



Uley, Owlpen & Nympsfield October 2020

Village News

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AN OCTOBER LETTER FROM CANON MICHAEL

Dear friends,

All of us, during these challenging times, are constantly having to think carefully about what we are doing, where we can go, who we can spend time with and where. Plans are made and then, as guidance changes, those plans have to be altered and even sometimes abandoned. It's quite hard to plan ahead when we are not sure whether it will be possible to carry those plans out.

This is the same for the Church at the current time. Normally by now we would be putting together our plans for our Christmas celebrations, but we are not doing that yet and I think that is because we just don't know what we will be allowed to do by December and also because we do not really want to think about Christmas without packed churches and traditional carol and crib services. It is quite a stretch of the imagination to see how these would work via Zoom!

The first celebration of the autumn is normally Harvest. In Britain, thanks have been given for successful harvests since pagan times, usually around the time of the Harvest Moon that occurs closest to the autumn equinox. The modern British tradition of celebrating Harvest Festival in churches began in 1843, when the Reverend Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service at his church at Morwenstow in Cornwall. Victorian hymns such as 'We plough the fields and scatter', 'Come, ye thankful people come' and 'All things bright and beautiful' popularised his idea of harvest festival, and spread the annual custom of decorating churches with home-grown produce for the Harvest Festival service. In more recent times there has been a shift in emphasis in many Harvest Festival celebrations, especially in towns and cities. Increasingly, churches have linked Harvest Thanksgiving with an awareness of, and concern for, people in the world for whom growing crops of sufficient quality and quantity remains a struggle. More locally, Foodbanks have been supported as a way of showing how thankful we are for what we have, by sharing some of it with others.

Our dilemma is how to celebrate Harvest this year under all the Covid restrictions. Normally Uley school have their Harvest Service in St Giles, but that will not be possible because we currently are not allowed to hold services of that size.

The harvest has not stopped because of the Coronavirus, thank goodness. We give thanks for all our local farmers; all who work on the land; all who produce and deliver our food, and we give special thanks this year because we acknowledge that they are doing all this under very challenging circumstances.

So this year, in these different times, we will try something a little different. On Sunday 4th October at 3.30pm at St Giles in Uley, we will have a (very) informal harvest service. We might even be outside and so you might want to wear your wellies and coats! We hope to have some activities for children similar to those from Messy Church which we have been missing so much. We will collect for the Foodbank so do please bring tins (not baked beans!) or packets and we will tell God how thankful we are for all that we have been given, even during these difficult times. Do come and join us! It would be helpful to know how many people might come. Please can you either email our parish administrator on ewelmebeneficeoffice@gmail.com or leave a message on 549280.

With my prayers
Canon Michael

Uley Bury Working Party (Clearing scrub) — Please can you help?

The first working party will take place on **SATURDAY 17th OCTOBER** from **10AM to 12 NOON**, weather permitting.

We are able to social distance and we will need to bring our own refreshments. Because of Covid rules we will need to limit numbers but can work in two groups.

If you would like to come, could you please let us know j.wood@uleyparishcouncil.gov.uk Tel 860236 or David Sykes 860038 for more information.

Can we meet at the seat overlooking the Bury? Please bring hand tools and a couple of rakes would be useful. New comers very welcome!

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Other Information

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 **October** edition of the Messenger is now available to download from:

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

Village Playground

The Parish Council are pleased that the playground has successfully re-opened following the necessary lockdown closure. The equipment has been cleaned by our local contractor but all those adults responsible for the young people are reminded to adhere to regular hand washing, sanitising and other social distancing guidelines whilst using the facility.

Parking

It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that an ambulance was recently unable to reach a property in the village due to a number of poorly parked cars. This caused a delay to the response and caused unnecessary suffering to the person in need of medical attention. The Parish councillors would ask all drivers to park sensibly, not to cause an obstruction, to be mindful of their neighbours and to consider potential access of larger emergency vehicles.

Grant Applications

Thank you to all the local organisations who have submitted applications prior to our deadline of 31st August. Nominated Parish Councillors will review the applications over the next few weeks and the recommendations will be considered by the Council at our October meeting. All applicants will be contact by the Parish Clerk shortly afterwards.

