freshly washed curtains have already brightened it up considerably. With a little decluttering and tidying up, and cleaning of the carpet, it will soon resume its function as a useful meeting space both for church use and also for hiring by other village groups. Thanks to all those involved and also to the Friends of St Giles for their generous funding.

Last weekend we had our second Sunday service with the theme of 'living water', the Uley Players enacted the story of the Samaritan woman meeting Jesus at the well, we had interactive stations and displays around the church and a visit and talk from Nigel Linacre, the co-founder of WellBoring - the organisation through which we (the church, the village school and the wider village community) are fundraising for a water well at the Kachikho Primary School in Malawi. To hear first-hand the impact of these wells, particularly

in terms of school attendance and health, was very moving - we take clean water so very much for granted. In the afternoon Gill Holmes introduced a very special gathering of wonderful young musicians (three of whom were from Uley School) who played with enthusiasm and talent, the music being complemented by another talk from Nigel and by plenty of tea and cake. We are so blessed by Gill's efforts and network in organising these afternoons of music, especially throughout the colder months. The concert raised £412, and we would like to thank the parents and young performers for enabling this. Thanks to all who have contributed to this well project, especially the Uley Players for their generous £1000 donation. At the time of writing we have already very nearly raised the target amount, and we anticipate that by the time you read this we will be there - our village having helped to provide clean accessible water for a whole community.

The next second Sunday (12th April) will be on the theme of Peace. We can't think of a more apt theme as we look out to a world that is in need of peace. Please do come along and enjoy a chat over refreshments and a reflective service open to all.



Coaley and Uley Climate Action Network are holding a

# REPAIR CAFE

On Sunday 19th April 2026  
from 2 - 4pm

at Coaley Village Hall

This time:

**General repairs, Textile repairs,  
Tool sharpening, Jewellery cleaning**

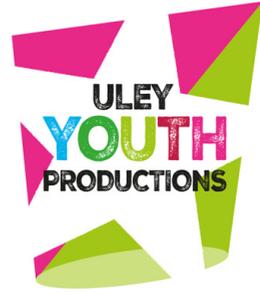
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Also:

## Tea and Cakes

Look out for further information on posters and fliers, or check out our website at [www.cucan.org.uk](http://www.cucan.org.uk)

**All welcome!**



## WANTED YOUTH THEATRE CLUB LEADER

Our amazing and beloved leader, Amanda Voss, has decided it's time to hang up her dancing shoes so we are on the lookout for a new creative director of dance, song and drama to run this super successful youth group from September 2026 – ideally getting involved from the summer term.

The club meets once a week during term time on Fridays at Uley Village Hall. We are always working towards our next production, ensuring our young-stars get to learn new theatre skills and put on the performance that they want.

This is a volunteer position, supported by a small but well-formed committee and helpers.

Do you have what it takes to bring out the brilliance of our talented tweens and teens?

Please contact Amanda to find out more:  
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07773 793825

# Ewelme Benefice

## Holy Week and Easter Services 2026

### Palm Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March

- 10am** Communion at St James, Dursley.  
Procession from Parish Centre with palm crosses
- 10am** Communion at St Giles, Uley with Palm Cross procession
- 6.30pm** Music for Passiontide at St James, Dursley

### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March

- 7pm** Stations of the Cross at St James, Dursley

### Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

- 7pm** Compline at Holy Cross, Owlpen

### Maundy Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

- 7.30pm** Agape Communion at St James, Dursley

### Good Friday

- 9am** Walk of Witness to Cam Peak, meet at Sainsbury's Dursley
- 2pm** Tenebrae Service at St James, Dursley
- 3pm** Good Friday Service at St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

### Easter Eve 4<sup>th</sup> April

- 8pm** Easter Vigil at St Giles, Uley

### Easter Day 5<sup>th</sup> April

- 8am** Said Holy Communion at St James, Dursley
- 10am** Parish Holy Communion at St James, Dursley
- 10am** Parish Holy Communion at St Giles, Uley
- 6.30pm** Choral Evensong at St James, Dursley



# Historical tours in April

Thoss Shearer, Uley Archivist, is repeating two local historical tours from last year for those who missed them.

The first, at **2pm on Sunday 12th April**, is of **Woodchester Park**, focusing on the 18th and early 19th designed landscape and revealing some features hidden in plain sight. The Mansion and café will be open if you want to visit them beforehand.

The other, at **10am on Wednesday 22nd April**, is of **St Giles's Church**, reimagining the previous church as well as revealing some of the hidden history of the present one and exploring the table tombs. Alix Hudman, who has completed a full survey of the churchyard, will also be there, as will Rev Juliet.

Please let Thoss know at [thossshearer@gmail.com](mailto:thossshearer@gmail.com) if you intend to come, so he has an idea of numbers and also, in the case of the Woodchester walk, he can give you some crucial joining instructions. Voluntary donations are invited – for the Woodchester walk to go to the Uley Society Archives and for the church tour to the Friends of St Giles's.

# Cotswold Warden Guided Walks

There are lots of guided local walks with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens happening each month. There is usually no need to book. There is a box for a voluntary contribution towards materials for our work on footpath maintenance. Some of the upcoming local walks are:

## **Thursday 16th April at 10:30 am Minchinhampton, Golden Valley views, beautiful Box**

A circular walk including a golden valley, sunken paths and a very narrow street.  
**Distance:** 5.5 miles | **Duration:** 2.5 hours  
**Difficulty:** May be steep slopes, moderate fitness | **Start:** Bell Lane Car Park, Minchinhampton (free parking). Please go up Bell Lane in front of the church and bear right towards the common where you will see plenty of parking at the top.

## **Friday 24th April at 10:00 am NT Woodchester Park – pre-booking required**

Suitable for walkers and all-terrain scooter riders. Please email [bookings@disabledramblers.co.uk](mailto:bookings@disabledramblers.co.uk) with the event name, and each participant's name, email address and a contact number. DR will confirm your booking by email.  
**Distance:** 6.5 miles | **Duration:** 4.5 hours  
**Difficulty:** Easy access | **Start:** NT Woodchester Park Tinkley Gate GL10 3UH

More information can be obtained for wardens' walks throughout the Cotswolds from the website below. Walks are graded by difficulty and sorted by location.  
<https://www.cotswolds-nl.org.uk/exploring/guided-routes/>

# Church Letter

Dear Friends

I'm struggling to find words to express the mixture of grief and hope that I feel right now as I dare to let some of the cares of the world settle in my broken heart. The enormity of what's going on in the Middle East and the implications for the whole world are hard to grasp, never mind understand. I can only hope and pray that, as for Northern Ireland, Good Friday will be a time for peace, and the Easter Season a time for renewed hope.

Christians believe, extraordinarily, that God, in the person of Jesus, gave himself up to death at the hands of those who use the tools of oppression and violence, hatred and control. And the Mystery of Easter is that this same Jesus was raised to new life, defeating the powers of death and evil. Christians believe that this Life is offered to each one of us, that we might find ourselves known and loved by God and respond to Love with love of self, God and neighbour.

And so, we re-tell the story year by year, week by week, when we gather to worship. It's a story that we are invited to inhabit, to identify with the characters, to acknowledge our own betrayals, denials and failures to take responsibility. We are invited once again to face up to the grief and brokenness. Its hard work – and to be honest with you, each year I get to the beginning of Passiontide (as we call it)

and think, do we have to do this? can't we just hop and skip over to the joys of Easter! But this is the stuff that helps us to make sense of what we see, hear and experience as part of being human, it helps us to find meaning and ultimately hope in the mess and struggle of life.

So, walk this road we will, seeking to be open to ourselves, our neighbours far and wide and to the God who made us, knows us, loves us.

I hope that we will meet on the journey, perhaps out for a walk, in a church, on the path to Cam Peak, in St Giles church yard around a fire, or gathering around some water, or some bread and wine. But more importantly I hope and pray that whatever struggles you are facing, and in whatever inner journeys you are making, you will encounter the bubbling up of resurrection love, joy, peace and hope this Eastertide.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

And yes, I honestly do believe this, and yes, it really does make all the difference in the world.

With my prayers and love

*Rev'd Juliet*

St Giles Church, Uley  
presents  
Music for a Sunday Afternoon



Conducted by Michelle Holloway

Sunday 19th April at 3pm

A free, short, informal concert in the church followed by tea & cake.

Donations welcome for Church Funds.

## From the Uley, Nympsfield and Owlpen Church Registers

Funeral of Dorothy Sutton at Holy Cross,  
Owlpen on 16th March 2026

**Banns of marriage read** for Keiran  
Nelson and Rebecca Dawes; Jordan  
Cracknell and Freya Mansfield; Fred  
Colleran and Ashley Boyle

### Years Mind

Daisy Coles, Ken Wright, Christine Smith,  
Kathleen Baxter, Ruby Hendy, Lilian  
Mayes, Gerry Bailey, Phyllis Hobbs, Brian  
Ridsdale, Jim White, Julian Wathen, Mike  
Stennett and Laura Freeman.



**Save the date: Uley  
Annual Show Saturday  
12th September**

*Celebrating  
50 Fabulous Years*

Following our last committee meeting we've put together an exciting schedule, printable copies will be on the Show's Facebook, Uley Society's Website, Uley Community Stores Website and Uley Friends' Facebook.

Paper copies and entry forms will be available in the shop soon.

**As the show is celebrating 50 years, we will be taking a nod to the 1970's in some categories!!**

**Any queries contact the Team: [uleyannualshow@gmail.com](mailto:uleyannualshow@gmail.com)**

# Uley Community Stores & Post Office Diary

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Spring has sprung, daffodils blowing in the breeze and Easter is here early this year. As always WI knitted ducklings with Easter eggs will be on sale.

There will be an Easter Raffle again. For every multiple of £10 you spend in the shop you will get a free raffle ticket to win a lovely large Easter Egg. The raffle will be drawn on Good Friday 3rd April about 11am. Winner to be announced in next Month's Village News.

Oh dear, price of stamps are going up again from April 7th. First class stamps up by 10p to £1.80 and 2nd class stamps up by 4p to 91p. There are plenty of lovely stamps in the Post Office, if you'd like to stock up before the 7th, I will. Get them ready for Christmas, did I just write that!!

Thinking of going away for a sunnier climate? Remember you can drop in and buy Euros at the Post Office. Or you can order any other currency to pick up from the Post Office counter. Enjoy the sun.

Lots happening in the Village for May.

If you have any suggestions for any new items you'd like stocked please

## Upcoming revised opening hours for the Shop and Post Office:

### Good Friday April 3rd

Shop: 9-5.30, Post Office: Closed.

### Easter Saturday April 4th

Shop: 8-1, Post Office: 9-12.30.

### Easter Day Sunday April 5th

Shop: 9-12, Post Office: Closed.

### Easter Monday April 6th

Shop: 9-12, Post Office: Closed.

### May Day Bank Holiday

#### Monday May 4th

Shop: 9-12, Post Office: Closed.

### Spring Bank Holiday

#### Monday May 25th

Shop: 9-12, Post Office: Closed.

let us know. There is a notebook on the counter for this and any comments feedback on the Stock that we sell.

*Dami Davis*

# Garden Notes

Horticultural inspiration can come from many directions. Revered plantsmen, garden designers and nurserymen. Expanding your horizons by visiting gardens far and wide, large and small and by growing your knowledge by lectures and reading. Nuggets lodge in your mind, or better still in your notebook. Famously, Christopher Lloyd at the renowned gardens of his home at Great Dixter, refused to answer anyone's questions unless they had a notebook with them.

One such nugget took root last year at a lecture by Alisdair Cameron on his then garden in Devon. Sadly for Steve's ever diminishing lawn, this has now erupted into action!

## **An Infinity Border**

Don't get me wrong, lawns have importance. Acting to the eye as a calming relief and foil to the colour and textures in border planting...a narrow green ribbon inviting you down a sinewy path, a space for play and picnics.

Our garden is a natural bowl with the two spring fed ponds threading

through the centre. No 'garden rooms' here. It's easy to think that you can stand on one elevated side and feel you can see everything.

So the idea is to add another substantial border in front of the existing pond border which would appear (in summer growth) to flow uninterrupted to the water like an infinity pool but of plants.

Only the curious will notice the narrow grass path between the two borders (the actual width is still under tactical negotiation at time of writing!) inviting you into an immersive experience brushing through an exuberance of planting on both sides. I think we all should foster that small child that loves running through tight spaces, brushing hands through the plants, or observing flora and fauna close hand.

At time of writing, the turf has been lifted and reused around the garden. The soil lightly aerated with a fork (as you would a compacted lawn) and thickly mulched with a good quality fine composted bark. We will plant directly into this improving soil as we go.

We are on holiday on a very hot island as I make lists of suitable plants, some new, some mirroring the existing bed for continuity. There will be year round structure, winter interest and possibly a specimen tree... all is possible as long as I take into consideration the aspect (sun), soil (moist rich clay) and ph (neutral/alkaline). As with the other pond borders, I use small, well grown plants in mainly 9cm pots, planted in ribbons and large groups with repeat planting to avoid a disjointed scheme. Densely planted with tough reliable herbaceous perennials and grasses and (hoping) to resist the urge to insinuate bulbs which leads this

whole scheme to be easy to maintain year round. Herbaceous perennials and grasses are quick to establish, so in a year or two all should be making sense.

I see our garden as an exciting ongoing experiment... and urge you to do the same with yours. The worst that can happen? We re-lay the lawn..

Happy gardening!

*Caroline*

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Please send pieces in by the 10th of each month to:

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## Services in April 2026

### 3rd April - Good Friday

3pm Good Friday Service - St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

### 4<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Eve

8pm The Easter Vigil - St Giles, Uley

### 5<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Day

10am Parish Communion - St Giles, Uley

### 12th April - Easter 2

9.45am Informal Worship - St Giles, Uley

### 19th April - Easter 3

10am Parish Holy Communion - St Giles, Uley

6pm Evensong - Holy Cross, Owlpen



### 26<sup>th</sup> April - Easter 4

10am Benefice Holy Communion - St Giles, Uley

**To book weddings, baptisms and for general information**

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