

Uley, Owlpen & Nympsfield

July 2021

# Village News

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# Uley Parish Council

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## Community Wellbeing

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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](http://www.uleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)



The July edition of the Messenger is available to download from:

<https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/parish-resources/communications/#messenger>

Please note, articles submitted by individuals do not necessarily represent the views or policies of the Church and / or Parish Council.

# From the Editor



Are you looking for something to do over the school holidays? Would you like to see your drawing on the front cover of the village news? Then enter the summer drawing competition!

## Themes

Under 7s:

My Summer Holiday

8 - 11 years:

My Favourite Place in Uley

## Rules:

1 entry per child

A4 or A5 size accepted

## Entries:

To be handed in to the Village Shop with name, age and contact details on reverse. Or scanned and emailed to [uleyvillagenews@gmail.com](mailto:uleyvillagenews@gmail.com)

## Closing Date:

10th August

The winners will be decided by past and present members of the Village News production team and will be notified before being published in the September / October editions.

Also in July, check out the window of Uley Community Stores to learn some fun facts about the production and history of the village news.

This month's cover photo, of the view of Uley from Owlpen, was taken by Mike Griffiths.

Good luck and happy drawing!

*Angela*

# A Letter from Revd Ian Gardner

Dear Friends

When Sheila was digging the allotment she found a coin. In the clod of soil it looked like a an old penny. When we cleaned it we discovered that it was a George III penny and he reigned 1760 – 1820. It was exciting to hold something so old and this set us thinking, how did this coin end up in an allotment in this part of Dursley?

The coin was well worn and no date was visible, but the style and detail, we discovered from looking on the internet, suggested it was about 1800. There is large house close by the allotment built around 1760 and the Ewelme runs through what would have been small community, probably with a mill and a few estate cottages. It has an old feel to the place, quiet and relatively secluded.

It led us to think about lots of things related to this unknown person who dropped the coin in that place over 200 years ago. Man or woman? Estate worker or passer by and also what could you buy with a penny in the those days? It made us ponder upon how things are so very different for us now, than for that person, who lost their coin all those years ago.

The legacy of things that we remember, of the old days, or of things that we can touch and hold, allow us a glimpse of the past and an opportunity to reflect upon the present. We might reminisce about how good the old days were and rejoice in things that had value and worth then, but today are just curiosities, superseded by some new fancy gadget. So much has changed in 200 years.

The last 18 months or so, has been a time of huge upheaval and change. The person who lost their penny in 1800 could have no conception of how things might change. Pandemic was a word in George III's time and first used as early as the 1660's, but now we know and can see the global impact of this disease, unlike our friend from the 1800's. We have lost a great deal it seems. More than just time, lives has been lost and lives undeniably affected. Yet we have to continue looking forward, do we not?

What does July hold for us? Holidays and a release from the restrictions we've all been under? Is normality a word we can begin using again? Having some plans would seem to matter.

What are your plans? I hope that they will bring enjoyment. I hope too, that we will be able to mix more freely, to share time together more creatively and even and especially, to hug one another!

Jesus spoke about how life can be consumed with worry about the future. Yet whilst life can be troublesome, it can also be joyful. There is the paradox.

*Jesus did say this however and I wonder if it helps, as we live today's lives in the shadow of Covid??... Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you*

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

*Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.*  
Matthew 6. 25-27,34

Yours in Christ

*Ian*

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## From the Registers

### **Recently Married:**

Simon Braithwaite and  
Henrietta Mann

### **Those whose Year's Mind falls in July:**

Anne Maxwell Brooke,  
Vera Carter, Kathleen May Chappell,

Jean Helen Coulson,  
Winifred Hulbert, Paul Kear,  
Miriam Kelly, Gillian Lynne,  
Diana Oldham, Joan Neale,  
Jack Witchell, Malcolm Wright,  
Christopher Marshall, Tom Nicholls,  
Pamela Adams, Joan Weir

# Church News from Canon Michael

## **St Giles' 'Access for All' project update**

Last month we included a leaflet about this exciting project and we are so very grateful for the generosity of those from our community who have already responded and sent a donation. Every gift will be acknowledged and we hope, when all the work is completed, to have a way of recording the names of all those who have made the project possible.

