

Uley, Owlpen & Nympsfield

June 2025

Village News

Supporting Church, Community and Local Business



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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



The June 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.

Uley Parish Council

Grant Applications details for 2025-26 grants from Uley Parish Council (UPC) can be found on our website - <https://www.uleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/grant-application-form>

There you will find the Grant Application Form and details of how to apply in the Grant Policy. Key dates for applying in 2025-26 are:

- Application submission deadline - 30 September 2025

- Applicants informed of decision in principle - 15 November 2025
- Successful applicants informed that decision is now firm – 15th January 2026
- Approved payments made to successful applicants – 15 May 2026

If you have any questions regarding the grant application process please contact the Clerk at Clerk@uleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Good luck!

A History of Uley

Margaret Groom recently asked you for good ideas for a new title for the updated version of Alan Bebbington's book from 2003 – we would love to hear from you about this.

Much has come to light since then and we have many new facts to include.

We also know that many of you have researched your homes and may have some historical facts or anecdotes about your properties that it would be great to include in the

latest version, or indeed information about events that you remember from the 20th century or indeed this century. Photographs also welcome, if they are yours and you are happy for them to be reprinted if selected for use.

We would love to hear from you by the end of June, if possible, please.

Belinda

belindajholley@gmail.com

Church News

A Facebook post about the VE day celebrations in Uley, said “doing what the Uley does best”. and that made me think about what that is.

We all agree that we enjoy a good party, and that the community is incredibly supportive of each other, but I think it is more than that. This is a village where people come forward when asked; no one assumes that someone else will do what's required, everyone is prepared to “have a go” and to share their talents.

This was very obvious at our Annual Church meeting today, where 2 people came forward to fill the role of Churchwardens, and were duly elected, to the delight of all present. So, your new Churchwardens are: Nikki Clarke and David Thomas, and I know that you will give them the same amazing support that you have given to me.

Thank you all for being so supportive of the work that has been taking place on the church wall. Everyone has been very patient with the disruption caused, and that has been very appreciated. I was amazed by how tidily the contractors worked, and hopefully, not only is the project on time, but may be finished earlier than estimated.

There are many people who support our 3 churches in many different ways: cleaning, mowing the grass, locking and unlocking the church, helping at services, and willing to help with so much more, and we've been thinking about how we can say Thank You.

So, on Sunday 8th June we would like to invite everyone – pets and children included! – to join in a glass of wine or cup of tea and some refreshments and see what extra special items Uley has, that are not often on display. In addition the new churchyard map will be available for you to try to trace relatives etc. and admire the work done by Alex and Sarah. Please do come along, 8th June 1200 – 1400, it will be an interesting afternoon.

Breaking news

We have just been informed that, after due consideration and having reviewed various reports, the Diocese have decided to sell the Uley Rectory and not to proceed with any new building on the site.

Moya Wallis



Saturday 5th July Uley Millennium Green

2pm - on the day registration

2:30pm - start of games

£45 per team of 7-9

players (advance)

£7 per person (on the day)

Cakes and snacks | Tea and coffee Beer, cider, wine and soft drinks

Come along to play or support the teams and enjoy a fun summer afternoon. All ages welcome. If you don't have a full team we can match you up.

Please leave payment in an envelope with your captain's name and a contact phone number in the Uley Village Shop.

In the event of wet weather, the refreshments will be available in St Giles Church, along with an alternative games tournament.

If you have any queries please contact friendsofstgilesuley@outlook.com
Raising funds to contribute to the preservation of St Giles Church

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TICKETS

£10 each
includes entry, finger
buffet &
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14TH JUNE 2025 7:30 pm

ALL PROCEEDS ARE FOR VILLAGE HALL FUNDS

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-  An evening of fun
-  Place bets on races (cash only)
-  Special guest auctioneer
-  6 races plus winners' race
-  Bid for frogs
-  Win great prizes
-  Bar (card or cash)

Tickets available from Uley Stores or Amanda Voss 07773 793 825

Froggy sponsorships are
available Please ask
Amanda

Friends of St Giles 2025-26

Thank you so much for those of you who came to our AGM and thank you for those who sent me their apologies. We seemed to have picked a popular weekend for going away!

We had a good meeting and Prue Vernon thanked everyone for coming to our events and for all the support during our first year. We raised over £12,000 with approximately £5000 profit, which we have transferred to the church fabric fund to help towards the Wall renovation.

