

Uley, Owlpen & Nympsfield

August 2026

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>

Uley Annual Show

Saturday 12th September

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 2PM

Admission £1 (exhibitors and U16's free)



**Afternoon Tea, Ice-Creams, Raffle &
fabulous 50th Anniversary celebrations!**

**SCHEDULES STILL AVAILABLE FROM ULEY
COMMUNITY STORES. entries close 10th Sept.**

(Please refer to the published schedule for further details and age restrictions)

Any queries please contact the team: uleyannualshow@gmail.com

Uley Parish Council

Traffic in South Street

Uley Parish Council have now received the report on South Street. A copy will be available on the Parish Council website, and a hard copy can also be viewed in the village shop.

The Parish Council is continuing to work hard to convince Stroud District Council that the additional traffic generated by the proposed development of The Knoll would be unsustainable. Concerns remain about both South Street and The Street, where traffic levels and parking pressures have increased significantly in recent years, partly as a result of developments in Dursley and Cam.

We encourage residents to submit their comments directly to Stroud District Council.

Local residents are an important source of information for planning officers, and all comments will help ensure that local concerns are properly considered. Comments can be submitted to the Planning Department through the Stroud District Council planning portal or by contacting the Planning Department directly.

Wildfire Risk Reminder

With the current dry conditions, there is an increased risk of wildfires. Please DO NOT light barbecues, bonfires, or any other open fires in the area. We ask that everyone take extra care to help protect our countryside, wildlife, and community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Please Pick Up After Your Dog

Residents and visitors are reminded to please clean up after their dogs when walking around Uley and the surrounding footpaths, lanes and green spaces.

Dog fouling is unpleasant, unhygienic and a nuisance for others, particularly children, walkers and those maintaining verges and public areas. Please also remember that dog faeces cause cows in calf to abort, so the grass that feeds them in the lovely fields that the footpaths take you through needs to be kept clean. Please carry dog poo bags with you and dispose of them responsibly in a suitable bin.

It is important that filled poo bags are not left in hedges, hung from trees or placed on walls or verges. This is still littering and creates an eyesore in the village and countryside. If there is no bin nearby, please take the bag home with you.

Thank you to all responsible dog owners who already do the right thing and help keep Uley clean, safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes are available for the public to read on the website at <https://www.uleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/>. They offer a clear overview of recent discussions, decisions, and upcoming parish matters; a helpful resource for anyone interested in local life.

GORILLA JOHN'S GREAT ULEY DASH

4K RUN & VILLAGE FUN DAY



**SATURDAY
15TH AUGUST**



**RUN STARTS
AT 11:00 AM**



4K RUN
RUN - JOG - WALK
EVERYONE WELCOME



**KIDS DASH
AT 10:30AM**
FOR UNDER 12'S



**SUPPORTING
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VILLAGE FUN DAY STARTS 11AM

**BOUNCY
CASTLE**

**FOOD
TRUCKS**

**PETTING
FARM**

**FACE
PAINTING**

**CAKE, TEAS
& RAFFLE**

ICE CREAMS

BAR

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GAMES

STALLS

VENUE: ULEY PLAYING FIELD & PAVILION, SHADWELL, ULEY, GL11 5BW

ENTRY FEES: ADULTS £10 UNDER 16'S £5 KIDS DASH £2

RUN ENTRIES ON THE DAY - CASH OR CARD

FREE PARKING AT THE PLAYING FIELD



We are delighted to
announce that Uley
Players are taking the reins
of the Youth Drama Group.

Uley Village Hall on Friday
evenings 6- 7pm
(term time only)
Ages 11-18

£3.00 per session (BACS
payments available)

Tracy Mason-Fayle
Chair of Uley Players

Uley Players

Are you aged 7-9 years? Do you enjoy singing and dancing?

Come and be part of our magical Winter Production!

*Rehearsals start in September - Thursdays 6-7 pm
Performance in December 2026*



Limited spaces available

Please contact Tracy MF for your place, tmasonfayle@gmail.com

Friends of St Giles Rounders Tournament and Social

Thank you so much to:

- Uley Brewery, Uley Community Stores, Uley Events Group, the Friends of Uley School, and everyone else who made donations or loaned equipment to make the day possible.
- John and Jenny Cox for providing power and water.
- David Lungley and Vicky Boroughs for umpiring.
- All the volunteers who baked cakes and helped with the set up, running of the day and pack down.
- Jackie Swirski for being the first aider.
- The 4 teams who braved the heat to play.
- Everyone who came down to support.

