# Village News



## **Uley Parish Council**

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Uley Parish Council Meet	ings	
The Parish Council meets	in the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of the mord. Details of the meetings can be found on the notice	



#### The latest edition of the Messenger is available to download from:

end of the village or on the Uley village website at: www.uleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

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

## **Duff Hart-Davis Memorial Beacon**

Many villagers will have been saddened at the recent departure of Duff Hart-Davis. A much loved and respected man who held a great passion for the village and the surrounding countryside.

One of the many ways he contributed to the well being of the people of Uley was organizing the spectacular beacon bonfires on Uley Bury for the Queens Jubilee and other notable occasions. An undertaking he thoroughly enjoyed. It is for this reason it seems entirely appropriate that

## The Duff Hart-Davis Memorial Beacon will take place from 7pm Saturday 20th September on Uley Bury

The whole village and anyone else who knew Duff are invited to attend. People will be encouraged to celebrate his life by saying a few words, maybe sing some songs and generally celebrate a life of a man who lived life to the full.

Uley Brewery have kindly donated some of their fine ales for the occasion. Only beer is available, so if you wish to raise a glass of something different please bring your own. Bringing your own glass would also be very helpful.

This celebration will take place whatever the weather unless there are Health and Safety concerns. Obviously parking is extremely limited so people will be encouraged to walk. Don't forget to bring a torch.

If anyone would like to say a few words or sing a song or two whilst we are around the fire please contact Steve on 07881 828908.

## From the Churchwardens

By the time this month's edition of the village news drops through your door we will be nearing the Uley Village Show and the Memorial Beacon for Duff Hart-Davis. We are so grateful to live in this village full of people who pull together to put on village events to celebrate community and the bounty of creation (and gift of the growers). It takes dedication, kindness, and thinking of others to keep a community strong and healthy. We are also painfully aware that we have lost some cherished members of our community over the summer who would have enjoyed these gatherings.

When discussing what we would talk about this month we landed on the often awkward topic of money and giving. The Bible has a lot to say about money, possessions, stewardship and generosity. Not just about what to give (e.g. the Old Testament principle of tithing i.e. giving a tenth of your earnings - which is now just used as a guide and not a law) but how to give (e.g. cheerfully and prayerfully). The Bible also holds promises that when you give, God is generous back to us - often in ways that far outstrip our own generosity. This is a mystery, and takes a bit of faith, but I think it's worth a go and maybe a more reliable bet than doing the lottery(!). It's not just our money that we can give, our talents and our time are also valued and can be shared for the good of others. And we are so thankful that we live in this generous community where people are ready to pitch in and share time, talents and resources liberally.

As a parish we are stewards over three beautiful church buildings, their churchyards and also the lives of those who dwell in our parish. These invariably require time, resources and contributions of gifts to ensure they run smoothly, are well kept and are preserved for future generations. Our churches are also, of course, available for Baptism ('Christening' ) of children and adults, for weddings and for funerals (whether subsequent committal is at a crematorium or in one of our churchyards). They are truly there for all villagers. There are lots of ways you can contribute, by supporting events run by the Friends of St Giles, giving through the new 'Good Plate' in St Giles, or volunteering your time and gifts. One of the most helpful ways to give is through planned, regular giving, that can be done with (or without gift aid) via the Parish Giving scheme (see QR code below).

If you are reading this and thinking – I can't possibly think about giving anything right now, there is no room in my budget. Please never feel obligated, and if you are worried about finances and need a safe place to talk – do reach out and we can provide a listening ear and signpost you to further help if needed.

https://www. parishgiving.org.uk/ donors/find-yourparish/uley-withowlpen-nympsfielddursley/







A free, short, informal concert in the church followed by tea & cake.

Donations welcome for Church Funds.

## The Uley Society

Registered Charity No: 295000 Established 1974 www.theuleysociety.co.uk

Thursday 18th September at 7.30pm in Uley Village Hall

AGM followed by
The WW1 Slimbridge Munitions Magazine
A story of national importance

Speaker: Lee James

Tea & coffee afterwards Non members welcome (fee £3)

Programme Secretary - Janet Wood woodje317@gmail.com



## Uley Annual Show 2025

We hope you've been busy with your arts & crafts this summer, ready for the show. Schedules and Entry Forms are still available from Uley Community Stores.

