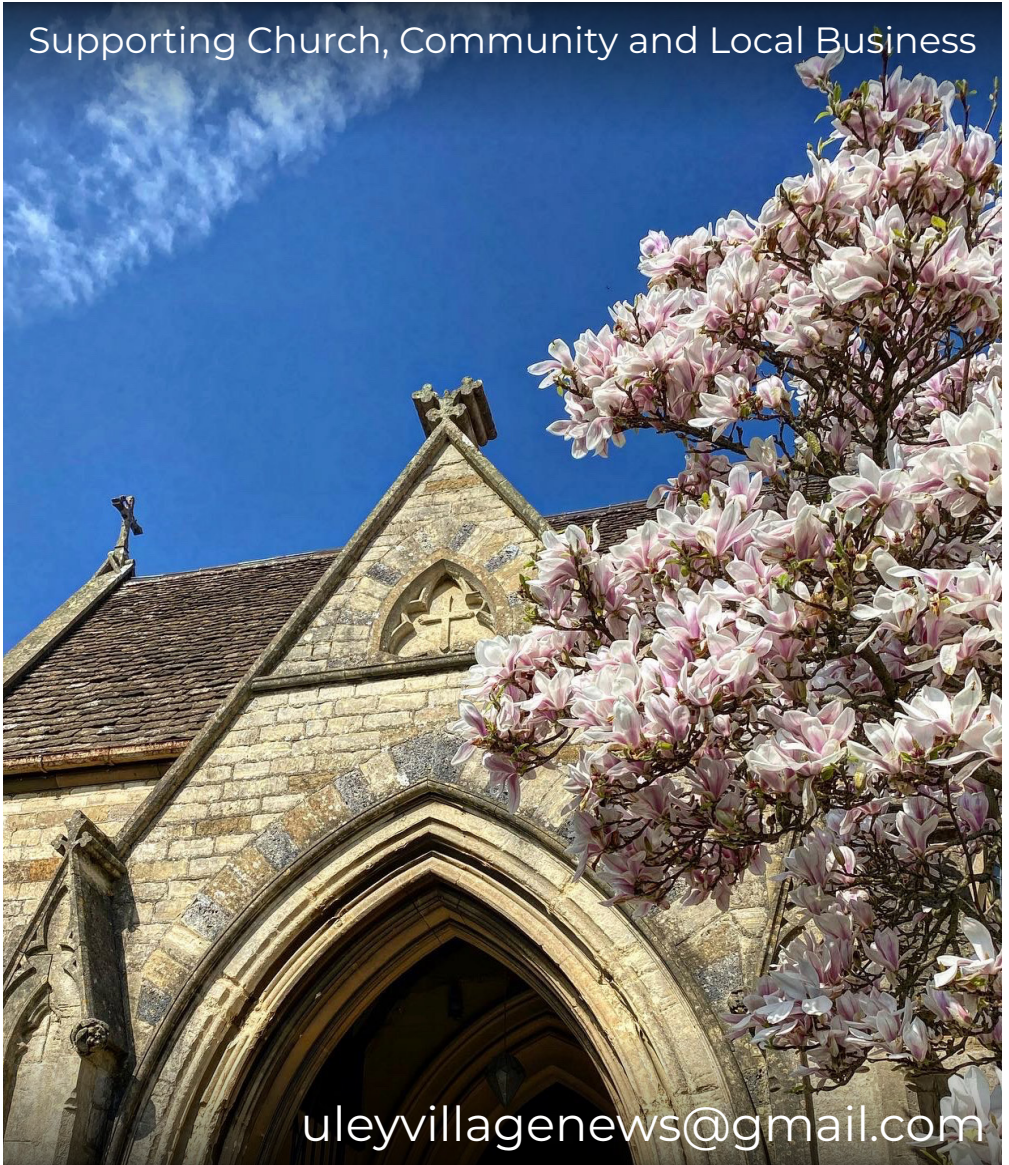


Uley, Owlpen & Nympsfield

March 2024

Village News

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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



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

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

Please note, articles submitted by individuals do not necessarily represent the views or policies of the Church and / or Parish Council.

