

Uley, Owlpen & Nympsfield

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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 latest 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.



“ Should Stroud grant permission to build
The sewers will be over-filled
What goes down the drain
Might pop up again
The locals will not be too thrilled ”

This year's winning Limerick by Andrew Tutton

A great big THANK YOU to:

- All of the wonderful volunteers who help on the day
- Those who donated cakes for the afternoon refreshments
- Those who kindly donated raffle prizes
- Those of you who entered the show this year,
- and to those of you who came and supported the event.

Without you the annual show wouldn't be possible.

THANK YOU

From the Uley Society & the Uley Annual Show Committee



Each year we review the previous years' successes and challenges,
a suggestions box will be available in Uley Community Stores if
you have any comments.

uleyannualshow@gmail.com

From the Churchwardens

Care for others and care for our world. October is when we celebrate Harvest - as a rural parish it's an obvious link for us and a time to give thanks for the things that grow to feed us and the hands that do the work. Having managed the Stroud District Foodbank for a number of years it was (for us) the start of a very joyful time of receiving harvest donations from schools, organisations and churches which would provide emergency food parcels and Christmas Hampers. Although mostly in tins and packages it was always very much appreciated and sadly needed – this need is even more acute now with the continued pressures of a cost-of-living crisis. This year I will be involved on the other side by helping with our Harvest Service at St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield (October 5th) and we'll be serving a warm breakfast roll and a hot drink before the service so please do come along and bring a can or a jar for the Foodbank.

In September we hosted our first '2nd Sunday Service' - a new initiative that will provide a less formal monthly service with a theme, which we hope will appeal to parishioners who don't identify with our more traditional form of service. This first service was titled 'New Beginnings' and celebrated all those embracing fresh starts e.g. new schools, years, jobs. This month we will echo the themes of Harvest and be celebrating creation and

our wonderful world and all who look after it. We are thankful that there are many active groups in charge of looking after all our lovely spaces in the Parish - from footpath wardens, to working parties, our farmers, committees such as the Playing Fields and Millenium Green. Bigger issues such as the work of the Climate Action Network are also to be celebrated. So, if you are able and want to come and be part of a service of celebration - and as well as lament (in for the ways we have not looked after our world) - then please come along to St Giles on the 12th October.

St Giles Church, Uley
presents
**Music for a
Sunday Afternoon**
featuring
Trombone Ensemble
Sunday 26th October
at 3pm
A free, short, informal concert in the church
followed by tea & cake.
Donations welcome for Church Funds.

Friends of St Giles would like to invite everyone to
An Evening of a Variety of Autumn's
Entertainment

With The Uley Youth Productions
and Special Guests

Saturday 18th October
7:30pm at Uley Village Hall

Free entry, with wine, tea, coffee, soft drinks and a raffle.
Donations would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds will help
to support the maintenance of St Giles Church.

Looking forward to welcoming you then.

The next
Uley Bury
Working Party

is on

Saturday 25th October
from 10am to 12noon

Please meet at the bench and
bring your own coffee etc.

Help preserve our precious
grassland!

More info from Janet
Telephone: 860236
New members very welcome

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Thursday 16th October at
7.30pm in Uley Village Hall

Peter Scott, the man
before the Trust

Speaker: Jackie Harris,
Slimbridge Wetland Centre

Tea & coffee afterwards
Non members welcome (fee £3)
Programme Secretary - Janet Wood
woodje317@gmail.com

Uley Parish Council

Consider joining Uley Parish

Council! Applications for co-option to the Council are being held open until September 28th. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a Councillor, do please ring one of the Councillors (names and numbers at the front of this magazine) and we will be glad to help. Otherwise, please do email our Clerk, Adam Biscoe, clerk@uleyparishcouncil.gov.uk or any of the Councillors. We look forward to hearing from you.

Stroud District Council is once again inviting residents and businesses to share their views in its **Annual Satisfaction Survey**, which helps shape how local services are delivered. Between Monday 1 September and Tuesday 14 October, a random selection of 500 residents and 200 businesses will be contacted by independent research company Phoenix MRC, which is conducting the survey on behalf of the council.

