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RETAIL

Welcome to the September Edition of The Upton News and District Magazine.

It's great to see Upton Town and the Local Surrounding areas getting some normality back and long may it continue and prosper. I would like to congratulate all the students on their Excellent A level and GCSE results well done.

More good news the Malvern Hills District Councils are launching **Town Centre Support Scheme** with funding available. I would like to thank Juliet and the Staff from Upton Newsagent who are now delivering over 400 of our magazines in the local area and Tewkesbury. Also, I had to use Jon at HB-Solutions couple of weeks ago and we received Outstanding Service, thank you.

You will see Our Community Calendar is getting very busy which again is pleasing to see things starting up and moving forward. Don't forget to **email info@uptonnews.uk** your Event Dates or Club Night or Community Group Meetings.

We have had some lovely articles in this month from the community which I hope you will enjoy. If you have a Community Project – Local Achievement – Community News, email the details to **info@uptonnews.uk** or phone **07358 785314** and we will always try our best to publish it for you.

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NHS FLU VACCINE UPDATE

What can our patients expect from the NHS Flu vaccine programme during the pandemic?
(Please note guidance is ever changing and we may need to adapt our programme to reflect this).
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Unlike previous years, NHS guidance states we are to offer vaccinations to those most vulnerable first.
Please wait to be invited for your vaccination before contacting the surgery to make an appointment.
Please help us to protect our most vulnerable patients by wearing a mask to your appointment and socially distancing where possible when on site.

We will begin vaccinating patients mid-September.

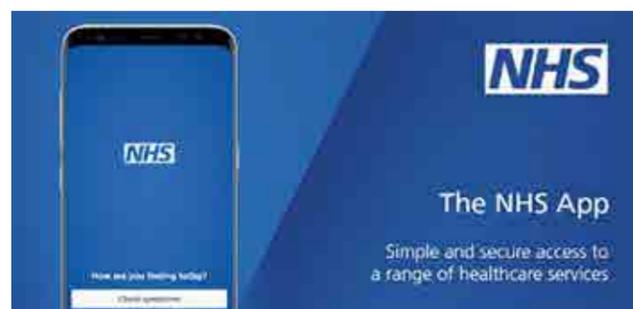
Free NHS Flu jab for all over 65 years of age, pregnant women, those with certain conditions making them most at risk, Carers and Children ages 2-3 years old.
Due to the pandemic, we anticipate the free NHS Flu vaccination eligibility being extended to patients aged 50 and over.

COVID-19 Vaccination Programme

All adults in England can now have a COVID-19 vaccine. We're also continuing to administer 2nd doses 8 weeks after a 1st dose. If you haven't yet had an invite or haven't yet booked a COVID-19 vaccine, please contact the surgery.

COVID-19 BOOSTER PROGRAMME — VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The government has introduced the Autumn Covid booster programme. Upton Surgery is looking for volunteers to help with administration and patient flow.
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100 Years Ago...

Local Historian Simon Wilkinson looks back to Upton news content 100 years ago.



September 1921 in Upton was a time for Remembrance: three of the war memorials in the parish were revealed.

During the afternoon of Friday, September 16th a large and representative congregation gathered at the Parish Church "when the memorial erected in memory of the men from the parish, who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War, was unveiled and dedicated by the Bishop of Worcester." The Upton News of Saturday, September 17th describes the memorial and records the names of those who were remembered. A hymn, prayers a psalm and a reading from the book of Wisdom were followed by the unveiling, dedication and a "short" address by the Bishop which is reported in full. After another hymn, "For all the Saints who from their labours rest" a procession formed up and marched, singing "Through the night of doubt and sorrow", to the Old Churchyard. There they gathered around the Parish Cross. This had originally been

