

UPTON AND KEXBY PARISH NEWSLETTER



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REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN UPTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Annual general meeting, a new chairman was elected for the forthcoming year. Don Spittlehouse stepped up from Vice and Peter Rushton is now Vice Chairman.

Hopefully the Speed Indicator Signs should be up and running soon, it's been a long process but we have eventually got there. There are still Wheelie bin stickers available for anyone wishing to display them on their bins.

This is the first joint newsletter between Upton and Kexby. We hope to continue with this and anyone wishing to contribute to this should contact Liz Holman. Clerk for Upton or Geoff Payne. Clerk for Kexby.

A very big thank you to all the Organisations that donated to Audrey Rushton's memorial bench. This is now in situ opposite the Fish and Chip shop. A litter bin to match the bench is on order and will be placed next to it. Hope it will be enjoyed by everyone for many years to come.

This month celebrated 70 years of Upton Fish and Chip shop. There had been a George Formby tribute act playing on the day which was a huge success. People came flocking in to experience the traditionally cooked way that they are cooked and just as tasty when Mrs Longden started the business in 1948.

A great day, and the sun was shining.!

Upton has also seen a transformation of Neville Barnes Ltd. The shop has been completely renovated. They sell everything from Animal food, Equestrian supplies, Chicken feed, Gift ware, Groceries and homemade bread. We wish them all the best in this new venture and hope you will support this local business.

Don Spittlehouse.

WHAT CAN KEXBY PARISH COUNCIL DO FOR YOU?

The Parish Council works with quite a limited budget and is responsible for general maintenance in the village such as grass cutting and maintaining notice boards, seats, etc. They also have responsibility for the Upton and Kexby Burial Ground (in conjunction with Upton PC) and try to support organisations such as the village hall and playing field where there is a funding need and there are funds available.

They also co-ordinate responses to planning applications such as the recent one on Westgate, whilst they would encourage individuals to also make their own representations the response from the Parish Council represents the overall feeling of the community. Another on-going activity relates to the drains on Glentworth Road, some work has already been done but the County Council have agreed to come back and replace some of the underground pipes to improve them even further. The Parish Council are currently working with Upton Parish Council to purchase a Speed Indicator Device to try and reduce speeding in and around the villages.

The Parish Council meetings are open to the public who have an opportunity to raise any issues of concern during the first 15 minutes of the meeting. They may remain for the remainder of the meeting but may not speak during the formal meeting unless specifically invited to do so by the Chairman. There may be occasions when sensitive issues are being discussed where the Chairman will declare it a closed session, in which case the public must leave. The dates of Parish Council meetings are displayed on the village notice board and on the village website and the minutes published on both following each meeting.

In addition to the regular meetings an Annual Village Meeting is held in May each year which you are encouraged to attend to raise any issues which you would like the Parish Council to address. You can also contact them via the Parish Clerk who will take any relevant correspondence to the next council meeting.

WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR KEXBY PARISH

Several people are already “doing their bit” for the village by serving on various committees, fundraising, maintaining the flower tubs, etc. Everyone makes some contribution by maintaining their own property and ensuring that we have a litter- free environment which is very commendable.

It was announced at the last Annual Village Meeting that the Parish Council would like to maintain a register of volunteers. This would be helpful whenever specific tasks crop up such as delivering fliers (or this newsletter) or helping to restore the telephone box, etc. It may be that you have particular skills and interests that could help such as maintaining the village website.

We are not looking for a major commitment, or even a regular commitment, but the more people we have to call upon the less onerous it will be for any individuals. If you are interested, or even if you think you may be interested please contact the clerk Geoff.kexbypc@btinternet.com.

BLOOMERS

This year has not been as busy as last year, mainly because we were unable to install the new planter due to unforeseen circumstances. It is now planned to complete the project this year. More bulbs were planted in the autumn of last year and annuals were planted in the planter. We also moved the trough from in front of the bus shelter to in front of the bench, this is proving to be a better position. We continue to fund raise and would always welcome more members. Please contact John Alsop 01427 838502.

UPTON/KEXBY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Last year's show went well, despite bad weather earlier in the year which affected some of the classes. We asked for more members to join the committee, we now have 4 new members. This year's show is on Sunday 2nd September, and we hope you will support it with your entries. We were delighted at the response yet again to the Scarecrow Class, and hope everyone is as enthusiastic again this year. We decided to have a theme for this year, which will be "A blast from your past". A flyer will be sent out in good time with more information. The show is obviously our main event, but we do participate in other village events, such as the Fete and Christmas Market. Hope to see you all at the show. Don Spittlehouse.

CHAPEL

The Chapel attendance is doing very well with 18 to 25 worshippers. Excellent fellowship. Rental income from the Chapel is generated 4 to 5 times per week, so financially breaking even. The grass in the garden adjacent to the Chapel is a problem with tending, no one seems to want it. Anyone interested in taking it on please contact Patrick Fotheringham. 01427 838347.

UPTON/KEXBY INDOOR BOWLS

We meet every Thursday evening at Upton/Kexby Village Hall 7.30 – 9.30. We have 16 members in total but are always looking for more. It has been a very social season, as well as playing at Gainsborough Leisure once a month, and the finances are healthy. We are having a summer break at the moment, but anyone wishing to join, the season starts in September. If you would like more details please contact Patrick Fotheringham. 01427 838347.

