

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>

Uley Parish Council

Planning

As many of you will have noticed, a new National Planning Policy Framework came into force in mid August and all planning applications are now examined within this new context alongside Stroud District Council's Local Plan 2015, the Cotswold National Landscape (used to be the AONB) Management Plan and the Uley and Owlpen Community Design Statement. Reference to any of these policy documents within a comment on a planning application is desirable.

Facebook Page

Uley Parish Council will soon be launching a new Facebook page to help improve communication with residents. The page will provide updates on Parish Council news, meetings, roadworks, community facilities and other useful village information. It will complement our existing website and help us share more of the positive work taking place across Uley, keeping residents better informed and more connected with the Parish Council and the wider community.

The Knoll

Residents are invited by Stroud District Council to attend an Information & Drop-In Event to view the proposed plans for the site and provide feedback prior to the council submitting a planning application.

The event will take place on 30th September at Uley Village Hall.

Due to the anticipated number of attendees, we will have two time slots with the aim to provide residents with a greater opportunity to speak with officers and consultants. The first time slot will be between 4pm and 5pm and the second time slot between 5:30pm and 6:30pm.

If you wish to attend the event, please visit www.stroud.gov.uk/knoll to register your attendance and confirm your timeslot. This must be completed by 5pm on Monday 28th September.

The consultation information, including proposed plans will be available at the above web address prior to the event. Following the event, an online form will be available to enable residents to provide feedback. **The deadline for feedback is 5pm on Wednesday 21st October.**



St Giles Church, Uley
presents
**Music for a
Sunday Afternoon**
featuring
Bristol Trombone Collective
Sunday 18th October
at 3pm
A free, short, informal concert in the church
followed by tea & cake.
Donations welcome for Church Funds.

The next
Uley Bury Working Party
is on
Saturday 17th October
from 10am to 12noon
Please meet at the bench
overlooking the village and bring
your own drinks.
Help preserve our precious
grassland!
For more info please contact
Janet on 860236 or email
[**woodje317@gmail.com**](mailto:woodje317@gmail.com)
New members very welcome

From the Uley, Nympsfield and Owlpen Church Registers

Banns to be read in October

Mark Barradell & Stephanie Pepper

Marriages

19th September Alex Febrey and Sian
Jones at Holy Cross, Owlpen

24th September Jacob Holmes and Leah
Vincent at Holy Cross, Owlpen

Funerals

3rd September Barbara Savage at St Giles

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, Enid Farmiloe, Elliot Gilfoyle,
Pamela Bartlett

Candidates confirmed by Bishop Rachel on 27th September

Matt Arkle, Mike Fraser, Kristy Fraser, Kate
Vernon, Rob Marrow, Tracy Mason-Fayle,
Claire Wass and Martin Gregory.

The Uley Lantern Festival is back!!!!



After a year away, we're back with another evening of lanterns, entertainment and excitement for you, on **Saturday 31st October 2026.**

Gathering at 545pm by Green Close at the top of the village, the lantern procession will start at 6pm, and head down towards the Millennium Green. The road coming through Uley will be closed 5:45pm-6:45pm to keep things safe and car-free (exceptions being anyone driving to the pub, and emergency vehicles).

Once on the Millennium Green, everyone with a lantern can gather by the stage, and there'll be prizes for some of your amazing creations (details nearer the time). This year's theme is **Spooky Folklore**, so get your minds thinking now. Of course, it's also Halloween, which is why we're holding it slightly later in the evening to allow time for trick-or-treating.

Then we have some incredible entertainment lined up on the Millennium Green, with food stalls and a bar to keep the whole family happy. The mobile signal is poor on the Green, so please **BRING CASH!!!** We can't guarantee that card readers will work, and paying by cash will keep queues short, giving you

more time to enjoy the evening. Finally, when and how to make the lanterns. As in previous years, we've hired 2 professional tutors to guide you through the process at workshops in the week before the festival. There will be a small charge, but the tutors are incredible, and you'll be surprised what you can achieve - an amazing lantern you'll be proud to parade through the streets!

