

Uley, Owlpen & Nympsfield

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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 December edition of the Messenger is available to download from:
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Uley Parish Council News

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in Uley (Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June)

It seems sensible to coordinate a timetable of events in the village to avoid clashes. If you or your organisation is planning an event or a street party, please let us know.

We will publish it on our website as soon as something comes up and of course in the Newsletter.

Our PC contact for this is Janet Wood (T) 860236 or j.wood@uleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

So far we have:

Thursday 2nd June (evening) Beacon Bonfire on the Bury

Friday 3rd June (lunch time) Street Theatre on The Green, with the Uley and Tabard Players Youth Productions.

Friday 3rd June (7.30pm) Uley and Tabard Players and Youth Productions show in Uley Village Hall.

2022/2023 Budget Update

Uley Parish Council have over the last few months been reviewing their budget for the new financial year - April 2022 to March 2023 and at the Council meeting on 12th January 2022 took the difficult decision to raise its share of the Council Tax. The Councillors agreed to raise the precept to £21,470 this is an overall increase of approximately £2,760 from the previous year. This rise equates to an average annual increase of a modest £4.40 per property within the parish. The rise is considered to be required by the Parish Councillors to prevent a further decrease in the Council's reserves, which has occurred in recent years and the anticipated increased inflation costs for all council activities.

This budget will enable Uley Parish Council to maintain the current levels of grass cutting, hedge cutting, strimming and other ad hoc general maintenance in the village, which has until recent times, been done by Gloucestershire County Council but has been reduced.

Church News from Pauline Thomas

Writing this as we move into 2022, we can't help but wonder what it will bring in these unsettling and uncertain times. Reflecting on the past year, events have inevitably been dominated by the Pandemic. In the Parish we have been able to hold services and worship in our Churches since Easter, with all the necessary restrictions in place, happily easing in September, although the wearing of masks continues to be compulsory.

In St Giles the situation has of course been compounded by the re-ordering work. Teamwork, flexibility and good humour have been useful assets! Chappell & Dix have worked with us throughout to ensure worship could be offered as normally as possible. Sadly Messy Church, a social & fundraising morning and Crib Services were all casualties of the Pandemic, with difficult judgements and decisions having to be made. Happily many Christingles were given out on Christmas Eve to enjoy at home. The Uley Advent Windows trail,

organized by Friends of Uley School, brought much pleasure throughout the village, and it was a joy to shine a light on the "Nativity" window on the south east side of the Church as our contribution to the trail. Carols at Holy Cross and St Bartholomew's were held, with lower numbers, but much enjoyed by those who came. Both churches looked wonderful and welcoming. The Christmas Day service at St Giles was a joyful celebration.

Despite some trepidation, we dare to look forward with hope to the months ahead. Candlemas will bring a little light to mid-winter, as we celebrate the presentation of Christ in the Temple. There will be new opportunities for making our churchyards beautiful and peaceful spaces. Many couples will be married, particularly in Holy Cross, and we look forward to welcoming them. The Re-ordering both inside and outside St Giles is progressing, and we look forward to celebrating the new space later in the spring, and turning our attention to making the building welcoming and inclusive.

This first verse of a modern hymn by Marty Haugen offers a fitting prayer for our churches in this community, as we look forward to the coming months, whatever they bring;

Let us build a house
where love can dwell
and all can safely live.
A place where
Saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and
visions
rock of faith and vault of grace,
here the love of Christ shall end
divisions.
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place!

Dauline Thomas

Christmas Eve At St Giles

We were so disappointed to cancel the Crib/Christingle Service at St Giles but we were delighted to meet families who came to see us and collect their Christingles on Christmas Eve. We even managed to sing some of the Christingle song. Please do look out for our upcoming dates for Messy Church!!!

