

Uley, Owlpen & Nympsfield

April 2020

Village News

***Supporting Church, Community
& Local Business***

uleyvillagenews@gmail.com

Does your neighbour need your help?

With the Covid-19 virus affecting people across the country, your neighbour may need your help if they become unwell.

Can you help your neighbour by:

- ✓ Making sure they have enough food and other general supplies to cover a few days - there is no need to panic buy though
- ✓ Making sure they have some simple recipes to hand, if they are not the normal chef or have done some batch cooking for the freezer
- ✓ Walking their dog, picking up a prescription, putting out their bins or taking in a parcel
- ✓ Phoning, Skyping or facetimeing them so they can see a friendly face, helping to reduce their isolation
- ✓ Sharing child care or other caring responsibilities
- ✓ Checking if any of their planned appointments have been cancelled before they travel



Uley Village

EASTER BUNNY TRAIL

**Hop along to our Easter Bunny Trail
which runs throughout the Easter
Holidays, April 4th-19th 2020**

The Trail starts from Uley Village Stores

(Pick up your trail sheet in the shop during normal opening hours. Please check the shop website/facebook page for limited opening hours on Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday - <https://www.uleycommunitystores.co.uk>)

£2 PER CHILD

Be sure to return to the shop for your PRIZE !!

***All Proceeds from the Bunny Trail go to supporting
Uley Under 5s Playgroup***

***www.uleyplaygroup.co.uk
info@uleyplaygroup.co.uk
charity no.1055461***



ULEY PARISH COUNCIL

MR JOHN KAY, TEL: 07841 204404 E-MAIL: clerk@uleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

PARISH COUNCILLORS

JONATHAN DEMBREY	CHAIR	07801217230
MELANIE PARASKEVA	VICE-CHAIR	07929360221
JO DEE		01453 861566
JANET WOOD		01453 860236
MIKE GRIFFITHS		01453 860463
JULIET BROWNE		01453 860710
TIM MARTIN		07772268473

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

JIM DEWEY	cllr.jim.dewey@stroud.gov.uk	01453 860795
-----------	--	--------------

COUNTY COUNCILLOR

LORAIN PATRICK	loraine.patrick@gloucestershire.gov.uk	01453 546995
----------------	--	--------------

COMMUNITY WELL-BEING AGENT

AMBER WALTERS	amber.walters@independence.co.uk	07817866354
---------------	--	-------------

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 April edition of the Messenger is now available to download from:

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

Dursley Farmers Market

Next Market: 14th April 2020

Come and discover your local market
serving you with:
*bread; cakes; preserves; handmade crafts
and much more!*

So why not come and discover amazing
local produce and treat yourselves!



Fitting In

When people come to a village like ours, they often go to conversation groups to improve their French, or Italian, for example. Would it be more useful to learn the local language, to enable them to fit in better?

The first step is to learn the most commonly used phrases in everyday conversation. Thus, when you meet someone in Uley and want to convey, 'Good morning', 'Hello', 'How are you?' 'What's new?' 'How have you been keeping since I last saw you?' you must say in a clear, questioning voice: 'Alright?'

The proper answer to convey the idea of 'Very well thank you,' 'Not too bad at all,' 'Mustn't grumble,' 'Haven't succumbed yet,' or similar everyday phrases, is: 'Getting there!'

As a newcomer with 'Alright' and 'Getting there' in your arsenal of Gloucestershire phrases, there will be few occasions when you will feel at a loss for words, and fitting in will no longer be a problem.

A Well-wisher.

In accordance with government guidelines regarding the coronavirus, the planned AGM of Uley Millennium Green Limited has been postponed. Further notice of a revised date will be published when appropriate. In the meantime, any queries regarding the Millennium Green should be addressed to the Chairman, Graham Turnbull on **01453 860066**

ULEY ARCHIVES (Memories)

The brooks and streams of Uley & Owlpen played a very important part in the cloth trade of Uley as a supply of water was essential in some of the processes and also in driving the water wheels for power. Reg Beeston tells us about a stream with the intriguing name of Tuppence Brook. This starts in a small nut coppice on the top side of Owlpen and makes its way over a series of waterfalls through Tuppence Coven. The wood in this coppice was cut for turning spickets for beer barrels on the turnery where Elliot's building yard was (on the right as you turn into South Street).

