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Welcome to issue 18!

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The deadline for copy for the next issue is **Sun 2nd December** . All contributions, including photos, are most welcome—please send these to Cyn at cynandroy@btinternet.com. As well as factual articles, we'd also like to encourage opinion pieces on matters of local interest.

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What's On

Sat 13 th Oct 14.00	Rec	Upham 1sts v Hythe & Dibden
Mon 22nd Oct 19.30	Hall	Parish Council meeting
Sat 10 Nov 10.00 -15.30	Hall	World War One Exhibition
Sat 10 Nov 10.00	Rec	WW1 Football Match
Sat 10 Nov 19.30	Hall	Barn Dance, Supper and Bar
Sun 11 Nov 10.50	Church	Remembrance Service
Thurs 15 - Fri 16 Nov 8.30–16.00	Holm House	Ping & Lily Christmas Fair
Thurs 22–Sat 24 Nov 19.30	Hall	Upham Players 'Movies Can Be Murder' mystery dinner
Mon 26 Nov 19.30	Hall	Parish Council meeting
Tues 27 Nov 20.00	Hall	Garden Club 'Beetles in the Garden' by Alan Edmonson
Sun 16 Dec 18.30	Church	Carol Service

Eastleigh's Local Plan: what happens next?

David Ashe writes:

A big 'thank you' to all those who responded to the Eastleigh Borough Council (EBC) draft Local Plan in the summer. We have been really encouraged by the massive number of objections and by their breadth and quality. EBC refuses to publish them before the

last possible minute, but we know they include several statutory consultees such as the Environment Agency and Winchester City Council, both of whom declared Eastleigh's Plan unsound with very strongly worded objections. If you want to read the very professional and powerful case that ADD has been able to put together with your help, it is on the ADD website <http://add-eastleigh.org/2018/08/11/eastleighs-local-plan-we-can-definitely-win-this-battle/>.

Although things may appear to have gone quiet for the time being, your Parish Council and ADD are working hard behind the scenes for the next stages of this long-running saga.

So, what happens now? EBC has said it will submit its Plan (known as the Deposit Draft) to the Planning Inspectorate at the end of October. At the same time, it will have to publish all the representations it received during the summer consultation period, together with its reactions to these submissions. All the evidence suggests that EBC will have a real problem in addressing the shortcomings of its Plan, but that it will 'steam on' regardless of the evidence. ADD and its advisors, meanwhile, will be going through EBC's responses in detail. If the past is any guide, there are likely to be inconsistencies and distortions and it will be ADD's job to identify and highlight them.

Shortly after the Inspectorate receives the Deposit Draft, it will appoint a Planning Inspector to examine the enormous amount of evidence - the first time the Plan faces independent scrutiny. S/he is likely to hold a 'Pre Examination' meeting to determine what are the main contentious issues. There will then be an 'Examination in Public', probably in February/March. Upham PC, ADD and others who made representations and who asked to provide supplementary evidence at the examination, will do so. This is the crunch point, and it will determine success or failure. We will need the continued support of our planning, transport, environmental and legal advisers, including our QC, up to and during the examination. And it will cost money.

On the money front, last year ADD set the goal of raising £100,000 to fight these proposals as forcefully as possible. Thanks to many generous supporters, we have so far raised £65,000 - funds that were vital in enabling ADD to submit such a robust objection of Eastleigh's Plan in the summer.

ADD now needs a final £35,000 to allow us to finish the job. If you have not yet given to the cause, or feel able to give more, please do so. This is a community-wide campaign and we need every member of the community to contribute.

ADD's hard work over the last two years means we can - most definitely - win the struggle for a sensible Eastleigh plan. The next six months will be critical. Please, please do what you can to ensure we consign options B and C to the dustbin of history!

Upham Parish Council

Anne Collins writes:

The Parish Council is endeavouring to make the **junction of Mortimers Lane and Winchester Road** safer for everyone. Many accidents have occurred here and serious injuries sustained. The clerk has written to residents who live near the junction to ask for information on accidents: those which have been serious and required police, ambulance, etc., and less minor incidents which were not reported. The Council does not get involved in these accidents, so it is important that a record is kept in order to provide evidence to convince Hampshire County Council Highways that something does need to change to make this junction safer. **Your help is needed** - any information that you are able to send to us would be helpful. [For more details, see article on page 6]



Cllrs Dunford and Le May have been reporting regularly on the **World War One Commemorations** in November - see separate article below from John Edwards.

The **Playground Committee** are looking to replace the wigwams at the Recreation Ground with an alternative piece of equipment and would like ideas on what children would like to see in their place. It is also hoped to form a new playground committee of parents whose children use the Recreation Ground regularly. If you would be willing to help, either by doing weekly safety checks or helping to suggest a new piece of equipment, then please get in touch with Cllr Janet Dunford on 01489 860579.

The next two Parish Council meetings are on Monday 22nd October and Monday 26th November, both in Upham Village Hall - all residents are welcome to attend. Please note that there will be no meeting in December.

World War One Commemoration

John Edwards writes:

A small team of Upham residents are currently working to recreate some of the atmosphere and emotion felt by the people of Upham 100 years ago. Over the weekend of 10th/11th November the Armistice will be remembered in a series of events in the village.

Our group have been endeavouring to find out more about the backgrounds of the ten men whose names appear on the Memorial in the Church of the Blessed Mary. We have also taken six additional names from the Roll of Honour list in the church. This has presented us with a challenge; the names on the memorials all had links to Upham and we have been able to research backgrounds for some of the names.

However we have found very little information on some names, in particular *Emmett H* (Main Memorial) and *Harold Jay, William*

Gouger and Fredric Dyer (Roll of Honour). We would be so pleased if anyone could give us information on these names. Can you help?

We would also like to collect family memories or local folklore about lost servicemen who were part of the village community. On **Saturday 10th November** we are planning a small **exhibition** in the village hall which will illustrate day to day lives in 1918. If you have any artefacts from that time - clothing, World War One military items, photos, - we would love to be able to borrow them and put them on display. We will take great care of them and return them immediately after the weekend.

As well as the exhibition, on 10th November, we are planning a **football match** at 10am at the Recreation Ground, and a **Barn Dance**, with supper and bar, at 7.30 pm in the village hall.

On Sunday, 11th November there will be a **Remembrance Day Service** at 10.50am in the church, preceded by a **parade** from the pond to Church starting at 10.30am. For more information and offers of help, please contact: Janet Dunford: 860579, Ann Judd 860339 or John Edwards 860873, jce.upham@yahoo.co.uk ,

Highways

Heather Flaherty and Ashley Dukes write:

In our continuing endeavours to reduce the speed of traffic along the B2177 in Lower Upham, the Parish Council, with the help of the highways team from OVOV, have compiled a list of traffic calming measures that we will present to Hampshire County Council Highways Department. In the light of recent accidents at the junction of Mortimers Lane and the main road, we have been asked to compile a list of incidents in this area to help our discussions, as many have not been reported to the police and thus the junction is not regarded as a priority by the authorities. We therefore would be most grateful of any information, no matter how historic, people may have. Please email details to Uphamc@homecall.co.uk.

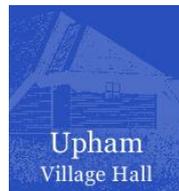
To report potholes online: go to Hantsweb and then to 'Report a Problem' and follow the instructions.

We hope you like the new and refurbished finger posts around the village.

Upham Village Hall

Martin Danby writes:

The Upham Village Hall AGM took place on September 3rd when the outgoing committee gave their annual report. We were disappointed that only two



members of the public attended but we thank them for their participation. We could put a positive spin on this and suggest the poor attendance reflects how well the committee is performing, which I think they are, but it would be helpful to have comments from the village, both positive and negative so that we have some feedback. Remember, every meeting is open to the public and dates of meetings are on the website

The committee lost three of its trustees this year: Jane Perrott, Sheryl Stokes and Justin Prince. Sheryl will continue as our treasurer for the time being. We are most grateful to all of them for their time, enthusiasm and contributions whilst on the committee. We had no nominations from the public to replace these trustees so we would be very keen to hear from anyone who would like to consider joining us.

The new committee who were elected at the meeting were: Martin Danby, Derek Pitter and Jane Gillen. Claire Parry from Pre-School and Roy Kimble from Upham Players joined them, being nominated by the user groups. Helen Firth, Sheryl Stokes and Claire Gregory will attend but have chosen not to be trustees.

Various improvements were made by landscapers, carpenters, plumbers and electricians throughout the year but the main difference was having the Hall redecorated over the summer. We hope this will prove attractive to users.

Once again, we are indebted to Derek Pitter for the time and effort he puts into looking after all aspects of the outside of the building and grounds, especially working to keep the carpark free of potholes which are a never-ending problem. We would be lost without him.

Claire Gregory has taken over from Kate Mabey as our booking agent from the beginning of September and we are indebted to both of them for the work they have done in organising the hirings for the Hall and ensuring the income we receive keeps pace with the inevitable outgoings. If anyone wishes to arrange a hire then Claire can be contacted by phone and email, as Kate was before. I would like to thank Helen Firth, Jane Perrott and Derek Pitter for undertaking the selection and interviewing of the four candidates we had for the position of booking agent.

Rachael Emery took over the cleaning duties for us in June and we would like to thank her for the great work she has been doing. We would like to thank all those who hired the Hall during the year, whether they were regular hirers or used the Hall infrequently. We hope you will all continue in the future to use the excellent facilities the Hall provides.

Finally as a reminder, if anyone wishes to consider joining us on the committee we would be pleased to talk to them. Please contact mc.danby@btinternet.com.

Upham Broadband - Update

Dermot Flaherty writes:

As I hope many of you know, Durley Exchange Cabinet 1 (the green box at the bottom of Upham St to which most households in Upham are connected) has been 'fibre-enabled' since the end of June. This means that by taking up a fibre broadband package from one of the providers, improved broadband speed for most households connected to Cabinet 1 will be available, and for those households close enough to the cabinet, Superfast speeds (defined as 24Mbps or higher) should be attainable.

We know that a number of you have taken out fibre broadband packages with various providers and we are interested in your experiences (speed actually achieved, reliability, etc.). If you would like to share these with us, please email uphambroadband@gmail.com.

You may remember that, back in December, we applied for a Community Match Funding (CMF) scheme to bring Superfast broadband to those of us who would not be able to get superfast speeds after Cabinet 1 goes live. (The households covered in this request are those connected to Cabinet 1 but too far away to get Superfast as well as those in Upham Parish not connected to Cabinet 1).

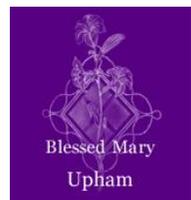
The CMF process has taken considerably longer than we were led to believe it would, but we are pleased to tell you that, at long last, we have received feedback from Hampshire County Council and Openreach. As a result, we are now engaged in weekly discussions with both of them to look at a number of options and associated costs and, while we are not currently in a position to present these to you all, we hope to be able to do so in the near future. If you have any questions about the CMF process, please email uphambroadband@gmail.com.

Church of the Blessed Mary, Upham

Rev James Hunt writes:

As you read this, we will have again just celebrated Harvest, enjoyed a **Harvest Lunch** in the village hall and given thanks for all those who work the land around the village - and we do say a huge thank you for all of you who help to make our countryside be such a wonderful place to live in for the benefit of us all. If you came to our service and lunch, we hope you enjoyed it as a good community and church occasion. If not, you would be welcome next year, so do put a date in the diary for the last Sunday of September.

Looking forward to services coming up, it would be lovely if you can support our **Remembrance Sunday service** on 11th November as we reflect on 100 years since the end of the 1st World War. Be-



yond November, you are welcome to join us for our **Carol Service** on 16th of December, Crib or Midnight service on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day service.



As well as our church services and activities, I would like to update you on the church building and our recent 'Archdeacons Visitation' - Archdeacons fly in like angels every now and again to check what is going on! We had an encouraging report and some extracts are below which I hope will interest you. A huge thank you to our wardens Colin and Jemima, Revd Jane Beloe and Simon Beloe and his team of helpers and many others who help to maintain our wonderful village church.

'The **exterior** of Blessed Mary is a particularly attractive in both style and setting and the churchwardens and wider church community are to be commended on the very evident high degree of care and attention with which the churchyard is maintained and which serves to set off the church to its full potential. Additionally, the external floodlighting for the church was updated in December 2014 with a slightly reduced number of energy efficient lamp lights which it is felt give a much better and more attractive illumination during winter evening months.

If anything, the **interior** is even better and more impressively presented than the exterior. The church really does feel like a sacred space for prayer and reflection, although it was very encouraging also that internally there were clear signs of relevant

and up-to-date worship, including pictorial aids on the wall that accompanied the church's current sermon preaching series. Generally, The Blessed Mary is a wonderful church that is very evidently loved and well used. It was particularly encouraging to hear of strong links with Upham School, who regularly come into the church for services, and also its engagement with the wider village community. The church is to be particularly commended for the way in which the fabric and also the life and witness of the church is maintained, given that they are a very small church community, but clearly with a great and impressive degree of dedication and commitment. As ever, it was an absolute delight to visit the Blessed Mary church which both internally and externally is wonderfully presented. The recent drainage works and installation of new soakaways further enhances the external aspect of the church, and once the current very dry weather has ended and the grass is able to grow back over these areas, the churchyard will once more be restored to its wonderfully attractive appearance.' With my thoughts and prayers over the autumn and winter months.

Alert!

Cyn Kimble writes:

In the last week in July, just after Upham School had broken up for the summer holiday, the caretaker came in one morning to find one of the large bins crammed with ten bags of clinical waste. It took well over a week for him and the School Admin Officer to find someone prepared to remove this waste; this, in that searing summer heatwave. So, keep an eye on your bins!

Upham Garden Club

Jenny Bird writes:

The lovely summer garden visits seem a long time ago now and so we are delighted that the autumn and winter talks are all fixed and starting soon. On 8 October, Ray Broughton returned. He was our first speaker last year too and gave a hugely popular, informative and interesting talk about pruning. So this year we asked him back to talk about 'Daffodils and Spring Flowering Bulbs'. This was good timing as we can still get planting after we heard his tips, tales and suggestions. The rest of the programme this year goes like this:

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| Tues 27 Nov | Alan Edmondson | 'Beetles in the Garden' |
| 22 Jan 2019 | Gillian Taylor | 'From Farmer's Field to Fruit and Flowers' |
| 4 March 2019 | Lesley Chamberlain | 'Container Gardening' |

All talks start at 8 p.m. and run an hour in the Committee Room of the village hall, £5 at the door. We look forward to seeing you there.

Upham Flower and Produce Show

Anita Parratt writes:

In spite of the long hot summer and many people still being away on holiday, the Upham Show was very successful again this year with almost as many entries as in 2017. The Village Hall was once again alive with colour, including some amazing flowers and floral displays, some very large marrows and one huge red pumpkin! All classes were well supported with the exception of Junior baking, so there is a gap next year for any ambitious young chef! The afternoon, with tea and cakes and presentation of trophies was great fun with many people joining us just to catch up with everyone after the Summer break.

[See photos on page 1—Ed]

Upham FC

Roger Cooper writes:

The pitch at the recreation ground has just about recovered from the ravages of the recent heatwave and severe lack of rain. Upham First team currently sit in 6th place in the League, having played 8, won 3 and lost 5 games. They started their new League season well with a 3-2 home win against Hedge End Rangers, followed by a 2-0 away win against AFC Petersfield. Form then deserted them, as they lost the next four league games, before bouncing back to beat league leaders Lyndhurst 3-1 away; but Lyndhurst then gained revenge by reversing the scoreline at home. Facility upgrades at the pitch are on-going and we hope to progress this further in the next few weeks.

Sadly, due to lack of players willing to commit themselves to Saturday football, we were left with no alternative but to withdraw Upham Reserves from the League for this season.

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 with the running of the club both on matchdays and with the general organisation as there is a massive amount of work that goes on behind the scenes. Anyone interested should contact me on 01489-783373 or 07925054873

Upham Players

Shelley Pitter writes:

Saturday 8th September saw the celebration of **40 years of Upham Players**. It was great to catch up with current and past members.

A fantastic photo montage put together by Chris Little and the old productions now all on dvd had everyone reminiscing and hooting with laughter. A quiz and a fish n chip



supper followed with homemade puds and a fantastic raffle with much appreciated prizes from local businesses in Bishops Waltham. Shelley and Derek were thanked for organising and hosting the party.

Rehearsals are now in full swing for our 40th Anniversary Dinner Theatre production, a Murder Mystery comedy, '**Movies Can Be Murder!**'. Lord Berrington is delighted when a film crew arrives to make a movie at Berrington Hall. However, it becomes clear that all the mishaps happening on set are no accident. Someone is trying to stop the filming but why? Is anybody safe? Will Detective Inspector Gough solve the crime and nab the culprit?

At the time of writing, Friday and Saturday are sold out but tickets are still available for Thursday 22nd November, at 7:30 at Upham Village Hall. Phone 01489 860342 or email uphamplayers@gmail.com to book, join in the fun and enjoy a 3 course meal. Tickets £20.00.

Upham Primary School

Sue Harris writes:

Last spring our reception class undertook a project on where our food comes from. They visited a dairy farm, looked at arable crops growing in the fields and then, for the highlight of their trip, watching a newly born lamb being licked by her mother. As you can imagine this led to lots of work at school - drawings, writing and reading all about farms, as well as playing with farmyard toys and tractors.

Mrs Mason, their teacher, was so proud of their work that she entered it into the Alresford Show, Representing Farming Competition, Infant School category. The class of 15 children were shortlisted and the judging panel came to talk to some of the pupils about their work. The class won first prize, beating off tough opposition from children 2 years older than them, as the judges were so impressed with their enthusiasm and engagement in the topic.



Alresford Show 1st Prize winners

This gives a brief insight into school life in reception class at Upham Primary School - if you are currently looking for a reception school place for your child the applications have to be in by 15th January. Please contact the school on 860355 to arrange a tour around the school with our headmaster David Woolley to find out more about daily life in our school.



Upham Bandits

Helen Greenslade writes:

With the summer holidays finished, Upham Bandits has started again. It was lovely to see some familiar faces and lots of new ones.

We have been using the Hall to play various games such as Basketball, table tennis and of course tag. The children are full of energy and engaging well with each other and with George, our Gold Duke of Edinburgh volunteer and Felix, our newest volunteer.

Tuck shop has been run by some of the older girls which they have enjoyed doing.

This term is the lead up to Christmas. In the New Year we would like someone to take on the administrative roles of the youth group and be the new lead. If anyone is interested in this, please contact me on 07746511852.

Upham Pre-School

Claire Parry writes:

The children have settled back into Pre-School after the summer break. A few new children have started and have all settled in really well, too. They are enjoying learning about Autumn at the moment and have been taking part in some lovely activities. We have been on bug hunts in the garden and even spotted the 'greater Upham blue bug' caught in a spider's web! [see photo]



We have been painting with twigs rather than brushes to see what different patterns we can make.

We have followed treasure maps in the garden to find more mini beasts and been on scavenger hunts to find wood, twigs and leaves to make special bug houses.

A visit to a local farm is planned where the children can learn about the harvest first hand. The children have also enjoyed taking part in 'MaracaJacks' sessions of singing and dancing.

Inside we are continuing with our maths and literacy groups where the older children are learning to write their own names with the younger children learning how to hold a pencil and make marks on paper. The younger children have also been learning 'Incy Wincy Spider' and as part of this learning they have made a wonderful 3D display [see back page].

We have a few spaces left so if you would like to learn more about our setting and what we do please give us a call on 01489 861330 to book a visit.

More Philanthropic Adventurers from Upham

Cyn Kimble reports:

Ed Hill and two friends from university have recently returned from an adventure, cycling the length of Africa, from Cairo to Cape Town. It's a journey of over 11,500kms, a distance greater than from London to Honolulu. It took them six months, passing through ten countries.

At the time of writing they have raised over \$66,400 for the Against Malaria Foundation. AMF is an incredible charity that simply distributes mosquito nets to those that live in high-risk malaria zones. was voted by Givewell, a charity-rating organisation, as the most effective at saving lives with the money they have. The boys were lucky enough to secure a corporate sponsor in Sumitomo, a Japanese chemical company that manufactures mosquito nets which, once the total had reached \$30,000, pledged to double all money raised.

The plan was hatched over a pint in a pub in Oxford. A year later, after finishing finals at university and working to earn enough money, the three boys and their bikes were on a plane bound for Cairo. From there they cycled south, following the Nile all the way through the Nubian Desert in Sudan to Khartoum. Then the journey continued east up into the Ethiopian Highlands. Through stunning mountains and jungle, dealing with the African rainy season and after finding themselves first hand witnesses to tribal conflict, they reached Kenya. On the journey south again, dodging more thunderstorms, the trio climbed Mount Kenya, getting very wet in the process, and sped on towards Tanzania. Next on the list was Malawi, followed by Zambia. After an impromptu bungee jump at Victoria Falls, they entered Botswana, famous for its roaming elephants. After some close calls and memorable face-to-face encounters with the elephants, they made it in one piece to Namibia and it's capital Windhoek. Only two short weeks of cycling remained before they rolled into Cape Town finishing their expedition, a little bit fitter, much leaner and with a great sense of achievement.

Throughout their journey, they were shown incredible hospitality wherever they went and this fantastic experience will be one they will never forget. It was made even more special by the amount of money that they were able to raise for AMF, which translates to over 34,000 mosquito nets. These are being shipped to southern Malawi where they will make a difference to thousands of vulnerable people's lives. If you would like to donate, the website is www.againstmalaria.com/africanorthtosouth.



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Pre-school display



Alresford Show winners



40 years of Upham Players—see www.uphamvillage.org.uk/upham-players