A photograph of a dirt path winding through a dense forest. The path is made of brown earth and is flanked by vibrant green foliage and trees. Sunlight filters through the canopy, creating dappled light on the path. The overall scene is bright and natural.

Upham Update Issue 21

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Welcome to issue 21!

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If you would be willing to sponsor a future issue, please contact Chris Little at little537@btinternet.com. The deadline for copy for the next issue is **Sat 1st June**. All contributions, including photos, are most welcome—please send these to Cyn at cynandroy@btinternet.com. As we have limited space, please try to keep your contributions concise. We also welcome opinion pieces on issues of local interest.

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What's On

Sat 6 April 19.30	Brushmakers	Cornish band
Sat 7 April 16.00	Brushmakers	Cornish band
Sun 14 April 10.50	Pond	Procession to ...
Sun 14 April 11.00	Church	Palm Sunday Service
Fri 19 April 12.00	Church	Good Friday Service
Sun 21 April 11.00	Church	Easter Sunday Service
Sun 21 April 16.00	Brushmakers	Pram race, Easter egg hunt
Mon 29 April 19.00	Hall	Annual Parish Meeting
Mon 29 April 19.30	Hall	Upham Players AGM
Wed 8 May 12.00	Upham Place	Community lunch
Mon 20 May 19.30	Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Mon 20 May 20.00	Hall	Neighbourhood Watch AGM
Mon 3 June		Garden visits start
Sat 22 June 12.00	Manor House	Church Fete
Mon 24 June 19.30	Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Wed 3 July 12.00	Upham Place	Community lunch
Sat 7 Sept	Hall	Autumn Flower& Produce show

Village Notice Boards

Chris Little writes:

We would like to invite local businesses to advertise on these using small business cards. If you have a card or notice you would like to post email them to little537@btinternet.com.

Broadband Update

David Ashe writes:

BT Openreach and HCC have given us a figure of £57,000 to raise as a contribution if we are to have an ultrafast (Fibre to the home) network providing broadband speeds in excess of 100mB/sec for the upper part of the village (from Popes Lane upwards) which does not achieve superfast speeds from the cabinet. Following the enthusiastic backing of the public meeting and a great number of personal commitments to contribute, the Upham Community Broadband Group have advised Hampshire that we are ready to proceed. NB this is NOT a Parish Council project: it does not benefit all our residents, and the PC is not allowed to contribute if the County Council are also doing so.

By the time you read this we will be committed to providing our contribution by the end of April. Given that all contributions are confidential we are 'flying blind' here but are confident that we can achieve our target. The network should be installed within a year.

Unfortunately, this does nothing for the outlying parts of the Parish (Woodcote, Bigpath and around the Corhampton Road) but we are hopeful that a further infrastructure rollout can be arranged via the Governments Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme (GBVS) which is being upgraded in late April. The GBVS should also enable those who are currently getting superfast broadband from the cabinet, but want higher speeds, to connect to the new network when it goes past their door.

ADD Update on the Eastleigh local plan

David Ashe writes:

The previous inspector has been replaced as he would have a timetable clash owing to the Eastleigh plan being delayed for lack of preparedness. The new inspector, Christa Masters, has been reading herself in to the large volume of paperwork and on March 20th sent Eastleigh a letter requiring them to provide further significant information which they should have provided at the time of the consultation last summer. She has also pointed out that they did not correctly consult on some of the specific sites in the plan and they will have to re-consult on these. She will not issue her timetable for the examination until she has the results of these consultations. This pushes the date for the examination further out, very possibly until after August. In the meantime, ADD have been putting together further evidence to demonstrate the flaws in Eastleigh's argument for B and C. We have been lucky to be able to call on internationally recognised experts in their fields to help us in our task.

It is tempting to suggest that Eastleigh Council's continuing failure to do what it should, when it is supposed to do it, means that the inspector could simply throw out the local plan for Eastleigh's failures of process. However, this may not be in the long term interests of those of us who oppose their plan because it fails properly to consider the obvious and best site for Eastleigh's new housing, on Allington Lane. Eastleigh could take a rejection of the plan, do the process a bit better and come back with the same deeply flawed conclusion.

We would like the Inspector both to reject the plan and make it clear that Eastleigh should have properly assessed both Allington Lane and Options B/C, before rushing to what has so obviously been the wrong

answer. That will be the best way to put to bed for the foreseeable future Eastleigh's wrongheaded, evidence-free and poorly argued attempt to put 4,300 homes between Mortimers Lane and Crowd Hill, and a further 1,000 homes north of Bishopstoke.

Upham Parish Council

Anne Collins writes:

We are very sad to report the death of Heather Flaherty, a hard-working and well-respected Parish Councillor. Her enthusiasm and energy whilst working on the Village Litter Pick, Emergency Plan for Upham and Highways issues was much appreciated. Heather was always happy to fulfil any role that was required of her and she will leave a huge void in our community. I am sure that many of you will join with Parish Councillors in sending our sincere sympathies to Dermot, Joe and Tom. [A full tribute to Heather will be published in the next issue—Eds]



The **Broadband Working Group** are now in the process of signing the contract to obtain ultra fast broadband to Upham (see separate report). A Working Party for **Slash Pond** has been set up under the leadership of Paul Swanwick. The group has cleared out the pond and are hoping to plant and fence around it. HCC will repair the white railings. Parish Councillors would like to thank this working group for all their time and effort in making Slash Pond a more attractive feature on Upham Street.

The PC has continued to progress **highways improvements** along the Winchester Road and Mortimers Lane junction. Meetings on site have been held with Hampshire Highways with some positive response to ideas suggested. A Speed Indicator sign has been purchased which will collect data on speed of traffic and number of vehicles. Location points will be agreed with HCC Highways.

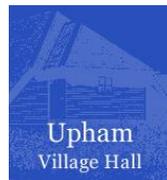
Cllr Dunford is still looking for volunteers to form a new **Playground Committee**. The wigwams are delapidated and we are looking to replace them with a new piece of equipment. It is hoped that the new committee will suggest something that would be attractive to youngsters as a replacement for the wigwams. If you are interested in helping then please get in touch with Cllr Dunford on 01489 860579.

The **Annual Parish Meeting** at 7 p.m. on Mon 29 April will be the last Parish Council meeting for present Councillors.

Upham Village Hall

Martin Danby writes:

Can you give a couple of hours of your week for the benefit of the village without moving from the comfort of your home? Sheryl Stokes has been a very successful treasurer of the Village Hall for the last two years but now wishes for another to take over the position. Working closely with the booking agent and the chairman, this person will collate the invoices, set them up with the bank for authorisation and update the spreadsheet with the entries, as well as engaging actively in the affairs of the hall. We meet eight times a year for about 2 hours and have a steady flow of emails between us in the interim. **We are in urgent need of new committee members** as there are only five of us at present when there have been ten in the recent past. **Please give this careful consid-**



eration and if it sparks your interest please contact me at mc.danby@btinternet.com or 01489 860249.

We are sorry to be losing our cleaner Rachel Emery who, owing to some recent poor health, has found the job of cleaning the hall to be too much for her. We are pleased, however, to confirm the appointment of Sylvia and Bogdan Bieganski as Rachel's replacement.

From time to time we are asked if our car park can be used to site a variety of charity and recycling bins. Whilst we support the aims of the organisations, we have resisted these requests. Our reasons are three-fold: we do not wish to attract further traffic to the site as the building is used every day as a pre-school; a certain amount of rubbish is attracted to recycling sites and we do not have anyone to monitor the situation; the condition of the car park can only deteriorate further with greater use and, after discussions with a consulting engineer, we are hoping to make considerable improvements this summer.

During an annual inspection, it was recommended that we install an additional fire extinguisher in the loft/storage area above the corridor and that emergency lights be installed in the electrical cupboard and the lighting box at the end of the hall. This work has been completed. It was also recommended that to maintain the condition of the floor in the hall we apply a fresh coat of seal every two years. We have arranged for this to be done on Good Friday and for **no activities to take place on the floor for three days thereafter.**

If anyone has any comments on the above please contact me.

OVOV (Parish Plan) update

Gwyn Halsall writes:

Volunteers who helped with the 2014 Parish Plan recently met with the PC to discuss progress on the projects detailed below.

Roads and Traffic. The PC has bought a flashing speed detector which will be used in different parts of the village to monitor traffic speed. Discussions are ongoing with HCC and SDNP to progress changes in signage and other speed control measures. 'Unsuitable for heavy traffic' signs have been installed at various village entry points.

