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Welcome to Issue 10. Thanks to all our contributors and especially to our sponsors, Searle and Taylor. If you would like to sponsor a future issue, contact Chris Little at little537@btinternet.com. We would really welcome more contributors; copy for the next issue should be emailed to Cyn (01489860327) at cynandroy@btinternet.com by Fri 9th June. Photos to accompany articles are most welcome.

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The May Day Festival

Mon 1st May 2017 at Upham Rec 11:00 to 15:00ish

Please come and join us on the revival of Upham May Day Festival

Attractions in the arena
Fun Dog and Puppy shows
Twirlers
Band

Stalls
Cake Stand
Name the Teddy
Find the treasure
Teas & coffee
Bric-a-brac stall
Face painting
Children’s Races

Other Attractions
Bouncy Castle
Archery
Licensed Bar
Barbecue
Ice Creams

And various other attractions. If you or anyone you know would like to run a stall please contact Lorena Cunningham- 07585606903 or Rob Cunningham- 07801840066.
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Update from the Post Office

Paul Dawkins writes:
The Post Office is planning to re-start the postal service on the week of the 10th May. The counter will be open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Upham Parish Council

Ann Collins writes:
The Upham Emergency Plan is nearly complete and councillors are grateful for all the offers of help that have been forthcoming from residents in various capacities. Cllrs Flaherty and Armstrong will put the final details together and then Upham will be prepared if an emergency situation arises.

Upham now has three defibrillators for use in a cardiac emergency. When an ambulance is called they will give you directions to the nearest
defibrillator and will talk you through how to use it. One is sited on the wall of the Village Hall, one is sited outside of Upham Primary School and the other—hopefully by the time you read this article—will be sited on the outside of the Pavilion at Upham Recreation Ground. All defibrillators have a light so that you can see to put in the code which is given to you by the ambulance service when you telephone 999.

Problems with the safety and speed of traffic were an issue which was raised in the Our Village, Our Voice - Parish Plan for Upham. The Parish Council has agreed to invite a highways consultant to Upham to discuss ways of making our roads and lanes safer. It was agreed that, with Parish Councillors and the OVOV Traffic Group working together with a highways consultant, we might be able to achieve safer roads in the Upham area.

The new development at Torbay Farm is progressing well and the housing is going up quickly. Parish Councillors have requested plans for the highway in Sciviers Lane, the play area layout and the landscaping plan to be sent to them so that comments can be made. Potential residents for the affordable homes are getting in touch with Winchester City Council to make sure that they are on their housing list and are eligible for a home in Torbay Farm. It is important that these homes do get allocated to people with a connection to Upham as we were promised. Any potential resident who does meet the criteria and has a connection to Upham, but incurs problems, can get in touch with a Parish Councillor or the Clerk and discuss what the problem is.

A new memorial seat has kindly been donated to the recreation ground by a family who have visited Upham on many occasions over the years. They hope that many other visitors will have the benefit of resting on the seat when visiting Upham.

The ‘Spring Clean and Litter Pick’ organised by Cllr Flaherty on 4th April was very successful. Thank you to all those who participated and
helped to make our village a lovely place to live, work and play!

The next two Parish Council meetings are on Monday 24th April (the Annual Parish Assembly starting at 7.00 p.m.) and Monday 15th May. Both meetings will be in Upham Village Hall and all residents are welcome to attend.

**Village Clean-Up**

*Heather Flaherty writes:*

Many thanks to everyone who joined in the litter pick on Tuesday 4th April. The village is looking really clean and tidy as we enter the Easter break. It would be great if people could keep an eye out for litter dropped on the verges outside their houses, pick it up and dispose of it.

**Village Hall**

*Martin Danby writes:*

The committee have made good inroads into finding suitable people to assist us with the smooth functioning of the hall, following the retirement of those who have given us long standing service.

We have an external examiner for our end of year accounts in the person of Jason Foxwell from Totton.

Our new cleaner, Jane Soul, started with us early this month having come with good references from Cheriton Church and Hall where she has been working for a number of years. We hope things go well and that she remains with us for many years.

We received a great response to our request for someone to fill the position of booking agent for us. We needed to have a morning of interviewing and found all those who applied were eminently suitable. After much consideration, we asked Kate Mabey to undertake the role and she has accepted. Kate lives in Lower Upham and she and her husband have two children who attend the local schools. She will be ‘mentored’ by our current booking agent for a while and we anticipate she will be ‘in charge’ from May onwards. All the contact details will remain the same so please give her a call if you want to hire our great facilities.

We still need new committee members full of ideas to keep the hall functioning successfully. If you would like a challenge and to give something back to the community, then please contact me on 01489 860249 or mc.danby@btinternet.com. Committee meetings are held about every 6 weeks, so the commitment need not be all consuming.
Hopefully, you will see some changes in the hall soon, as we are having the floor sanded and sealed over Easter, with new curtains installed soon after that. The stage curtains are to be cleaned and re-fireproofed as part of our process of continual improvements. We would welcome comments and suggestions that would assist us in our running of the Hall. These can be passed on to any member of the committee prior to our regular meetings or at the meeting itself. The next meeting will be at 7 pm on 25th April at the hall.