Congratulations to the winners - Round-der Bend!



From the Uley, Nympsfield and Owlpen Church Registers

Banns to be read in August

Stephen Hunt & Georgina Bouzyk
Jake Atkinson & Hattie Tilley

Marriages

4th July Joseph Roberts and Ellen Murphy at Holy Cross
8th July Gabriel Marriage and Ziwei Zhou at Holy Cross
25th July James Karpinski and Nia Morris at Holy Cross
25th July Arthur Chattey and Nicola Randall at St Giles
29th July Ieuan Hughes and Charlotte Williams at Holy Cross

Funerals

8th July Funeral of Jack Lawrence at St Giles

Year's Mind in August

Alan Bebbington, Anthony de Vries (Tony), Terry Meadows, Dennis Thompson, Ronald Jones, Michael Watts, Eunice Neale, Olive Du Feu, Leigh Hanby, Anne Hall, Tony Marsh, Frederick Athey, Marjorie Dauncey, Peggy Lee, Malcolm Wright, Penelope Brooke Johnston, Donald Mills, Sue Yates, Lionel Holloway, Anne Fisher and Owen Simpson

The Uley Society



Registered Charity No: 295000, Established 1974

Website: <https://theuleysociety.co.uk/>

PROGRAMME 2026/2027

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| 12 th September | Uley Annual Show, 2-4 pm. |
| 17 th September | AGM followed by "In Defence of The Drift, A Gloucester Boy Abroad." The epic story of Albert Henry Hook VC.
Speaker Paul Barnett.. |
| 15 th October | "Wetlands for Life." By popular demand a return by
Speaker Jackie Harris of WWT. Story of the team's visits
to the most inhospitable parts of the world. |
| 19 th November | "The Battle of Tewkesbury 1471." The huge battle of The War
of the Roses with a connection to Owlpen.
Speaker Richard Goddard of the Battle of Tewkesbury Society. |
| 17 th December | Simon Opher MP MBE talking about his work.
Questions please !
Followed by Christmas party. |
| 21 st January 2026 | "Furthest South" Amanda and Tim's Antarctic Adventures.
Speakers Tim and Amanda Voss of Uley. |
| 18 th February | "Katherine Parr, Gloucestershire's Queen."
Speaker Mike Bottomley. |
| 18 th March | "Uley But Not As You Know It."
Houses lost and plans that never happened.
Speaker Thoss Shearer, Uley Society Archivist. |
| April/May (date TBC) | Outing and Refreshments – to be decided. |

All meetings held in Uley Village Hall and start at 7.30 pm unless otherwise stated.

Tea, coffee and biscuits served after every meeting – stay on for a cuppa and chat.

Programme Secretary – Janet Wood Tel 01453 860236

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Account Name: The Uley Society, Account Number: 70185825, Sort Code: 40-63-01

The Coventry Building Society, 59 Parsonage St, Dursley, GL11 4BP

Friends of St Giles Review March 25-26

Dear all,
We held our AGM last month and we wanted to share what we have been doing and what is planned -

We held several events over the last year: The Jazz concert with Le Swing at the end of March was a really enjoyable evening which was well supported and raised a considerable amount. A second rounders event was held on a sunny afternoon in July and was enjoyed by all who attended, the tea and cakes and Uley beer went down particularly well! So, many thanks to Angela for organising this and arranging another one this year. In the Autumn, Amanda Voss' Youth Group put on a Variety show that was really well attended (no room for any more chairs!) and showcased some very talented youngsters. The last event of the financial year was the ever-popular quiz night, arranged by Marion Mills, who had it running like clockwork. In addition, Thoss Shearer has arranged several historical talks over the last year. Two in St Giles and one at Woodchester Mansion.

Because of the success of the events and the annual membership fees, the Friends have been able to transfer over to the Fabric committee two payments of £2,500.

During the year the Wall repair was completed and came in under budget which was welcome news. The latest project that we have funded is the renovation of the St Giles room and

attached kitchen. This has been decorated now (many thanks to Mark Bailey for a great job!) and we have refreshed curtains and new lights are being installed.