the town's market cross, but it had spent the last hundred and fifty years in the grounds of Ham Court as a sundial, part of the "furniture" in the lord of the manor's garden! At this ceremony Colonel Tennant of The Eades said how appropriate it was that the cross which had previously stood in the middle of Upton should be returned to the town and placed in the burial ground of so many Uptonians. He tactfully suggested that it had originally been saved from destruction in the eighteenth century by being moved to Ham Court. The inscribed plate would remind people of the sacrifice of those whose names were recorded in the church. After the Bishop had spoken and a hymn sung The Last Post was sounded. On the evening of Wednesday, September 21st "Upton's War Memorial Hall" was opened. The Hall which had originally been established as a Market Hall by Private Act of Parliament in 1832, had long since

ceased to be used by market traders. By the end of the nineteenth century it was in a financially and structurally unstable condition. Dr Selwyn Cowley, the Chairman of the Parish Council, whose son, Charles, had been killed in the War presided at the opening. He mentioned the structural problem - an inconvenient hall and a very dangerous staircase - and drew attention to the changes which had been made. These, he said, could not have happened without financial contributions from many in the parish, and in particular from Major Jewell. Major Jewell declared the Memorial Hall open and The Roll of Honour on the front of the building was unveiled by Mrs Jewell. The Rector, the Roman Catholic Priest and the Baptist Minister all spoke, a show of ecumenical unity rare at that time.

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Getting 'Back on Track' with Kyle's Networking Meeting

Kyle Hassall from the riverside tapas and cocktail bar The Boathouse hosted the town's first 'Back on Track' business networking event. We discussed the event and what it could mean for Upton's small businesses moving forward.

What inspired you to establish a business networking community in Upton?

The Boathouse hosted several meetings for Businesses Over Breakfast, a Worcester-based networking community, over the eighteen months prior to COVID. A few local businesses had already expressed an interest, so I thought we could start one with a bang by having a guest speaker Jacob Laursen (a self employed former premier league footballer) attend our first meeting.

For independent businesses, what are the benefits in attending networking events?

I would say that the meetings benefit new businesses even more than established ones, as it helps the owners to gain confidence. They are introduced to like-minded individuals and others who have been self employed for years. Businesses have the opportunity to team up, advertise together or come to arrangements.

What's next for the 'Back on Track' networking events?

We're planning another networking event for the end of September, with the intention to host an event on the last Monday of every month. We'll meet upstairs at The Boathouse from 8am to 10am and over breakfast we can start a networking base. I have contacts at Malvern Hills District Council and want to build a long-term relationship with them. Attendees could pitch their questions directly to the council, who would then be able to get a firm grasp on what local businesses want. This is quite unique for business networking groups, I don't know of any that mix local businesses with local councils.

For information and updates on these networking events you can follow The Boathouse on Facebook (@boathouseupton), Twitter (@boathouseupton) and Instagram (the_boathouse_upton). **Written by: Will Hewlett**

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Many thanks for your continued support for the Co-Op in our Community. - Ruth Etheridge

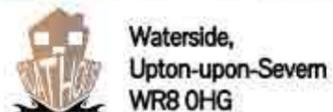
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The First John Leighton Memorial Flush...



This took place at South Worcester Shooting Ground Saturday 14th August 2021. 17 teams came together to shoot a 60 bird flush at South Worcester Shooting ground on Saturday 14th August.

For those of you that knew John Leighton he was a decorated Army shot and a very keen shooter locally. The event was well attended by his friends and family and donations were raised for Rugby for Hero's who support ex-servicemen and women.

The weather was kind and the ground had put on some testing clays for the keen shots that attended. This was a very fitting tribute to him and there was a lot of fun and laughter whilst remembering John.

The winning team had an exceptional score of 53 out of 60. Congratulations to Joanna Thomas, Mark Thomas and Simon Billingham.

Jayne, Geoff and Dorothy Leighton would like to extend their thanks to John Clements and the team at South Worcester Shooting Ground.