**Church of the Blessed Mary**

*Gary Brown writes:*

Once again, the Church Fête will be held in the grounds of Upham House on Saturday, 24th June, by kind permission of Malcolm and Sarah LeMay. The gates open at 12 noon, with the official opening at 12.30 pm which will be performed this year by BBC South Today anchor, Sally Taylor. There will be the usual attractions, including the bottle stall, face painting, the beer tent and a Pimm’s tent. There will be the usual fun dog show, and children from Upham School dancing around the maypole. A wide selection of food will be available throughout the afternoon. What we all need to do is PRAY for better weather than we had last year! Please make sure that you put the date into your diaries — we really look forward to seeing you on the big day.

For those of you who don’t know, Blessed Mary supports Carrie Pither in her work with the African Inland Mission in Nairobi. Carrie is currently Acting General Manager of the AIM fleet of light aircraft which are used to support a number of missionaries throughout East Africa in their efforts to reach out to people who have thus far been unreached. Everyone at the church is looking forward to a fleeting visit by Carrie on Sunday, 9th July at 11am, when she will be giving us all a first-hand account of her life as a missionary.

**Spiritual, Gospel, Jazz Hymns come to Blessed Mary**

*Colin Russell writes:*

On the evening of Saturday October 14th, 2017, Blessed Mary will be putting on an evening of gospel/jazz/spiritual hymns. It will be a gripping, exhilarating show devised and presented by Chris Walker and Colin Larn, taking you back to the Spiritual Gospel roots of traditional jazz. The audience will be invited to join in the singing if they so wish. Colin Larn is a lifetime professional musician who has performed with many top stars including with Sir Cliff Richard on stage and television on his gospel tours of the UK and Africa. Chris Walker is a very well-known figure in the local jazz scene and regularly presents a jazz programme for Radio Solent.
Please put this date in your diary or calendar. We can promise you a
great evening of music, wine and nibbles! Tickets will be at £10 to in-
clude refreshments and will be advertised widely later in the year,
when they become available.

Upham Garden Club

Jane Ashe writes:

We have set up a very promising Monday evening programme for June,
thanks to lots of brave volunteer hosts, and everyone is welcome. After
the success of last year’s pub visit, we are aiming for the Shoe at Exton
for drinks and/or supper on our last evening. Any questions, please
e-mail Jane Ashe at janeashe42@yahoo.co.uk. or phone 860396. We look
forward to seeing you and the gardens. The programme is as follows:

June 5th

7 pm: Malcolm & Sarah le May, Upham House, Church Street
SO32 1JH. Entrance opposite the churchyard. Sarah says: “A large gar-
den featuring shrub borders, herbaceous borders and formal vegetable
garden. Currently in the course of reconstruction - either deliberately
or with the help of two exuberant young Labradors!”

8 pm: Helen Firth, Bank Cottage, Upham Street, SO32 1JD

Turn left as you come out of Upham House, Bank Cottage is on the left
further down Upham Street. Helen says: “The garden
was beautifully landscaped at one time but went a little
wild, so the past 3 years have been spent clearing out a
lot of growth to see what is hidden. All suggestions for
improvements and plants are very welcome.”

June 12th

7 pm: Penny Walker, Upham Farm, Upham Street, SO32 1JD

Entrance nearly opposite the start of Popes Lane, a little further up the
hill. There is parking in the courtyard. Penny says: “Established gar-
den with large borders of shrubs and perennials planted for colour
throughout the year. This together with a rose garden, productive
kitchen garden and a newly renovated lake, allow a pleasant wander.”

8 pm: Anne Watson, 2 Fir Tree Cottages, Queen Street, Upham

As you go up Upham Street, take the left fork at the signpost, 6th house
on the left. Park at the Rec. Anne says: “It’s a fairly plain garden but I
love it and the dogs certainly do! “

June 19th

7 pm: Cyn and Roy Kimble, Church Cottage, Church Street, SO32 1JH

Next to the Church. Cyn says: “Our garden has gently evolved over
forty years, through sandpits and soccer nets, the collapse of aged apple
trees, underpinning of the house and much more, and is now in gradual recovery from past neglect. What next? We will be seeking some advice.”

8 pm: Sue & Geoffrey Nockolds, Spencer Cottage, Upham Street SO32 1JD. Nearly opposite the school. Sue says: “An old garden, wilder than last time. It’s showing its age, with owners to match, who are trying to simplify maintenance!”

June 26th

7 pm: Liz Johnson, Little Westend Barn, Chidden, Hambledon PO7 4TE Please note, this is not in Hambledon! - look up the postcode online or contact Jane as above for more help. Liz says: “17 years ago, we demolished a breeze block barn and built our barn home. The garden was a field with three old apple trees and I’m still trying to improve it.”

8.15 pm Pub supper at the Shoe Inn, Shoe Lane, Exton
Phone the pub on 01489877 526 to book in for supper and say you are with Upham Garden Club.