But as always with a listed building of the size of St Giles there are ongoing repairs to be done. The next being the gutters and repairing them will cost around £20,000. So, we will continue doing what we can to help, as the Friends of the building.

That said, we would be most grateful if you would join us/subscribe again this year to be a Friend of St Giles. The cost is the same £10 individual and £15 for a couple/family. For that you get the satisfaction of knowing you are helping maintain such a prominent building in the village and the pleasure of occasional emails from the Secretary!

Our bank details are as follows :

Friends of St Giles, Uley
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Please can you put your name as the Reference and if possible, consider making your donation a Standing Order for each April.

Can you email me on erm_mccarthy@hotmail.com to say you have contributed then I can put you on this year's list.

Alternatively, there will be a box in the Post Office and you can leave in Cash there. Please again put your name down on the paper and an email address if that has changed. Again, can you email me to say you have joined/ resubscribed.

Thank you all, we will be in touch with details of our next events. Any ideas of events you would like to see in the village, please let us know.

All the best



Secretary, Friends of St Giles, Uley

Church Letter

It's wonderful to be celebrating the love and joy of wedding season as the sun continues to shine!

One bride has arrived on a tractor, flowers and joyous singing have filled the churches, and rose petal confetti catching the wind makes for wonderful photographs.

Most of the weddings I've taken so far this year have been for people with a family connection to the parish. If you live in the parish, then you too have that connection with St Giles in Uley, St Barts in Nympsfield and Holy Cross in Owlpen and so can be married, baptised, have your child christened or have a funeral in the church – these churches belong to the whole parish and are here for you whatever is going on in your life.

At its best Christian worship shapes lives in a particular way, helping each of us to flourish and live life to the full. Week by week, year by year, we tell and re-tell the story of God's love for God's people and we look to Jesus to show us what God is like. Each of us will have our own way of believing, or not as the case may be, and anyone with a faith that is living will have questions and be seeking to work out what difference having faith makes to our day-to-day ordinary lives with its

up and downs, joys and sorrows. We are all on a journey.

Wherever you are on the journey, whatever stage of life you may be at, you are welcome - these churches are here for you: for tears of joy and pain, for prayer, for curious wondering, for tentative, wholehearted or, in the case of those who have come to church via the pub, 'rugby-terrace' singing.

I honestly believe that worship is good for us, even when it's not to our personal taste, or when we don't like the people we are gathering with, because all of this can help to take us beyond ourselves. And it is in this 'beyond ourselves' place that we have a hope of encountering the God who is both beyond and within us. In worship we are reminded of the truth that we are not the centre of our little world and that the realities that we grapple with personally, societally and globally do not have the final say. We come to know ourselves, extraordinary though this is, as utterly loved by God and called to grow in this love, to become more and more who we are made to be.

The worship we offer as we gather Sunday by Sunday is like a little rehearsal for life. We learn to look up,

we learn to say sorry, we learn that we are forgiven and have the chance to start again, we learn that there are ancient ways that are true, we learn that there are things too great for us to fully understand, we learn that we can dare to name the realities of our lives in all their wonder and awfulness, we learn that we are not alone, we learn that God has done everything that is needed to bring us close again, we learn that there is enough for everyone, we learn that we can be sustained for the journey, whatever that might mean, we learn that we can return, again and again and again.

As we pray at the beginning of the wedding service, so I pray for this whole community today:

*God of wonder and joy:
grace comes from you,
and you alone are the source of life
and love.*

*Without you, we cannot please you;
without your love, our deeds are
worth nothing.*

*Send your Holy Spirit,
and pour into our hearts that most
excellent gift of love,
that we may worship you now
with thankful hearts
and serve you always with willing
minds;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.*

With love and my continued prayers

Juliet

From the Uley, Nympsfield and Owlpen Church Registers

Years Mind

Joscelin Adams, Beryl Ashton, Lucy Horler, Ernest Hunn, Mike Beeston, Ethel White, Joyce Holloway, Margaret Billett, Doreen Davies, Barbara Harris, Eleanor Temple-Carrington, Terry Davies, Ken Dunn, Wendy Balm, Ann Hardy, Curwen Rawlinson.