The PCC (Parochial Church Council) has received a favourable tender for the work from a local company and hopes to be able to place a contract with them very soon. This of course does depend on being able to secure the finances and we are hoping to hear about a sizeable grant from a local trust which should ensure that we can proceed. If that is the case then the work could begin in the autumn. All very exciting, although also quite scary when talking about a project costing in the region of £200,000!

If you would like to know more about this project and feel able to make a donation, please follow the link on the Ewelme Benefice website [www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk](http://www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk)

## **Continuing to worship under Covid restrictions**

The pattern for our services, both in Uley and in Dursley, continues to be governed by the current restrictions. At the time of writing this we are waiting to hear whether we will move into step 4 which originally promised a lifting of all restrictions. This is looking less likely, so for the time being masks will continue to be worn, social distancing observed and presumably there will still be a ban on congregational singing. We are grateful for the amount of music we are able to have during our services and also pleased to be able to hold services in each of the three churches during the month. Service patterns continue to be subject to change with the most up to date information to be found on the Ewelme Benefice website.

# Village Hall Reopening

Following the pause in the release of lockdown regulations, it is expected that Uley Village Hall will now re-open for all events on Monday 19th July. The bookings diary is now back in the Village Shop and events for after 19th July can now be booked. However, please note that the hall is unlikely to be available for the month of August as we hope to carry out some building maintenance then.

Until 19th July the hall will continue to be used for meetings of Playgroup and Toddlers and for or statutory meetings, with appropriate Covid precautions.

If you wish to book the hall for an event, please go to the Uley Community Stores and enter your name and telephone number in the diary for the appropriate time period (which must include time for setting up and cleaning afterwards). Then

complete one of the booking forms in the diary and return it to the name and address shown on the form.

The charges for hire of the hall are currently:  
£15 per hour up to 6:00pm  
£20 per hour after 6:00pm  
A £50 returnable deposit may be required.  
Cheaper rates are available for regular bookings or 24 hour long bookings.

Please note that all bookings will be subject to whatever Covid-19 requirements exist at the time of the event and will be provisional depending on the government advice.



*Bookings Clerk for Uley Village Hall*

# Uley Parish Council News

## **Uley Jubilee Playground - Platinum Makeover Project**

Uley Parish Council, with a small group of volunteers, announces an exciting project to improve our children's playground located off Raglan Way.

During the past 18 months we have all realised how important open spaces are to our well-being; particularly for our children and young people. We have been working together with local play area consultants to come up with ideas to make the playground an inviting and interesting place to spend time in the fresh air and appeal to children, parents, grandparents and carers.

The playground was originally created by volunteers and dedicated to the Silver Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. It was officially opened in May 1978 by HRH Princess Anne. Some refurbishment work was undertaken in 2002, at the time of the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

We believe it would now be especially appropriate if we could achieve a major makeover of the playground to celebrate our Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022! We want to make the most of the lovely setting, add paths to link between play areas, include wildflower patches and add exciting new play equipment.



Of course, this is going to involve a big financial investment – we estimate around £50,000 will need to be raised - but we are hoping to be eligible for grants available for such projects. We will also need to hold fund raising events and seek local donations in cash or kind.

We hope Uley villagers will enthusiastically support this plan and we would love to hear from you with ideas or contacts for fundraising; we will also need volunteers. We very much want to hear your views on the following:

- Which items of existing play equipment are favourites with your children and should be retained?
- Which of the possible new play features would you like to see incorporated in the new plan?

Let us know if you would like to join our Makeover Project Group - there

are many ways in which help could be given.

You can give your comments or make contact through our Facebook page, email to Cllr Mike Griffiths ([m.griffiths@uleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:m.griffiths@uleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)) or leave a note in our envelope in the shop.

The Uley Jubilee Playground is an asset of Uley Parish Council (PC) which pays for inspection, insurance, maintenance and repairs out of its annual precept. However, the PC does not hold capital sums to fund projects such as this. The capital cost must therefore be raised by the Makeover Project Group from other sources. All monies raised will be handled through the PC's bank account, ensuring complete transparency and the upgraded asset will remain the property of your Parish Council.

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## Parish of Uley with Owlpen and Nympsfield

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### The Rev'd Canon Michael Cozens

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E: [mgcozens86@btinternet.com](mailto:mgcozens86@btinternet.com)

Parish day off - Friday  
Messages listened to daily

### Churchwardens

Mrs P Thomas, T: 860047

Mrs A Hardy, T: 860876

All bookings for the Church and St Giles Room to Marion Kee, T: 860364,  
E: [maronkee@gmail.com](mailto:maronkee@gmail.com)

[www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk](http://www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk)



# Uley Playing Field Trust

The Uley Pavilion is open for business!

Hires are starting back up again, we are ideal for weddings, parties, meetings and more.

Lots of parking available, beautiful views and good facilities.

Contact Jonathan on 07801217230 or [hire.uleypavilion@gmail.com](mailto:hire.uleypavilion@gmail.com)

for more details or to book.

Polite reminder – we love that you are all walking through and enjoying the recreation field, but we do ask that you clear up after yourselves and your dogs. The Playing Field is a memorial ground, and we ask that you respect the field and the trees planted in memory of the soldiers from the village killed in action. Thank you.

## Uley Annual Show

**Saturday September 11th 2021**

We're still hopeful to hold the Uley Annual Show this year. There might have to be some changes to the way we manage the day. The whole schedule is on the Uley Community Stores Website, the Show's Facebook page and will be emailed out to all the various groups in the Village, so you can get started. Paper schedules will be available nearer the date.

A reminder, there's going to be a new Trophy Cup, for the overall winner in the Children's Section, very exciting. The "**Ruth Cornish Cup**" Thank you Ruth.

Any queries contact Moya Wallis 01453 861675

# Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repair!

Most people will be familiar with the frustration when, just a year or two after spending money on a new phone, it slows right down and the battery drains to zero in minutes. This planned obsolescence, where products are designed to be replaced on a frequent basis, doesn't feel right when we have limited resources and the world is in the midst of a climate emergency.

The biggest part of the carbon footprint of most things is in its manufacture. We can all do our bit to minimise climate change by reducing the amount of new things we buy and mending and repairing what we already have, making them last as long as possible. And, of course, it's lighter on the pocket too!

In 2009 a Dutch journalist ran an experiment in her home town of Amsterdam. She brought together a group of handy friends and ran what she called a "Repair Café" – a free event where people could bring their broken belongings and volunteers would help to try and fix them. A decade later, there are 1,700 repair cafes offering their services in 35 countries around the world. The grass-roots movement to bring repairing back into our economy is growing and making a real difference to our relationship with our 'stuff'.

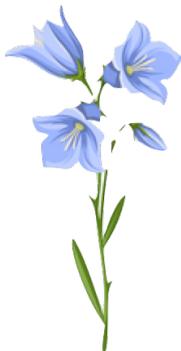
As COVID restrictions ease, Coaley and Uley Climate Action Network (CAN) would love to start a repair cafe in Coaley and Uley, where anyone can come along to pick up a new skill or help out a fellow villager with their repair. We will be working alongside Transition Stroud and other local repair cafes to find expert volunteers but we need your involvement too!

If you'd like to be part of the cafe you can email [coaleycan@gmail.com](mailto:coaleycan@gmail.com):

- 1) Submit ideas for what you would like to learn (e.g. how to make beeswax wraps, how to knit, lawn mower maintenance) so that we can source the right experts
- 2) If you have a skill you can share, or a knack for repairs please get in touch. This can be absolutely anything from knitting to DIY or gardening.
- 3) Keep an eye out for the first cafe date and drop by!