There are several projects that need funding over the next year. The back door of the church next to the St Giles room is rotting at the base and that needs replacing; the church clock has stopped chiming and we have been quoted around £6,000 for the repair; the Brewers gravestone is sinking and needs repairing before it becomes dangerous, so there is a lot to be done and we need funds to try to help keep the building in good repair.

That said, do please support us as much as you can, by coming to events, but also by becoming a Friend. You don't need to be a church goer to see how important the St Giles building is to everyone in the village. Whenever you pass it or get a glimpse of the church as you come into Uley, we all appreciate that it is a part of our landscape and we do not want to see it fall into disrepair.

There is a box in the village shop for your subscriptions, £10 for an individual and £15 for a couple. Please do consider becoming a Friend, you only need to get involved with events if you want to. Also, we would be grateful for any ideas you may have for future events you would like to see in the village.

The Friends committee

Garden Notes

It will seem like an age ago, but what a wonderful inaugural event for Uley Trees and Meadows (UTM). The fascinating Nature Ramble through the village with talks and 'show and tell' along the way illustrating the need for biodiversity and linking corridors for wildlife along our village. The weather was wonderful so everyone was ready for cream teas or pimm's at our garden. Thank you for all the hard work (organisers and volunteers) and to all who attended and made the whole day marvellous. Looking forward to more enlightening events.

August.. Summers last stand.. or is it? With climate change, it may stretch into September - but whatever the weather, the days are shortening and the plants know it.

So if you're not on holiday there's plenty to crack on with in the garden.

Sow autumn salad crops to harvest October into November. If you have a greenhouse you can keep harvesting through winter. Choose hardy varieties such as 'winter density', mizuna, rocket, lettuce 'salad bowl' and purslane (a deliciously crunchy leaf that will brave most of what

winter can throw at it). Sow into plugs to transplant or direct sow in rows. Thin as they emerge and keep weeded and watered.

Harvest! Tomatoes, cucumbers, courgettes ... it's all ready to be picked, pickled, cooked or frozen.

Keep feeding and watering your pots and deadhead like you're on a mission! I'm hoping my new dahlia bed - intensively planted with expert advice from Rachel Golding Barrett from The Tetbury Flower Co. - will culminate in armfuls of cut flowers till the first frost.

Everything is early this year so prune lavender leaving some new shoots on each stem. Don't wait till flowers are brown as you need the regrowth before winter.

Meadows ..mini or otherwise Even if you have bulbs in your meadow, August is good to cut as short as possible, and then keep short till winter. Rake off and compost grass till you're down to almost bare earth. I often do this at staggered intervals to allow wildlife to relocate. You can also leave sections till late winter to allow cover for overwintering and eggs in hollow stems.

Long grass

For those that visited in July, you'll have seen an area of long grass with roses and a magnolia. I manage this differently. Strimmed and raked off in July, mown at highest setting, then left to regrow. This will only be cut right down just before bulbs start to emerge.

RHS Badminton

What a blast to have this on our doorstep for a change! I went first day and glad I did, as plants and people were fresh and friendly despite the temperatures. So lovely to talk to nurserymen from near and far, answering questions about their specialist varieties and seeing the plants mature and looking their very best.

Rachel (dahlias) won not only GOLD but the highest number of points possible. Go Rachel!!

The Julia Rausing Memorial Garden by Tom Stuart-Smith, in particular, was stunning in beauty, design and size.

Less than two years till the next one..

Happy Gardening!

Caroline

@awalledgarden

How to stay cool in the heat



While summer can be enjoyable, heatwaves can make your home uncomfortable and even affect your health. Here are **five simple ways to keep cool**:

- **Let cool air in:** Open windows on opposite sides overnight or early morning to create airflow. If you only have one window, open internal doors. Opening a loft hatch can also release heat.
- **Keep heat out:** Close curtains or blinds where the sun hits. When it's hotter outside (late morning to evening), keep windows shut and use fans instead.
- **Use a fan:** Fans are cheap to run and help air circulate. Place it in front of a bowl of ice (at a safe distance) for extra cooling. When it's cooler outside than inside, use it near an open window to help draw in fresh air.
- **Take a break from the heat:** Spend time in air-conditioned public spaces like libraries or leisure centres.
- **Improve insulation:** Better insulation, shading, ventilation and efficient windows can help all year round. Check the Citizens Advice website for information about schemes and grants that are available.