From the Registers

Recently Departed

Sue Rushton

Year's Mind

David -Alexander White, Gwen Valentin, Anne Goldingham, Barbara Kathleen Gallie, Cynthia Hazel Anderson, Anne Brooke, Basil Frederick Blackwell, Ronald "Ron" Baker, Veronica "Vera" Gertrude Reynolds, Richard John Smith, Ivy Bailey, Austen Robinson, John Bowden, Charles Poultney, Andrew Blackler, Peter du Feu, Maureen Inglefield, Pat Stopford, Bryan Davies, Cynthia Jones, Priscilla Wathen, Catherine Russell, Bryan Harris.

St Giles Christmas Raffle

This raised £684 to support St Giles church.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported this by selling and buying tickets and donating the very generous prizes.

All prize winners have been contacted.

A Letter from Revd Jane

I remember when I was going through the discernment process for ordination, the Vocations Officer asked me whether my church celebrated the Church Seasons? I remember feeling embarrassed by my lack of knowledge but over the years I have grown to embrace the changing Church Seasons.

For those who are also unsure, the church calendar is comprised of seasons that follow the life of Jesus. Some Christian churches use the 'liturgical colours' for these seasons, purple, green, gold (or white) and red are used for the altar, clergy robes and hangings. Each colour reflects a season. The Church year begins with Advent, a time of preparation for Jesus' birth and purple, the colour of royalty is used, as we prepare to welcome the coming King. Purple is also used in Lent, symbolising suffering and pain.

At Christmas and Easter, the bright optimistic colours of white or gold signify these joyful celebrations. Red, the colour of fire, represents Pentecost and saints' days.

Between the festivals, green symbolises all living things, the renewal and promise of new life, known as 'Ordinary Time.'

Over the years I have found the Seasons, anchor and ground me in something bigger than my life events or those of the unpredictable world around me.



Somehow, holding me reassuringly within God's overarching story.

This year on February 2nd, we celebrate the festival of Candlemas, when Christ is presented at the Temple. It is a pivotal point in the Church year, looking back with joy of Christ's coming among us at Christmas and looking ahead to Lent and the coming of his passion and death. It is in their old age; the Gospel of Luke tells us that Simeon and Anna recognize the baby Jesus as the long waited for Messiah.

After this celebration, we return to ordinary time.

Ordinary time is never just that! It struck me that as we begin ordinary time this year, we will celebrate, on the 6th of February, the accession to the throne, 70 years ago of Queen Elizabeth. I find it hard to imagine how the sense of duty imposed on the Queen at 21 must have felt to her and her young husband, so early in their marriage.

Speaking from South Africa the Queen famously said

'I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.'

Luke tells us how Anna, is a widow of advancing years waited faithfully for a lifetime with Simeon in the Temple, for the coming Messiah, the salvation of God and the fulfilment of God's promises, revealed in a fragile baby.

Anna the patient, committed servant and faithful witness of the Lord.

On the 70th anniversary of The Queen's accession, her promise to commitment and service have certainly also been wonderfully fulfilled.

In 2012, The Queen visited Archbishop Rowan Williams at Lambeth Palace and met the representatives of nine living faith communities, she spoke of the importance of service, and reminded her hearers that 'religious groups remind us of the responsibilities we have beyond ourselves.'

Over time attitudes have changed and diversified towards religion but still the will to serve remains and Queen Elizabeth II models a life of service and faithfulness, in a life lived out for others.

As we remember her accession seventy years ago, let's give thanks to God for the Queen's long service, her dedication, steadfast faith, and faithful Christian witness among us, through every season, ordinary and extraordinary.

With love

Rev'd Jane

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Collapse - A Blast from the Past

February weather can be rough, but not often is it as destructive as it became on a Friday night in 1914, when a great gale roared round the cottages on the steep slopes of Crawley Hill. The noise of the wind was tremendous, but then above it came an even louder crash as the whole front wall of one ancient, stone-built house collapsed into the garden below.

The owner of the building - John Dee, rising 93 - had been asleep on the ground floor. Trapped by a heavy beam which had fallen across his neck, he was held down there for over an hour. Upstairs, Mr and Mrs Mills (a relation) had been sleeping with their three-month-old daughter between them, when suddenly the side wall of their room fell out, their bed tipped up, and all three were shot bodily down the sloping garden, with the remains of the roof on top of them. The crash was so violent (a local newspaper reported) 'that it made the next house shake to its foundations.'