Saturday 24th October

2 sessions a day in the Village Hall: 10am-1pm and 1pm-3pm

Wed/Thu/Fri 28/29/30th October

2 sessions a day at Prema: 10am-1pm and 1pm-3pm

If you'd like to donate, supporting not just this year's festival but also securing future festivals, then please visit <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/uley-lantern-festival-2026>, thank you!

We'll post more updates in the Uley Friends Facebook group, and in the shop window during October, and via a leaflet through your door. But please do help us to share the latest news by telling your neighbours, especially those who aren't online. The more of the village we get along, the better it will be. We hope to see you there!



*Steve, Debs, Julian,
Jackie, Rich, David*

Uley Lantern Festival Committee

News from the Uley Archives

Apologies for the rogue extra dot which slipped into our email address last month, it should have read uleyarchives@gmail.com

Many thanks to those who persevered and got some really helpful information to us about house names and/or about local experiences during Covid.

If you tried but couldn't make contact, we are still very interested in what you have to tell us please! And no-one came up with photos of homes in Lampern View or Raglan Way. We would very much like to fill this gap if anyone has some – whether early photos or relatively recent ones.

Request for Anecdotes from Long-term Residents of Uley

The Uley Society is currently running a project to update Alan Bebbington's History of Uley.

We have many people in the village who have lived here in Uley, Owlpen, Shadwell and Elcombe the majority of their lives or certainly 30 or 40 years or more.

If you have any memories of pivotal events in the village or village life and characters in general (and any

photographs) that you would like to share with this project, we would love to hear from you.

Please email belindajholley@gmail.com

Thank you.

*Thoss Shearer &
Belinda Holley*

THE ULEY SOCIETY

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**Thursday 15th October
7.30pm in Uley Village Hall**

"WETLANDS FOR LIFE"

Speaker Jackie Harris of WWT

A return visit from Jackie to tell the story of visits to some of the most inhospitable parts of the world.

Tea and Coffee afterwards. Non members welcome (fee £3).

Programme Secretary: Janet Wood
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Uley is part of the new National Forest



- **Already have woodland?** The Western Forest is offering free woodland management plans to landowners, connecting you with a local forester who will help set long-term objectives and prepare the plan on your behalf — improving the health and resilience of woodland you already care for.
- **Need a hand?** Uley Trees & Meadows has a team of volunteers ready to help with planting and more — just let us know what you need.

Thank you

It's been a tough year for trees. This summer's drought put real stress on both saplings and mature trees right across the village, and it's a pattern we're seeing more often as our climate shifts. A huge thank you to everyone who turned out over the summer to water tree saplings around the village during the dry spells.

As we head into the planting season we are mindful of choosing tree species that can cope with wetter winters, drier summers and everything in between, so what goes into the ground this year is still thriving for future generations.

Read more at www.westernforest.org.uk or get in touch with us at uleytreesmeadows@gmail.com

*David, Rachel, Caroline, Tess,
Richard, Liz, Vicky, Julian & Amy*

Uley Trees & Meadows Committee

We are excited that Uley is situated within the Western Forest, England's newest national forest. The project aims to plant 20 million trees by 2050 and bring woodland within easy reach of over 2.5 million people. Being part of something this momentous is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and there's a chance for everyone in the village to get involved!

Can you help create a national forest?

Whether you've got a small garden or a whole field, there's a way to take action for nature this autumn:

- **Small garden?** Plant one climate-resilient, wildlife-friendly tree. See Caroline's Garden Notes article on the next page for ideas!
- **Larger parcel of land?** We are looking for potential planting sites for this autumn. If you have a field, paddock or rough corner that could be home to new trees, please get in touch — we'd love to talk it through with you.

Garden Notes

A reprieve as autumn rains arrive and we all sag in relief. But not so fast, as doom laden Met Office forecast an unprecedented El Nino event. For the UK this means a very wet and stormy winter followed by an even hotter, dryer summer than this year... almost unimaginable!

Walking around our (much happier) garden, I take stock of which trees and shrubs have fared best. Navigating the prolific talk of drought tolerance/mediterranean planting and climate resistance is tricky. The extremes of summer drought and winter wet do not sound suitable for mediterranean plants to me. I'll go into more detail adapting our gardens next month.