In the Spring Reg remembers the coppice being blue with monk's hood and marsh marigolds. The pools created by the waterfalls were always full of trout and Reg & his brother used to catch them by 'tickling' them. Tuppence Brook then makes its way to the old water wheel at the Grist Mill at Owlpen, and then on to two man made ponds which stored the water for Sheppard's Mill. The brook continued under two stone bridges under the cart road until it was eventually joined by the water from Cuckoo's Brook. Cuckoo's Brook started by Dingle Farm in Fiery Lane and ran through a field of watercress to join up with Tuppence Brook.

The joined streams then ran through the fields to Dauncey's Mill. The attractive water wheel here was restored by the late Dr. Maurice Wright who lived in the Mill House. From here the stream runs into another pond and to Marsh Mill where there was a large powerful water wheel. Eventually it passes below Wresden Farm and Mill Farm, through Yellow Hundred to Lister's works and on to Cam Mill, for the production of their textiles.

The water for the famous *Uley Blue Dye* was said to come from the small stream that came out of Lampern Wood across the road by the entrance to Luggershall, then on down the field & along the bottom where the coal wharf was, down under the field where the Gardeners Cottage for Stouts Hill was, and then to Dauncey's Mill, into the main stream which runs on into Marsh Mill pond.

Two of the ponds had bat willow on each side. They were used to make cricket bats.

Dauncey's Mill (known as Top Mill) & Marsh Mill (Bottom Mill) were sawmills.

The bottom mill was burned down in 1911, it was bought by Frank Mortimer who rented the Top Mill from the Lloyd Bakers. Both these Mills were powered by water wheels during the winter months but during the summer they were powered by a steam boiler. There was a lot of work at these mills, the timber carriages were bringing loads in every day.

There were three saw benches and one horizontal on a track for cutting the trees into planks. Beech, Ash & Elm were the main timbers. Oak & Elm were mainly cut for coffin boards, Reg states the saying goes *Oak for the rich & Elm for the poor*. The Beech was cut for the furniture trade, stacked & dried, then hauled to the station in Dursley. The tin-box trade was the most important and Reg's wife's father, Billie Hurcombe, made these. There were various sizes, the largest was 28" x 20" x 2" and these would be very heavy when filled with tin sheet and were in great demand during the war years.

The Bottom Mill was much bigger and the wheel more powerful. Reg tells us he worked there for about six years; he was responsible for the water wheel which had to be regulated when the horizontal finished its cut. This was done by letting down or lowering the chute where the water ran into buckets of the water wheel. There were wooden cogs which fitted into iron ones and these could be easily damaged if the water was not controlled, they also had to be cleared of ice in the winter. The Bottom Mill was eventually bought by Scaddings of Bristol, but they did not use the water wheel and it quickly went to rack & ruin.

Next month, we will write about the Churches, the schools and general day to day life in Uley.

Margaret Groom

ULEY WI DIARY



February/March



How scary can it be to research a novel? Just writing one is bound to be challenging, but to make the plot breathlessly exciting and characters believable needs rigorous research and testing - especially if one is writing a thriller. Author Glenn Salter, who has published five novels under the pseudonym Simon Fairfax, was our February meeting speaker, offering insights into the research methods he employs - visiting the places where his hero, Rupert Brett, must go; checking the feasibility of escapes from seemingly impossible situations; and testing every detail within the unfolding story. We were amazed by some of the real-life dramas he experienced in the course of his research. Each thriller is set within a context of actual world events of the time and places, providing illuminating reminders of actual momentous events. It made the effort of venturing out on a damp, dark evening thoroughly worthwhile and some of us came away with one or more new books to read!

Post-meeting, there have been several outings and get-togethers including an enjoyable trip to Wotton's Electric Picture House to see 'Little Women'; lunch and skittles at The Tudor Arms, Slimbridge; and a host of 'supper group' activities in which four to six randomly-grouped members decide to do something together. Unsurprisingly it usually involves food and beverage, but when and where is up for negotiation although, given the time of year, the venues chosen are probably cosy and convivial.

Since the last Uley WI diary report, there has been growing unease about the spread of the coronavirus COVID-19. At the moment we are continuing with our many activities but have asked members to refrain from participating if they feel at all unwell. Our Committee is monitoring the evolving situation and advice emanating from the National Federation of Women's Institutes (NFWI) as well as from Public Health England. No doubt Uley WI members will do whatever they can to support one another and the wider community.