Any queries contact the Team: uleyannualshow@gmail.com

## **Uley Parish Council**

#### **Uley Parish Council Grants**

A reminder that details of UPC Grants can be accessed via the website at <a href="https://www.uleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/grant-application-form">https://www.uleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/grant-application-form</a>. Organisations can submit their application in writing or via email. Any queries, please contact <a href="mailto:clerk@uleyparishcouncil.gov.uk">clerk@uleyparishcouncil.gov.uk</a>

#### **New Councillor**

Following the resignation of Melanie Paraskeva as a councillor there is now a vacancy on the council. An official process to co-opt a new member has now commenced. If you would like to know more information, please get in touch with the Clerk at <a href="clerk@uleyparishcouncil.gov.uk">clerk@uleyparishcouncil.gov.uk</a> or any of the Parish Councillors

## ULEY SINGING ALLSORTS

Thank you to everyone who came to our summer concert at the Matara Centre

We had a wonderful evening and thanks to your generous donations we have sent £800 to our chosen charity SHAPE.

We meet again on Tuesday 16th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and would welcome new singers, especially tenors and basses just come along.

Many thanks

Hilary Weeks

The next

## Uley Bury Working Party

is on

## Saturday 20th September from 10am to 12noon

Please meet at the bench and bring your own coffee etc.

Help preserve our precious grassland!

More info from Janet Telephone: 860236 New members welcome

## **Church Letter**

Family life changes pace in September!

Children and young people will be returning to college and school, with perhaps a new teacher or even in a new school or nursery. Some find these transitions easier than others, and it can be an anxious time for parents and grandparents as they let go of their children into the care of others or prepare for their older children to leave home. For teachers... well, the beginning of a new school year must be quite a shock to the system after the summer break!

I wonder how you have learnt to live with change and transitions? They come at every stage of life. I'm a bit of a slow learner, but one thing I've discovered is that prayer helps! There are many ways to pray, but one way is to take some moments to be quiet first thing each morning, to remember that there is

absolutely nothing that can separate us from God's love, to allow any anxious thoughts to surface and then to let them go. Then in the evening to look back over the day, a bit like one might watch a film, and notice things to be thankful for, what to say sorry for and to notice what we might want to ask God for help with.

Some of my very first experiences of prayer were as a young child feeling very anxious about going to a recorder lesson, mainly because I hadn't practiced! On two separate occasions I experienced, what felt like miraculous intervention, when firstly the recorder lesson was cancelled and on the second occasion the traffic in the town was so bad that we couldn't get to the lesson! I have absolutely no idea why or how such prayers could be answered, when we cry out daily for the devastation in Gaza and other parts of the world with little seeming to change or



when we pray for loved ones to be healed and they die or.... There is something deeply mysterious about prayer, and ultimately it is an expression of trust in God.

The thing I didn't mention about the recorder lesson prayers is that I made promises to God, I guess at the age of around 7 or 8 I didn't really know what I was doing and told God that if I didn't have to go to the recorder lesson I would read my bible every day! I didn't manage that but look back and can see how my life has been formed in a particular way because of that prayer and by the regular reading of these ancient and difficult scriptures. What started as a rather selfconscious request has drawn me deeper into relationship with God. Which at the end of the day is what prayer is about - a trusting conversation, a being together,

a speaking and a listening, being held in love

At St Giles Uley there will be a New Beginnings Service at 10am on Sunday 14th September. Some of the School Leavers from Uley Primary have helped to plan this, so there will be breakfast to start, some well-known hymns and songs to sing, some prayers, scripture and blessings for the new school year. And cake to finish, of course! This is for all the village, friends, family, children and grandchildren, to support and pray for one another; to enjoy being together and to know that we are not alone but held together in love.

With my love and my prayers



## From the Uley, Nympsfield and Owlpen Church Registers

#### Banns of Marriage to be read in September

Lewis Childs & Bethany Dingley

#### **Weddings at Holy Cross Owlpen**

9th August Howard Brown and Rebecca Proudman

16th August Billy Mullan & Olya Grynyshyn 30th August Stuart Hackney & Nikki Crumpton

### **Baptisms at St Giles**

10th August Margot and Mabel Jones; Bluebelle Lees and Barney Brown.