Live Music Returns

Upton welcomes the long awaited return of artists, DJs and downsized festivals

For over thirty years the river Severn's 'good time girl' has been synonymous with live entertainment. Every year the town enjoys a lengthy season of festivities, book-ended by the Folk Festival in May and the Sunshine Music Festival in August. Last year, two new festivals were set to extend this season from March to October under the Upton48 banner. However, mere days after its debut event, the entire country came grinding to a halt. In the year that followed, the streets of Upton were haunted by the absence of folk, blues, and rock 'n' roll tunes. This was until July 19th, when live music was able to make a steady emergence into the 'new normal'. Over the following weeks I caught up with several local performers, organisers and publicans, investigating how they've coped with orchestrating its return. My first contact was Worcestershire-based musician with thirty years of experience in live entertainment, Jamie Knight. Going into lockdown he came to appreciate stepping off the 'musician's treadmill', taking time to revisit his influences. Reflecting on his attitude before lockdown, he explained that 'being a musician, you play so much music that you don't listen to. It's like being a chef... you cook so much that when you get home the last thing you want to do is cook.' Jamie used lockdown to hone his skills, getting to grips with complex tracks he'd previously avoided. This proved beneficial when he returned to gigging and was able to refresh his set lists. Since July, Jamie has performed in multiple venues across Upton. Having been without



an audience for over a year, Jamie struggled to regain his confidence when returning to the stage. This anxiety was heightened by the environment of the 'new normal', with people remaining understandably conscious about their safety in public spaces. However, reactions to Jamie's recent gigs have been overwhelmingly positive and have impacted the energy of his performances. 'Coming out of COVID, people have suddenly realised what they haven't had... that [live music] is not a given, it can be taken away at any time'. This increased input of energy from crowds was also noted by Matthew Frost, an Upton-based DJ who has recently restarted performing at Bar 7. He reports that 'it's been very busy so far, as people have been desperate for the freedom to get back on the dance floor'. Matthew also found the return somewhat daunting. Despite testing his DJ equipment throughout lockdown, he found he couldn't compensate for the lack of an audience to interact with. 'In a smaller town like Upton, you've got to play to so many age groups so you end up flying through different genres', he told me. Matthew recalls his first post-lockdown set as being a 'baptism of fire', but the eagerness of the dancers allowed him to adopt old techniques and routines with relative ease. Now that he's performing most weekends, he plans to take his work a step further by introducing a 'DJ Academy' to Upton and the surrounding area. These will consist of open-deck nights in which the public can meet Matthew and get tutored on the tricks of the trade.

Last month, the Drunken Monkey rock festival made a triumphant return, albeit in a 'downsized' form to keep visitors safe. Originating in 2014, the Drunken Monkey is a charity event held in memorial of Ian Downton, a prominent member of Upton's biker community. Drunken Monkey Downsized was hosted at The Plough and marked the first music festival in Upton since March 2020. The event featured 14 live performances from 31st July to 1st August and attracted sizeable support. 'It was nice to just see people enjoying themselves', Sarah (co-manager of The Plough) stated, 'and everyone was happy to consider other people's safety'. The event was free to the public yet the team managed to raise a total of £4065 for Midlands Air Ambulance. The festival also launched the career of a new local blues and rock 'n' roll act. 'We had a debut act, The Rhythm Machine, and the town got massively behind them... everyone was mesmerised'. Commenting on The Plough's history with fundraising, Sarah continued 'I think live music brings the community together. We're a small community, but then so large when it comes to charitable events'. It's comforting to see performers and organisers compromising with the 'new normal' to return live entertainment to Upton. Although it may be too soon to conduct a full-scale re-launch of the town's famous festivals, the introduction of smaller, carefully curated gigs has worked wonders to restore some of Upton-upon-Severn's vital character.

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Councillor Martin Allen's County and District Report.



It's been an interesting few months with so much going on.

I have met all my local Parish Councils and I look forward to working with them for the good of our community. Each has its own wants and needs and I am trying very hard to help. After a bit of a battle I have got the lights at New Street Carpark fixed. There are some late night workers who park there and were feeling vulnerable.



The other weekend we had the fiasco with the road closure signs, this was due to a private company not getting things quite right. I was happy to intervene and ensure that Upton wasn't cut off. Just a plea to you, if you see a problem like this can you report it to Joe who is the Clerk in Upton.

COUNTY COUNCIL VOTES

At the last full County Council meeting there were three motions presented Below is the a brief description of each

1. Support and a call for additional funds for the Rape Crisis Centre Everyone voted in favour
2. To declare a Climate Change Emergency Again everyone voted for this although I would have preferred a date of 2035 and not the 2050 date that was fully supported by all
3. Calling on the Police and Crime Commissioner to draw a zero tolerance approach to speeding. This was heavily defeated, I supported this motion and I was sad to see it fall.

Full versions of each motion are available from the County Council if you wish to see them. Enjoy the summer and stay safe. Martin.

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Resident's Thoughts on Traffic Requested!

The recent spate of road-works and traffic lights, has highlighted how easy it can be for Upton to grind to a halt. Traffic on New Street has been chaotic since the back gate to the Hanley Road Car Park was permanently closed. It was always understood that when the Hanley Road Car Park site was redeveloped the Council would look at adapting the car-park for traffic to get through to New Street. Indeed, my own personal thought was to look at ways that the road could be joined up with main road at Tunnel Hill. Of course, many towns have suffered visitor numbers when by-passes have been created. It would be good to get resident and visitors views on the viability of a new road. The government has been looking for "shovel ready" projects that it can invest in post Covid. Malvern Hills has very few projects, and Upton Upon Severn has none. It is therefore important that we build out our residents views on projects, and price the projects up, so the next time we get the chance to bid for money, we have some ideas that are ready to go. A new road is only one idea, and of course, others are welcome. What about a footbridge from the marina over to the town?!

Feel free to send me your ideas at: jeremy.owenson@malvernhillsdc.net.



Hanley Castle High School A Level and GCSE Results 2021

Hanley Castle High School students are celebrating a wonderful set of A level and GCSE results. Due to the pandemic, the school followed Government guidelines to ensure that this year's grade awarding process was scrupulously rigorous and fair. The process placed a great deal of pressure on students to produce their best work both in and out of the exam hall. I know that I am speaking on behalf of all members of staff at the school when I say that we are full of pride that our Year 13 and 11 students have demonstrated such resilience and accomplished so much in the face of such a prolonged period of unprecedented challenge.

A large proportion of our Year 13 students achieved outstanding individual results, ensuring that the vast majority secured their places at Cambridge, Russell Group and other top universities.

Here are a number of star performers....

Lily Xia was the stand-out performer with A* grades in French, Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Spanish. Lily will now travel to Marseilles for a gap year as an au pair before taking up her place at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge to study Modern and Medieval Languages.

Evie Read is also celebrating an exceptional set of results. Evie gained an A* in English Literature and History, and an A grade in Politics. She is off to Durham where she will be studying English Literature. Evie wished to thank her teachers for their 'amazing support through what has been such a difficult 18 months. Students trusted their teachers to know them well and do their best for them.'

Lizzie White received her results on holiday in Snowdonia. She achieved three A grades in Biology, Chemistry and Maths, as well as an A* grade in her Extended Project. Lizzie will now take up her place at Bristol to study Medicine.

Everyone at the school is delighted for our A level and GCSE students. Both Year 13 and Year 11 have worked exceptionally hard, and we are thrilled to see their efforts in such difficult circumstances rewarded in this way. It is a particular pleasure to see so many of these committed and dedicated students gaining top grades, or grades which have exceeded all of our expectations. The 2021 exam cohorts had a remarkable work ethic, a fabulous attitude and have set a new standard for academic excellence; the school is proud of each and every student. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and families of all our GCSE and A level students, as well as their dedicated teachers. The last 18 months have placed a great deal of additional strain on both the students themselves and everyone involved in supporting them. This has been an amazing team effort.

Written by: **Lindsey Cooke, Headteacher**

James Taylor and Sam Powell led the way for the school's male students, both achieving an A* and two A grades. James is now off to Manchester to study Biochemistry, while Sam will take up his place at Bath to study for a master's degree in Electronic Engineering and Space Science Technology. James was particularly excited about his move to Manchester: 'It is just so different – it's really incredible to go from our little town to a massive city.'

