

Upham
Update
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Upham Players' Cinderella

Welcome to Issue 25!

Thanks again to our contributors. The deadline for copy for the next issue is **Sat 1st February**. All contributions, including photos, are most welcome—please send these to Cyn at cynandroy@btinternet.com.

Upham Update is free and produced by volunteers, but we still need to pay for its printing. Next year we have decided to change our model for sponsorship: we would like to invite local businesses and services to advertise on an annual basis—for a small fee we will place an advert in all **six issues** of next year's Upham Update. Meanwhile, we are grateful to all who have sponsored us so far, some anonymously. If you are able to help in the future to keep us afloat, contact Chris at little537@btinternet.com. If you would like to be kept informed about what is happening in our village, email commshub@uphamvillage.org.uk. We would like to wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas.

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What's On

Sat 7 th Dec 14.00	Rec	Upham 1 st v Headley United
Sun 8 th Dec 11.00	Church	Family Advent Service
Thurs 19 th Dec 19.00	Brushmakers	Pub Carol Service
Sat 21 st Dec 14.00	Rec	Upham 1 st v Andover New Street Swifts
Sun 22 nd Dec 18.30	Church	Carol Service
Tues 24 th Dec 15.00	Church	Crib Service
Tues 24 th Dec 23.00	Church	Midnight Communion
Weds 25 th Dec 11.00	Church	Christmas Day Service
Mon 13 th Jan 20.00	Village Hall	Garden Club Talk
Sat 25 th Jan 19.15	Various	Safari Supper
Mon 27 th Jan 19.30	Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Thurs 6 th Feb 10.30	Brushmakers	Coffee Morning
Mon 27 th Feb 19.30	Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Sat 28 th Feb 19.00	Church	Gospel Singalong
Mon 2 nd March 18.00	Village Hall	Garden Club Talk

Upham Safari Supper

Sarah Tice writes:

A date for your diary: Saturday 25th January 2020. Fun village evening - everyone welcome!

To take part or enquire more about it contact Nicola Hill - 01489 860337 or hills.widlers@outlook.com.

ADD update

David Ashe writes:

Firstly a big 'thankyou' to all those who showed up at the Botleigh Grange early on the 22nd, to show our collective concern at the Eastleigh's proposals for a swathe of 5,300 houses stretching from Mortimers Lane to Bishopstoke ('B and C'). Around 400 people took part and the event was featured on BBC1, Meridian and Radio Solent.



As I write this, we have had three days of the inquiry and by the time you read it, we will be roughly half way through the examination days, which, after a break for Christmas, will go on to the end of January. The examination got off to a good start with a discussion about the lack of consultation on the alternative locations available for the strategic growth option. In the afternoon, we had Professor Sear from Southampton University (a world leading expert on chalk streams) telling the examination how the best and indeed only safe mitigation to protect the salmon spawning grounds that help make the Itchen an iconic chalk stream, is to put the development elsewhere. In his view, there is no risk-free way to build on land that drains into the salmon spawning grounds. Eastleigh's response has failed to provide any convincing answers or evidence.

If you come to the examination, it is rather like watching a game of chess. The Planning Inspector can be congratulated for her thorough knowledge of all the mountains of papers stacked behind her, her control of the examination and attention to detail in the way she takes EBC to task over their responses. There have been some interestingly long silences as Eastleigh scabble around for answers to her calm but keen questioning. ADD's barrister and planning consultant have been incisive in their probing of Eastleigh's evidence and the reasons why the two options (B and C and Allington Lane) have not been properly compared. In this, they have been ably abetted by Caroline Dibden of CPRE and John Lauwerys, ADD's chair. Sarah Le May and I are putting Upham's point of view as best we can.

There are also several developer's teams in the room, upset by their proposed sites being set aside in favour of B and C, who are making similar arguments to our own in a very telling and professional way, so Eastleigh are spending a lot of time on the back foot.

The Inspector will have several months after the end of January to prepare her judgement, so it is, of course, far too early to have any sense of her decision. However, after Eastleigh's showing so far, we are quietly confident that she is recognising the hollowness of their arguments and the fundamental justice of our case that Allington Lane should be given a fair hearing against B and C. Time will tell!

A visitor on the 22nd commented, 'I was impressed by the professional-

ism of ADD's representatives - well done to all the team and the media coverage. The Planning Inspector should also be congratulated for her control of the inquiry and attention to detail in the way she took EBC to task over their responses and poor IT provision. I felt that EBC did not represent themselves very well and showed their lack of credible supporting evidence.'