#### **Funerals**

24th July Paul Fisher at St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

28th July Edward Seager at St Giles, Uley 11th August Florence Moulder at St Giles, Uley

#### **Years Mind in August**

Muriel Claridge, Alice Dauncey, Thomas Gough, Margaret Kear, Kathleen Mills, Eileen Morgan, Hubert Neep, Kathleen Neep, Harold Myatt, Sue Powell, Peter Strain, Gillian Emily Ward, Irene Worthing, Charles Young, Sandra French.



# **ULEY WI**

## **Uley WI Diary – July-August 2025**

Another busy summer month for the WI members included a trip to Arlingham with tea and cake and an outing to Miserden Garden on the hottest day of the year so far. Lunch and a walk were included.



We also gathered for a fun evening to play games and participate in a quiz at the Village Hall, including delicious home-baked cakes from a member who was celebrating a very special birthday.



On Saturday 19th of July we provided tea and cakes at the Uley Brewery Festival held at the Sports Pavilion. We raised over £600 for our charity, the 'Big Space Appeal' at Cheltenham's oncology centre.

Feedback from customers was extremely good so, to those of you who provided such excellence in cake baking and customer service, well done!



In late August, we will have our traditional Summer Party and this time it will be an evening picnic in Matara's lovely grounds. Our talk for the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> September is 'Clipper – around the world yacht race'. Visitors welcome.

#### Puth Littlehales

For more information on Uley WI please contact our email address: <a href="mailto:secretary.uleywi@gmail.com">secretary.uleywi@gmail.com</a>. You can also follow us on Facebook at 'Uley WI'.

# Two guided historical walks

Thoss Shearer will be leading two guided historical walks this month, both open to all but which require prior booking:

The first, in aid of the Friends of St Giles's Church, is in **Woodchester Park on Saturday 20 September, starting at the Mansion at 2.15pm.** 

The walk will explore the principal historical features of the Park, including the "Italian Garden" in the light of recent research. Places are limited, so please book in advance with Thoss (thossshearer@gmail.com). Suggested minimum donation is £8 per person.

The second will explore North and South Woodchester, trying to reconstruct the 18th century landscape of mills and the grand houses and gardens of "gentlemen clothiers". The walk will start at

Frogmarsh Mill on Sunday 28
September at 10.30am. Again places are limited; tickets should be booked in advance on the Stroudwater
Textile Trust website (<a href="https://www.stroudtextiletrust.org.uk/stt-events/">https://www.stroudtextiletrust.org.uk/stt-events/</a>), price £7 per person (£5 for STT and Gloucestershire Gardens Trust members).

Both walks will take about 2 hours.



Coaley and Uley Climate Action Network are holding a

## REPAIR CAFE

On Sunday 28th September from 2 - 4pm

## at Uley Village Hall

This time:

## General repairs, Textile repairs, Simple Spectacle & Watch repairs Tool sharpening

Bring along your items for repair, for help, suggestions and guidance in making them sound again

Also:

## **Tea and Cakes**

Look out for further information on posters and fliers, or check out our website at www.cucan.org.uk

### All welcome!

## **Garden Notes**

What a summer.. the rolling heatwaves, the lack of significant rainfall and an all but absence of slugs, often munched plants have thrived

In the borders around the silt pond, Veratrum Nigrum (false hellebore) has sent up its dark stately stems. Known even in ancient times for its medicinal and highly poisonous properties by Pliny the Elder (circa 23AD), I have it set back into the border for safety. Despite its toxicity, it's spectacular, dark, moody presence has earned it an RHS AGM. Fully hardy, it enjoys a damp soil and protection from slugs early in the season.

However, I for one, will welcome the cooler temperatures of early autumn. Damp, misty mornings filled with cobwebs and sparkling seed heads. With bumper crops, harvesting and preserving for the winter nights keep us busy. Sloes seem to be good this year - do you wait for the first frost to pick or pop them in the freezer? Once collected then they should be pricked - this was traditionally done using a thorn from the blackthorn bush but a skewer is safer! Add half a bottle of gin and a decent serving of caster sugar, shake and leave for a few months for a nice digestif.