In conjunction with Amy's article, my focus is on climate resilient trees for small and large spaces and some 'tough as old boots' shrubs for gardens. All feature benefits for wildlife and biodiversity.

All trees require watering for up to 3 years. They're worth the investment of time and effort.

Trees for Smaller Gardens

- Heptacodium miconiodes - Seven son flower 4-6m. Fragrantly flowering in our garden now. This

deep rooted shrub/tree can be shaped. Late season flowers are good for pollinators

- Ginkgo biloba - slow growing to 12m. Choose male trees to avoid the foul smelling fruit of the female trees. Deep roots and leaf structure help it thrive in drought. It survived Hiroshima after all! Glorious autumn buttery colour.
- Gleditsia triacanthos - Sunburst 8-12m. Graceful and architectural with feathery golden foliage. Fresh green foliage turning rich yellow in autumn
- Crataegus persimilis - a broad spreading hawthorn 4-8m. Sculptural branching habit, abundant white blossom in late spring with bright red fruits lasting into winter
- Koelreuteria paniculata - Pride of India 8-12m. Showy clusters of small yellow flowers mid to late summer with lantern fruits into winter. Much used in challenging urban settings.
- Carpinus betulus - Hornbeam. Although this grows to a large tree, it is also eminently suitable for hedging, pleaching etc in a small garden

Trees for large gardens or parkland

- Liriodendron tulipifera or L. chinense (my preference). Fast growing flowering shade tree with strong

resistance to pests and diseases and supports wildlife.

- Acer campestre - field maple
- Quercus robur and Quercus pétrea - renowned for supporting wildlife.
- Metasequoia glyptostroboides - large statuesque specimen. Very tolerant of pollution and soil compaction
- Zelkova serrata - large member of Elm family but resistant to Dutch Elm Disease. High carbon capture

Shrubs

- Viburnum opulus - Guelder rose. Native with flowers, berries and autumn colour
- Sambucus nigra - elder. Very adaptable in borders or shrubbery and excellent wildlife value
- Euonymus europaeus - red cascade. Native and highly supportive for wildlife and biodiversity Supports the spindle ermine moth
- Rugosa rose x garden rose - important to distinguish from species. David Austin has a good selection. Very tough and disease resistant. Repeat flowering with attractive hips
- Cornus alba sibirica - wonderful winter stems
- Cistus - rock rose, many varieties. Tolerant of hot dry conditions, but not soggy feet.

Here's to full water butts!

Caroline

@awalledgarden



Coaley and Uley Climate Action Network are holding a

REPAIR CAFE

**On Sunday 18th October
from 2 - 4pm at
Nympsfield Village Hall**

This time:

**General repairs, Textile repairs
Tool sharpening (incl. chainsaws)
Jewellery cleaning
Spectacle repairs**

Bring along your items for repair, for help, suggestions and guidance in making them sound again

Also:

Tea and Cakes

Look out for further information on posters and fliers, or check out our website at www.cucan.org.uk

All welcome!



Sustainable Fashion and Stained Glass

Our September gathering was a fascinating and thought-provoking evening, as we welcomed Becky Barnes to talk to us about sustainable fashion.

It was sobering to discover just how much waste is generated by the fast-fashion industry. Becky shared some interesting statistics about the environmental impact of our ever-growing appetite for new clothes, and reminded us that there is a great deal we can all do to make a difference.

Her key messages were simple: **buy less, choose well and make our clothes last.** A timely reminder that small changes in the way we shop, care for and dispose of our clothes can help reduce the incredible waste caused by fashion.

We now look forward to our October gathering on **Wednesday 14th October at Uley Village Hall**, when we will welcome **Thomas Woodman-Povey**, an Australian stained-glass artist. Thomas has an illustrious background in art and stained-glass creation and has been much acclaimed for his work. He will be talking to us about his career and the fascinating world of stained glass, and we are sure it will be another inspiring evening.

With just three gatherings remaining this year, **we are offering new members the opportunity to join Uley Berries at the reduced rate of £10.** If you've been thinking about coming along, now is a great time to join us!

We look forward to welcoming you.

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

From the Churchwardens

You will see, and hopefully read, every month in Uley Village News a 'Report from the Churchwardens'. You may wonder what we, Nikki and David, do day-to-day as churchwardens and PCC members. Here's a brief summary.

Churchwardens are elected each year at the Annual Parochial Church (APC) meeting. They work alongside the rector in running the parish. They are in law officers of the bishop and his representatives in the parish. As well as working with and supporting the rector in the running of the parish, they are responsible amongst other things for ensuring the maintenance of the church buildings, graveyards and other land, and they hold legal title in respect of the moveable possessions of the church, including furniture, silverware, etc. These legal responsibilities are in practice exercised in conjunction with the PCC.

Routine maintenance of a large building can require substantial sums of money, and any necessary significant repairs or developments to the building and associated areas of graveyard, can become major projects. The Fabric Sub-Committee of the PCC works closely with our

'inspecting architect' – currently David Newton - on such projects. We are fortunate to have the support of the fairly recently formed 'Friends of Uley Church' body in running events which raise considerable sums of money to add to the PCC's internal funds and any receipts from grant applications.

So while we have specific legal responsibilities, we also have an enormous amount of support in managing those responsibilities.

Over the past month it's been a joy to celebrate in unique ways each church's Patronal Festival - which for St Bartholomew's, St Giles, and Holy Cross happen in close proximity on the calendar. We held another fabulous hymn sing in the churchyard of St Bart's, beautifully decorated with the millennium bunting and serving fruit cups and cheese-straws from the newly renovated table-top tombs. Children ran freely as the Thornbury band accompanied the singing. It was a true celebration and thanks to so many who contributed and made the church yard ready for such an occasion!



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



On this special anniversary year the Committee loses Janet & Moya after many years of dedication. A heartfelt thank you to them for all they've done, they will be greatly missed!

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Uley Community Stores & Post Office Diary

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

www.uleycommunitystores.co.uk | Run by Volunteers

Oh dear, It's now official, British Summer Time ends Sunday 25th October, don't forget to put your clocks back. It was a very hot and dry summer, and now we have so much needed rain the grass is green again. Hopefully we'll have a little Indian summer, and there will still be 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.

There are some lovely stamps in stock; currently the pets ones are still available in both 2nd as well as 1st class. Then, Duran Duran stamps will be available 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 outside the shop Wednesdays 9.30 am to 10.15 am.

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(Wednesdays closes 4.30pm)

Saturdays: 9am – 12.30pm

Sundays: Closed

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

Dami Davis

Church Letter

Dear Friends

The sun-scorched land produced an early harvest, and not as plentiful as in other years, but the hard work of our farmers enables us to have food on our plates and we have a huge amount to be thankful for. In the rectory garden, most of the harvesting happened too early for the Uley Village Show, although a rather cheeky tomato did win a prize in the mishappen vegetable category!

Early October is the time that the Church of England traditionally holds Services of Thanksgiving for Harvest, 4 October - in Nympsfield, starting at the Village Hall at 10am for a Breakfast Roll followed by a jolly good sing, readings and prayers in church. Then again on 11 October - at 10am St Giles in Uley. These are village events and celebrations to which everyone is welcome. The churches will be decorated with the fruits and flowers of the season and we are all invited to bring a gift.

In the Hebrew Scriptures, what is commonly known as the Old Testament part of the Bible, we read of the People of God setting aside a tenth of the harvest to give away, it's called tithing. This wasn't a tax and it wasn't about fundraising. It was

a way of saying two things: firstly, that everything we have is a gift and secondly, that no one should be left out of the community's wellbeing.

People brought a portion of their grain, fruit, or livestock to be shared. Some went to support the priests who had no land of their own; some went to widows, orphans, and strangers; some was used for community feasts where everyone — rich or poor — ate together. At its heart, tithing was about thankfulness and fairness. It reminded people that a good harvest isn't only for the fortunate few, but for the flourishing of the whole community.

At the harvest services we are all invited to bring gifts. As your local priest I won't be taking your harvest gifts, they will be shared between the local Food Bank and Gloucestershire Association for Refugees and Asylum Seekers.