Ann Warrrender

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Uley Parish Council would like to gauge interest from parishioners in hosting a first aid course in the village. This two-hour course would include CPR, how to use a defibrillator and basic first aid skills. If you are interested in attending a first aid course, please contact the Parish Clerk by email: clerk@uleyparishcouncil.gov.uk or by telephone: 07841 204404

The course will only be feasible if we have enough volunteers.

COVID-19 virus. April 2020

Difficult days may be ahead for us in Uley. We understand that already groups of neighbours are forming self-help groups. We fully support this move. Book groups might also want to be involved in this.

Please note that under the present circumstances most of the events advertised in this issue could be subject to postponement or cancellation - please check beforehand.

With best wishes from

Jonathan Dembrey
Chairman

Those whose Year's Mind falls in April;

Gerald Bailey, Kathleen Baxter, Francis Beach, Daisy Jessie Coles, Colin Fisher, Ruby Hendy, Phyllis Hobbs, Eric James Lockier, Lillian Anne Mayes, Brian Ridsdale, Christine Smith, Michael Stennett, Julian Wathen, Jim White, Frederick Willmott, Kenneth Wright, Catherine Freeth

Save the Date for the ULEY ANNUAL SHOW. Saturday 12th September.

Open to the public 2pm.

Here is a preview of some of this year's categories

VEGETABLES

6 named edible herbs (in a vase)	1 bowl home-grown salad
4 carrots	4 chillies
1 sweetcorn cob	3 potatoes (named variety)
1 pumpkin or squash	Longest runner bean
2 courgettes	Any other vegetable
5 runner beans	

FRUIT

6 tomatoes (retain stalks)	6 pears (named variety)
6 small tomatoes	3 rhubarb stalks
6 berries (e.g. raspberries)	Any other fruit
6 apples (named variety)	

ART

Landscape	Abstract
Portrait	Iconic Uley

PHOTOGRAPHY

Black and White (any subject)	Pet(s)
Clouds	Summer Days (set of 3)

Any queries contact Becky Sage 01453 860980.

A group of us in Uley have created a Facebook page to support anyone in need, share useful information and stay in touch, during this difficult time.

It can be found by searching for 'Uley Coronavirus Support Network' or with the following link:

http://www.facebook.com/groups/2349325671835914/?ref=s_hare

This group has come together to create a network of many helpers who are willing to be on hand for those that cannot get out and don't have access to the internet, social media etc. They can offer services such as food shopping, deliveries, prescriptions, a friendly voice at the end of a phone, etc.

We have created a list of helpers for each area of Uley. Please contact the relevant contacts for your area directly, or for further assistance call Steve Haddrell on **01453 860148**.

This list will be on display at the shop and on village noticeboards, and we also aim to deliver a copy to residents.

Please share this information with those that need support.



President: Sally Lamerton
Secretary: Belinda Williams

April 8th

**Warfare to Welfare: An
Engineer's Journey, Mandy
Cran.**

7.30 pm, Uley Village Hall



Uley Playing Field Trust

ULEY DOG SHOW

When: 31st May 2020

**Where: Uley Pavilion & Playing
Field**

What Time: 11 - 4pm

Sponsored by Pet Rehab

**Bar, BBQ, Face Painting, Teas,
Cakes, Raffle, Stalls, Have a go
Agility and more!**

**Still space available for stall
holders, if you are interested
please call
07771 526082**


Uley Community Stores
& *Post Office*



Like us on
Facebook @UleyStores



www.uleycommunitystores.co.uk

Telephone 01453 861592

enquiries@uleycommunitystores.co.uk

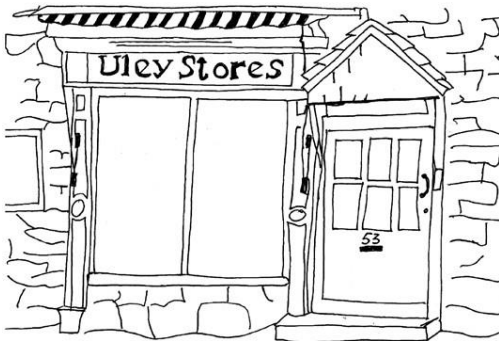
Here for you

- Everyday staples
- Luxury treats
- Sandwiches and deli
- Post Office Monday to Saturday with banking services
- Special orders

Local info

Local produce

Open every
day



Join our management committee

**Volunteer
at Uley Stores!!**

All kinds of help
needed. Get in
touch or drop in.