Head girl, Emma Sinden was delighted with her A* and A grades in Biology, Chemistry and English Literature. She will be travelling to London to study Human Science at UCL. Like James Taylor, she is looking forward to the bright lights of the big city: 'It will be a massive change from living in Upton to living in the biggest city in the UK. I just can't wait.'

Fintan McBride also gained a magnificent set of results, with straight A grades in German, Maths, Further Maths and his Extended Project. Inspired by a school visit to China,

Fintan will be studying Modern and Ancient Chinese at the University of London's School for Oriental and African Studies (SOAS). This is a four-year course with the third year spent in Beijing. Fintan commented: 'I absolutely loved China and wanted to go again to immerse myself in its language and culture.'

At GCSE there were some remarkable individual successes with both boys and girls achieving top grades across all subjects.

Matthew Knight and Erin Lobo led the way, sweeping the board with perfect Grade 9s in each of their ten GCSE subjects. This is an exceptional feat achieved by only a small number of students nationally.

Hot on Matthew and Erin's heels were George Charman and Ruby Williams with eight GCSEs at Grade 9 and two at Grade 8. The top four performers were followed closely by Isabelle Gregory, Scarlett Lythgoe and Meredith Mindermann who gained six Grade 9s each, accompanied by a host of Grades 8 and 7.




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Leaflets can be downloaded by going online to www.teams4u.com; follow the link 'Shoebox Appeal' and search 'Shoebox Resources'. Hard copies can be obtained from me.

Financial donations will also be very welcome to meet the cost of transportation costs of £2.50 per box.

Our boxes will be sent and distributed to needy children and families by Teams4U volunteers and partners across the globe - mainly in Eastern Europe.

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Green Finger's Top Tips For September

Late summer progresses into autumn

September is generally a cooler, gustier month than August and the days are noticeably shorter. While there's not as much to do in the ornamental garden at this time, if you have a fruit or vegetable patch, you'll be busy reaping the rewards of harvest. It's also time to start planting spring-flowering bulbs and you can collect seeds for next summer's colour too.

Top 10 Tips For This Month

- Divide herbaceous perennials
- Pick autumn raspberries
- Collect and sow seed from perennials and hardy annuals
- Dig up remaining potatoes before slug damage spoils them
- Net ponds before leaf fall gets underway
- Keep up with watering of new plants, using rain or grey water if possible
- Start to reduce the frequency of houseplant watering
- Clean out cold frames and greenhouses so that they are ready for use in the autumn
- Cover leafy vegetable crops with bird-proof netting
- Plant spring flowering bulbs

Houseplants

Plant up containers with Hippeastrum (amaryllis) bulbs and plant Hyacinths by 24 September to get flowers for Christmas. Start to reduce watering of houseplants as light levels drop.



In the greenhouse

Damping down usually becomes unnecessary this month. It is best to do any watering earlier in the day, so that the greenhouse is dry by evening. Dampness during the cool nights could be a recipe for a fluffy grey mould (Botrytis) and damping off of seedlings.

Ventilate conservatories during warmer days or reduce for cooler weather. Use shading paint or blinds to help keep the area cool, but be ready to reduce shading towards the end of the month as light levels fall.

Pest and disease watch

September is an ideal time of the year to apply biological controls for use on vine weevil. Grubs will be starting to hatch, and soil and compost temperatures are now suitable for the nematodes to be effective. Target vulnerable plants, such as fuchsias, succulents and containerised plants.

When bringing plants indoors, check carefully for any pests and diseases they may have picked up outside, in particular red spider mite, mealybug and scale insect. Inspect rootballs and compost for vine weevil larvae and treat where necessary.