The Proposed Knoll Development

Following a review of all non-traditional built houses owned by Stroud District Council they are proposing redevelopment of the Knoll.

This is at the viability review stage and to date no plans are available to view.

The reasoning for proposing this development is to significantly increase the affordable homes in the Village.

Stroud Housing Committee have publicly confirmed that prior to the submission of any planning application traffic surveys will be undertaken to understand the likely increase in trip generation, the visibility splay requirements and other highway impacts. Officers also seek pre-application advice from Gloucestershire County Council Highways and will revise any proposal to reflect the advice and comments made, this may impact on the number of units on the site.

They assure residents that prior to any planning application being submitted, a public consultation would be undertaken to provide residents with an opportunity to review the proposals and make comments that would be then taken into consideration.

This is likely to be a long process. The Parish Council will continue to update the Parish Council Website with information as it becomes available.

www.uleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

If you wish to express your views at this stage, the contact details of the Chair to Stroud District Housing Committee or Local County Council are:

Chair of the Housing Committee

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You can email using the form on their website:- www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk

OR you can drop into Dursley bureau Monday mornings from 10am. Dursley Library upstairs.

Uley Parish Council

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Uley Parish Council Budget

As the Financial year end in April approaches the Parish Council has been reviewing its financial performance during the last year and preparing for the new year coming.

As we have reported regularly during the last year the Parish Council's finances have remained under control and predominantly within the planned budget. There have been some unplanned expenditures, but these have been covered by contingency funds.

We have two questions we ask ourselves when we are looking at the health of the Parish Council's finances:

- 1) Are we remaining within the limits we set for the Precept Budget last year?
- 2) Are the General Reserves at an acceptable level?

The answer to both these questions is currently 'Yes' and whilst there are two more months to go, we expect that this will continue to be the case up to the end of the of the 2023/24 Financial year.

Looking forward to the next financial year starting in April the Parish Council agreed a new Precept

Budget at its meeting in January. Costs have risen, as they have everywhere. Further grants have been needed to help community organisations. The County Council has cut back on services they used to provide in relation to verge and hedge cutting. All this must be reflected in the Parish Council's budget; the increase in the Uley Parish Council Precept from last year, which is covered by your Council Tax bill, will be about £1.48 per month for a Band D house.

Our 2024/25 budget has over 83% of the budget being spent in the village either as grants/donations/ payments to local organisations or employing local people to fulfil local services. This is an increase of 5% over last year. The remainder primarily goes on insurance, financial audit, banking, and IT services that we are required to have but cannot be sourced locally.

We will continue to monitor our financial position regularly and make the position known through the Parish Council minutes.

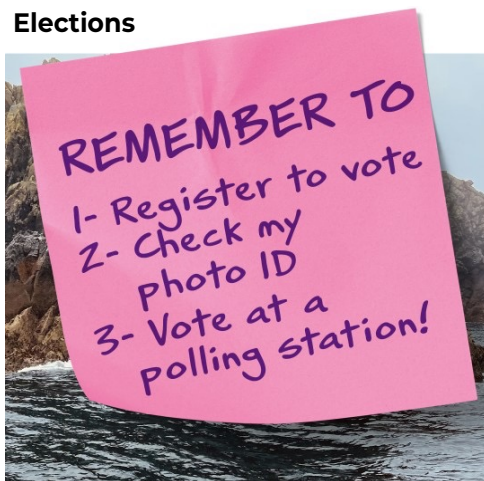
If anyone has any questions, please feel free to attend one of our Parish Council meetings or contact me (Tony Mills) or one of the other

Parish Council members directly.
Our contact details are available
in the Village News and on the
Parish Council website - www.uleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Ash Dieback Felling on Uley Bury

As part of Cam Dursley Uley Joint Woodlands Committee (CDUJWC) woodlands management program, during March two groups of diseased Ash trees in the woods on the south side of the Bury will be felled, for safety reasons. Being alongside footpaths therefore hazardous they have been marked in orange in the recent SDC survey - one group alongside the path to the Bury from Racks Barn, the other along the edge of the woods at the top of the field above Raglan Way.