Strangely we have heard tawny owls calling all summer in the daytime, usually only starting in September. Being highly territorial I wonder if this is to defend its space against incomers, perhaps (since they seem to be breeding successfully in this wooded valley) even against their own offspring...

September is also the peak of the migration season with almost 5 billion birds leaving their breeding grounds in Europe and Asia to head south, overwintering mainly in sub-Saharan Africa. A journey for some of the tiniest birds that is a feat of unimaginable determination. Our gardens and countryside will be quieter till their exuberant return in Spring.

Section by section we have been cutting our little meadows. In August flocks of goldfinches rose as I passed by, feasting on the knapweed. The grass rustled with voles and above, the air was busy with butterflies and insect life, so mesmerising. But cut it we must. By going incrementally it allows the inhabitants time to shelter elsewhere. We leave the cuttings for a day or two to let the seeds fall before raking thoroughly off and scarifying. I will sow the yellow rattle seed where the grass

remains too strong. Now is time to assess the balance of plants and edit some of the more thuggish elements (knapweed!) and sow or plug in more subtle gems. Suitable bulbs can be added now if you don't intend it to return to lawn.

I'm sure I'm not alone in feeling the weight of suffering for those in Gaza. So when I saw a post by gardener, writer and plant consultant, Jonny Bruce announcing an impromptu pop up 'Plants for Peace' sale in Cirencester to raise funds for Gaza

there was no hesitation. Wonderful plants for the best cause. In talking to Jonny it appears his new nursery near Cirencester will be opening in Spring 2026. With his illustrious training and experience we will all be in for a horticultural treat

Embrace nature

Caroline

@awalledgarden

## **Cotswold Warden Guided Walks**

There are lots of guided local walks with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens happening each month. There is no need to book and there is no charge for joining the walks. However, there is a box for a voluntary contribution towards materials for our work on footpath maintenance.

Some of the upcoming local walks are:

### **Crickley Hill Country Park**

Friday 5th September | Start: 10am
Distance: 3 miles | Duration: 2 hours
Difficulty: basic fitness, unsurfaced paths, stile free
Address: Crickley Hill Country Park, Crickley Hill, Birdlip, Gloucester GL4 8JY
OS Grid Ref: SO929162 | What3Words: aboard.engrossed.lads
Public Toilets: Crickley Hill Cafe has public toilets,
which are normally open during cafe opening hours.
Travel Info: There is a £2.00 car parking charge.

More information can be obtained for wardens' walks throughout the Cotswolds from the website below. Walks are graded by difficulty and sorted by location. <a href="https://www.cotswolds-nl.org.uk/exploring/guided-routes/">https://www.cotswolds-nl.org.uk/exploring/guided-routes/</a>

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## **Uley Community Stores & Post Office Diary**

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

Wow, what a mess with all the road works!! It's affecting our end of our village big time. Thankfully we've been away for 4 weeks. But still!! I'm sure it's been affecting the shop and Post Office. Thanks so much for your loyal support as always.

Post Office: Offering good rates of exchange on foreign currency. Either you can pick up Euros from the Post Office or, for a better rate, order on line and collect from the Post Office. Also Post Office Travel Money Cards are becoming more popular. Come in and ask about them.

Are you ready for the Village Show Saturday September 13th. Schedules and entry forms are still available from the shop or download from Uley Community Stores website and the Uley Society website <a href="https://theuleysociety.co.uk">https://theuleysociety.co.uk</a>

Lots of local produce and flowers are in stock. Plus there are plenty of village donations of home grown fruit and flowers. Green beans especially! Well done and please keep them coming.

### **Shop Opening Hours**

Monday to Friday: 8am - 5.30pm Saturdays: 8am - 1 pm Sundays: 10am - 12pm

### **Post Office Opening Hours**

Monday to Friday: 9am – 5.30pm (Closed for lunch 1pm – 2pm) (Wednesdays closes 4.30pm) Saturdays: 9am – 12.30pm Sundays: Closed

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

Check our Facebook page and Website with up to date information for your Uley Community Stores.