Community. Communication throughout the village has improved enormously, with Upham Update hand-delivered to every house in the village, commshub@village.org.uk email address (email to sign up), noticeboards, a facebook page and the village website (uphamvillage.org.uk)

Broadband. There has been improvement in BB speed for some of those living close enough to the 'box' on Winchester Rd. There is now also a new project, jointly funded by residents and HCC, which should provide superfast BB to another 110 properties.

Other issues discussed included the success of village events (e.g. WW1 commemoration, Flower and Produce), the problem of dog waste especially on the recreation ground, litter picking and recycling - new kerbside glass collection in the autumn.

Neighbourhood Watch

Tim Garlick writes:

The Upham Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) scheme supports us by sharing information about local security to help keep



ourselves, neighbours and property safe. Fortunately, crime and anti-social behaviour in our region is pleasingly very low but we are continually reminded to be vigilant both in the real world and also in cyberspace (internet scams etc); our security and well-being are precious and cannot be taken for granted. Our NHW scheme is implemented via a network of local representatives who, in turn, link to me as your village co-ordinator (tngarlick@gmail.com). We are part of the NHW national network and the Winchester and East Hants NHW Scheme; as such, we are alerted to issues that may affect our community. These updates are passed on to residents who have joined the NHW network predominantly via email. The scheme also enables residents to communicate with their neighbours in a safe manner on immediate local issues such as suspect vehicles being spotted in the neighbourhood, lost/found pets etc.

If you would like to join the NHW network to receive this information then please email me or phone on 07881 388658. A further opportunity to engage is approaching as the Upham NHW scheme will be holding its AGM at the Village Hall from 8pm to 9pm on Monday, 20th May, 2019. Whatever your level of interest, you'd be most welcome to come along and hear what NHW has to offer.

Our village, our environment, our world.

Jenny Bird writes:

Many of you will have read the findings of the IPPC report which says, among other terrifying things, 'Every extra bit of warming matters, especially since warming of 1.5^o C or higher increases the risk associated with long-lasting or irreversible changes, such as the loss of some ecosystems.' We've all seen the concern of the school children asking us to work to stop climate change and protect their future and the future of so many species on the Earth. It would be easy to think we can't do much, but we can all do something. Here are some things we could do right here, right now:

- Urge local landowners to stop using pesticides and fertilisers which remove pollinating insects and bird populations from the fields.
- Garden green ourselves.
- Eat local produce supplied in paper bags.
- Lift share.
- Recycle, re-use, restore, renovate.
- Compost.
- Forever refuse all one-use plastic!

And if we were bold and collaborative...

Could we make a village vegetable garden? Is there a field near the middle of the village which someone would offer? Could lots of us give 1 hour a week to grow veg with no air miles which would benefit all of us as well as the environment?

Protect Upham's Dark skies!

Gwyn Halsall writes:

One of the joys of living in Upham is that we are able to see the night skies. If you look south at night, you can see the glow over Southampton. If you live there you can't see the stars at night. Light pollution is

an increasing problem across the country.

In May 2016, South Downs National Park (SDNP) became the world's newest International Dark Sky Reserve (IDSR), named in honour of the area resident and native son, Sir Patrick Moore. Properly dark skies in the South East of England are rare and under threat.

The SDNP is the second IDSR in England and one of only thirteen in the world. The SDNP Authority uses its planning role to protect the dark skies above as well as the landscape on the ground. Its Local Plan includes specific lighting requirements that developers will need to meet. Stargazing is best before a full moon. Lie on a blanket and have access to a compass or use the one on your smart phone. Download a star gazing app to help you identify constellations and stars.

To comply with Dark Sky standards, local lighting authorities are gradually replacing the 2700 streetlights in the National Park. We are lucky to only have three street lights in Upham - two on the Winchester road and one at the bottom of Upham Street. Seeing the clear sky over Upham on those cold frosty winter nights is beautiful: we get to see planets, stars, constellations, the Milky Way, shooting stars, satellites, moths and bats. But we can only see them when it's dark. If you need night lighting do consider using motion sensitive lights rather than permanent lighting. Please protect the Dark Skies above our special village!