Mr Mills was badly cut and bruised by falling masonry, and covered with blood, but, in the words of the local report 'happily retained his senses.' Dazed though he was,

he organised a frantic hunt for the baby. Neighbours alerted by his wife's shouts and screams joined the search. They soon released Mr Dee from under his fallen beam, which luckily had lodged on a pram and saved him, yet it was an hour before they found the child, 'partly buried beneath some rubbish' but undamaged except for one slight abrasion on her face. She had been saved by her own bed, which had landed at an angle that protected her from falling debris. Most of the furniture from the front room had been smashed, including an eight-day clock, 'fragments of which were to be seen lying among the ruins.'

At the weekend the ruined cottage was visited by a large number of sight-seers, all of whom were amazed by 'the extraordinary character of the damage.' Mr Dee had been 'repeatedly warned that he should have the house repaired, and have stays put in it,' but he had ignored the advice - and perhaps an even greater mistake had been to reject an offer for the property, made a few months earlier, of the princely sum of £70.

Duff Hart-Davis

Arthur Eric Philpott

A belated celebration of Arthur's life will take place at:

**The Cotswold Edge Golf Club
12:30pm on Tuesday 8th March**

There will be a buffet lunch.
In order to have an idea of numbers if you wish to attend please contact

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01453 542754

Message from Sue Parker

I wish to express my thanks to all those who sent GET WELL cards to me whilst I was in hospital.

I spent 7 weeks in hospital so I would also like to thank all those who offered help in so many ways such as bringing my husband to visit me, helping with shopping, dog walking, calling in and generally helping out.

It is good to be home again and Derek and I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy new year.

The Uley Society

Our next meeting will be held
in the Village Hall on
Thursday 17th February 2022
at 7.30 p.m.

The Speaker will be
Philip Ashford

and he will be talking about
Gloucestershire and the Berkeley
Plantations in Virginia 1619-1622

It is an intriguing title and probably
a subject we know little about so do
come along and learn more !

The Uley & Tabard players NEEDS YOU!

We are looking for a kind and
enthusiastic person to act as
secretary for our precious society.
The duties are not arduous, 2-3
meetings a year taking the minutes
and sending out emails.

And if you feel you would like to
perform or take part behind the
scenes we would love to hear from
you.

Please contact Amanda Voss 861673

Amanda

Uley Community Stores

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By Monday 28th February 2022

Uley Community Stores & Post Office Diary

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

The Uley Community Stores is not just starting a new year but 6 more years. Yes it has happened! The lease has now been signed by both parties. Well done to the shop's Committee and Chairman Paul Lawrence in securing the shop's future.

The lovely Christmas hamper donated by Debora and Paul Lawrence was won by Mrs. Jo Morrow from Dursley who was so pleased to receive it for the New Year as family couldn't visit over Christmas due to Covid. Deborah and Paul also donated one for the Volunteers which Noel Briscoe won which was very welcomed as he had a house full.

Post Office – remember that following the exit from Europe, ALL International parcels and large letters now require a customs declaration to be completed. To save time at the PO pick up your declaration form in advance, complete it then bring the parcel back to post.

There are two special days to look forward to and prepare for. Firstly Monday February 14th Valentine's day, get your card and some yummy goodies for your loved one from the shop. Then March 1st Shrove Tuesday "Pancake Day" all the items you will need are in stock, apart from the frying pan.

If you have any suggestions for any new items you'd like stocked in the New Year please let us know.

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
(Wednesdays closes 4.30pm)
(Closed everyday for lunch 1pm – 2pm)
Saturdays: 9am – 12.30pm
Sundays: Closed

Stay Safe

Dami Davis

Uley Brewery History

Many of you will know the history of the Brewery already. Chas, our founder, was at the forefront of a brewing revolution in the 80's and built the brewery into a successful business with a focus on 'Only found in Real Pubs.' A slogan that you can still see today on the side of his van.



In 2019 Chas handed the running of the Brewery to Martin Brooks, his Son-in-Law. Martin and his team, which includes the head Brewer of 20 years Ken Lush, have since grown the retail side of the business as well as securing investment, with which they have bought the building and outhouses.

This investment has allowed exciting developments, most notably the redesign of the Old Forge into an event space. Our vision for its purpose is to bring people together, both locally and further afield, to enjoy the benefits of local beer brewed in the village. These benefits go far beyond the magical wonders of our ales but in being part of a community that helps and supports one another, of which we are proud to be a part.

As well as open evenings & days, beer tastings and seasonal events the room is available for private hire and meetings. We hope to complete the decoration of the forge with memorabilia from the Village and the Brewery over the years. A space that can be used by all.

Alongside our event space last year saw the birth of our Uley Beer Club. With over 100 members already we are very excited about growing the membership of Uley Ales lovers as well as a chance to connect with our customers in a more personal way. With so much room for growth and development in the next few years we hope to make the brewery and, most importantly, our ales more accessible and enjoyable for all.

Look out for news on Forge Openings on our social media and in the Village Shop. We would love it if you could join us. Our door is always open! We can't wait to see you all soon.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please get in touch with us anytime on 01453 860120.

Uley Brewery

Jubilee Playground Platinum Makeover

Many thanks to all our supporters – but we still need more money!

We are nearing the end of our big fundraising effort before starting work on the ground, so sincere thanks to everyone who has already contributed to make this possible!

Details of the project and progress to date can be found on our webpage: <https://uleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/uley-jubilee-playground-platinum-makeover-project/> and on Facebook.

If you haven't yet donated to the Jubilee Playground Makeover, it is not too late. We have now raised sufficient funds to make a definite start on upgrading the facilities but the more we can raise the more and better facilities we will be able to provide. All funds will be put to good use!

We would also like to provide some more seating for adults who bring their children to the playground. Therefore, we are looking for families, groups or individuals who may like to sponsor a bench so that people can enjoy the beautiful surroundings in which our playground is located.

You can donate to our designated bank account at Unity Trust Bank

Account name: Uley Parish Council
Sort Code: 60-83-01
Account Number: 20451338
Reference: Playground Fund

If you would prefer to donate by cheque, please call Cllr Mike Griffiths on 01453 860463.

If you own a local business, why not become a sponsor of the Uley Jubilee Playground Makeover - have your company identity displayed for posterity on our new Information Board alongside the other key sponsors. If you are interested, please get in touch by calling Mike Griffiths.

Many thanks

*The Jubilee Playground
Working Group*

The next
Uley Bury Working Party

will be on

**February 19th
10am to 12noon**

All welcome

Please contact Janet
(T) 860236

November Repair Cafe a Success!

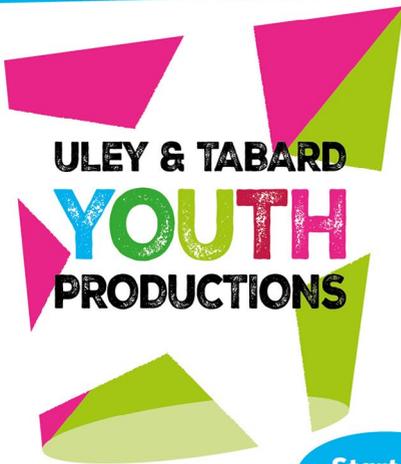


Coaley & Uley Climate Action Network held a Christmas-themed repair café in Coaley village hall on 21st November, which was a great success and very well attended.

We'd like to extend a big thank you to the Coaley villagers: Bob Hallam who was an incredibly popular tool sharpener, members of the WI, and Fiona Porter from Cotswold Country Flowers; and to Katharina Child from Atelier and Alex Reeves from Charlotte's Tandems, for donating their time and expertise for this event.

If you have any repairing or self-sufficiency skills that you'd like to share, or ideas about what you'd like to see at future events please email coaleyuleycan@gmail.com.

Our next repair café will be on Saturday the 5th March 2022 at Coaley Village Hall and will be garden-themed. We will have tool sharpening and seed swapping in association with the Coaley Produce Show. More details will be shared on the Facebook Coaley & Uley community pages, and both village shops closer to the event time.