NEW AGE KURLING

It has been another enjoyable season for the Kurlers. The Tuesday morning sessions are very well attended with the residents of Howson House still supporting it. Thank you to Sue Farrow for her commitment every week. The Friday sessions haven't been quite as well supported as previously, but the match nights are still very competitive. Anyone wishing to come and have a go is most welcome. Tuesday mornings 10.0 – 12.0.
Friday evening's 7.30 – 9.30.

SUMMER FETE

This year's Summer Fete is on Saturday 14th July at the Rose and Crown 2pm-4pm. Proceeds for local organisations. There will be a BBQ, Raffle, Tombola, Stalls and lots of games to test your skills! There will be a fun bingo session after the fete for anyone to try their luck. N.B. This is being held separately to the usual Monday evening and will exclude the rolling jackpot prize.

W.I.

Another busy year for Upton cum Kexby WI, with our membership reaching 47. We have had a range of speakers, trips and social events over the course of the year. We started our year well with a talk in April from Nigel Smelt – Take a glass of sparkling wine- which our members did with an impressive degree of enthusiasm! I am pleased to tell you that Nigel is visiting us again, this time with a talk about port. JUNE saw one of our open meetings when we had a demonstration of Pyrography, the art of designing by fire, after which we were able to have a go ourselves. JULY saw the first of our social evenings: a beetle drive led by Jenny Fotheringham, which proved to be very popular with our members. Many thanks to Jenny for a great evening. In JULY we had a trip to the theatre in London to see “The Girls”, a musical by Gary Barlow retelling the story of The Calendar Girls. A long but very enjoyable day. Also in July, some of our members braved the water at Holme Pierpont to go white water rafting. Some of us got wetter than others after taking a dunking in the cold waters of the River Trent. Wet and cold but thoroughly enjoyable. In SEPTEMBER Horace Liberty came to talk to us about a branch of his family and their prestigious shop in London. OCTOBER saw another trip, organised by Linda Spurr, to McArthur Glen shopping outlet and York. We came home poorer but with lots of bags. In FEBRUARY our very own Rowie Summers gave us a talk about her life in nursing, which highlighted how much has changed in our health service over the last 50 years, not always for the better as technology seems to have overtaken the human touch. Some of our members enjoy singing with The Trentside Singers, our WI choir, who have performed several concerts in the local area. In September we again hosted the Macmillan coffee morning, which along with fashion shows and quizzes, raised well over £1000 for that charity. I would like to thank to all the members and local community who worked so hard to make this a success. We have also raised £100 for the Upton cum Kexby Burial Memorial Garden. This has mainly been achieved by table top sales organised by Jenny Littlewood, aided and abetted by Denise Barratt and Fiona Lockwood with items donated by our members. Summary by Chris Hailes.

VILLAGE HALL

The Hall has continued to be used regularly and is used every week day night for Bowls, Kurling, Karate, WI and Clubercise. This provides us with a steady rental income. The Post Office still continues to use the Hall on Monday and Thursday mornings and Wednesday afternoon. A letter of apology had been received from the Post office on the issue that there had on several occasions when they had not been there. This was due to technical problems and was assured that they will continue to provide a service. Fundraising has continued and we have a very healthy balance in the bank account. We appreciate the financial assistance that we receive from both Upton and Kexby Parish Council. Summary by secretary Carol Wells.

BINGO

Bingo nights held at the Rose and Crown every second Monday are proving to be very successful. A rolling Jackpot of up to £500 can be won. A line is around £15 and a full house £65 is not to be sniffed at. Starts at 7.0.pm. Be early to get a seat and your refreshments.

QUIZ NIGHT

The weekly quiz at the Rose and Crown on Thursday evenings raises money for local charities. The quiz starts at 8.30.pm and a raffle and auction are held after. The results used to be on the Upton Blog, but unfortunately due to the data protection law this site has been removed. All quiz results will now be published monthly on the Upton Parish Council website.

Sorry a bit of a moan.....

DOG FOULING

Unfortunately the Parish Council are getting complaints about dog fouling in and around the villages. Although most responsible dog owners pick up, there are still those that aren't. A new Public Space Protection Order for dog fouling became effective on 5th June 2017. This means that fixed penalty notices of £75 or prosecution against those who do not clear up after their dog can be given. If you see someone fail to clear up after their dog, know them, and are willing to give a statement, then please report the incident to WLDC 01427 676676.

ADVERTISEMENTS ON TELEGRAPH POLES

We realise if you are holding an event etc. it needs to be advertised. A good place around the village is on the telegraph poles. Whilst they do their job look unsightly when left up for long periods of time. So please remove after the event has taken place and not leave it for someone else to do it. Thank you.

And finally.....

Thank you to everyone yet again for supporting various events and generous contributions given for local charities. Without your continued support Upton and Kexby certainly wouldn't be the same. We have a great community spirit. For example... (Sorry Pete) A resident of Upton was looking after a puppy for a few days, doing a neighbour a good turn while he took a short holiday. All was going well until one morning the doggy went missing. Nowhere in the house and garden even though it was secure. Word soon got round and almost all of Upton was out searching. After a few hours , sick with worry and despair thinking the worst possible scenario, feeling a little chilly went to get a jacket from the wardrobe. There he was, curled up fast asleep wondering what all the fuss was about. A happy ending. But poor Mr R. got a bit of ribbing in the pub for a few weeks after. Ha ! Thank you to everyone that helped.