

# UPTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2017



## MEMBERS OF UPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Jamie Allan.

Vice Chairman: Don Spittlehouse.

Cllr: John Alsop.

Cllr: Lynn Alsop.

Cllr: Patrick Fotheringham.

Cllr: Peter Rushton.

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The Council meets every two months on the second Tuesday of the month in the Methodist Schoolroom. The next meeting to be held 11<sup>th</sup> July. 7.0pm.

## REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I would like to start by recognising the contribution made by Audrey Rushton to our local community. Audrey was a tireless member and supporter of local organisations, as well as raising a significant amount of cash over the years for local groups and charities. Audrey served as the Parish Clerk for many years and will be sadly missed by us all.

We have taken on board the concerns of local individuals to the issue of speeding through our village. Since the last newsletter, we now have new signs posted around the village and on wheelie bins. (Anyone that would like some are available free of charge from the clerk). We have also reviewed and costed automatic speeding signs in conjunction with Kexby Parish Council and have yet to make a decision on them. Also in conjunction with Kexby we asked Lincolnshire County Council to undertake a traffic survey for which we now have the results. In summary, their findings were that although there were some evidence of speeding the results did not meet the threshold for them to take additional steps in prevention of speeding.

We have also kept pressure on the County Council on road surface repairs, and I am delighted to see that after a number of pothole repairs they have decided to re-surface the main roads through the village.

There has been changes in funding this year and this means that some actions and costs that were managed by the County Council has been passed on to the Parish Council.

Due to this and our annual improvement plans, we requested and increase in the Precept for 2017/2018.

We will continue with our policy of keeping the village informed of issues and events with our Newsletter and website.

It is our aim to support the local community and to make Upton a village we can be proud of.

Jamie Allan.

## BLOOMERS

Many bulbs and annuals were planted in the new planter, which was a picture when they all flowered. As you may well have all noticed the sculpture now in place. Thanks to Howard Rose for a very creative piece of art work, which took many hours of hard work. Well done to all that helped with this project.

It is planned to install a second planter around September. More snowdrops around the War Memorial and daffodils along the Burial Ground fence have also been planted. More bulbs have been planted in Kexby particularly around the new bus shelter and the village hall. The trees at the end of the burial ground bore fruit in October and were very tasty. Two rose bushes have been planted around the Upton Village sign at the T junction. Our disappointment so far is the trough in front of the bus shelter, which was not doing too well due to the closeness to the road. It was decided to find a new position and will be installed shortly.

## CRICKET CLUB

There are three junior teams. Under 9's 13's and 15's. These teams are doing well and monies raised to help support the teams are raised through quizzes, Christmas market and BBQ's.

So please keep supporting these events.

There is one senior team. They unfortunately wasn't very successful last year but they won their first match of the season so hopefully it will be a better year for them.

## NEW AGE KURLING

It's been another enjoyable year for the Club. Numbers have been slightly down this year but have been averaging around 8 to 10 players on Friday evening and about the same for Tuesday mornings, which is still being supported by the residents of Howson House. The club have entered a few competitions but unfortunately this is the first year we haven't won any trophies. Hopefully this will be put right next season. We finished the season off with a very pleasant presentation evening shared with the Bowls club at the Rose and Crown.

The new season for evenings will commence on the first Friday in September. Anyone wishing to join will be made most welcome.

## BOWLS

A friendly group that play every Thursday evenings 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm. Finances are healthy and usually have excess of around 20 players. The new season commences on the first Thursday in September and welcome anyone wishing to join.

## PHONE BOX

The decorating of the phone box seems to be enjoyed by residents as well as passing motorists. Plenty of positive feedback is being received, so hopefully it will be continued to be decorated. Many thanks to Jenny Fotheringham, Ann Fotheringham and Julie Barrow and helpers who decorated it on behalf of the Chapel for Easter. Lea School took on May Days theme. Teacher Samantha Lee guided the first year pupils, a fantastic effort by all. Hopefully they will do it again some time. Bloomers are taking on July and I will be doing August. Anyone who fancies having a go are more than welcome. Tel. Liz Holman. 01427 838265.

## CHURCH

Upton had a successful weekend at the West Lindsey Churches Open Festival. The theme was "Work and Leisure", another brainwave of the late Audrey Rushton. There were 29 entries from local businesses and organisations and around 200 visitors. This was a tribute to Audrey and the P.C.C wish to thank all who helped to make it a success. A Strawberry Tea is to be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2 pm – 4 pm at the residence of Sue Roberts. 3 The Glebe. Proceeds for the Church funds.

## CHAPEL

The Chapel is doing well with an increase of around 10 to 19 new members, 6 members from Sturton By Stow since their Chapel closed. The pews have recently been replaced by chairs as well as recently decorated. Rental from the schoolroom helps towards funds.