Starts
21 January

Uley Village Hall
Fridays (term time) 5pm to 6pm
£3 per week

INTRODUCING...

Uley & Tabard Youth Productions – a new theatre group for young people aged 12 to 18.

We are aiming to put on two shows a year – the first of which will be to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June!

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To register contact
Amanda Voss on
07773 793825 or
email

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Uley WI Diary

January 2022

After such a busy, festive December, Uley WI members might have been looking forward to a more relaxed start to the year. It was not to be! Our guest speaker for this month's Zoom meeting, Karen Crowcombe of The Pulse in Dursley, was keen to give us all strong incentives to become more active and to consider some health lifestyle opportunities that might suit individual needs.

Karen's subject 'Health and Wellbeing in 2022' gave us insights into the development of The Pulse, what it offers and how we might benefit. It certainly sounded inviting and Karen's enthusiasm and obvious love of her work were infectious. With well-equipped facilities including a 25 metre pool, exercise studio, a gym and a spin studio, their qualified trainers offer a wide menu of fitness classes for all ages. Karen also treated all our Uley WI members to a special free Trial Pass, so we feel highly privileged and motivated.

While we had hoped to start the year by meeting in the Village Hall, the Zoom gathering enabled us to get on with planning activities for the year ahead. At Marion Mills' request, some of us volunteered to make canapés for the forthcoming Quiz Night on 29th January in the

Village Hall to raise money for the refurbishment of the Uley Jubilee Playground. Members were invited to sign up for the next round of 'Coffee Clubs' where randomised groups will meet up for a get-together in a place of their choosing. Group walks are resuming, as we hope for better weather. There is a lot of pent-up energy and desire for socialising, so it is likely to be a very busy year for anyone who wants to get involved and out and about.

Uley WI turned 80 last year, but celebrations had to be postponed due to concerns about Covid. So – plans are in train for a summer party this year when we can celebrate it properly.

With any luck, our February meeting on Wednesday 9th at 7:30pm will be in the Village Hall, where we look forward to welcoming Caroline Marrow as our speaker. Her talk is enigmatically titled: "I never expected to be a scrubber". Hmmm – different, but intriguing. We look forward to seeing everyone there and if you would like to see a meeting in action, please come along as a guest. We will be delighted to welcome local women.

Ann Warrender



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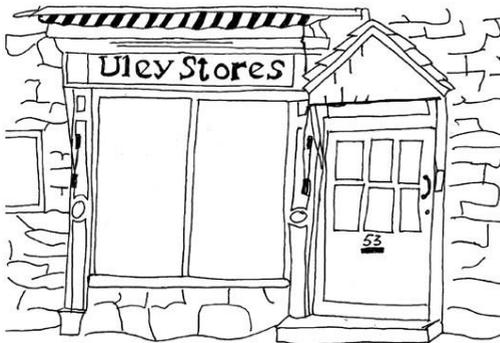
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February 2022 Services

Sunday 6th February

St Bartholomew's

4th Sunday before Lent

10.00am Parish Holy Communion

Sunday 13th February

St Giles

3rd Sunday before Lent

10.00am Parish Holy Communion

Sunday 20th February

St Giles

2nd Sunday before Lent

10.00am Parish Holy Communion

Sunday 27th February

Holy Cross, Owlpen

Sunday before Lent

10.00am Parish Holy Communion (BCP)

Wednesday 2nd March

St Giles

ASH WEDNESDAY

12.00pm Parish Holy Communion with imposition of ashes

Please continue to regularly check our website www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk

Church opening times

St Giles is currently closed to visitors during the week due to the ongoing work. St Bartholomew's is opened during the week.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

by arrangement. Please contact Canon Michael

Parish Administration

Please contact the Parish Office:

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When the office is closed, emails will still be answered and messages picked up.

Church Activities**Saturday 5th February**

10am-3pm Marriage Preparation day in St George's, Cam

Saturday 19th February

2.30pm Wedding Blessing in Holy Cross