Suggested Food Donations will be very gratefully received: • tinned tomatoes • tinned fish • tinned fruit • cooking oil • basmati rice • coffee • sugar • biscuits

And Toiletries • liquid soap • shower gel • shampoo • deodorant • washing powder

If you're unable to attend the service, please feel free to leave any gifts in church beforehand.

In the Church of England, priests are supported not by ancient tithes but by the generosity of local people: this generosity helps ensure every community, large or small, has a minister who is present, praying, visiting, celebrating, and serving all people, regardless of whether they attend the church or not. The principle remains the same, we give out of thankfulness for what we have, and a commitment to the wellbeing of the whole community and this is a good time of year to review what we give and to whom.

If you would like to contribute to the ministry of the church in this parish, you can do so easily either as a one off or on a regular basis via the Parish Giving Scheme.



Whatever you choose to do, the church is here for you.

With my love and prayers

Rev'd Juliet

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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:

Monday 5th October at 10:00 am

Tetbury: Hookhouse and Chavenage

Some delightful countryside and lanes taking us from Tetbury past Hookhouse and Chavenage House

Distance: 7 miles | **Duration:** 4 hours

Difficulty: May be steep slopes, moderate fitness | **Start:** Goods Shed Car Park, Tetbury

Sunday 11th October at 10:00 am

Bagpath and Beyond

Explore the gems of Bagpath and Lasborough in this journey through scenic valleys and historical buildings. May be muddy in places, depending on weather. This walk is part of the Dursley Walking Festival 2026.

Distance: 4 miles | **Duration:** 2 hours

Difficulty: Unsurfaced paths, basic fitness
Start: Hunters Hall Inn, Kingscote GL8 8XZ

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/>

Citizens Advice Column

Q: I finished school this summer but can't find a job – what can I do to be more successful?

Many young people are struggling to find a job, but there are practical ways to improve your chances.

First, **tailor every application**. Research the role and employer, then adapt your application to show you're a good fit. **Be cautious about using AI** and don't rely on it to write your application – always use your own words. To get more work experience, consider volunteering, for example, with Citizens Advice. This can **build skills and help your CV stand out**. Find opportunities on our website.

If money is tight, check if you are eligible for Universal Credit or the 'new style' Jobseeker's Allowance. Check what benefits you can get on the Citizens Advice website.

Finally, look after your wellbeing. Keep a routine, take breaks and talk to someone you trust. If you need extra support, contact Student Minds, YoungMinds or Mind.

Citizens Advice can help with a range of issues. For information and self-help guidance, visit citizensadvice.org.uk. To speak to a local adviser in the Stroud and Cotswold Districts, visit citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk to complete our webform or call us on 0808 800 0510.

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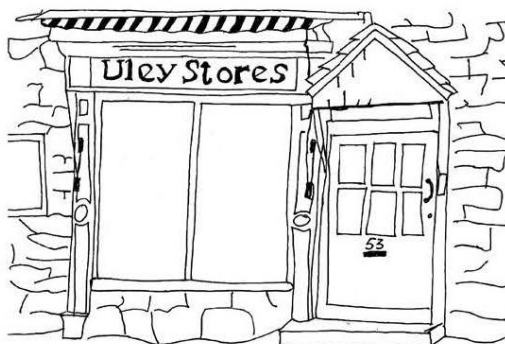
In the Shop

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In the Post Office

.... the Lloyds Bank group has seen sense and renewed it's contract with the Post Office, so you can once again bank your cheques into your Lloyds, Halifax & Bank of Scotland accounts. As with other main banks you can also bank & withdraw cash and get a balance. So really Uley PO is your bank in the centre of the village!



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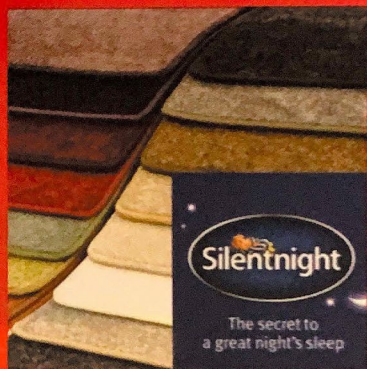
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