ULEY COMMUNITY STORES and POST OFFICE DIARY April 2020

Tel: Shop 861592, PO 860203 (Eileen, Ailsa, Carolyn and Angela)

Covid-19 Virus

The wellbeing of the village is a priority. The Management Committee, Post Office staff and volunteers are going to do their best to keep the village shop stocked and open as usual. Please keep an eye on the notices in the shop window for details of any changes to opening hours.

The front door will be kept open whenever possible, the handles of the fridges and freezers are being cleaned regularly throughout the day and anyone working in the shop is wearing protective gloves and/or washing their hands thoroughly and often.

PLEASE when you come to the shop have a look inside and if there are already 4 people in there, just wait outside and not crowd the person in front of you in the queue.

Please note that the 2nd April Meeting to discuss the future of Uley Community Stores has been postponed. A new date will be considered and announced in due course.

Easter in Uley

The WI Ladies have been knitting the very popular ducks containing a small Easter egg. They'll be waddling off the counter very quickly!! We have lots more Easter eggs and Easter cards available too.

Once again there is a super Easter Raffle. For every multiple of £10 you spend in the shop you will get a free raffle ticket to be drawn on Good Friday about 11am. Do come along and join in the fun!!

Easter Opening hours

Good Friday 10 th April:	SHOP 8am - noon,	Post Office closed.
Easter Saturday 11 th April:	SHOP 8am - 4pm, 12.30	Post Office 9am –
Easter Sunday 12 th April:	SHOP 8am - noon,	Post Office closed.
Easter Monday 13 th April:	SHOP 8am - noon,	Post Office closed.

Run by volunteers. www.uleycommunitystores.co.uk



CG Plastering

Quality Interior and Exterior Plastering Services.

CG Plastering has many years' experience in both residential and commercial property.

Whether you require internal plastering or exterior rendering I can offer a smooth, cost effective service.

Mobile. 07966 864815 Tel. 01453 860965

Email. cg-plastering@outlook.com

T Greenstreet Building

Based in Uley

Over 25 years experience

All areas of building work undertaken

Skilled in modern & traditional techniques

07817 024387

tgreenstreetbuilding@gmail.com

tgreenstreetbuilding.com

Cotswold Country Flowers

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

Flexible wedding flower packages, monthly subscription flowers, 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:

19th March, 19th May Flowers and botanical dyeing

27th May Workshop for children

31st May, 26th July Posy and buttonholes

16th, 28th June, 14th July and 31st August From garden to vase

4th August Hand tied and wrapped bouquet

More workshop dates on website.

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

fiona@cotswold-country-flowers.co.uk
07967 416799

www.cotswold-country-flowers.co.uk



Coronavirus - COVID19

On 17th March the Archbishops of Canterbury and York took the unprecedented step of suspending all public services and activities in the Church of England. We understand that weddings and funerals can still be done - but we are waiting for further instructions in these areas. Churches should remain open for private prayer (while keeping a safe distance from others) but this will depend on the availability of persons to do this.

We are still deciding exactly what we can do in these difficult circumstances. The website

(<http://ewelmebenefice.co.uk/>) will be updated as new information is available. For the moment please contact the Benefice Office

(ewelmebenefice@gmail.com or 01453 549280) for further information. All the latest information, with other material, can be found on our Coronavirus page **(<http://ewelmebenefice.co.uk/coronavirus>)**

Parish of Uley with Owlpen and Nympsfield

Churches of St Giles, Holy Cross and St Bartholomew

The Revd Canon Michael Cozens

01453 546459

mgcozens86@btinternet.com

Parish day off - Fri

Messages listened to daily

Churchwardens

Mrs P Thomas 860047

Mrs A Hardy 860876

Assistant Church Wardens

Mrs P Jones 860696

Mr J Wood 860236

All bookings for the Church

and St Giles Room to

Marion Kee 860364 or

Email: maronkee@gmail.com

Normal church opening times are 10:00am - 6:00pm or dusk, whichever is earlier

www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk