A photograph of a garden bed in winter. The ground is covered with patches of snow and fallen brown leaves. In the center, a cluster of snowdrops (Galanthus nivalis) is in full bloom, with several white flowers on green stems. The text "Upham Update Issue 20" is overlaid in the upper half of the image.

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Floral displays from Gillian Taylor's French garden (see p 10)



ADD Auction of promises (see p 3)

Welcome to issue 20!

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The deadline for copy for the next issue is **Sat 30th March** All contributions, including photos, are most welcome—please send these to Cyn at cynandroy@btinternet.com. Although the primary purpose of Upham Update is to keep the community informed of events and activities, we also welcome articles of general interest, or opinion pieces (see 'Yours Disgusted' in this issue!)

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What's On

Sat 9 Feb 14.00	Rec	Upham 1sts v Lyndhurst
Sat 16 Feb 14.00	Rec	Upham 1sts v Headley United
Mon 18 Feb 19.30	Hall	Broadband meeting
Mon 25 Feb 19.30	Hall	Parish Council meeting
Sat 2 March 19.00	Hall	Upham Players Quiz & Chips
Mon 4 March 20.00	Hall	Garden Club: Lesley Chamberlain on 'Container gardening'
Sun 17 March evg	Brushmakers	Irish band
Mon 25 March 19.30	Hall	Parish Council meeting
Tues 2 April	Village	Upham litter pick
Sun 21 April 14.30	Brushmakers	Pram race and Easter Egg hunt
Mon 29 April 19.00	Hall	Annual Parish Meeting

Broadband Update

David Ashe writes:

If you would like to know what is happening on the broadband front, come to a meeting on **18th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

At the public meeting in November 2017 we asked BT Openreach and Hampshire to put together a proposal for the whole of the parish to get superfast broadband, and not just those within a kilometre of the new cabinet by the Woodman. This would involve the community contributing to the cost of the new infrastructure.

It has been a frustrating 14 months since, but we now have an update for you, some of it good but requiring swift action on our part. We will be explaining where we have reached, and what we need to do, on the 18th.

Upham Litter Pick. Tuesday April 2nd

Gwyn Halsall writes:

Come along and help clean up litter around Upham. Litter sacks, gloves, litter pickers and high-vis tabards provided. Adults and children welcome (children under 14 will need to be supervised by an adult). You can do your litter pick on your chosen patch earlier or on the day. Please contact Gwyn Halsall as soon as possible on 01489 860258 or gwynhalsall@yahoo.co.uk for more information and to register for the area you would like to clean.

ADD update

David Ashe writes:

A big thank you to everybody who took part in the Auction of Promises on January 11th at Upham House (see photos on p 1).

The Upham ADD fundraising committee decided in December that rather than take the begging bowl around the village again to raise the money ADD needs, we wanted to offer a thank you to everyone who has already given so generously, and an opportunity to those who hadn't yet done so.

After some thorough and frenetic 'just in time' organisation behind the scenes we were ready with 45 awesome promises ranging from 'name a calf' to a week in a St Tropez villa. With half an hour to go a small army of cooks were spreading a field of canapes on every conceivable surface in the kitchen, the Upham youth catering team were ready behind the bar, the question was, would the punters come?

In the event around 100 people arrived to take part in the lucky dip and fill the room for some good 'crack' before the main event began.

The bidding was helped along by the silent auction in the first hour, with particularly keen interest in Mike Elliott's handyman skills. Some very enthusiastic bidding from all around the room ensued (In the words of one bidder 'if you can pronounce it Darren, I'll bid on it') which resulted in the auction raising the amazing total of somewhere above £22,000 (final results still coming in). This is a fantastic result for ADD, but it was also a very enjoyable evening for all, and a great village event.

Thanks to all those (of all ages) whose work beforehand and on the night made the evening such a success, and to all those of you who were so generous with their promises.

Especial thanks go to Sarah and Malcolm Lemay for hosting the

event and Darren Taylor for his persuasive and entertaining auctioneering. We're glad your voice made it through the evening! Truly Upham excelled itself on the night and the funds raised give ADD secure funding to take through the early stages (at least) of the Examination in Public (EiP) of the plan. Sadly we cannot with certainty say how much we will need to take us right through the EiP to a successful conclusion, and we have to bear in mind that Eastleigh have recently confessed to spending round £3million on the production of the plan so far.

We are currently waiting for the Inspector to lay out the programme and tell us which particular areas of the plan he has most concern about. This has been delayed by questions he been asking Eastleigh about their evidence.

Once he sets out the programme and gives us his list of questions we will have just six weeks to respond, so ADD are busy with the professional team doing what preparatory work we can ahead of receiving that list. This will give us the best possible preparation for putting the strong case for development north of Fair Oak to be taken out of the plan. We now anticipate the EiP itself starting in April or May, with the possibility that it will be run in two stages and stretching into the summer. We remain confident that this inspector, who has shown himself to be independent and fair minded, will give Eastleigh's poorly prepared plan the critical scrutiny it deserves, and which Eastleigh's own Councillors have not given it.

Safari Supper

Nicola Hills and Sarah Tice write:

This year's Safari Supper was held on Saturday 2nd Feb and a record number of villagers took part. Over a hundred of us shuttled to and fro, enjoying delicious starters and main courses at a variety of houses throughout Upham. Huge thanks to everyone who hosted a course - it's very kind of you as not only do you have to prepare food for a variety of dietary requirements but of course, aside from the number of guests, you have absolutely no idea who is actually going to turn up on your doorstep! We all met up for the final course of puddings and cheese at William and Sarah Tice's house and exchanged stories of where we'd been, who we'd met and what we'd been up to since the Safari Supper last year. We also passed round a bowl for donations to a local youth charity called Street Reach and raised just over a whopping £700! Thank you very much indeed - they will be absolutely thrilled. Thanks again to everyone who took part because it's events like this that help make Upham such a wonderful place to live - looking forward to seeing you again next year!

Upham Parish Council

Anne Collins writes:

Commencing on Wednesday 20th February, 2019

there will be a **new one day a week bus service** from Eastleigh via Fair Oak and Lower Upham to Bishops Waltham, the Meon Valley and Petersfield.

Concessionary travel is accepted on the X17 route and it is hoped that this new service will be of interest to residents as an alternative bus service for visiting the Meon Valley and Petersfield. If you would like further details of the new service then please telephone 02380 644715.

The **Broadband Working Group** are continuing to hold meetings with various officers to discuss the best way to provide a better broadband service for Upham residents. It is hoped that with all the recent publicity, the issue will get a higher profile and achieve the results that we require. [See public meeting on 18th February]

Upham Parish Council representatives and Roy Kimble from OVOV have held a positive meeting with Hampshire Highways and it is hoped that a scheme will be forthcoming to try to make the Winchester Road and Mortimers Lane junction more and encourage people to drive more slowly through this area of Upham.

Cllr Dunford is still looking for volunteers to form a new **Play-ground Committee**. It is hoped that residents who have children who use the Play Area at Upham Recreation Ground will contact her and join this Committee. A new piece of equipment to replace the wigwams needs to be decided, so it is important to install something that the youngsters of the village will enjoy using. If any resident is interested in helping with the Play Area, then please get in touch with Cllr Dunford on 01489 860579.

The **Elections** for Upham Parish Council will take place on **Thursday 2nd May, 2019** (see below).

David Ashe writes:

Upham Parish Council has six Councillors, supported by a very experienced and efficient clerk. Each Councillor stands for a four-year term and this ends in May this year. Several Councillors will be standing down so there will be vacancies.

We are just volunteers giving of our free time and our direct powers are limited- we look after the recreation ground and village pond (and hopefully soon the green at Torbay Farm). We have a part time 'lengthsman' who does some of the more minor jobs around our lanes which the County Highways no longer look after, and we look after the village website.

Much of our work is being the 'voice of Upham', 'nudging' the local authorities who actually run things (Winchester, Hampshire, The National Park), and nurturing local initiatives such as the



very successful Armistice Day Commemoration weekend held in November last year. A few years back we sponsored the development of the Parish Plan, and we are working to deliver the objectives it set out, to preserve and enhance Upham's qualities as a very special place and exceptional community. A regular part of our work is commenting on planning applications from the community's perspective.

Some of the things we have been working on recently include ADD and a better Broadband (see elsewhere in this issue). After a long time working behind the scenes we are hopeful that we will soon be able to help create some improvements along the Winchester Road, and we are looking at modernising the website.

Our decisions are taken at the Parish Council meeting held 10 times a year on a Monday evening (last in the month). Anne Collins, our Clerk, does the 'heavy lifting' of administration very capably, but there are some meetings to represent Upham's interests at other times, and a good deal of our day-to-day liaison is done via email. At times the role can be frustrating (what isn't?) but making a positive difference can be very rewarding.

If you are interested in 'giving something back' and helping with our work, contact our clerk on uphamparishcouncil@gmail.com.

If you'd like a chat with one of our current councillors, who are David Ashe, Ashley Dukes, Janet Dunford, Heather Flaherty, Gwyn Halsall, and Sarah Le May, we'd be delighted to talk to you about what's involved.