Citizens Advice helps with a range of issues. For information and self-help guidance, visit citizensadvice.org.uk.



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& Cotswold
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From the Churchwardens

As we write our monthly update the weather looks like it is starting to become cooler after the intense heat and we can all breathe a sigh of relief. It's been hard on us all to stay cool, keep our pets and livestock cool, work, and water our gardens – being cognisant of saving water.

This week we'll be celebrating our Uley School year 6 leavers at their leavers service. It's always a very special service to recognise their growth and development as young people and to pray for them as they take their next steps to new schools. For all those taking summer breaks we hope that it's a restful and restorative time.

Monday Mingle will continue throughout the Summer and hopefully attract a span of ages, and fill St Giles with chatter and connection on Monday mornings. If you haven't ventured up yet, do consider popping in.

During our Second Sunday special in July we considered the parable of the sower and what it might mean for us to scatter in places that might bring a rich reward. Thinking about our young people growing up in

our area, we give thanks for all those who support, shape and positively influence our young people and provide supporting roles for them to grow in character. Our Second Sunday services are a chance to use different ways to explore faith in creative and gentle ways - its open to all and we start with refreshments so its a good time to enjoy some fellowship too.

Juliet also shared a video of the well that we, the village, have funded in Malawi, it has now been drilled and is providing a vital resource for that community. We can be glad that we have contributed to that – very encouraging.

At the end of August we'll be hosting another Hymns and Praise event at St Bartholomew's in Nympsfield, complete with band. We are hoping for good weather so we can gather again in the church yard with refreshments afterwards. Please do come along.

Uley Community Stores & Post Office Diary

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

www.uleycommunitystores.co.uk | Run by Volunteers

Hopefully the summer has properly started now, and going to last throughout August and September. There are plenty of delicious ice-creams and lollies for you to enjoy and dog ones too.

Lots more local produce and flowers are in stock. Plus there are plenty of village donations of home grown fruit and flowers, well done and please keep them coming.

The Uley Annual Show is next month, Saturday September 12th in the Village Hall. Schedules and entry forms are available from the Shop.

The Committee requests that during shop opening hours the parking outside the shop is only used by shop customers. There are only 2 spaces, please park accordingly, thank you.

If you have any suggestions for any new items you'd like stocked please let us know, there is a book on the counter to let us know, plus any feedback you have.

If you're interested in becoming a Volunteer, please pop into the shop for more information. Full training will be given. It's a lovely way to spend a couple of hours, chatting

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

with people you know, and meeting others. There are 2-3 social evenings a year, to talk all about shop, and anything else. Plus a New Year's party held at the Pavilion. What's not to love and doing a great service to the village.

To B&B's and holiday cottage owners, we're encouraging visitors to use the Village Shop, please contact Angela Haddrell ajhaddrell@outlook.com and she'll pop round some information leaflets for your visitor packs.

Check our Facebook page and Website with up to date information for your Uley Community Stores.

Dami Davis

Church Letter

Well, the Summer Holidays are upon us, and there is absolutely no need to travel away from Uley to enjoy glorious walks, fascinating history, fun community events and the delights of nature – all for free!

You may like to start your week at the Monday Mingle 10-12 each week in St Giles Uley where there will be something for everyone, whatever your age: games, crafts, storytelling, trails and more... oh yes, and there's always something to eat and drink too – all for free! Learn to knit or crochet, play chess, make something or read. Children are very welcome, so long as they bring a parent, carer or grandparent along.

Hopefully for many the holidays bring a change in the rhythm of life, a slowing of pace, perhaps a change of scene or even a chance to rest. I don't know about you, but it can be surprisingly difficult to rest, to switch off, to stop doing, to be creative, to simply sit still, to be.

There are some words of Jesus that I have found helpful to reflect on in relation to how I live and serve in my role as Rector, and I offer them to you:

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Jesus offers an invitation using an agricultural picture of oxen yoked together, keeping in step, sharing the burden.

These words recall me to a healthy place of trust in Jesus when I am anxious or 'driven', seeking to be in control or weighed down by the weight of responsibility, sorrow or pain. I am recalled to a place of steadiness, obedience and willingness to learn (in other words to accept I am wrong!) when I become bullish.