In association with Gloucestershire County Council **discounted compost bins** are available. Gloucestershire residents are able to get £15 off eligible bins on the website. Discount will automatically be applied. One per household. Full terms and conditions available at www.getcomposting.com

Community Connexions (CC)

is a transport charity providing a service to the elderly, infirm, socially & rurally challenged of the county of Gloucestershire. Using either professional drivers in minibuses or volunteers in their own cars, CC collect and deliver passengers across the county to ensure that they can get to (not an exhaustive list):

- medical appointments (hospital [in or out of county], clinic or GP)
- day centres
- dementia clubs
- shopping trips
- hairdressers
- visit family
- day out

CC rely heavily on volunteer drivers. If any Uley residents are keen to find out more about volunteer driving, speak to the volunteer manager Ed Turnill - volunteer@communityconnexions.org.uk

Stroud District Council are now inviting local charities, organisations, and community groups to take part in **Round Three of Stroud Funding**. The project submission deadline: is the **5 November 2025**, with crowd funding to begin in mid-November 2025 .

About Stroud Funding

Delivered in partnership with Spacehive, the UK's leading civic crowdfunding platform, Stroud Funding helps bring community-led ideas to life. So far, 27 projects have raised over £385,000, supporting youth clubs, green spaces, creative initiatives and more.

Projects must:

- Benefit people within the Stroud district
- Align with one or more of the council's priorities:
 - Environment
 - Communities and Wellbeing
 - Local Economy
 - Housing

- Be time-bound with a clear delivery date and contingency plans.

Eligible projects that show strong community support could receive a council pledge, typically averaging around 30% of the total project cost.

If a group isn't ready to launch this autumn, they can prepare for Round Four, opening in January 2026, with workshops planned for mid-February.

More details can be found by going to www.spacehive.com and searching Stroud Funding.

Questions about the process should be emailed to community.grants@stroud.gov.uk

Will Lady Cruella get her wicked way?

Will the Babes survive in the wood?

Will Robin Hood evade the Sheriff?

Find out in the exciting new Uley Players Pantomime!

Robin Hood and The Babes in the Wood

*Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd November
Uley Village Hall*

Ticket information in the next Village News

Church Letter

What a Wonderful World!

I've recently had some raised beds built in my garden and I can't tell you how much pleasure it gives me to see the herbs and vegetables growing. By the time you read this, the Uley Village Show will have been and gone for another year, and you'll know whether they're prize-winning cucumbers or not!

My morning routine now includes picking caterpillars off the kale - which I've discovered to be a rather mindful activity, as well as limiting the number of leaves reduced to doilies.

There are so many ways that we can care for creation, and like many activities that take us beyond ourselves and our preoccupations, it turns out that doing this is good for our mental health and well-being.

The first of the Second Sunday Specials* at St Giles was a new beginning for all of us as we began the service with hot chocolates and croissant and enjoyed being led by some of the young people who are starting out at secondary school. They kept us on our toes, taught us a song and read these words of Jesus:

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

The experience of worship, at its best, is one that helps us to find our place in relation to God, one another, ourselves and creation. It is an act of defiance, a silencing of the voices that tell us if we simply try harder we can somehow work everything out for ourselves. It is an invitation to entrust ourselves to God who made us and knows us and loves us, God who knows what it is to be human, to suffer and to die, God who makes all things new. It is an invitation to dare to believe that we are worthy of love.

The next service is on 12th October 10.00am at St Giles - What a Wonderful World! – where we will be giving thanks for the beauty of this place and the many ways people care for creation in this village. We will also take time to lament the consequences of humanity's lack of care for creation. Perhaps as we reflect and talk together, we will resolve to take some small action to show our care. Please bring along something you've grown, if you

can. There will be an activity in the churchyard, and possibly a walk on offer for those who want to stretch their legs. This will be a simple and child-friendly service of Holy Communion, in which everyone can be blessed, wherever you are on your journey of faith.

Juliet

*Second Sunday Specials are short church services for absolutely anyone, to get together to celebrate different aspects of village life. If you have an idea of a theme for a service, or would like to find out more, please get in touch or simply turn up at St Giles 10am on the second Sunday of the month.

From the Uley, Nympsfield and Owlpen Church Registers

Weddings at Holy Cross, Owlpen

Wedding blessing of Rafaella Medeiros de Mattos Brito Grooms and Matthew James Strevens on 10th September

James McCann and Harriet Kemp wedding on 17th September

Charlie Barclay Hudson and Danielle Chick wedding on 20th September

Burial of Rosemary Browning's ashes at St Giles, Uley on 11th September.

Year's Mind in October

Catherine Bartlett, Beryl Cottrell, Sara Falkenburg, Marie Fletcher, Geoffrey Furley, Leslie Hopkins, Florence Mitchell, Katharine Penley, Paddy Scott Clarke, Marie Willmott, Linda Woodman, Royston Herbert and Enid Farniloe.

Cotswold Warden Guided Walks

There are lots of guided local walks with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens happening each month. There is 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 9th October at 10am

All Roads Lead to Waterley Bottom

Distance: 6 miles | Duration: 3.5 hours

Address: Stinchcombe Hill public car park

Thursday 21st October at 10am

Autumn Woodland Colour

Distance: 8.5 miles | Duration: 4.5 hours

Address: The Street, Shipton Moyne.

Plenty of roadside parking outside the pub. Please don't use the pub car park.

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/>

Uley WI Diary – September 2025

As we approach the end of the summer the WI enjoyed a trip to Highclere in the sunshine.

The main event was our fabulous summer party in the beautiful gardens at Matara.



The rain held off as we enjoyed a wonderful sunny evening chatting and feasting in idyllic surrounds.

We all brought along food and drink contributions and shared them amongst ourselves.

What an excellent spread we enjoyed!



This month we will gather to hear a talk by Andrew Harper about his exploits in the Clipper round the World Yacht Race.

We also plan to gather for lunch at the Crown in Minchinhampton and a walk on Rodborough Common.

If any ladies are interested in joining us at the Uley WI we would be delighted to hear from you.

Ruth Littlehales

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'.

Uley Community Stores & Post Office Diary

Tel Shop: 861592 | Tel Post Office: 860203 (Ailsa, Sadie and Angela)

www.uleycommunitystores.co.uk | Run by Volunteers

Save The Date: The Uley Community Stores AGM is to be held Saturday October 25th 10.30 am in the Village Hall. Tea, coffee, and biscuits on arrival.

This is not just for volunteers and shareholders but the village of Uley and all that use the village shop. You have to be a shareholder to be able to vote. Information and application forms are in the shop and on the Uley Community Store website under "About UCS" then "Member shareholdings". They are £10 per person, not the whole household.

There are some lovely stamps in stock with Steam Locomotives out now. Then good old Monopoly stamps will be available at the end of October.

"Pete the Fish" has great quality and variety. Crabs, giant prawns, scallops, wide range of fresh fish from the east coast, scrumptious. He comes with his van to outside the shop on Wednesdays, 9.30 am to 10.15 am.

It's now official, British Summer Time ends Sunday October 26th, don't forget to put your clocks back. It was

Shop Opening Hours

Monday to Friday: 8am - 5.30pm

Saturdays: 8am - 1 pm

Sundays: 10am - 12pm

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(Closed for lunch 1pm - 2pm)

(Wednesdays closes 4.30pm)

Saturdays: 9am - 12.30pm

Sundays: Closed

a very hot and dry summer, and now so much rain. Hopefully we'll have little Indian summer, and there are still village donations of home grown fruit, vegetables and flowers too. If not there's lots of kindling and logs in the stores outside and firelighters inside.

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

RUN BY VOLUNTEERS

Dami Davis

Garden Notes

After the warmest, driest summer since 1976, it seems bizarre to think of the winter months ahead. The unpredictability of our weather is the biggest challenge to gardeners and farmers alike. The drought persisted week after week leaving normally lush green fields as dry as prairies and our local cows being fed their winter silage in summer. Organic herds like Jess's Ladies, bereft of their organic pastures, are driven to crowd funding the winter feed for their herd or risk losing them. It has been heartening to see the response, I hope they make their target. Try their kefir - its amazing.

Let's hope that the rain falls and reservoirs and aquifers are replenished... preferably at night!