Upham FC

Roger Cooper writes:

Our first team, under manager Dave Gray’s leadership, have maintained their excellent performance this season. However, their promotion hopes received a setback after consecutive 4-0 losses against their nearest rivals for promotion, Sway and Four Mark, and they are currently sitting in third place in the league table, having played 23, won 15, drawn 2 and lost 6.

Upham have bounced back from these defeats, drawing 1-1 at home with Michelmersh and Timsbury, with Kieran Shalloe scoring, and then beating AFC Petersfield away 1-0, with Maurice Stuart scoring the winning goal. We have just one remaining fixture this season, at home to Netley Central Sports on Saturday April 8. Tom Mackinder is currently second leading goal scorer in the division with 19 goals.

Upham Reserves, under the leadership of manager Chris Payne, completed another magnificent season, finishing as league champions and again maintaining their unbeaten run for the second season in a row, having played 14, won 11 and drawn 3. This now secures them promotion to the Southampton Senior or Premier Division for next season, another major milestone for the club. Upham Reserves completed their season with a 4-1 win at home to AFC Phoenix XI and
then drawing 2-2 away to Knightwood United in their last game with goals from Stuart Creese and Steve Allen.

Upham FC maintains a website containing all the above details at: http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/uphamfc/

We are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help both on match days and with the general organisation and running of the club, as there is a massive amount of work that goes on behind the scenes. Anyone interested should contact Roger Cooper (Upham FC Secretary) on 01489-783373 or 07925054873.

The Brushmaker’s

Nicky Roper writes:

Brunch is now being served every Saturday from 9.30am – 11.30am, a good way of putting a spring into your step for the weekend.

A Quiz takes place on the 1st Thursday of the month from 7.30pm onwards with teams of four people. You can either come as a team or join one on the night. A one-pot supper is available should you require brain food and inspiration or indeed if you are just hungry!

A Secret Dining Evening will take place on Saturday, 29th April. Five surprise courses with cocktail and canapes for £45 per head!

Upham Primary School

Sue Harris writes:

While science is obviously part of the National Curriculum, it is also seen by Upham Primary School as something vital for the children to understand and enthuse about, as it is so important in their everyday lives. Our science specialist, Mrs Bird, believes that it’s important to show that science can be fun to help engage the children in their quest for knowing more about the world around them. Every year she therefore organises a Science Day for the whole school. Not only does this give all the children a whole day to focus purely on science, it also gives children of all ages and abilities the opportunity to work together to help each other, as the whole school splits into small, multi-year groups.

Our Science Day this year took place in March. Each of our four classrooms had a different theme and experiment. The pupils were told their objective so that they could then discuss the best way to find the answers together. Working in small groups, the children were encouraged to follow their own lines of enquiry in addition to those suggested by the teachers.
The aim of Experiment A—conducted mainly outside—was to discover which washing up liquid produced the biggest bubbles—a lot of fun for all ages. Experiment B investigated the consistency of ketchup brands—a topic close to their hearts! The children discovered that, although the stickiest sauces were best for dipping into chips—vitally important—they can get stuck in the bottles! This linked well to recent research reported in the national press, in which scientists are developing a non-sticky sauce bottle to reduce waste.

In Experiment C, the children investigated the effect different liquids, such as washing liquids and baking powder, had on berry stains. Emphasis was placed on ensuring that each test was carried out under the same conditions to ensure the results were comparable.

Finally, Experiment D asked the question ‘Which is the fastest method to defrost an ice cube?’ This was made more exciting by the fact that each ice cube had treasure inside for the group to discover! They tried different methods, such as wrapping it in a warm fleece, lighting a candle under it, heating the cube in a microwave and putting grit on it.

The children all thoroughly enjoyed the day, all the more so as it was a change from the usual daily routine. Discovering scientific principles continues throughout the school year though: currently Class 4 are learning about electricity and drawing circuit diagrams which, as well as being fascinating, is helping to prepare them for secondary school.

**Upham Bandits**

*Lizzie Davidson writes*

We have packed a great amount into the last few months: many outings, different crafts and just chilling out on a Friday night. We took to the ski slopes in Southampton and had great fun hurtling down in inflatable rings! Our latest outing was to ‘Laser Tag’ which was thoroughly enjoyed! We are looking forward to getting back together after the Easter holidays and to getting outside more now that the weather has changed and the evenings are lighter! We have great fun on our Friday evenings, meeting with old friends, making new ones, chatting and trying out different activities.

**Stay and Play**
Lizzie Davidson writes:
We have had great fun on Wednesdays enjoying some new toys we have recently been given. We have also welcomed a couple of new members to our group and it has been a complete joy to see them grow over the last few weeks! There have been a few outings to the adventure barn this term and it has been great to play, learn and develop.
We are always ready to welcome new people to our group - 10am on Wednesdays in Blessed Mary Church.

The Village Pre-School
Claire Parry writes:
The children have been very busy taking part in lots of activities over the last couple of months. They started off by looking at Transport and the various ways in which we move around our local area and, indeed,
the world. They have made huge traffic lights and learnt all about road safety. They have raced cars down ramps and timed how long they take, using their developing maths skills to record the results. We moved from transport to look at space where we made the planets, and had a space station in the role play area. The children also