Baptisms

18th May Xanthe Fitzgerald

Weddings at St Giles

10th May George Poultney and Chloe Phipps

17th May Max Wiesner & Georgina Jones

Weddings at Holy Cross

21st May Lewis Williams & Laura Douglas

24th May Charlie Rennocks & Lettice Carter

28th May Damien Mayhew & Lauren Kendle

31st May James Burgess & Rebecca Haynes

Banns of marriage to be read in June

Jonathan Botterill & Angela Quan

Howard Brown & Rebecca Proudman

Stuart Hackney & Nikki Crumpton

Jake Edwards & Bethan Notley-Jones

Garden Notes for June

Scent in the garden...all year long!

We've all had that incredible experience of being taken back to a distant time or place by scent, so powerfully evocative. Equal is the disappointment when you bend to smell a beautiful rose if it has an absence of olfactory joy.

After attending a recent lecture by Nick Bailey (best known from Gardeners World) on 'year long scent in the garden', I thought I could impart some of the best gems of his extensive knowledge.

Nick's Fab Four for 365 days of scent

- January - March: **Sarcococca** (sweet box) evergreen shrub. Just a couple of stems brought into the house in winter will scent a room.
- April - May: **Narcissus Poeticus recurvus** (Pheasant Eye) One of the last narcissus to flower and highly fragrant
- May - October: **Daphne x transatlantic Eternal Fragrance** - compact, semi evergreen shrub. (I have them around the garden in different conditions are all are happy and actually have been flowering since April.)
- May - December: **Nemesia Denticulata 'Confetti'**. This is a perennial grown as an annual but Nick says 'its perennial, ignore label, grow in sheltered site and mulch!'

Flowers of the Night

Zaluzianskya capensis 'Midnight Candy'

(Night Phlox) - scent of palma violets. Very long flowering. Pinch out early on to encourage branching and more flowers.

Mirabilis Jalapa (4 o'clock plant) - grown from seed or more simply from tubers purchased in winter. Grows a metre in three weeks. It is frost tender so lift tubers or protect in winter.

Cestrum Nocturnum (Lady of the Night, Night Jasmine) This is a tender house or conservatory plant, powerfully fragrant from July through to September.

Brugmansia Suaveolens Frost tender shrub with tree like form, suitable for large pots. NOTE : ALL PARTS ARE POISONOUS

Roses

Almost impossible to simplify the complex scents of roses in just a few words, but here goes...

Old Rose Gallicas, Damasks and Albas - Full of warmth and depth. Gertrude Jekyll, Damask rose 'Ispahan' - the ideal sumptuous-looking (and smelling) rose.

Myrrh English roses with strong scent of herbaceous green notes - R. Boscobel, The Generous Gardener

Tea Scent Tea and Noisettes, some english, for instance R. Graham Thomas. Warm violet notes.

Fruity Roses with chinensis parentage scented of apples, pears and guava. eg Lady Emma Hamilton (now retired) and enthusiastic climber Alberic Barbier.

Musk Scent produced from the stamen rather than petals, sweet, warm spice. eg Paul's Himalayan Musk or Rambling Rector.

Enjoy a superbly smelly year!

Caroline @awalledgarden

VE Day Celebration - Thank You

On behalf of the Uley Playing Field Committee, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported and helped with the VE Celebration on 5th May.

We were lucky with the weather – although the sun did take its time to join us – and it was lovely to see so many people enjoying the field, pavilion and the slight chaos of the sports day! It was good to have the support of so many village groups and organisations.

Special mention goes to the Uley Society and to those who lent items to the excellent Memorabilia Display which people enjoyed. We were pleased that some relatives of the deceased servicemen were able to attend and see the new memorial plaques - thanks to the Uley Parish Council for the grant enabling us to purchase them.

We'd also like to highlight and thank all the local businesses who supported us with sponsorship and raffle prizes, and in particular Uley Brewery for their donations of beer to all our events.

Finally, thank you to all the volunteers and committee members who helped to set up and run the event on the day. We could not have done it without you.

The Appeal is still ongoing – and it's not too late to donate (!) - we will give an update on progress in the July Newsletter.

Some exciting news - we are bringing back the Uley Hooley on 6th September - save the date!

Harriet Dembrey

Secretary





Save the date: Uley Annual Show
Saturday 13th September
Open to the public 2pm

Here is a preview of some of this year's categories to get you going...