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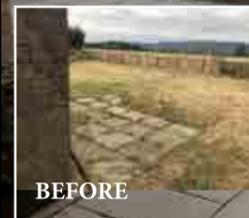


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Welland Football Club



Pictured here at Welland Juniors victorious u16s team who were Ambassador league champions last season now looking forward to another season together entering u17s football. The team is managed by Dave Newton (front row far left) assisted by Simon Williams (front row, far right) with the core of players being together in this team since u9s! Good luck also to all the new Welland teams this season which will hopefully be a more stable one! Welland mini-soccer teams (u9 & u10s boys and girls) are looking forward their matches which will be on the 'Upton Sports Field' on a Saturday morning, commencing early September. The Club's Development Centre, On Spitalfield, Welland, also returns on Saturday September 11th which is open to all from Reception to year 8 running from 9am-10.30am. First two sessions are free of charge so do get in touch if your child is interested in football and playing locally? Drinks, snacks and bacon sandwiches are also served and everyone, regardless of ability is very welcome to come along! More details on the club's website: wellandjuniorfc.co.uk or email info@wellandjuniorfc.co.uk

Our girls only football will also be recommencing during September so please give Jodie Williams a call on - 07795251417 for more details regarding our Wildcats (5-11 yrs) or u10, u12, u14 & u16 league teams

HOT PEPPERS WI

After a long fifteen months of zoom meetings, Upton's Hot Peppers WI were delighted to meet up again in person. Twenty one members were joined by six new recruits for this meeting in the beautiful gardens of the Upton museum.



Business matters were quickly attended to, a birthday gift presented to Jackie Oakey for her 'special' birthday this month and new members welcomed. Then it was down to the main theme of the evening, socialising!

Tea and cake were swapped for gin and prosecco and soon the garden was filled with chat and laughter. Zoom meetings have been fun, with Indian cookery, Easter crafts and Burlesque dancing, but actually meeting up in person was so refreshing.

Hot Peppers meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month, apart from August, at Upton Rugby Club. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 22nd September when Phil Woodhead from the Link Horticultural Therapy centre will be speaking to us. Tea, cake and chat as well, newcomers always very welcome.



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Anna Chaplaincy is an ecumenical project from the Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF). Anna Chaplains are named after the widow, Anna, who appears with Simeon in Luke's gospel; both are good role models of faithful older people. Anna Chaplains are there for people of strong, little or no faith at all.

The main purposes of an Anna Chaplain are to offer spiritual support to older people who are living in care homes and sheltered housing complexes, their relatives and staff who look after them and to promote the spiritual welfare of older people in the wider community, particularly those facing challenges living independently.

If you would welcome a visit or telephone call from Sarah or have a friend or relative who may value time with an Anna Chaplain please contact Sarah via Upton Baptist Church on 01684 594991 or 07421817196.

Upton Rugby Juniors

Upton Rugby Club has donated a large amount of old kit and equipment to disadvantaged youngsters all over the globe working in partnership with SOS Kit Aid while they prepare for a new and exciting time ahead at the beginning of September.

Peter Dobbin - Upton Rugby Club Chairman
"Upton RFC is investing in new kit and equipment for the forthcoming season and it seems only right that the old kit and equipment is put to good use."

Nick Lewis - SOS Kit Aid
"We would like to thank Upton RFC for their kind donation. Through our network of relationships, we can harness the power of rugby to make a positive impact on young people's lives throughout the globe."



For the season ahead Upton RFC has invested in new playing equipment such as tackle bags, shields and pillars. A great way to start the new season.

The club was founded in 1980 and has since become a strong part of the community in Upton and the surrounding areas. The junior section was formed in 2006 with the aim to provide fun sporting opportunities for children as well as developing a pathway for them to eventually play for the senior teams.

At Upton Rugby Juniors we run teams in all age groups from under 6 micros up to under 16's. As a small club surrounded by larger rugby clubs the junior section has grown over recent years and now comprises over 150 children. Training and matches take place on Sunday mornings at the club between September and May. Sessions usually start from 10:00 am until about 12 noon when it's time for the obligatory hotdog and chips in the clubhouse.

Upton RFC Junior section new seasons starts Sunday 5th September 2021 - 10:00 till 12:00 Girls and Boys welcome.

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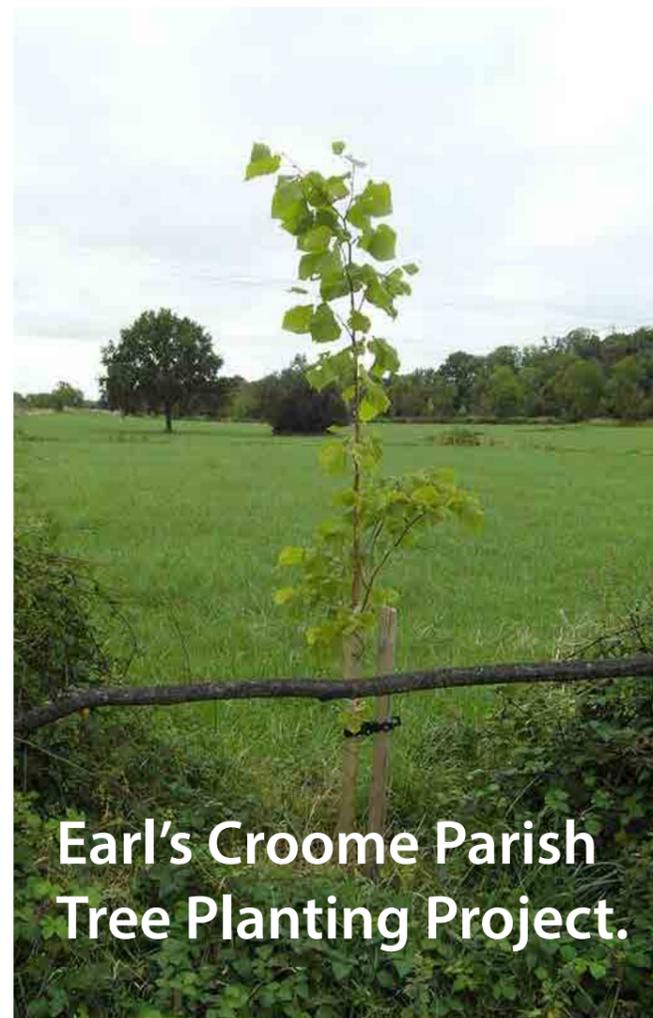
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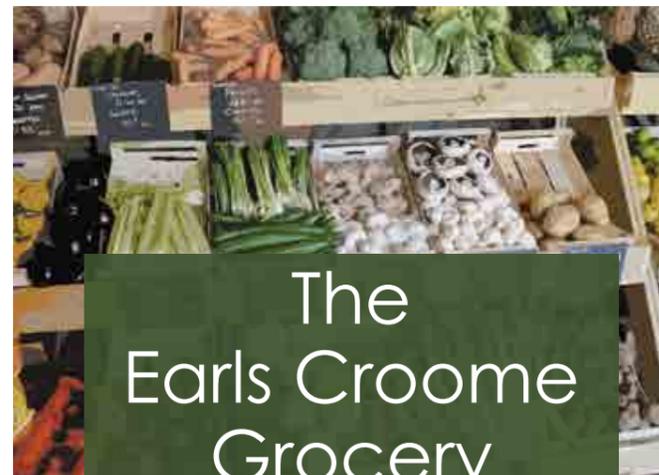
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Jazz will be playing in several venues around town, with outside space for those who remain cautious. We have invited young talented 'Best of Young Jazzers' including WYJO, Hanley Castle School and Gloucestershire Youth Music. The whole event will run from 11.30am through until 11.00pm. Venues will include Bar 7, Mojitos, the Boathouse, the Swan Hotel and the Kings Head. Other venues and local traders are welcome to pitch in.