Broadband Project Update

David Ashe writes:

After some complex negotiations, we hope that we will have confirmation, by the time you read this, that we are now back on the original contract to provide FTTP (fibre to the premises or 'ultrafast') to those in the village in and above Popes Lane, and now at no cost to our community. This should return the infrastructure completion date to summer 2020 (you will recall from earlier reports that the price we were being asked to pay for a free fibre network was a delay of a few months).

This unexpected turn of events would be very good news but we are not holding our breath. If you dug into your pockets to make a contribution earlier this year, we will bring you confirmation of the position, and news about when we can all have our money back, as soon as we have it from Hampshire.

The worst case will be that those in the area affected will continue with the Rural Gigabit Broadband voucher scheme and thanks all of you for confirming that, if need be, you would be happy to join in this route to a workable broadband. Promises by politicians for a free broadband provision for all still don't promise a date for anything to happen anytime ahead of 2025. We have been there before!

Upham Parish Council

Anne Collins writes:

Cllr Ashe has been speaking on behalf of Upham Parish Council at the **Inspector's Hearing** regarding the Eastleigh Borough Council's proposed development sites—see article on page 2.

The **Broadband Team** have been clarifying the faster Broadband for Upham with HCC and Openreach, as well as looking at options for a voucher scheme—see above.

Following on from Green Week in Upham, Upham Parish Council has a **Green Working Party** to try to find ideas to help Upham go greener—see article on page 4.

The PC has secured a **Community Infrastructure Levy Grant** of £25 000 towards the landscaping and signage improvements along the Winchester Road. The locations for the speed indicator sign have been agreed by HCC and it is hoped that they will be able to put the sign up soon. Volunteers are still needed to help with moving the SID sign every couple of weeks. If you are able to help Parish Councillors with highways issues, and moving the SID sign, then please contact Cllr Snowdon or Cllr Dalley, or the Parish Clerk. A traffic count has been carried out in Upham



Street which will be analysed once completed.

VE Day Commemoration preparations in Upham are going well and a band has been booked for the main event. An exhibition is planned, and the committee are looking for residents who might be able to share their experiences of WW2 with them. If you would like to get involved, please contact Janet Dunford on 01489 860579.

The **Emergency Plan** for Upham is nearly completed and will soon be placed on the Upham village website (without personal information). Upham Parish Council has been made aware that the tree roots from some of the trees surrounding Upham Pond appear to have caused some damage to the flint wall. A Tree Survey has been carried out and it has been recommended that some trees should be taken out and others cut back. This work will be carried out and further trees will be planted in front of the original ones so that no further damage can occur. The Pond Working Group are tidying up the area and overseeing the tree removal and planting.

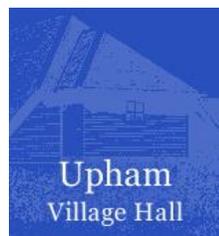
The present **Upham Village Design Statement** needs updating and a Public Workshop will be held in the New Year to ask residents for their input.

Upham Village Hall

Helen Firth writes:

The main activity of the village hall management committee over the past few months has been the improvement of the car park. The first phase is now complete and the second phase, a covering of hot tar spray dressing with chippings, will be added once the macadam has oxidised. Depending on weather conditions, this second phase should be complete by Spring 2020. I'm sure that anyone who has used the car park since the laying of the new surface will agree that it is a vast improvement.

As noted in Roy Kimble's update at the end of October 2019 via the Upham Comms Hub, an entrance gate has been installed. The management committee felt this was an important addition as there have been increasing instances of people using the car park as an impromptu race-track and as an area for drug use. When the management committee has established a system and routine, the entrance gate will be locked overnight and it is hoped that this installation will prevent further unwanted activity.



The Greening of Upham

Gwyn Halsall writes:

Here are some green tips to consider:

- Buying local food from local shops. It's possible to use your own bags/containers in some shops in Bishops Waltham
- Getting milk delivered in reusable glass bottles
- Refilling cleaning/beauty product bottles at <https://thehampshirerefillery.com/>

<https://allgoodthingseco.co.uk/> ,
www.projectswinchester.co.uk

- Recycling more of your plastic waste at PALM bins in Sainsbury's Badger Farm car park. It is processed by <https://www.viridor.co.uk/>
- Planting a tree in your garden - see below.

Let us have your green tips and we will add them to a new list in the next issue. As we said in the last issue, google the Woodland Trust, which supports the planting of trees to help counter the effects of climate change. The tree team is investigating possible locations in Upham suitable for planting trees or hedges. Let us know if you have any ideas.

Jane (janeashe42@yahoo.co.uk), Jenny (jenny@coachsupervisor.co.uk), and Gwyn (gwynhalsall@yahoo.co.uk).