Check your Ash Trees

Please would all parishioners urgently check if they have ash trees on their property, which stand within striking distance of a road or right of way. There are some very large wayside ash trees bounding Lampern Hill and Crawley Hill and others on Fop Street. Ash die-back is a devastating disease which is killing millions of ash trees throughout Europe. It is possible to identify ash die-back quite easily at this time of year as there will be branches which are either already bare or have very sparse leaf cover, or there will be branches where the leaves have gone black. On closer inspection you might find a long vertical narrow diamond-shaped lesion which can look faintly purple, adjacent to a dead or dying branch. It is much easier to identify ash die-back before Autumn really kicks in and leaves fall naturally.

Trees with ash die-back are in danger of falling or losing limbs at any time. If you have an ash tree within striking distance of a road or footpath and you are uncertain about its health, please contact a tree surgeon and check your insurance. There is much information about this disease, Chalara Fraxinea, on the internet.

Church News from Canon Michael

Services in church

Across the two parishes of the Ewelme Benefice we're continuing to be able to offer church services on Sundays and have now held a service in every one of the 5 churches in the Benefice. These are still under the Covid restrictions and so are limited and sadly we are still not able to sing in church, although we can have organ music or recorded music to listen to. On most Sundays we are able to live-stream the service from St James in Dursley and then keep a recording of the service which can be viewed at another time. This continues to be appreciated by those who are not able to get to a church for different reasons.

As we are not able to keep to a set pattern, please do continue to check the calendar of services in this magazine or on the Ewelme Benefice website www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk We do need to know in advance if you are planning to attend a service, so we ask that you let our administrator know by emailing the office on ewelmebenefice@parishoffice@gmail.com or leaving a message on 01453 549280. We have been asked to keep records of attendance for 21 days for Track and Trace purposes.

Plant and Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported this event in September. It was so good to see people 'face to face', although socially distanced, of course. The weather was kind to us, and a one-way system allowed people to buy some plants, pick up a tea or coffee with cake and then buy a cake to take home. I was amazed at how much space there was for us to use in the churchyard next to St Giles and still to be able to follow the Covid guidelines. With the more recent changes to the guidelines on social gatherings, sadly an event like this is no longer possible. Very many thanks to Prue Vernon who came up with the idea and made it happen! Also, to the wonderful volunteers.

Uley Shop AGM 2020

Normally at this time of year the shop committee would be making plans to arrange the Uley Community Stores Annual General Meeting but like most things this year, it is not normal! As members will be aware we usually convene the meeting around mid-October in the Village Hall and provide an update on the shop's performance and activities for the year just ended, vote on those matters that require member's approval and then have a lively question and answer session.

The conundrum this year is that we are still legally required to have an AGM and to do all the things described, but it is unlikely we will be able to meet, and even if we are allowed to meet by then it may not be to everyone's liking in these Corona Virus times.

So, we intend to proceed as follows:

- ***a brief presentation covering the shop's financial performance and activities for the year ending June 2020 will be made available on the shop website and a limited number of physical copies will be made available via the shop for any member who does not have internet access***
- ***physical forms will be made available in the shop covering those matters on which members are required to tick vote "For" or "Against"***
- ***There will be space on the forms for members to ask questions. A consolidated question and answer sheet will made available in due course***

The exact timings have yet to be worked out, but it is likely to take place in November. Whilst not ideal this will ensure we meet our legal obligations and hopefully keep members reasonably well informed, so this is just a heads up !

The AGM is not the forum in which we will address the strategic future of the shop which remains firmly on the committee's agenda and we will be in touch on this very important topic in due course

Paul Lawrence, Chairman.

Oh, and just to keep you in the loop, the Christmas orders have gone in. Ho-ho-ho!

Monday to Friday, Shop opens 8am-5.30pm / Saturdays 8-1 /Sundays 10am-12pm
Monday to Friday Post Office opens 9am- 5.30pm, closed for lunch 1-2pm. (Wednesday closes 4.30)
Saturday Post Office opens 9am- 12.30 /Sunday Post Office closed.

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Pami Davis

From the registers

Recently Departed:

Doreen Swirski and Lionel Holloway

Those whose Year's Mind falls in October:

Catherine Bartlett, Robert Browning, Beryl Cottrell, Sara Falkenburg, Marie Fletcher, Geoffrey Furley, Leslie Hopkins, Florence Mitchell, Katharine Penley, Paddy Scott Clarke, Marie Willmott, Linda Woodman

Plants and Cakes at St Giles 5 September

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make this such a happy and successful day. What could be nicer than sitting in the sun with a lovely view and a cup of coffee chatting with lots of space to keep 2m apart.

We raised £1,141 for church funds – thank you!

ULEY SHOP WINDOW DISPLAYS

Each month a local group uses the window display area in our village shop to tell the village about what they do. We're now booking the displays for 2021. What could your group tell the village about? Times are strange at the present but this is an opportunity to keep your group in the forefront of village minds even if you have no specific events planned.

Please contact Angela at ajhaddrell@outlook.com if you are interested or leave a note for her at the Post Office counter.

ULEY WI DIARY August/September

Since the last Uley WI diary entry, many members have been making the most of the slight relaxation of 'rules' to meet up with friends and families and take the occasional much-longed-for break away from home for a few days. Our 'coffee club' meetings of just four members at a time are proving incredibly popular and more are planned for as long as the weather permits us to continue meeting in our gardens. At the moment, our gatherings are well within the Government's Covid guidelines, but who knows what we will need to do to keep ourselves, our loved ones and our community safe from the dreaded virus over the next few months.

Last time I mentioned that we were planning to host our first Zoomed-in speaker and that has now happened – and what a triumph it was. We were amazed and inspired by Caroline Pover's talk about her adventures in Japan. An engaging speaker and author, Caroline lead us on her life-changing journey beginning with a simple desire to spend a few months living and working in Japan – a country she knew nothing about until she got there as a young teacher graduate – but where she found herself staying for the next 15 years. Having forged a career there for herself in writing and publishing, a sudden major health scare forced Caroline to reassess her priorities. While recuperating on a Japanese island when the horrific tsunami struck Japan in January 2012, she just managed to escape it, sheltering on a hilltop along with evacuated prisoners from a local prison.

Returning to the UK, Caroline's concern for the plight of the Japanese people in remote communities following the disaster lead her to campaign around England, giving talks and in the process collecting over 10,000 items which people who have lost everything might need. Virgin Atlantic agreed to transport them to Japan free of charge and Caroline loaded them all onto a truck and took them to the devastated fishing villages on the Oshika Peninsula that had received no aid thus far. Since then she has worked tirelessly raising more than £100,000 over the past seven years to help the villagers there rebuild their community and lives. Each year she has returned to see how they are getting on and to find out what they still need. Caroline firmly believes that the nature of aid needs to be led by the community affected and not by what governments and donors think they need. She says she has learnt to be patient, to listen more than talk and to communicate from the heart. I think all who joined the Zoom meeting were touched by her warmth and resilience and I look forward to reading her recently released book: "One Month in Tohoku: an Englishwoman's memoir on life after the Japanese Tsunami". So, continuing from our first Zoom speaker experience, I can't wait to join many more over the coming months.

Ann Warrender



Got a glut of fruit?



Apples, pears, plums, blackberries, rhubarb - they all love a crumble. My top tip is to make a large batch of crumble topping and freeze it - that way it's ridiculously easy to knock up a crumble any day of the week with almost zero effort!

This topping is slightly more nutritious than your regular flour/sugar/fat combination but in my opinion more tasty and gluten free.

125g Buckwheat Flour

100g Ground Almonds (or a combination of Ground Almonds and Ground Oats)

100g Caster Sugar

100g cold cubed Unsalted Butter

Good pinch of Sea Salt

1 teaspoon of powdered Ginger or Cinnamon

Simply add all of the ingredients to a bowl and rub together with your fingers until you have a sandy consistency, you will find that the higher proportion of almonds you use the wetter your crumb will be and you may need to add a little more flour/sugar until the desired result is achieved.

Becky Sage, October 2020

Uley village lottery (and 100 club)

Congratulations latest winners -

August - 1st (£15) - Nick Clarke

2nd (£10) - Dan Sheridan Williams

September - 1st - Cathy & Rod White

2nd - Michael McCoy

The Lottery needs you urgently! **Please** collect a form from the shop or email me - va.boroughs@btinternet.com .

Mental Health Support Services available for young people include:

- Kooth – an anonymous online support platform which includes self-care resources and access to trained online counsellors, as well as an online support network, and is open to anyone aged 11-18 experiencing issues with their emotional wellbeing, such as stress, low mood or anxiety. Visit: www.kooth.com
- TIC+ Chat – an anonymous phone or online counselling service for young people aged nine to 21. Call 0300 303 8080 or visit www.ticplus.org.uk A parent support and advice line is also available online or by calling 0800 6525675.
- CAMHS (Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services) - provides specialist NHS mental health services for children and young people (and their families/carers) who are experiencing moderate to severe mental health difficulties, from birth to their 18th birthday. See <https://cayp.ghc.nhs.uk> or speak to your GP or another professional about getting a referral.
- Chat Health - a confidential text messaging service for young people to get in touch with a healthcare professional for advice and support. Text 07507 333351.

If you're feeling very distressed, you can get help 24 hours a day by calling the [Samaritans](http://www.samaritans.org) on 116 123 or texting [Shout](http://www.shout24.org) (for adults) or The Mix (for under 25s) on 85258.

The Gloucestershire Self-Harm Helpline is available for young people and adults who self-harm, and their friends, families and carers. It is a safe, non-judgmental helpline and can be used via web chat at www.gloucestershireselfharm.org by calling 0808 816 0606 or texting 07537 410 022.


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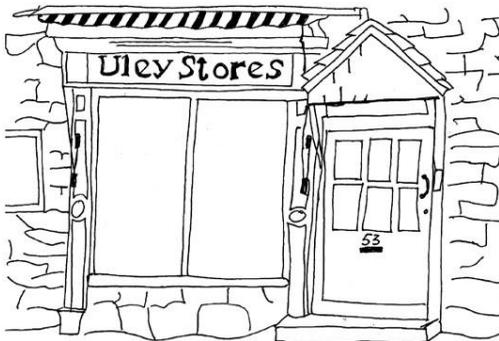
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Locally home grown flowers for all occasions from May to Oct:

Flexible wedding flower packages, monthly subscription flowers (**contactless delivery**), floral tributes, workshops throughout summer, bespoke workshops by arrangement, open gardens, gift vouchers.

Please email, phone or see website for more information.

Upcoming workshop dates:

<u>26th July</u>	Posy and buttonholes
<u>14th July and 31st August</u>	From garden to vase
<u>4th August</u>	Hand tied and wrapped bouquet
<u>8th and 27th September</u>	Dabble with dahlias
<u>10 and 11th October</u>	Pick your own
<u>1st and 8th November</u>	Dried flowers

More workshop dates on website.

Contact Fiona Porter, Withywind, Ham Lane, Coaley, GL11 5AS

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Police are warning pet owners to be alert after receiving separate reports of dog theft in the last week across the county. People are being asked to keep a close eye on their animals following the dog snatchings.

Ways to protect your dog:

- Keep an ID tag on your dog at all times (your surname, mobile number and address only)
- Secure gates using bolts at the top and bottom, along with a heavy-duty padlock and gate alarm
- Never leave your pet in the garden unattended
- Purchase a driveway alarm so you are alerted to any intruders, these can also be used in rear gardens and yards
- Make sure your dog is microchipped and their details are updated so that they can be returned if they are stolen and subsequently found.
- Avoid leaving a dog tied up outside a shop or left alone in a car, even for a few minutes
- Take lots of photographs of your dog to prove ownership if it's stolen, pay particular attention to any distinguishing markings on your dog.
- You can also prevent theft on walks by varying walk times and locations and being suspicious of strangers who ask questions about your dog. Make a note of any suspicious, loitering vehicles and if worried report to the police.

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October 2020 Services

Sunday 4th October St Giles	Trinity 17 3.30pm	Informal Service for Harvest
Sunday 11th October St Bartholomew's	Trinity 18 10.00am	Parish Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday 18th October Holy Cross	St Luke 10.00am	Parish Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday 25th October St Giles	Last after Trinity 10.00am	Parish Holy Communion (CW)

Church opening times

St Giles
Tuesdays & Fridays 10am – 3pm
St Bartholomew's
Wednesdays & Saturdays 10am – 3pm

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

by arrangement.
Please contact Canon Michael

Parish Administration -

Please contact the Parish Office:
ewelmeparishoffice@gmail.com
*The office is closed at the present time but emails
will be answered*

Church Activities

**Due to the current Coronavirus restrictions,
most of our activities have been cancelled
or postponed**

Wedding

Saturday 31st October
1.00pm at Holy Cross
Marcus Weeks & Lauren Abrahams