Church of the Blessed Mary

Gary Brown writes:

Easter is by far the biggest week in the Christian calendar, during which we remember that God sent his only son to die for our sins on a cross at Calvary. Sometimes it's very difficult to understand the whole story and many Christians struggle to comprehend such a grave situation, safe only in the belief that Jesus died on that cross to save our souls. What Christians also believe is that Jesus was resurrected three days after the crucifixion; this signifies the new life that we see at this time of year with trees and plants coming back to life, lambs gambolling in the fields and even the eponymous Easter eggs meaning new life at this time. There will be the usual services at the Blessed Mary church Upham. Firstly, on 14th April at 10.50am there will be a **procession** from the pond to the church for the **Palm Sunday Service**. Then at noon on Good Friday there will be a very reflective service which will, in the main, be conducted in silence. Easter Sunday sees the main service starting at 11.00am. This will be a very lively, colourful and joyous experience to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In the lead up to Easter, a few **Lent lunches** have been held at the home of Jane and Graham Perrott at Upham Place. These were very well attended and everyone has enjoyed soup and bread and the opportunity to have a good chat. As a result of this, there will be another couple of community lunches, the first of which is scheduled for the 8th May and again on the 3rd July, both will be from noon until 2 pm. Everyone will be very welcome. Do have a happy and a holy Easter.

The Upham Memorial Bench

John Edwards writes:

Over the Remembrance weekend last year, many residents came to a



series of commemorative events and took time to think about those sixteen men of Upham who sacrificed their lives 100 years ago. The team who organised the events also considered the need for a more permanent memorial which led to the idea of a new bench for the churchyard. This idea was supported by both Parish and Church Councils.



A metal bench in a modern design is now in place in the churchyard. The history of the First World War is illustrated on the backrest. On the left hand side you see the beginning of the war in 1914 when there was huge national enthusiasm and a belief that the war would be over by Christmas. This exuberance is depicted by the soldiers marching off to battle. This phase of the war was soon over and is reflected in the grim look of the middle part of the backrest. The final reality of the suffering and death of war is illustrated with poppies and crosses shown on the right hand side. Maybe, in years to come, people will sit on this bench and look out across the beautiful Hampshire countryside towards the Solent. They will notice the design; a child may ask a parent, 'Was this one of the wars of the 20th century? Why was it fought? Why did men have to die?' Special thanks should be given to Janet and Barney Dunford - Janet whose inspiration led to the purchase of the bench and Barney who installed it securely in the churchyard.

The Brushmakers

Nicky and Reece write:

There has been a slight change of plan: the **Pram Race** will now start at 4pm on Easter Sunday, 21st April, from the Duck Pond corner of the Triangle.

Please enter at the pub. During the afternoon, we will be holding an **Easter Egg Hunt** in the garden for the children. Our Cornish Band will be returning by popular request on Saturday, 6th April, playing at about 7.30pm and again on Sunday, 7th April at 4pm.



Upham Players

Shelley Pitter writes:

Seven Teams of eight people battled it out at Upham Players Annual "Quiz and Chips" in March. Congratulations to the winning team and big thanks to Quizmaster Gary, organisers Mo and Jenny and to Paul's Plaice for the excellent Fish n Chips

On Monday 29th April it will be our **AGM** at Upham Village Hall at 7.30pm, when we will be planning the programme for the rest of the year and electing a new Committee. Please join us for a glass of wine or a soft drink and some nibbles.

Our play readings provide an opportunity to tackle something that we



would not be able to stage and to enjoy some lively company. We are planning a reading of "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" by Tennessee Williams. Look out for details in the next Upham Update or on the Village website Upham Players page: www.uphamvillage.org.uk/upham-players email: uphamplayers@gmail.com

We have all been deeply saddened by the death of Heather Flaherty. Heather never had any enthusiasm for treading the boards but was always so supportive and willing to lend a hand managing the ticket sales, making refreshments, selling ice-creams... She will be very much missed.

Upham Garden Club

Jenny Bird writes:

The final meeting of last winter featured Lesley Chamberlain speaking on Container Gardening. Her approach was unusual and engaging. Instead of the usual how-to-plant-a-pot format, she gave us a history of container gardening and a huge range of examples of where and how they have been, and could be, used. We saw examples of enormous and impressive arrangements of containers, tiny corners of tiny gardens enhanced by them and some absolute disasters.

The June visits will start on 3 June: watch out for further news in the next UU and if you'd like us to visit your garden one Monday evening in June to admire, commiserate or suggest new ideas, please contact Jane on janeashe42@yahoo.co.uk

Next winter, talks start on 21st October with Gywnne Davies on The History and Development of the Daffodil (with planting tips). Let's enjoy this year's daffodils now before we think about planting for next year!

The Garden Club committee and members were deeply saddened to hear of the death of Heather Flaherty. Heather was a generous and encouraging supporter of garden club (as indeed of so much else), sharing her own garden, supporting others and introducing us to other local gardeners for visits. In re-starting the autumn show, she gave a great boost to village life and to all of us who enjoy growing and admiring the productiveness and creativity of the village. We will miss her very much.

Upham Bandits

Helen Greenslade writes:

I am sorry to be leaving Upham Bandits but due to work commitments I can no longer dedicate the time to the youth group. However, Danielle Westmacott is going to take over the coordination of parents after Easter to keep the group going. I would like to thank everyone who has helped out over the last couple years - the youth group is an amazing thing to have been involved with. The children really benefit from having somewhere outside of school to meet up with and play and socialise with each other. The group has been lucky to have had various Duke of Edinburgh volunteers to help out - which is a valuable experience for all. We have had much fun over the time I have been running the group with trips out, making snowmen, carving pumpkins, cooking and art work as well as games and laughter. Long may it continue!

Upham FC

Roger Cooper writes:

Upham First team has completed its fixtures for the season and finished in a disappointing seventh place in the League, having played 21, won 4, drawn 1 and lost 16. Final League games saw them lose 5-3 to Michelmersh & Timsbury, 7-1 to Headley United (goal from Adam Wyld), 4-0 to Lyndhurst, 4-2 to Netley Central (goals from Marshall Gordon and Andres Mesa), and 2-0 to South Wonston.

Upham now round off their season with League Supplementary Cup fixtures, With the help of some encouraging new signings, Upham narrowly lost their first game 2-1 at home to Michelmersh & Timsbury, with Callum Stanley scoring Upham's goal; unfortunately they missed a penalty in the last 5 minutes of this game. Their second game saw them win 1-0 away to Michelmersh & Timsbury with new signing Ewan McCaffery scoring the winner. Upham now face Lyndhurst home and away in the final two games of the first round.

On a happier note, the new players that we have just signed are keen to continue through to next season, so the signs are encouraging and we will be looking for a much improved performance next 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 of running the club, 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 Pre-School

Claire Parry writes:

Since our last update the children have learnt all about **Chinese New Year**, by listening to stories and taking part in lots of different activities (see overleaf). After this we celebrated **St. Valentine's Day** where the children have been cooking and talking about people who are special to them. Outside, they have played with ice on the water tray and used some of our physical equipment to climb and balance. We have purchased some new equipment for the garden for the children to use, including skittles and chalk boards, all made out of reclaimed wood.

This term, we have had some new electronic writing boards which the children have enjoyed writing on and changing the colour of their writing. These have really increased their mark-making skills.

Construction club continues to be very popular with the children 'ordering' more Lego. They wanted a 'police' set and they have had great fun making the helicopter and police car. They have also made a 'baddies' car and spent a long time playing with this.

The second half of term started with the children celebrating **St. David's Day** learning about the story of St. David. We then moved swiftly onto St. Patrick and Ireland.

The children continue to enjoy visits to the farm and are becoming really confident around the cows, especially the calves. They have taken part in a lot of science experiments this term, from bouncing





raisins to exploding paint! The children have all learnt how to 'sign' two nursery rhymes this term, 'it's raining, it's pouring' and 'five little ducks went swimming one day'.

Upham Primary School

Sue Harris writes:

Our new Challenge Trail has arrived!

Our original Challenge Trail had been at the school approximately 10 years and was so popular with the children that it was starting to wear out. We therefore decided to apply for a 'sugar tax' grant to fund replacing the area, also using monies raised by Friends of Upham School.

Our School Council, made up of children from each class, helped to design the area by selecting the equipment they believed would be the most widely used. They then discussed each piece of apparatus with their classes, choosing the specifications together, for example whether the monkey bars should have ladder-like bars or individual handles. As Upham Primary School is for children varying in age from 4 to 11, one of the major challenges was to select equipment that would be a challenge for year 6 pupils but also used in a different way by reception age children.

Once the trail was completed, the school councillors were the first children to use the new area and they helped to compile a set of rules for all the pupils to use. Our new trail is now being used by everyone; the year 6 children are particularly enjoying the variety of different ways of using the equipment.



Save the Dates!

The next **Upham Church Fete** is on **Saturday 22nd June** at The Manor House from midday.

The next **Upham Horticultural Show** will be on **Saturday 7th September** at the Village Hall.

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