PRESERVES

Marmalade – 1 jar
(named)

Jam – 1 jar (named)

Jelly – 1 jar (named)

Pickled vegetables (e.g.
onions)

Chutney – 1 jar (named)

Home-made fruit liqueur
(e.g. sloe gin)

COOKERY

Meringue, no filling

Lemon drizzle cake
(loaf tin)

Victoria sponge
(jam no cream)

Vegetable based cake (e.g.
beetroot, courgette)

4 filled sandwich biscuits

6 Flapjacks

6 squares of fudge (any
flavour)

6 fruit scones

(fluted cutters)

6 cheese scones

(plain cutters)

A savoury gluten free item
(labelled)

A savoury item (can be
meat, veg, or vegan)

(labelled)

Sourdough bread

Any savoury loaf of bread
(labelled)

Any queries contact the Team uleyannualshow@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S CATEGORIES

UNDER 5 YEARS

A fingerprint flower painting
Nature collage

5, 6, 7 YEARS

Lego model or scene (not a kit)
A sky painting

8, 9, 10, 11 years

Make a junk model
Decorated pebble/rock

11 - 16 years

Item of jewellery (i.e. swifty/
friendship bracelet, badge)
Waves painting

OPEN CLASSES

Make a bug hotel
Animal portrait
Write about "what makes our
community special"

COOKERY (all ages)

Bake a giant cookie
Any savoury item
Make 3 flapjacks

GARDENING (all ages)

Something you've grown
Largest sunflower head

Uley Sport

Uley Cricket Club began their season with an away match against Randwick. Winning the toss and electing to bat, Uley recovered from 7-3 to post a respectable 156 -8 off their 40 overs. There were notable batting contributions from Tom Williams, Steve Williams and Alex Hewett. Uley's bowlers then stepped up with regular wickets to bowl the home side out for 100 with Matt Ramsden taking 4 wickets and Steve Williams picking up 3. A fantastic win to start what promises be a positive season for the club both on and off the field.

Uley Cricket Club play their home games at the Uley Playing Field on Saturday afternoons from the start of May until the end of August. Spectators are welcome to come along and support, free tea and coffee is provided. Our home games this month are:

14th June - Kings Stanley CC

28th June - Eastington CC

We are holding our next event on 5th July. Match starts 1pm at Uley Playing Field. Tea and Coffee available. Well stocked bar. BBQ from 5pm

Uley WI Diary – June 2025

A big thank you to everyone who came along to support us on our stall at the VE Day celebration and bought cakes and crafts made by our members, and raffle tickets. The raffle was won by Jane Blackler.



We raised an amazing £405 for our chosen charity for this year, 'The Big Space', a new cancer care centre in Cheltenham.



Our speaker for May, Sue Dove, told us about her life as an adult tutor, and this month's talk by Sarah Collins is entitled "Children Achieving Lifelong Movement".

Visitors welcome.

Catherine Day

For more information on Uley WI please contact our email address: secretary.uleywi@gmail.com. You can also follow us on Facebook at 'Uley WI'.

The Landscape Revolution

I love walking. I climb the Bury several times a week – taking in the views, spotting wildflowers and butterflies, relishing the passing contours.

But working as a rural affairs journalist for BBC Radio 4's Farming Today has given me a new perspective as I walk: where before I saw just beautiful views, now I see the fingerprints of shifting agricultural policy, written across the landscape.

An ancient hedgerow, now freshly cut and laid – there were Government grants for that. A stream with newly planted trees along the banks – maybe funded by the nattily named England Woodland Creation Offer. A field of multi-coloured flowers planted for pollinators or bird seed – perhaps paid for through the Sustainable Farming Incentive.

The more I have learnt about agricultural policy over the last 7 years, the more I have come to realise that it touches so many things – the lives and businesses of farmers for one, but also the food on our plates, the landscapes we see and the wildlife that lives there.

And right now, that policy is changing.

After Brexit, we left the EU's Common Agricultural Policy. For many people - whatever they made of Brexit - this was a golden opportunity to come up with something better. A new farming policy, which would encourage efficient food production while rewarding farmers for environmental work.

But the road to change has not been smooth. As policy has been written - and re-written - a live experiment has been playing out in the lives and fields of farmers across England.