## CHRISTMAS MARKET ORGANISATION

The committee were kept busy throughout last year organising a number of events which took place throughout the year. Several quizzes, Fashion Show, Race night and a very well attended Christmas Market. Money was also received from the Queen's Birthday Celebration. All proceeds were shared between 11 of the organisations each receiving £280 each. Plans are already well underway for this year's Christmas Market as well as a Summer Fête being held in August. A Bingo night is held at The Rose and Crown on the first Monday of the Month starting at 7.0 pm. Proceeds to all organisations.

## UPTON/KEXBY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society will be holding it's 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Show on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September and we hope you will all support it with your entries.

The Show is obviously our main event but we do participate in other village events. We had a display in the recently held Open Churches event. We also join in with the Christmas Market and of course find the share out most useful.

Unfortunately, for the past few years the Society has made a small loss at the Show.

If anyone has any suggestions for future show classes, please let us know.

Last year we were delighted at the response we had to our new 'Scarecrow' class. We hope villagers will be as enthusiastic this year.

To ensure the continuation of the Society and indeed the show, we do need more younger members of the committee. If you would like to get involved, please get in touch. Don Spittlehouse.

01427 838265.

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

A friendly group which is open to everyone young or old. This year has seen 5 new members. We meet every other Thursday at the Methodist Schoolroom. We have lots of different speakers and trips out.

If you are interested in joining please telephone Jenny Whiteside. 01427 788072.

## WI

The W.I. are delighted to have welcomed several new members and the numbers now stand at 45. We have had a ranging and varied programme over the past year, including Lincoln's Town Crier. A welcome return from Denise Taylor, this time telling us about the work of medical dogs and a humorous and fascinating talk from Maggie Allen about vintage underwear.

Joan Wines gave us an emotional and heart rending account of her travels in Romania. It is good to hear that conditions there are gradually improving.

Rosie Lunt brought her beautiful collection of china teapots, cups and saucers, and we all enjoyed an amusing and topical talk whilst enjoying tea and cakes.

Many thanks to Linda Spurr the programme secretary, for all her hard work that she does to ensure that we all enjoy an interesting and varied programme.

Our craft group who meet twice a month work extremely hard making a range of goods to sell at the Christmas market.

Table top sales organised by Jenny Littlewood and aided and abetted by Denise Barrat and Fiona Lockwood, helped to raise £170 for the Upton cum Kexby Burial Memorial Garden.

In September we again hosted the Macmillan coffee morning, which along with quizzes raised over £2000 for that charity.

For more information call Chris Hailes on 01427 788167.

## VILLAGE HALL

As in previous years the Village Hall has been used by the regular village organisations, Bowls, WI, Kurling, Horticultural Society, coffee and chat and the Post Office.

The Monday morning computer sessions still continue and we have also had bookings for various private functions.

The fundraising has continued with 2 jumble sales, table top sales, craft fayre, stalls at the annual Christmas Market and of course the great financial support given by both Upton and Kexby Parish Councils.

The coffee and chat mornings have raised £750 this past year, and thanks are expressed to all the helpers and anyone who contributes.

We have also participated in the Flix in the Stix project, which brings the cinema to the Hall for one night each month. Everyone that has attended these nights have thoroughly enjoyed them, and it is hoped that the project will be able to continue after September 2017 if funding allows.

With the help of some of the fundraising money we have been able to have the new Mural cleaned, and also have the unsightly pipes that run around the walls of the Hall boxed in and painted.

Our next project is to have a smoking shelter erected. This has been suggested by previous hirers of the Hall. Booking Clerk: Ann Taylor. 01427 788182. Secretary: Carol Wells. 01427 788786.

## MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mobile Library Service will be in Upton on the following dates in The Rose and Crown Car Park between 12.45 and 13.45.

June 20<sup>th</sup>. July 18<sup>th</sup>. August 15<sup>th</sup>. September 12<sup>th</sup>. October 10<sup>th</sup>. November 7<sup>th</sup>. December 5<sup>th</sup>.  
January 30<sup>th</sup>. February 27<sup>th</sup>. March 27<sup>th</sup>.

## BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

The Parish Council discussed maybe entering this competition in the future.

We would welcome your views and maybe try to get a group together to help organise this event.

The closing date for this competition is usually May, so we have almost a year to prepare if we want to enter next year.

Anyone interested please contact the Clerk in the first instance.

Liz Holman. 001427 838265.

## AND FINALLY.....

Don't forget to visit the Upton website for up to date news of events and what is happening in your village.

Upton Parish Council. Lincolnshire County Council. For all Parish Council News. Meeting Agendas and Minutes. Village pics.

Upton Lincolnshire blogspot. For weekly update on what's what in the village. Or you can find us on Facebook.

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