Elections



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://fixmystreet.gloucestershire.gov.uk>

Uley Society

our next meeting will be on

**Thursday 21st March
at 7.30 p.m. in the
Village Hall**

*Sailing for a Living. Stories from
Gloucester's Maritime Industry in
the Edwardian Age
By Tony Condor*

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

Our next

Uley Bury Working Party

will take place on:

**Saturday 16th March
10am to 12noon**

Please bring your own
refreshments. Many thanks.

**More info from Janet on
860236**

Our Church for Our Community

Let's Keep St Giles Open

Many of you reading this may not be aware that it is the community and not the Church of England that need to repair and maintain the wonderful asset of St Giles which is a benefit to all of us in the glorious village of Uley.

Sadly about 3,500 churches in the UK have closed since 2013, while more than 900 places of worship are on Historic England's "heritage at risk" register.

WE NEED TO RAISE SOME COMMUNITY FUNDS

St Giles is a fine Listed Grade II* building which means that it needs to be carefully looked after. The church building costs £13,000 a year to insure and maintain the building and churchyards. This money needs to come from our community as the Church of England simply does not have the resources. There are some large expenses coming up:

- the churchyard wall opposite the bus shelter needs repairing
- the large stained glass window at the East End of the church requires major work to repair the bowing and replace the existing supports
- the gutters need to be stripped and repainted

Some of these items may be eligible for grant applications, but in order to apply we have to show a 'community contribution' of at least 10% of the total cost.

OUR CHURCH FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Did you know that St Giles church recently implemented the 'Access for All' initiative which means that it is now suitable for all the village to use which was seen recently when Uley School performed "I Sing Pop" – (by all accounts a fantastic occasion) and the simply magical Christmas Eve Crib service (over 200 people came).

St Giles is also available for community events being able to seat over 200 and having fantastic acoustics and a sound system.

WILL YOU BE A FRIEND OF ULEY CHURCH?

Whether you are a church goer or not, we are seeking people that would be interested in joining a new group 'Friends of Uley Church' who would be willing to help raise funds. This is group will by the village and not the church.

Some of you will share happy memories of the church fete (currently needing a new location to run again) and there are so many other fun things that can be done to raise funds. There is no time commitment or financial obligation. Just do whatever you can to help us keep St Giles open and available to all.

WHAT NEXT?

If you are curious to find out more, please come along to a village meeting on **Saturday 20th April 2024** at St Giles church (where else!) at 10.30am.

There is already a core team of 4 people, who are currently setting out terms of reference and ideas for discussion at this meeting.

PLEASE COME ALONG TO FIND OUT MORE! We can guarantee excellent coffee and cake.

Before then if you would like you would like to ask questions or get involved sooner please speak to Moya Wallis (861675) or Prue Vernon (860329). Let's all do whatever we can now to make sure that in a 100 years our village community is still benefitting from our wonderful church building.

Ruth Cornish

Church News

Rector of Ewelme Benefice

By the time you read this, interviews will have been held for a new Rector for the Ewelme Benefice. We hope and pray that the right person will be appointed to lead us forward into the future, and we look forward to him or her joining us.

Friends of Uley Church

We are underway with Friends of Uley Church! The first meeting had almost 20 people interested. Several new faces came, two of whom have offered to help with drawing up the first draft of a constitution. We plan to hold a meeting for the whole village at 10.30 on 20th April and hope to sign up enough potential members to agree a constitution and get started. Do get in touch to find out more.

Many thanks to the Singing Allsorts for a brilliant donation of £500 towards the repair of the churchyard wall from their Christmas concert. The fabulous Short Elbow's recent concert was also in joint aid of the wall and the lantern festival.

Many thanks to Ken and Phil. The quiz in March will also be for church funds, and is already a sell-out!

St Giles Churchyard Wall

The plan to partially dismantle, stabilise and rebuild the bulging section of the churchyard wall opposite the top bus shelter is finally progressing. Work of this nature adjoining a burial ground requires the agreement and supervision of a consulting archaeologist. A recent meeting of an archaeologist with our consulting civil engineer and his suggested contractor, all three of whom are experienced in the design and execution of such works on historic structures, has agreed the proposed plan and method of working. We still have to obtain the agreement of relevant Diocesan advisory officials to the detailed plan before work is allowed to commence, and this is being sought urgently with a view to commencing work hopefully in late spring.



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Save the Date - Uley Annual Show

Saturday September 14th 2024

The Uley Show Committee has just had its first meeting to get the ball rolling for this year's Annual Show. We have started contacting the Judges and talking about the categories for the show.

Before our next meeting on April the 8th, we would like to give you, the exhibitors, the chance to share any suggestions you might have for us to take into consideration – particularly regarding new category ideas. We don't want to change too much as it's such a successful show, but we always welcome fresh ideas. There is a new email address set up to use for this and any other queries you might have (see below).

Shortly after our next meeting in April, we will be putting the Vegetables, Fruit, Art and Photography categories on the Uley Show Facebook, Uley Society Facebook and the Uley Community Stores website pages. Keep a good look out and get busy.

Dami Davis

Any queries contact the Team:
uleyannualshow@gmail.com

I live in Uley not far from the old chapel in Fop Street. I am a keen birdwatcher and I would like to know if there are any good places locally where I could see birds. Thank you.

Brian Holmes

b.c.holmes@sky.com

Church Letter

This year, the month of March contains more than its fair share of special days, starting with St David's day, moving on to St Patrick's day, leading up to the great Christian seasons of Passiontide, Holy Week and Easter.

It is instructive that the patron saints of Wales and Ireland were both great missionaries in their ways.

St David whom we remember on 1st March, was born in the 6th century. Educated in a monastery in Wales, he began to spread the Christian faith among the ordinary people in his community, and was invited to Glastonbury – not the festival, of course! – but to dedicate the Abbey there. He travelled a lot and made his way to Jerusalem bringing back a stone which is now to be found in the cathedral in the small town of St David's. He lived out his calling to a simple life by refusing all alcohol and meat, and refusing to use oxen when he was farming the land preferring to till the soil by hand. His last words were 'Be joyful, keep the faith, and do the little things that you have heard and seen me do.'

The phrase 'Gwnewch y pethau bychain' - 'Do the little things' - is still well-known in Wales. What

he preached was always in tune with the way he lived his life which reminds me of the life of Christ.

In the middle of March, we come to St Patrick's Day March 17th. Patrick was born at the end of the period of Roman occupation in England, and at the age of sixteen he was captured by pirates and taken to Ireland and for some six years was a slave. In his own words, those six years were crucial to his Christian faith. He then managed to escape to England where he had a vision calling him back to be a missionary in Ireland. At first, he was not welcomed there but he gradually began to convert people to a Christian faith. He was not an easy person to live with. The story goes that he refused the common courtesies of receiving gifts from kings and princes because he wanted to be under no obligation to others.

But he was also renowned as a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God was a shining example of Christian faith. He feared nothing, not even death, so complete was his trust in God, and the recognition of the importance of his mission. He remained in Ireland preaching and teaching for 40 years.

Both saints, in their very different ways lived close to the soil and yet with a vision of the holy. They recognised the inseparability of the earthly and the spiritual. There was no dichotomy between the sacred and the secular. They both pointed away from themselves to Jesus Christ and his life of forgiving, teaching and healing. For both, it is clear that Jesus' death on a cross and his resurrection were crucial to their faith in God and every part of their lives.

As we approach the season of Holy Week and Easter, it is an opportunity to remind ourselves that although there can be a temptation to divided life into holy and secular, the whole of life is holy, in that it is of concern to God. That every part of the life of each individual and each community can find healing and flourishing through the love and actions of Jesus Christ. Now that is what I call Good News!