Upham Players

Shelley Pitter writes:

Upham Players are hosting a **Quiz and Chips Night** at Upham Village Hall on Saturday 2nd March.

Starting at 7pm - maximum of 8 per team, make up or join a team on the night!

Price - £8.50 adults, £6 children Food options - Fish and Chips or Veggie burger and Chips Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. There will be a raffle during the evening.

To book a place and order your food, please contact Mo Peters, either on Facebook or via email: mo.peters8@hotmail.com.

We hope to see you there!

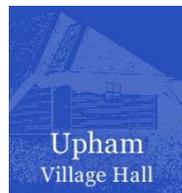


Upham Village Hall

Roy Kimble, Trustee, writes:

The beginning of the year has been very busy at the Village Hall. New hirers have been introduced and they, together with existing hirers, have created near to maximum weekly usage.

A number of licences and insurances have had to be reviewed and renewed as well as checks on the safeguarding policies and insur-



ances held by regular hirers. Audits have also been undertaken on Fire Risk and Health and Safety. Short term maintenance continues, together with more major work examining the heating system and the car-park.

The trustees of the Hall are always looking for more people to help maintain this important Village amenity. If you can help in any way, please contact the Chairman, Martin Danby. (mc.danby@btinternet.com)

The Brushmakers' Arms

Nicky and Reece write:

We would like to announce that we are regional finalists (South East) for a Rural Oscar from the Countryside Alliance. We would like to say a very big thank you to all the villagers of Upham who voted for us to get this far! We were very touched by all the local support. Judges will be coming in early spring, so we might call on everyone for some support once we know dates, so that as many people as possible can be here! Next stop, House of Lords to get our prize!



We'd also like to find out whether any villagers would be interested in a Pram Race around the Triangle (Shoe Lane/Queen Street/Church Street) on Easter Sunday. Any contraption with wheels can enter. We thought it would be a good fun family activity. I am going to ask all those who live in the triangle if they would mind hiding Easter Eggs in their front borders to be collected on the way! So Easter Sunday Pram Race/Easter Egg hunt! What do you think?

Everyone who wants to enter can enter at the pub and we will start the race at 2.30pm Easter Sunday afternoon.

Please ring for details (01489 860231) There will also be information on the blackboard outside the pub.

On St Patricks Day, Sunday, March 17th, we will be hosting an Irish Band—watch out for further details.

'Disgusted' of Upham

Cyn Kimble writes:

I have been disgusted and saddened by two situations, one at each end of our village, which I have become aware of this week. In Roger Cooper's Upham FC report (see page 8), he expresses concern that the referee of the last match had to stop the game so that dog mess could be cleared away. The volunteers who maintain and monitor the children's play area regularly clear dog mess from the grass and sometimes the equipment. This is totally unacceptable. For years we have had notices on the Recreation Ground asking for dogs to be kept on leads and for owners to clear their dog's mess into the bins provided yet we still have

footballers and young children running round in dog mess.

Then I discovered that the Pre-school staff have been finding broken glass from beer bottles around the Village Hall since new year and have regularly picked up glass in both the front and back gardens where the children have their outdoor activities, as well as in the car park. Again, this is totally unacceptable.

These two amenities, the Recreation Ground and the Village Hall were established by and are maintained voluntarily by villagers for the benefit and enjoyment of people from Upham and beyond; the Parish Plan questionnaire showed them to be highly valued. So, what can we do to protect them? Direct confrontation with perpetrators if we should witness them may be a step too far for some people; however, we could take pictures with our phones, perhaps pictures of their vehicles or a record of registration numbers. Any incidents witnessed should be reported to the Clerk to the Parish Council, Anne Collins (01489 860236) or the Village Hall Chairman, Martin Danby (mc.danby@btinternet.com) for further investigation.

‘Delighted’ of Upham

Cyn Kimble writes:

On the other hand, each year as Christmas Day nears, I look forward to a delightful Carol Singing visit from a group of young people who use their beautiful voices to raise funds for charities and give villagers great pleasure at the same time. Their charities are chosen with care and house holders are always handed an information sheet about the chosen recipient. This Christmas I was not disappointed: Daisy and Josh Taylor, Tessa and Roisin Oliver again sang beautifully and raised £225 for the Meon Valley Food Bank. So big thanks to them from those of us who heard them and even bigger thanks from those who will benefit from the work of the Food Bank.

Upham FC

Roger Cooper writes:

Upham First team currently sit in 7th place in the League, having played 16, won 4, drawn 1 and lost 11. Recent League games saw them lose 8-1 away to Hedge End Rangers, Tremayne Moore scoring Upham’s consolation goal, and then a much improved performance saw them lose narrowly 1-0 at home to second placed South Wonston Swifts. This was followed up by an even better 3-1 win away to Netley Central Sports with goals from Marshall Gordon(2) and Inaki Maneru. Following their notable 2-0 win over Christchurch Reserves in Round 2 in the Hampshire Intermediate Cup, they were unable to repeat this feat and lost 5-1 in round 3 to Colden Common First team.