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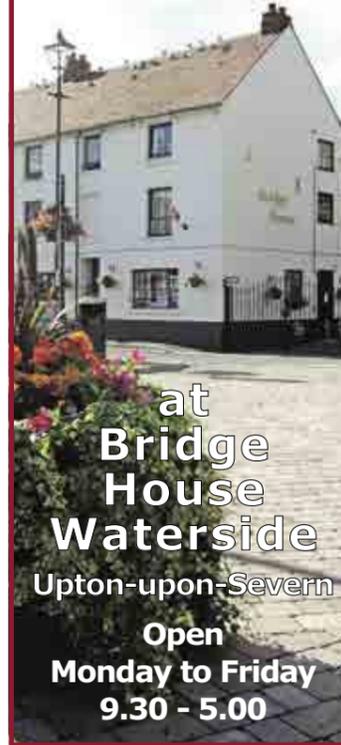
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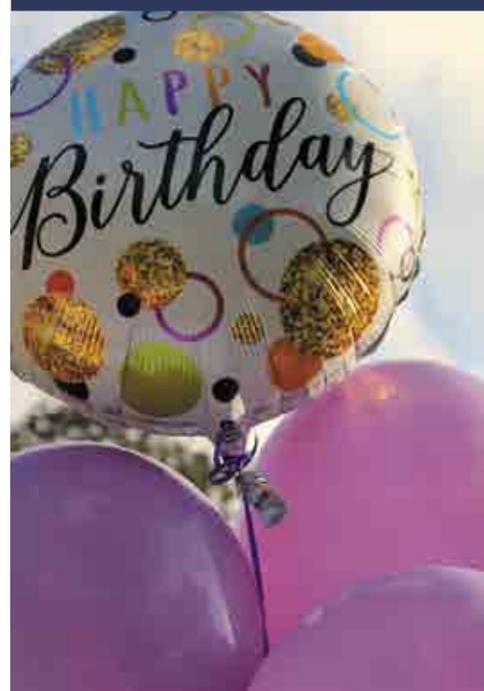
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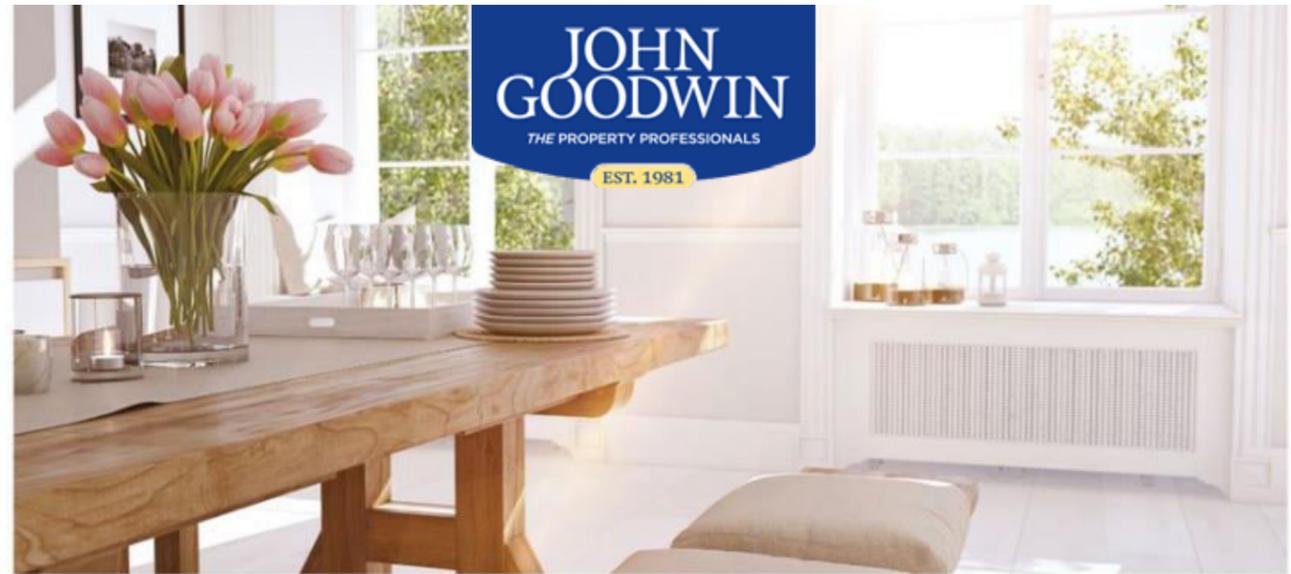
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