Rev David Vonberg

From the Registers

Year's Mind in March

Stephen Bond, Ron Shipton,
Tom George Smith, Doreen Lilian
Meadows, Rosemary Bowmer, Mike
John Reynolds, Garry Beardshaw,
Nancy Taylor, Norma Patricia Taylor,
Eleanor Goldingham, Patricia Cooke,
Marjorie Martin, Jake Rebbeck,
Christine Stonebridge, Kathleen
Rymer, Peggy (Margaret) Rymer,
Christine Flood, Margaret Evans,
Philip Brooke, Heneage Brooke,
Patricia Cook

Weddings in March

Benjamin Lilley & Emily Scarborough
at Holy Cross on 9th March
Daniel Marlan & Charlotte Myers at St
Bartholomew's on 16th March
Samuel Bishop & Ellenor Barnes at
Holy Cross on 23rd March

Banns of Marriage

Christopher Dickson & Lauren Hall
Benjamin Locke & Catrin Fear
Stephen Welch & Sophie Wright

New Uley Map

On Saturday 10th February, villagers gathered outside Uley Community Stores for the unveiling of a new map of the village. The map is the latest stage of a wider programme of modest refurbishment of the shop.

The shop committee commissioned the map from Stroud-based artists, Caroline Jamfrey and Nigel Harriss. Caroline designed it and produced the illustrations and Nigel, a book designer, digitized it and designed the text. They both started out as archaeological illustrators. Nigel went on to design educational books and other graphics projects. Caroline, a fellow of the Society of Botanical Artists, now mostly paints plants alongside the occasional design project and her small gardening business.

We met with Caroline to discuss the brief for our project: a map that is as beautiful as it is practical. We then took a walking tour of Uley where she photographed the landmarks we wanted her to illustrate, which include the shop, school, Old Crown Pub, church and village hall. There would be other illustrations such as wildflowers on the Millenium Green, wild orchids on the Bury, geese in the fields and, of course, lots of cows!

We wanted to include walking routes and sought advice from Cotswold Warden Bill Bramley. He helpfully suggested routes that would be dog-friendly and suitable for most walkers without the need for



specialist kit, and confirmed that the routes we plotted would be permissible. The walk up to Uley Bury is of course a favourite but a flatter, no less lovely, route takes in the river Ewelme.

Over several weeks we collaborated with Caroline. There was a great deal of toing and froing but at last we felt that the map was just right and ready to be printed and framed. We have also had smaller prints made which are available to purchase from the village shop for £25.00.

The project has truly been a team effort and thanks go to: Caroline and Nigel, Bill Bramley, Jamie Linwood who made the beautiful frame, David Lungley for his help hanging the map, Graham Hann who gave his time to photograph the unveiling, and all members of the Committee, past and present.

Catherine Sargent

Defibrillators in Uley

There are two public defibrillators in Uley, in the familiar yellow cabinets, one attached to the Street-side wall of the Village Hall, the other to the wall of the Shadwell Sports Pavilion. They are checked at regular intervals, for the Parish Council, to ensure they remain fully charged and functional – thank you to our two volunteers.

They are designed to be simple to use in an emergency, so that experience with them is not necessary. The cabinet is opened by pushing 5 numbered buttons on the door – the 5-number/letter code is available in the Shop or on dialling 999 and telling the operator your location.

Normally the first action is to dial 999, to minimise the time for the life-saving ambulance to arrive. Meanwhile use the Defibrillator if the patient is both unresponsive and not breathing normally. However, if the patient seems less than 8 years old or less than 25kg the defibrillator should not be used. However, do not delay therapy to determine this.

Inside the cabinet is an orange box, which you just lift out, place on the floor beside the patient and open. In the box there are two pads connected by wires to the battery which supplies the electric charge that can jerk the heart into regular rhythm if it has lost its rhythm or has stopped altogether.

As soon as you open the orange box it starts to prompt you in what to do – it speaks to you! It tells you to Keep calm... Call 999... remove clothing from the patient's chest and dry it if wet...tear open the package containing the two pads (check that the patient is on dry ground). After peeling off the blue plastic liner place one pad on the patient's chest top right, by the right shoulder, and the other pad on his/her left side towards the bottom of the chest (so the electric shock from the shock box will go from one pad to the other through the heart). Check there is no metal to skin contact with the patient (that may cause a skin burn) and that no-one is touching the patient ... stand back.