Facility upgrades at the pitch are now largely complete but one



rather worrying item of concern reported by the referee at our last home game, was the unacceptable amount of dog mess encountered on the pitch. The game had to be stopped several times whilst this mess was cleared. This situation seems to have deteriorated over recent weeks, so I would encourage all dog walkers to use the facilities provided at the recreation ground to clear up dog mess behind them.

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 (Upham FC Secretary) on 01489-783373 or 07925054873

Upham School

Sue Harris writes:

Our Chair of Governors, Gwyn Halsall, who served on the governing body for more than 20 years, including 14 years as the Chairperson, has recently retired. Gwyn steered the school through numerous inspections, both Ofsted and SIAMS (the Church Inspection), for all of which we have achieved a rating of Good or above and in which the governing body has been praised in the report for its close working relationship with the school, especially the support and guidance it offers. She has guided the governors through many staffing appointments, including the recruitment of a head teacher, Mr Woolley, and supported him appointing new members of his team.

As reported on the news, school budgets have been challenging over recent years and this is especially true in a small school where 1 pupil makes a big difference financially; Gwyn led us through these difficult times, reducing costs as necessary but ensuring there wasn't any impact on the children's education.

She has been a regular visitor to the school, attending all the productions, events and a number of assemblies, along with reviewing the children's work to ensure the school is performing to the high standards it desires to. She even became Lady Sugar for a number of years when class 4 created and designed their own products, and her 'You're fired' was very realistic!

The amount of her own precious time she has given to the school behind the scenes over the years has been aspirational, both in terms of meetings (there are lots!) which she chaired with humour as well as a strict eye on timekeeping (very important!), and supporting the Head teacher and staff.



A member of staff commented

'She has always been at the end of the phone or email whenever we have needed her and steered us through some challenging times. Her knowledge and understanding is second to none and her empathy with others very special'.

We are equally as fortunate with our new Chair of Governors, Vicky Gardner, but will all miss Gwyn's wealth of experience and are extremely grateful to her for all she has done for our school.

Upham Garden Club

Jenny Bird writes:

On 22nd January, we were delighted to hear Gillian Taylor (aka Gillian, the vet) talk about the amazing achievement she and her husband, Paul, have made in creating a stunning garden from scratch in the Mayenne, France. They bought a field there and over only a few years have taken it from dead maize stalks to a very special symmetrically designed garden. Paul, a very skilled designer and carpenter, drew up a rectangular layout and built a gorgeous pavilion for shade at the centre. Every part of the garden is designed, created and planted by the two of them and it was fascinating to see the before, along the years, and after photos. They have planted around 1,500 trees and shrubs and numerous glorious roses and perennials cunningly chosen to need little attention in the periods the Taylors can't be in France (see photos on page 1). A capacity audience left impressed by their vision and skill and amazed by their stamina, not to say envious of the lovely results of all their hard work. The final talk of the winter season is on 4 March at 8pm when Lesley Chamberlain will talk about Container Gardening. Just in time for us to start those lovely spring displays. Entry £5 at the door. See you there!

Upham Pre-school

Claire Parry writes:

The children finished off last term by performing their Christmas Play called 'Christmas Counts', which included lots of counting practice! We had a Christmas party on the last day of term and all of the children were very excited to watch 'Magic Jack' and when Father Christmas made an appearance (see photo overleaf). We actually heard him land his sleigh on the roof of the village hall!

We have started this term with the children looking at the 'weather'. They have been really interested in how the weather has changed, almost every day! The children have been going outside into the garden and feeling the weather on their faces and telling us what they can feel, using some lovely descriptive language. They particularly enjoyed the fog and when they

came back inside wanted to make a foggy day picture (see photo overleaf).

In our role play area the children have been selling and buying vegetables and fruit and talking about how important it is to eat plenty of fruit and vegetables. We have undertaken some great science experiments that have involved exploding liquids, mixing colours and making a lot of mess!

Our new construction club on Thursday from 3pm - 4pm has proved very popular and the children have enjoyed building with Duplo and Lego bricks making lots of structures independently and working with an adult and their friends to follow instructions to make up some specific kits.

The children have been fascinated by the mini beasts that have appeared in the garden we have found spiders and worms so far. We have therefore changed our planning to enhance this interest and over the next few weeks will be looking at Mini Beasts, as well as celebrating Chinese New Year and Valentines Day.

