

UPTON PARISH NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2017



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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 14th November 2017. 7.0pm.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It is the duty of parish councillors to act upon legitimate queries from the public, and we take that responsibility seriously and always act on them and respond accordingly. At our last parish council meeting the matter of queries from local individuals and the follow up of them was discussed. We often get verbal enquiries and although we have asked for them in writing, more often than not people are reluctant to do that because they want to remain anonymous. This is understandable, but it leaves the councillors potentially exposed as there is no proof that an enquiry from a bona fide individual was received. Therefore in order to remain transparent and have an audit trail of documentation, please note that in future we will only action a query by a member of the public if the individual is prepared to put it in writing. If that individual wishes to remain anonymous they should say so and we will uphold their request but retain their query on file. We try to avoid unnecessary administration but we trust you will understand our reasoning.

J Allan. Chairman Upton parish Council.

BLOOMERS

The Bloomers Society are looking for more members to come along and help plant bulbs, trees etc. and any new ideas would be most welcome in order to enhance the look of our village. If anyone is interested, then please contact John Alsop. 01427 838502.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

The Christmas market will take place at the Rose and Crown on Thursday 7th December. Lea School Choir will be singing at 6.00pm and the market will open at 6.30pm. There will be many stalls, including a raffle, tombola, home baking, crafts and many more, plus some lucky person will win a substantial cash prize. Got to be in it to win it and it's free. All proceeds from the market go to local organisations. Definitely a date for your diary.

W.I.

Upcoming events at W.I. Includes a talk about jewellery entitled "Diamonds are a girl's best friend". This is an open meeting so anyone can come along and will receive a warm welcome. Also coming up are talks about gardening and a life in nursing. We are going to organise trips for next year including a theatre trip to see Motown in London. If anyone would like more details, please call Chris Hailes on 01427 788167.

FOOTBALL

Upton's football team play on Sunday morning's at the Upton/Kexby playing field situated behind the Village Hall. Our strip is yellow and blue stripe shirts, blue shorts/socks with R.A. Forrester Service Centre on the shirts, courtesy of local resident Fozzy. We play in Gainsborough Division 1 and have finished runners up in the last two seasons, and hopefully can go one better this season. Our team consists of local and Gainsborough lads, youngest Jake Hutchinson 16 and the oldest Carl La Rocca 35. There is a fixture list up in the Rose and Crown and the lads would love the locals to come along and support the team, this gives the players a great boost.

The Chapel has seen several joyous occasions recently, including the Christening of Alice Elsie Fotheringham, on Sunday 27th August.

We hope everyone enjoyed our Scarecrow coffee morning!! As always, we had great fun working together on this creation.

September 17th saw the annual Harvest Festival at Upton Methodist Chapel, led by Mr Richard Alderson. The chapel was decorated for the occasion and included a table laden with dried and tinned goods, which were forwarded to the Salvation Army Food Bank in Gainsborough. A packed chapel with a congregation from the surrounding villages enjoyed an uplifting service, followed by coffee, cakes and fruit. Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of this event. Photo can be seen on UptonLincolnshire website.

Forthcoming events:
All are welcome!

Every Sunday – service at 10.30.

United Remembrance Service at All Saints Church. Upton. Led by Mr. Mike Childs. On Sunday 12th November at 10.15.

Coffee mornings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month. 10.0 – 11.30.

Donations of tinned and dried goods can be brought to the Chapel and will be taken to the Food Bank on a regular basis. Thank you.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship club meets once a fortnight in the Chapel Schoolroom.

We have several topics planned for future meetings, including a musical quiz and Hand Bells from Sue Faull on the 7th December. A trip is to be organised in November, hopefully to include a Christmas dinner and shopping. The Friendship Club aims to make it more of a social meeting for male and females. Please come along and join the group, bringing any new ideas with you.

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

UPTON/KEXBY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The 55th Annual show held on the 3rd September was a great success.

We thank everyone for their entries and supporting the show. We were especially pleased with the Scarecrow entries this year, a very high standard was set and the judging proved to be very difficult. The results were very close. The winner of the groups was Sarah Hindley and Nicky Keeling for the Pirates of the Caribbean, and the single scarecrow went to Heather Turver for her entry of a horse and jockey.

Well done to everyone that entered, it definitely brought some fun into the village and showed some community spirit. The standard is certainly set high for next year!.

Thank you to all the judges for their difficult part in choosing show winners, and to Mr and Mrs J Thurlby for presenting this years trophies.

A quiz sheet available from Jane Spencer can be purchased for £1, this will go towards the Christmas Market funds and the winner will be announced on the evening of the Market Dec 7th.

SUMMER FAYRE

The Summer Fayre held at the Rose and Crown was a great success. With the sun shining many villagers had a very enjoyable afternoon taking part in various games and competitions all put on by the very hard working volunteers from local organisations. There was also a BBQ and a wonderful array of cakes and gateau's. Many thanks go to Lol and Jenny of the Rose and Crown for allowing us to use their facilities, Dave for his cooking skills, all of the helpers who made the afternoon such a triumph and for all of the villagers who came and supported this event. We made a staggering £536 for all local organisations. Thank you everyone for supporting this event.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We would like to thank everyone who made this year's Macmillan Coffee Morning such a successful event. About 100 people attended the event, enjoying coffee, cakes and company.

We raised £1,548.93. A fantastic achievement for a small community. Thank you again to everyone who contributed in any way to achieve this amazing amount for a cause close to everyone's heart.

PROMISE AUCTION

Thank you everyone for your generous donations and to everyone for attending the auction. A massive total of £1680 was raised for the Playing Field Fund.

GARDEN WASTE CHARGES?

West Lindsey is the last local authority in Lincolnshire who still offer this service for free. But now the Council needs to consider all its options including a charge for the service. They are seeking resident's views on a number of options for the service, and would like to encourage as many people as possible to take part in the consultation. Residents will have until 19th November to have their say in the proposals. All responses will be considered by the council before a decision is made. Further consultation information will be delivered by West Lindsey shortly to all residents.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Reason for closure: Essential maintenance works by Cadent Gas.

Location: Church Road. Between 30 and 100 metres East of High St.

Period of closure: 23/10/2017 to 26/10/2017.

AND FINALLY.....

Upton Parish Council would like to thank everyone that helps and supports events in our village. All your help and generous donations keep our village organisations and clubs going.
Keep it up everybody.

The Clerk still has some 30mph wheelie bin stickers should anyone want any.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.