Neighbourhood Watch Update

Eve Croucher writes:

Keep your home secure! A good place to start is to stand and look at your house from the outside while considering how you would get in if you lost your keys. If you can see a way in, then a burglar definitely can. Here are some preventive measures you can take.

Adding a deadlock as your second lock improves security, and installing visible window locks. Install a burglar alarm!! Smart security technology is becoming popular, especially installing cameras so you can check your property whilst on holiday.

Get a key safe rather than leaving keys around for back doors and cars!! Get a safe for your valuables which must be secured to the wall or floor. Mark your valuables using a police-approved forensic marking solution that's only visible under ultraviolet (UV) light. Mark them with your postcode and the first three letters of your street name. Stay safe!!



Meon Valley Food Bank

Jane Perrott writes:

The Meon Valley Foodbank is a church-led community project to support local people at crisis point. There are many reasons for people to turn to food banks, ranging from problems with benefits through to illness and family breakdown. The demands on our service show no signs of reducing. So far this year, up to 31st October we have fed 704 people for 7 days! This number consists of 362 children and 342 adults. The MVFB is open Tuesday 10am until 3pm. It is run entirely by volunteers and donations of food.

This Christmas we are asking people to supply Christmas goody bags or boxes containing small Christmas puddings, mince pies, custard, twiglets min cheddars, Christmas chocolates and Biscuits.

More details can be found on our website:

www.meonvalleyfoodbank.co.uk/12-days-of-christmas

These gifts can be dropped off at The Blessed Mary Church. Please leave near the donations bin. Many thanks, to all of you who donate regularly.

Church of the Blessed Mary

Jane Perrott writes:

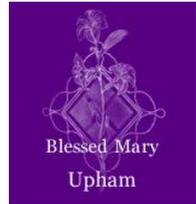
We have had a number of **Community Lunches** at Upham Place this year, with over 20 people attending some of them. Lots of soup and good conversations. Look out for some more dates in the 2020 Upham Updates.

Anne Watson writes:

Coffee, cake and congenial conversation have been the features of two **coffee mornings** held in the last couple of months in the **Brushmakers**, organised by Angela Barter and Anne Wemyss. They have been really enjoyable occasions, with about 20 people attending. They are due to start again on Thursday, 6th February at 10.30am and on the first Thursday each month thereafter. Look out for reminders of dates in next year's Upham Updates.

James Hunt writes:

We are very pleased to announce that Anna Hartwell has been appointed as the new **Family Children and Youth Worker** for St Peter's and Blessed Mary. Anna will be starting on 1st December and is very much looking forward to meeting everyone and getting going in her new role. In the January Parish News, Anna will be explaining more about herself and all she will be doing for the Families, Youth and Children in our communities of Bishop's Waltham and Upham. If you would like to make contact anhartwell@gmail.com. 07809207325.



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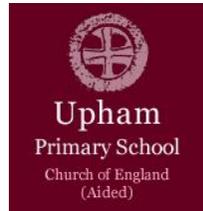
Taela (Year 6) writes:

Class 4 Find Out About Muslim Culture

On Friday 18th of October, Mrs Armstrong came in to help Class 4 learn a bit more about their RE. Their topic is Islam. She was talking to them about Muslim culture.

Mrs Armstrong started off by talking about what it is like to be a Muslim. If you are a Muslim you have to do five prayers a day: the first one before sunrise, the second one mid-day, the third one late afternoon, the fourth one in the evening and the fifth one before bed. If you want to be a true Muslim you also have to go to Mecca, it's a place to go to do your prayer which makes you a stronger Muslim.

Then she started talking about the five pillars. The five pillars are the five things Muslims have to do. The



first one is about the declaration of their faith and they say “There is no god except Allah, Muhammad is the messenger of Allah.” Muslims say this before they pray. The second one is the five prayers. The third one is where all Muslims go into the Mosque and the boys and girls get separated, then they share some of their wealth into a pot and that gets given to the less fortunate. The fourth one is about the month of Ramadan. Muslims fast which is where they don’t eat between sunrise and sunset. The fifth one is once in their life time Muslims must make a pilgrimage to Mecca, which is in Saudi Arabia.

She showed Class 4 a slide on her slide show and it had her full name on “Sophie Mohammed” She asked Class 4 why she put her name up, they couldn’t tell why. She told them why she put her name on the slide show, she said “It’s because Mohammed is a boy’s name and it was from my father.”

Then she talked about clothing: the boys wore white and the girls wore black. The girls had to wear a hijab which is a scarf that covers all of their hair, so then they are classified as being respectful to Allah.

Mrs Armstrong talked about her favourite part of growing up as a Muslim which was the feast. At the feast you’d eat some curries, fish and rice. They ate most meat except from pork because they said pigs rolled around in mud and they said that it was too unclean to eat.

She also talked about pets, she said that all pets would normally have a little pen outside in their garden because it was disrespectful to bring pets into the house because they were classified as unclean.

She told Class 4 that you always need to take your shoes off as soon as you get into your house because like the pets it was disrespectful and unclean to keep them on.

Upham FC

Roger Cooper writes:

Upham First team have had mixed fortunes since the start to the new League season, having played 7, won 2, drawn 1, and lost 4. On Saturday, 21 September, they lost 5-1 at home to Broughton, Andres Mesa scoring for Upham, and on 2/10 were soundly beaten 9-1 away to by Wessex League Premier Division side, Solent University (formerly Team Solent) in round 2 of the Southampton Senior Cup.

After a string of matches postponed due to waterlogged pitches, Upham bounced back on 9/11 with an impressive 5-2 win at home to Bush Hill Reserves in round 1 of the Southampton Intermediate Cup, with goals from Andres Mesa, Nick Toth, Dammy Bada, Harry Bartlett and Marshall Gordon. Then, on 23/11, Upham put in a great performance against runaway League leaders Moneyfields Reserves, pushing them all the way, but narrowly losing out to a 3-2 scoreline, with goals from Andres Mesa and Abou Fofana. On 23/11 Upham continued the good form with a 3-1 win at home to QK Southampton with goals from Dammy Bada(2) and Andres Mesa. Upham FC also maintains a website



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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. Anyone interested in helping behind the scenes should contact Roger Cooper (Upham FC Secretary) on 01489 -783373 or 07925054873

Upham Garden Club

Jenny Bird writes:

The Garden club is half way through the winter season: two talks done, two to come. In November we heard a fascinating and original talk by Ben Pope called 'Creating Movement whilst Frozen Still'.

This seasonal talk looked at the winter garden and how to achieve movement and interest during the cold months. Ben brought both horticultural and design expertise to the lyrical title and it was an inspiring presentation. The 2 talks next year are:

13 January Gillian Taylor A Year in the Greenhouse

2 March Malcolm Calvert Seasonal Gardening Tips :Spring

Gillian will be known to many people as a valued vet in this area for many years and a creator of gardens in Upham and France. Her talk last year on her French garden was hugely popular. Malcolm is past Chair of the Hampshire Hardy Plant Society and currently vice chair of the Hampshire Alpine Garden Society. Trained at Sparsholt, he has gardened both professionally and privately in this area for many years. These two talks should set us up for gardening in 2020!

Jane Ashe would value some support with arranging the summer visits. Collaborating on this with Jane is a great opportunity to connect with neighbours and learn more about Upham as well as helping with our lovely summer outings! To volunteer please contact Jane: janeashe42@yahoo.co.uk

Upham Village Pre-school

Claire Parry writes:

The children have been enjoying playing outside in the autumnal weather this term, collecting leaves and making lots of different pictures with them, including hedgehogs and leaf people. We have used bubble wrap to paint in the garden and we have done 'splash' painting.

We listened to the story of 'Funny Bones' and then spent a few days acting out the story. We made a room very dark and used lots of different lights to see what might happen and how they all shone differently. We also used wooden bricks to make the city in the story.

We have done lots of cooking, making muffins, cheese straws and vegetable soup. We spent a whole week looking at food, at how it is grown and the importance of not wasting food.

We have painted tracks in the garden using some of our larger vehicles and completed obstacle courses.

We made a 3D fireworks display, whilst talking about the fireworks

that everyone had seen.

For Remembrance Day we talked about people who were special to us and how we have to remember to be kind to everyone . The children used their hands to make poppies.

In Cooking Club, the children have so far made cakes and gingerbread men and are currently planning their Christmas cooking. In Construction Club, the children have just embarked on a huge gingerbread house using LEGO, which will probably take us until Christmas!

We are also busy practising the songs for our Christmas production this year, 'Busy, Busy Bethlehem'.





Deep South Gospel Sing Along at the Church of the Blessed Mary, Upham



With Chris Walker and the Pedigree Jazzband

7.00 p.m. Saturday 29th February 2020

A live musical journey through the gospel hits of Yesteryear

Tickets £10 include a glass of wine, refreshments
and your programme songbook.

To book your ticket, contact Colin Russell on 02380 692352
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The combined choirs of Blessed Mary and St Peters



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