Also: 11th September - Nailsworth CAN & Transition Stroud are running a 'Retrofit Fair' at the Sub Rooms to provide advice to householders about how to make their homes more energy efficient.

*Coaley and Uley Climate  
Action Network*



# OWLPEN COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 3rd July  
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## Village Lottery and 100 Club

Congratulations to recent winners who, as usual, received £15 for first prize and £10 for second.

### May

1st - Brenda Williams  
2nd - Hannah Darby

### June

1st - Penelope Chapple  
2nd – The winner kindly re-donated their prize

Thank you to everyone for your support of this fund. It is very much appreciated. If you are not a member and would like to be then please pick up a form from the shop or email me [va.boroughs@btinternet.com](mailto:va.boroughs@btinternet.com)

*Vicky Boroughs*

# Uley Community Stores & Post Office Diary

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

This July the shop is entering its 10th year of business and what a fantastic success it is. With thanks to all involved in starting this great venture, plus the Post Office Ladies and Volunteers who keep it running with a smile especially during these difficult times.

Further to this, the shop premises continue to be marketed for sale but we are not aware of any material developments. The Committee is in contact with the owners and has enquired about the status of the marketing efforts and continues to explore options for the extension of the lease or an alternate solution. The Committee will provide an update in due course. On a separate but related note we understand that the Parish Council has applied to Stroud District Council to have the shop and post office listed as an asset of Community Value.

Due to the heavy work load in the PO, please read the sign in the window that the PO ladies change. It will either say closed, busy or open, for when you can come in.

Note the post box outside the post office is a "priority" collection box

for Covid tests and as such there is a collection 7 days a week.

As I write it looks like the "freedom from all Covid restrictions" date is to be put on hold. Therefore it is still mandatory to put on your face mask and use the hand sanitiser before entering the shop, then follow the one way system set in place for both the shop and PO.

Thanks for the kind donations of your home grown fruit and vegetables. Please keep them coming.

If you have any suggestions for any other new items you'd like stocked 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

*Dami Davis*

# Uley WI Diary

June 2021

At last summer has arrived, the sun is shining and the roses are out. Life is slowly beginning to return to normal. Our coffee groups, book clubs and bridge games are back in full swing and we are anticipating some lovely events once we are able to meet as a larger group. Meanwhile, our monthly talks and quizzes have continued via Zoom.

In May, Elizabeth Holloway gave us a light-hearted talk on how she and her husband bravely swapped their Peak District cottage for life on a narrowboat with their dog Molly.



She told us about their many adventures exploring Britain's inland waterways from Leeds in the north to Bristol's floating harbour in the south.

These included a trip on the amazing Anderton boat lift in Cheshire.

The boat lift, built in 1875, provides a 50 foot vertical link between the Trent and Mersey Canal and the River Weaver. Not good if you're no good with heights!



In June, we are looking forward to welcoming Jeremy Holmes our speaker on Zoom. He intends to give us an insight into Shackleton's legendary leadership on his failed Antarctic mission. How did Shackleton keep his men alive when their ship became trapped in the ice and sank in 1915, especially considering they were totally cut off from the outside world and had no form of communication?

For our July meeting we are hoping we can get together in person as a group for the first time since last March. To celebrate, we are planning to combine our annual croquet tournament with a picnic on the sports field. Who will win the Uley WI croquet cup in 2021?

If you fancy learning something new, then the WI's 'Denman At Home' courses could be for you ([www.denman.org.uk](http://www.denman.org.uk)). These are affordable online talks and courses open to WI members and non-members alike. They include cookery, craft, history talks and exercise classes.

For more information on Uley WI please contact our email address: [secretary.uleywi@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.uleywi@gmail.com)

*Tania Lee*



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## The Uley and Tabard Players AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM on Thursday 10th of June on the Millennium Green, it was a lovely sunny evening and it was lovely to see all our members again in person!

We had two important presentations to give out - Miriam our wonderful pianist and musical director has been with The Uley (now) Uley and Tabard Players for 50 years! Miriam's dedication and hard work has been remarkable. To show our thanks for all that she has done over the years was presented with an engraved vase and a bunch of roses.

Our second presentation was to Carole Smith. Carole was thanked for all her hard work on stage and behind scenes for over 25 years!

Our Pantomime this year has been written by our formidable duo John Wood and Ian Preston and is called Little Red Riding Hood and the Great Incinerator!

We are commencing rehearsals in the early part of September and performing (if all goes to plan the lifting of the COVID regulations) in the early part of November 2021.

We are looking for any fun young / mature people who would like to join our society whether onstage as dancers / singers / actors or behind the scenes with costumes, scenery building, props or front of house.

If you feel that you would like to get involved please do not hesitate to contact:

Amanda Voss - 01453 861673

Carole Smith - 01453 861151

David Lungley -

[lungleys@btinternet.com](mailto:lungleys@btinternet.com)

We would love to hear from you.

*Amanda Voss*



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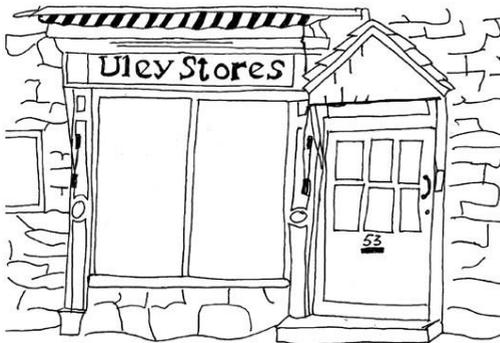
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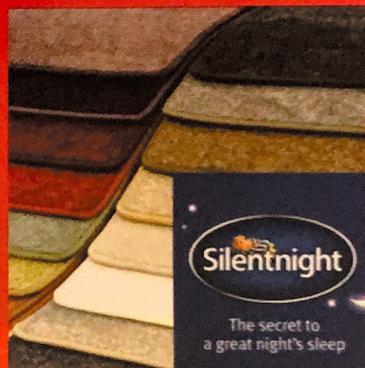
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# The Ewelme Benefice

## Parish of Uley with Owlpen and Nympsfield

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Churchwardens - Ann Hardy 01453 860876, Pauline Thomas 01453 860047  
[www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk](http://www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk)

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### July 2021 Services

#### Sunday 4th July

St Bartholomew in  
Nympsfield

#### 5th Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Parish Holy Communion

#### Sunday 11th July

St Giles

#### 6th Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Parish Holy Communion

#### Sunday 18th July

St Giles

#### 7th Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Parish Holy Communion

#### Sunday 25th July

St James, Dursley  
Holy Cross, Owlpen

#### 8th Sunday after Trinity / St James' Patronal Festival

10.00am Benefice Holy Communion  
6.00pm BCP Evensong

**Booking for services each week is still required via the Parish Office.**

These arrangements may have to be changed as they are subject to national guidelines and the Government Roadmap out of lockdown. Please continue to regularly check our website [www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk](http://www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk)

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#### Church opening times:

St Giles is open daily 10am – 3pm

#### Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

by arrangement. Please contact Canon Michael

#### Parish Administration

Please contact the Parish Office:

[ewelmeeparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ewelmeeparishoffice@gmail.com)

01453 549280

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

#### Church Activities

#### Weddings in Holy Cross

#### Saturday 10th July

2pm Richard Mason & Hannah Tierney

#### Wednesday 14th July

2pm Craig Essex & Bethany Crump

#### Saturday 17th July

3pm Alexander Novelli & Indigo Mountain

#### Saturday 31st July

2pm Alex Winter & Tabitha Davis