I wonder what is steadying you?
Where your restful place is?

I know that religion isn't always good for people, Jesus struggled with the religious of his day and another translation of the verse from Matthew's gospel offers these words from Jesus:

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—

watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

I hope and pray that, whatever situation you find yourself in, you will experience something of the grace that brings lightness and freedom.

With love

Rev'd Juliet



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The July gathering of Uley Berries once again had a warm and welcoming atmosphere, with 40 members and two visitors enjoying an evening of friendship and discovery. We were also delighted to welcome Sam Watts as host for the first time, and she did a wonderful job of keeping the evening running smoothly.

The highlight of the evening was a fascinating talk by Chris Mapp, who shared the remarkable story of the British Home Children. Through moving personal stories and historical research, Chris shed light on the lives of the thousands of children sent from Britain to Canada and other Commonwealth countries from the late nineteenth century onwards. It was a thought-

provoking presentation that sparked plenty of conversation afterwards, and many members left with a new appreciation of this little-known chapter of history. Our sincere thanks go to Chris for such an engaging and memorable evening.

Our summer programme has continued to bring members together in a variety of ways. Many supported the Toy Sale in aid of the new nursery school by helping with or visiting the coffee and cake café, while others enjoyed the Talk and Walk at Tinkley Gate and another relaxed coffee morning in a member's garden. We are also looking forward to our next Pub Night at The Old Spot in Dursley on 3 August.

Preparations are now well underway for our ever-popular Summer Party on Wednesday 19 August at 5.30pm at Uley Pavilion. Members are invited to bring a dish to share, together with their own chair, crockery and drinks. There will be a raffle, a few friendly games of boules and, as always, plenty of laughter and good company. Visitors are very welcome to join us for £8, including food. Please let us know if you plan to come by emailing uleyberries@gmail.com

For more information please email uleyberries@gmail.com and follow us on Facebook at *Uley Berries*

Summer Monday Mingle



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treats. All ages welcome!





FOR AUGUST

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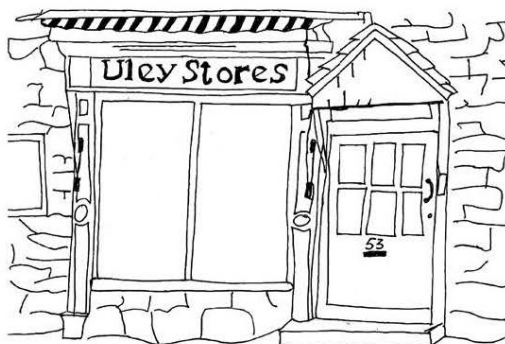
In the Shop

...as summer wears on, nothing beats an ice-cold, refreshing glass of fresh apple juice. Jo Attwooll produces locally pressed apple juice in Coaley. Each bottle is labelled with the variety of apple used, so plenty to try. Find it beneath the eggs in the shop!

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In the Post Office

....you might not be sending as many letters as you used to, but when you do, isn't it nice to put a picture stamp on the envelope? Why not ask Ailsa or Sadie to show you what's on offer this month and keep a couple at home for the next time you send a birthday card.





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

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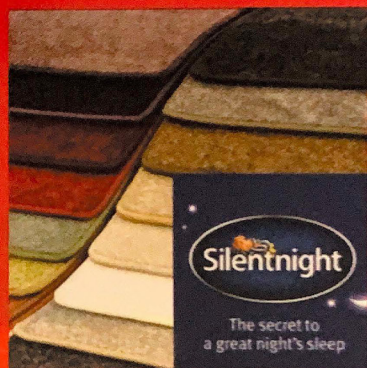
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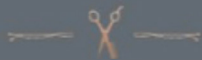
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Services in August 2026

2nd August- 9th Sunday after Trinity

10am Parish Communion, St Bartholomew's,
Nympsfield

9th August - 10th Sunday after Trinity

10am Reflective Worship at St Giles, Uley

16th August - 11th Sunday after Trinity

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

23rd August- 12th Sunday after Trinity

10am Holy Communion at Holy Cross, Owlpen
6.30pm Songs of Praise at St Bartholomew's,
Nympsfield

30th August - 13th Sunday after Trinity

10am Benefice Holy Communion at St Giles,
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