Preparing for Winter

There are always jobs to do, but in our garden 'putting the garden to bed' is not one of them. As we understand how damaging to wildlife and soil our 'tidying' can be, its time to take a gentler approach. I do remove fallen or soggy material to the compost, but leave standing virtually everything

else till late January or early February. Many insects and larvae overwinter on stems around the garden and with milder winters, growth continues so on warm days solitary bees are abroad and looking for sustenance. Late autumn flowers are a precious resource.

Autumn gales bring a real risk of damage to roses and young trees. Wind rock can cause roots to snap and water ingress to rot the rootball. Stake trees BEFORE leaf fall and remove excess top growth from roses.

The soil is still warm, so its the perfect time to assess and renew your garden by moving plants, or replacing with something fresh. No need to tolerate an unloved shrub - recycle to an appreciative friend and go treat yourself. There are bargains to be had at the back of garden centres as they make way for the excesses of all things Christmas. A little TLC and these tired, discarded specimens can be brought back to life.

Clear space in the garage or greenhouse ahead of time to move vulnerable pots before winter frosts descend. Its a great time to take cuttings as a back up plan too. If you have pots of basil, parsley or mint outside, why not take easy cuttings of them to keep in the house and extend the bounty of fragrant fresh leaves for cooking.

This year in the kitchen garden, I've finally got around to sowing green manure, improving soil fertility, structure and protecting against nutrient erosion in winter rains. Ideally they should be chopped and dropped, if you're no dig, (or cut down and turned into the soil) before flowering though they'd be much appreciated by those pollinators still out and about.

On the last day of October the harvest season comes to a close and winter begins.. plus every child in the village knows its Halloween! Carve a pumpkin, make a corn dolly - Prema Arts - there's a nice autumn course?!

Happy gardening

Caroline

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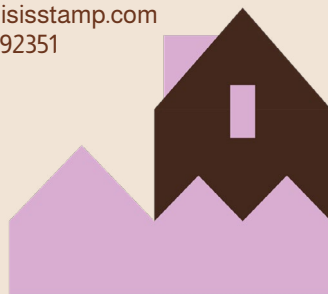
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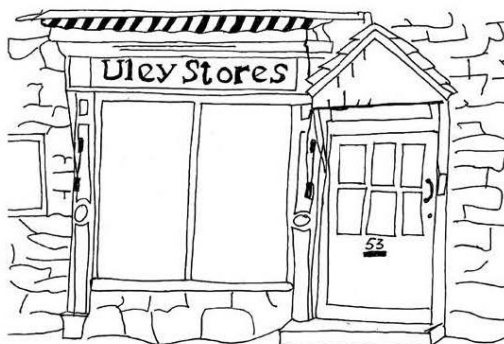
October.....

...is surely the month for pies! Steak, chicken, lamb – individual or family. Frocester Fayre deliver on a Thursday and Cam Butchers deliver on Wednesdays & Saturdays. Call 01453 861 592 to have one put aside for you.

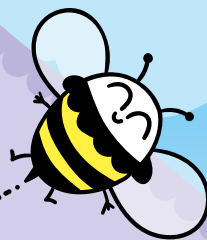
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In the Post Office

If you prefer to buy your postage from Royal Mail for large letters or small parcels on-line, you have two options for posting them. You can take them to the new post box outside the shop and scan them there OR you can bring them into Uley Post Office and hand them over the counter to be processed. PLEASE do the latter – your village shop needs the pennies from the PO that this will generate. Also, we can print out your label for you, so no faffing around!



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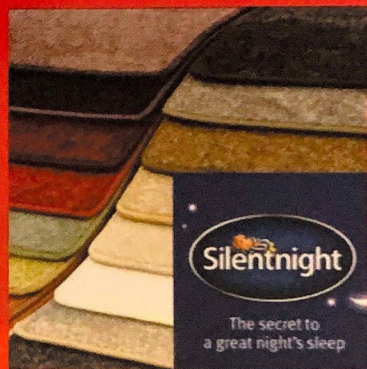
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Services in October 2025

5th October - Trinity 116

10am Together for Harvest at
St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

12th October - Trinity 17

10am "What a Wonderful World" at St Giles, Uley
Celebrating all aspects of village life.

19th October - Trinity 18

10am Parish Holy Communion at St Giles, Uley
6pm Evensong at Holy Cross, Owlpen

26th October - Last Sunday after Trinity

10am Benefice Holy Communion at St Giles, Uley