Dami Davis





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#### **FOR SEPTEMBER**

#### **Godsells Cheese...**

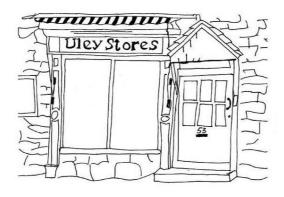
... is delivered on Fridays to the Village Shop, along with their delicious full-fat milk. The latter really does taste different but sells out quickly, so come in promptly to try it.

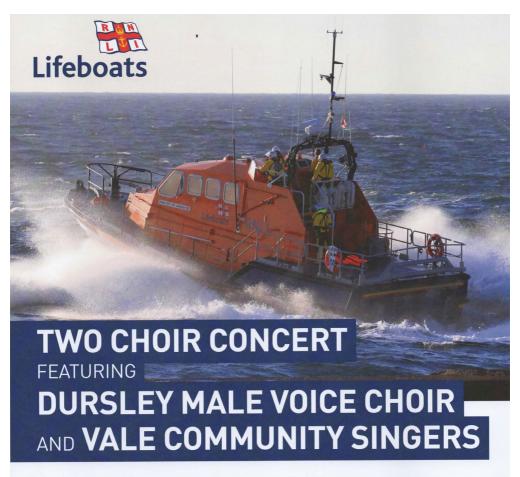
If you have a favourite Godsells cheese, we can always order it in for you. Just call 01453 861 592 on a Monday or Tuesday.

#### In the Post Office

You can choose Uley PO as a pick up point for your Amazon & DPD parcels.

Come in and ask Ailsa or Sadie for more details.





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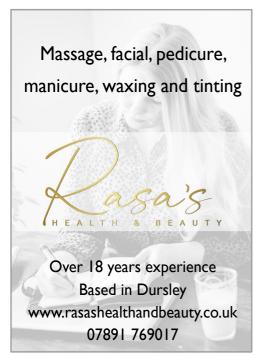
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## Walk (& Talk) for Longfield Hospice

Longfield Community Hospice's popular fundraising walk is back — and this year, the charity is putting talking at the heart of it.

This soul-enriching walk brings people together for fresh air and good conversation. This year, the hospice's counsellors will be walking the journey alongside Longfield supporters and the local community – just as they do with the patients they support through counselling services.

"This event is about more than fundraising," said Lena Pabreza, Senior Counselling Manager at Longfield. "It's about community, connection, and showing that people affected by a lifelimiting diagnosis or grief are not alone."

The walk starts from Longfield Hospice in Minchinhampton on Saturday 6
September 2025 from 3pm to 7pm.
Longfield are inviting people to bring along friends, family and even the dog for a relaxed walk across Minchinhampton and Rodborough Commons: breathtaking panoramic views guaranteed.

After everyone has got their steps in, there is a chance to return to the hospice grounds for live music, food, drink and garden games.

Those who wish to can donate or raise sponsorship on top of the registration fee to support the hospice's free services, which include expert palliative care, wellbeing therapies, bereavement support, and comfort for patients and families across Gloucestershire

Whether walking in memory of someone special or wanting to support the charity, everyone is welcome. Walkers do not need a connection to Longfield to join in. The walk is suitable for all ages and abilities, with a choice of 5 or 10k routes.

**Register your place today** to walk, talk, and make every step count for Longfield Community Hospice.

The registration fee is from £7.50 for adults and £5 for children with additional costs for food.

Walkers can sign up at: <a href="www.longfield.org.uk/walk">www.longfield.org.uk/walk</a> or call friendly fundraising team on 01453 886868.





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Churchwardens - Nikki Clarke and David Thomas

## Services in September 2025

## 7th September - Trinity 12

10am Parish Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

## 14th September - Trinity 13

10am Back to School Service at

St Giles, Uley

**6pm** Patronal Festival Evensong at

Holy Cross, Owlpen

## 21st September - Trinity 14

10am Parish Holy Communion at St Giles, Uley

28th September - Trinity 15

10am Benefice Holy Communion at St James, Dursley