If you're interested, I've made a radio documentary all about this with Charlotte Smith – presenter of Countryfile and Farming Today. You can hear it on BBC Sounds – just search for “The Landscape Revolution” or use this link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m002bs13>

Heather Fox-Manning

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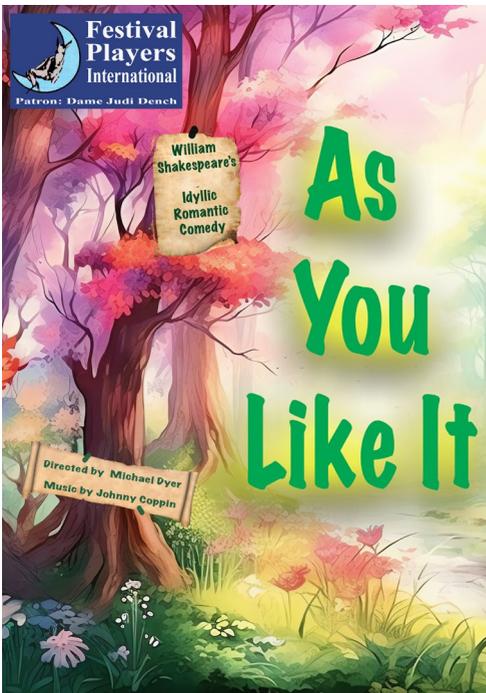
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5.30pm

Uley Community Stores & Post Office Diary

Tel Shop: 861592 | Tel Post Office: 860203 (Ailsa, Sadie and Angela)
www.uleycommunitystores.co.uk | Run by Volunteers

At last, I can tell you that Erica Fawcus-Gibbs won the lovely large Easter egg, enjoying and sharing it with her family.

Volunteers' week is here once again, June 2nd to the 8th.. It always gives me great pleasure to say a big "THANK YOU" to all our volunteers on behalf of the Committee (who are also volunteers) and all our customers. Your commitment and contribution as a volunteer really makes a difference to the Uley Community Stores and our wonderful village. I must not forget our wonderful ladies in the Post Office for their dedication and help too.

For customers who don't like lots of hustle bustle, there is a "Quieter Hour" in the shop, from 1-2. Nobody queuing for the Post Office as it's closed for lunch, so you can take your time to look around to see what's in stock, a volunteer always on hand to help and have a chat.

Lovely Hobbs bread is stocked, but tends to fly off the shelves. Don't be disappointed. Place an order in the shop, to ensure you get the bread you like, on the day you want it.

Post Office: Euros are in stock, but remember to order your foreign currency on line or from the Post Office.

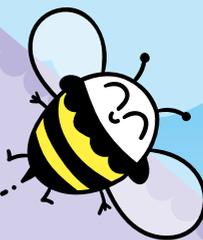
No Bank Holidays in June, but don't forget Father's Day Sunday June 15th, plenty of yummy goodies, books and cards to buy for Dad.

If you have any suggestions at this time or for any new items you'd like stocked please let us know.

Dami Davis



Busy Bee



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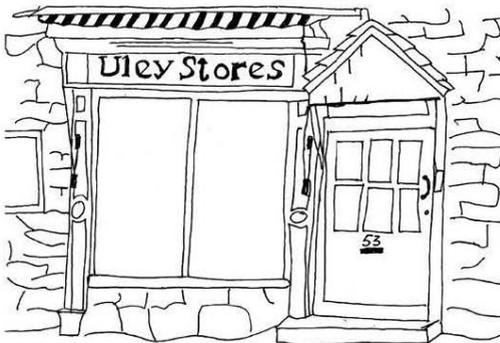
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The Ewelme Benefice
Parish of Uley with Nymphsfield and Owlpen

Rector: Revd Dr Juliet Jensen: 01453 350810 ewelmerector@gmail.com

June 2025 Services

Sunday 1st June – 7th Sunday of Easter

10am St Bartholomew's

Parish Holy Communion

Sunday 8th June – Pentecost Sunday

10am St Giles

Parish Holy Communion

Sunday 15th June – Trinity Sunday

10am St Giles

Parish Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd June – 1st Sunday of Trinity

10am St Giles, Uley

Benefice Holy Communion

Sunday 29th June – 2nd Sunday of Trinity

10am Holy Cross Owlpen

Parish Holy Communion



Church opening times

St Giles, St Bartholomew's and Holy
Cross are open daily.

**Baptisms, Weddings and
Funerals**

By arrangement, please contact
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