The Uley Defibrillators are of the 'automatic' variety, so they monitor the patient's pulse for you (through the pads), and deliver a shock only if this analysis indicates this is appropriate – after they have told you to stand clear and given you a 3 second warning! The body will move in response. The box then tells you if it's safe to touch the patient and will tell you to do chest compressions (CPR). It will coach you how to do this and tell you when to stop. If the box then detects that another shock is needed, stand away and it will go through the above steps again..



LENTEN QUIET DAY

2nd March 2024

10am-2pm

Nympsfeld Village Hall

**A day to rest and draw nearer to God in
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**St Bartholomew's will be open for quiet
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**A soup, bread and cheese lunch will be
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Rev'd Jane

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Treasurer/Finance Trustee Needed



We are looking for someone with appropriate financial expertise to join the Board and the Finance Sub Committee with a view to taking on the role of Treasurer.

They ideally will have an appropriate accountancy qualification and relevant financial management skills and experience (not necessarily from within the Not for Profit sector) to work alongside our CEO to oversee the financial aspects of the Charity.

Previous Board experience is not required as induction, training and support will be

provided. The total time commitment for a Finance Trustee is approximately one day per month made up of attending regular Finance Committee meetings and attending the bi-monthly Trustee Board meetings. These typically last a couple of hours and may be online or in person, in either Cirencester or Stroud.

For more information or to request an Information Pack and Application Form please email info@ca-scd.org.uk

Closing date: 29 March 2024

Uley Community Stores & Post Office Diary

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

March dates to remember:

Mothering Sunday is March 10th. A great selection of cards and yummy goodies in stock and there should be flowers too, hopefully.

British summer time starts Easter Sunday 31st March. Don't forget to put your clocks forward.

Easter is early this year too. Good Friday March 29th Easter Sunday March 31st and Easter Monday April 1st.....April Fools Day, I'll have to think up some pranks to play.

Following the unveiling of the new map, Cat Sargent made a great display in the shop window. Copies of the new map are now for sale in the shop.

The shop window is a great way to advertise upcoming events. I will be advertising in August ready for Septembers Uley Show. If you'd like to advertise, there is no charge. Please contact Angela Haddrell email: ajhaddrell@outlook.com

Easter opening hours for the Shop and Post Office

Good Friday March 29th
Shop: 9-12, Post Office: Closed

Easter Sunday March 31st
Shop: 9-12, Post Office: Closed

Easter Monday April 1st
Shop 9-12, Post Office Closed

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. This will be drawn on Good Friday March 29th about 11am. Winner to be announced in next Month's Village News.

If you have a suggestion for any new items you would like stocked please let us know.

Dami Davis

Garden Notes

We've lived in Uley for 8 happy years, drawn to this beautiful valley and its strong sense of community. Over these years we've developed our 2-acre garden, which many of you will have seen at last year's open garden. I'd like to introduce a monthly delve into the flora and fauna in our gardens, balconies and pots and this month we're turning our heads to the burgeoning signs of Spring.

Magnificent Magnolias

If the hard frosts pass us by, the end of February and March are the months to delight in these varied beauties. There's a magnolia to fit every garden from the giant *M. Cambellii* reaching up to 30 metres, to the dainty *M. Stellata* (*M. Stellata* 'Jane Platt' is a favourite) at 2-3 metres, and a multitude in between.

Two other small trees of delightful note this month are *Prunus incisa* 'Kojo-no-mai' and *Amelanchier lamarkii*. These specimen trees can fit anywhere and will even cope in decent sized pots. They are well deserved of their RHS Award of Garden Merit, working hard all year for their place in your garden. Covered in blossom in early spring, they have good colour in autumn, and the *Amelanchier* has berries from June beloved of blackbirds and fat pigeons!

Ornamental Grasses in Spring

A word about ornamental grass management... it can be confusing! There are two main groups and a smaller third group:

- 1) Foliage stays mainly green (e.g. *Carex*, *liriope*, *acorus*) - little or no care required.
- 2) Deciduous (Most grasses in the UK e.g. *miscanthus*, *pennisetum*, *calamagrostis* etc) - cut these close to the ground, late Feb to end of March when in active growth.
- 3) Semi evergreen (e.g. *Stipa*, *festuca*) - these can be raked through to tidy.

Hedgehogs, Hoglets and Highways

If you're lucky enough to have hedgehogs in your garden, now is the time to start feeding them as they emerge hungry and thirsty after their winter sleep. Although dry hedgehog food is convenient, they really wolf down meaty cat food as their native diet are worms, slugs, caterpillars and insects, so they really are a gardener's friend.

Consider installing a Hedgehog Highway in your fence or wall allowing the hogs to roam up to a mile a night to find food and a mate. No less than 13x13cm, these can be DIY or bought online. You can protect your hole from being filled in by having a laser cut sign pinned above it. These are available through Hedgehog Street, a wonderful organisation manned by a dedicated team of hog lovers!

Thank you for reading, hope to see you next month.



@awalledgarden purdonuk@gmail.com

Uley WI Diary - February 2024

Our speaker for February, Dr. Brian Whitcombe, former consultant radiologist at GRH, gave us a very entertaining, (sometimes gruesome) talk on the Science and Side Effects of Sword Swallowing. Interested in the subject, and not finding much on Google, Brian decided to do his own research, speaking to over 100 Sword Swallowers from around the world(mainly the USA),concluding that real swords are used, it is not an illusion, a lot of practice is needed, and injuries and sore throats do occur. The current record for the number of swords swallowed at once is 18.

His published article in the British Medical Journal led to him being awarded the IgNoble Prize, a satire on the real Nobel Prize, awarded for bizarre scientific research.



Our chosen charities this year will be Uley Village Hall and Dementia Research, for which we are planning a summer fundraiser.

Ann thanked Jackie Chillingworth and Moreton Hill Care Home for providing the delicious cakes at break time.

Our speaker for March 13th will be Angela Lerwill, telling us her Tales of a Sussex Farm. As usual, all visitors will be very welcome.

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'.

The Five Peaks Walk Dursley RNLI Branch



The Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) will mark its 200th anniversary of lifesaving in 2024.

To celebrate this incredible milestone why not come and join us by taking part in the 'Dursley RNLI Five Peaks Walk'. Taking place from **9.30am on Sunday 7th April 2024** and starting at either Cam Peak or Coaley Peak.

The walk takes you on public footpaths to visit Coaley Peak, Uley Bury, Downham Hill, Cam Long Down and Cam Peak. Make a donation on the day or via Just Giving at Dursley RNLI Five Peaks

Walk. Get friends, relations and colleagues to sponsor you while you explore our wonderful part of Gloucestershire.

Walk on your own and meet new likeminded friends or, walk together as a group. Numerous studies have proven that being out in the fresh air, nature and walking will improve your health and lighten your mood. Together we can do this and celebrate this wonderful charity. For more information contact John at johns.williams@talk21.com



From the Archives

While ambling around Uley the other day, I gave myself time to look around and admire the lovely buildings which sit most attractively in this picturesque village of ours. And what of their history?

It is impossible to cover them all but let's start at the Village Green, which is surrounded by 17th & 18th century properties. Uley House, the largest, was a clothier's house and many of the extensions & alterations were done by Edward Sheppard, next door is Uley Lodge, part of which is 17th century. Opposite, across the Green, we have High House and Went House, accompanied by a grouping of mellow Cotswold stone cottages.

We walk on down the village, past the Old Crown Inn, St. Giles' Church, & the Village Hall (the Lower Crown Public House on the corner of Woodstock Terrace (formerly The Cowpen) was demolished in the early 1970's. Copper House on the opposite corner was the village police station. On past the row of terraced Cotswold stone cottages we see the large wooden building which used to house the vehicles of the village carrier before the buses arrived. On the opposite side of the road we have Buckle House, formerly known as The Academy, once a school.

On the corner of South Street, you can still see the listed petrol pumps which served fuel to locals & passing trade

when the garage situated behind this property was operational, as late as the 1970/1980's. Opposite South Street, and next to the community shop & Post Office, was Bassett House and when this was demolished it revealed the old White Hart public house with its perfectly preserved 17th century roof structure. Further down we have The Yews, and Raglan House. Dr. Campell and later Dr. Huins had their surgeries in the adjoining cottage. Some local residents will remember this. Close by is South Bend, once thought also to be another clothier's house, and the very attractive William & Mary house. On the opposite side of The Street we have Street Farm & the 17th century large detached dwelling known as The Gables, owned by Mrs Phillips who ran an excellent home school. Montpellier House comes into view (once a Blacksmiths) and then The Kings Head. Further down The Street, pause for a while & if you are lucky, you may get a tippie from the famous Uley Brewery. At the crossroads one must imagine the now demolished (1960's) three-sided frontage of the Turnpike House where a horse & carriage had to pay 6d to travel on to Dursley. On the opposite corner is the Sheep-dip which was ready for use in 1904 and charged 1s 0d per score of sheep!

But we must not overlook the fascinating 'back lanes'. Whitecourt with its Union Chapel built in 1790, and the site of the Uley workhouse, well used in the 1830's

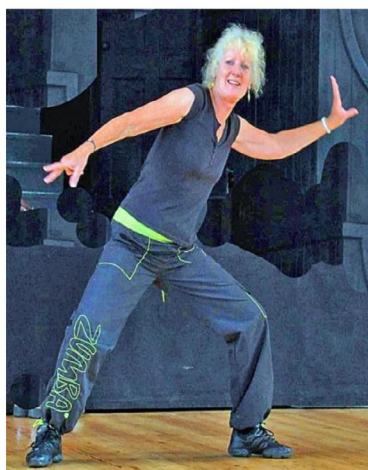
onwards & now demolished. Several houses-cum-workshops operated from Whitecourt during the last century.

On walking down South Street (formerly Clapgate Lane) we have the Mill (1814-1991) on the RH side, which once made whip-tops & beer barrel bungs – now a residential building. On the LH corner we have Bethesda Chapel, built by the Baptists in 1821. This is now an Art Centre and shares its space with the ever-popular Vestry Cafe, vital to thirsty walkers and local residents, an indispensable community hub, and a little further along the road we have an entrance to Uley School, built around 1827. Note the mosaics on the school wall depicting Uley Mills. Sheppards Mill, now a residential dwelling, is at the end of South Street.

Also, in South Street we have another very important part of Uley's history – THE KNOLL. These Swedish houses (a gift from Sweden for support in the war) were constructed under a parallel scheme to the main post-war programme. These timber framed properties have served Uley well and it is hoped they will continue to do so for many years to come.

This is very much an abridged version and space does not allow me to elaborate more fully, but what a wealth of history we have in Uley!

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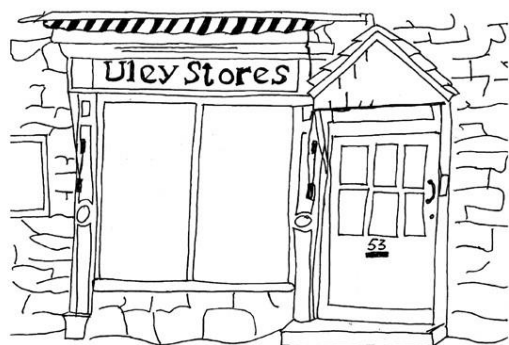
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St Bartholomew's

Sunday 10th March

St Giles

Sunday 17th March

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Sunday 24th March

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Tuesday 26th March

Holy Cross

Thursday 28th March

St James

Friday 29th March

St Bartholomew's

Sunday 31st March

St Giles

3rd Sunday of Lent

10.00am Parish Holy Communion

Mothering Sunday

10.00am Parish Holy Communion

Fifth Sunday of Lent

10.00am Parish Holy Communion

Palm Sunday

9.30am Blessing of Palms

10.00am Benefice Holy Communion

7.00pm Taizé Worship

7.30pm Benefice Agapé and Watch service

3.00pm

Good Friday Service

Easter Day

10.00am Parish Holy Communion

Church opening times

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