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

So Summer is here and we have already had one of our Big Festivals The Jazz and it was great seeing it back in Town. We know can look forward to the Blues Festival after being away for two years. I do hope all the Business/Traders well benefit with these Festivals. Malvern Hills District Council Town Plans have been approved and there is a good article to read re Plans for Upton upon Severn. Some more exciting news the **Queens Commonwealth Relay Baton** is coming to Upton and surrounding areas. Another showcase for our District.

So, an exciting Summer to look forward to!

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(depending on vaccine availability)

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AUTUMN COVID BOOSTER

The JCVI's current view is that in autumn 2022, a COVID-19 vaccine should be offered to:

- Residents in a care home for older adults and staff
- Frontline health and social care workers

- All those 65 years of age and over - Adults aged 16 to 64 years who are in a clinical risk group

It is important that those who are eligible for the spring booster currently being rolled out specifically adults aged 75 years and over, residents in a care home for older adults, and individuals aged 12 years and over who are immunosuppressed – still come forward to ensure they are protected. The JCVI will continue its on-going review of the vaccination programme and the epidemiological situation, particularly in relation to the timing and value of doses for less vulnerable older adults and those in clinical risk groups ahead of autumn 2022. The committee will announce its final plans for the autumn programme, including further detail on the definitions of clinical risk groups, in due course.



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100 Years Ago...

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

On Thursday, July 20th 1922 The Rev'd. Richard Hurt Wilmot of Earl's Croome House appeared before the Upton Magistrates. Colonel Tennant was in the chair, the other magistrates were Mr Harris, Capt Allen-Hoblyn R.N., Mr Bagnall and Dr Cowley. Mr Wilmot was summoned for "driving a motor to the danger of the public."

The first witness Percy Blackburn of King's Heath said that when he was standing by The King's Head he saw a car driven by the defendant over the bridge go past at between 30 and 35 miles per hour. No horn was sounded and the defendant had run over a dog, killing it, before pulling up after 40 or 45 yards. In answer to Supt. Lewis he said that he considered that the defendant was driving to the danger of the public. Questioned by Mr Thomson, a Tewkesbury solicitor acting for Mr Wilmot, he said that he was an experienced driver who owned two cars and that he did not see another car about at the time. He was himself just strolling along the street. Mr Thomson suggested that the witness was a "loafer", but withdrew the comment after objection by Supt Lewis.

The next witnesses were Mrs Clements, wife of the landlord of the White Swan, and her sister- in- law who said that they saw the car coming over the bridge "rather fast" and killing the dog and had not heard a horn sounded but said that it was a car coming from Church Street into High Street which caused them to remain on the pavement. P.C. Brown said that he had interviewed Mr Wilmot after the complaint from Mr Blackburn and that he had said that he came over the bridge at about 18 miles per hour and that he had sounded his horn. P.C. Brown considered that 18 mph would be a very dangerous pace at that spot and that there was no one on point duty at the Church Street junction. Supt. Lewis said that there were not enough policemen for that.

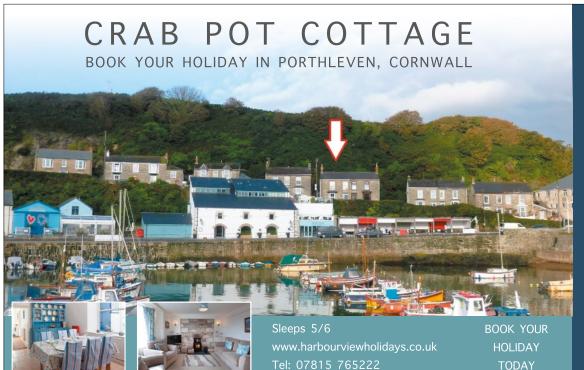


The defendant said that he had driven for 25 years and had no convictions, his brakes were good, he had sounded his horn on approaching the bridge and had gone carefully because children were coming out of Sunday School. It was absolutely untrue that his speed was between 30 and 35mph. He had been on the proper side of the road and had pulled up at the kerb once he had passed the junction.

Summing up, Mr Thomson said that the prosecution evidence was unreliable with the principal witness being in town only to enjoy himself and who now boasted about his own motoring abilities.

The defendant was found guilty: the magistrates considered 18 mph too fast and that the horn should have been sounded when leaving the bridge. The fine was £1 but Mr Wilmot's licence was not endorsed.

Notes: The bridge was the pre 1940 bridge at the end of High Street. Lower High Street was narrow with the wall around the Old Church still in place. The national speed limit from 1903 until 1930 was 20 mph. Speedometers were not compulsory for new cars until 1937. Until 1985 the prosecutor in magistrates courts was usually a police officer.



Crab Pot Cottage is a delightful old fisherman's cottage that overlooks the inner harbour in Porthleven. There are a table and chairs in a spacious yard alongside the house and a smaller seating area with splendid views of the harbour and village. Perfect places to relax and enjoy a coffee or watch the sun go down.

It is handily situated only a few yards from Harbour Head, which is a very short stroll from the shops, restaurants and cafes. Coastal walks towards Penrose and the Lizard or Rinsey in the Penzance direction are stunning.

Upton Town Centre Plan

Malvern Hills Town Centre Plans were recently approved at the May Council Executive Meeting. The five plans covering Upton upon Severn, Great Malvern, Barnards Green, Malvern Link and Tenbury Wells seek to identify opportunities for further improvement.

Critically, the plans have been developed and informed by a wide-ranging consultation with residents, businesses and visitors providing a greater understanding of how people are using the town centres and what changes are possible to continue to thrive now and in the future.

The Covid-19 pandemic and Brexit have both impacted businesses and as a result there is a need for revitalisation, regeneration and re-purposing of town centres.

The plans set out a vision for the future of each town centre, identifying both challenges and opportunities. The initiatives identified are not exhaustive and merely seek to demonstrate what could be possible if all partners work together to achieve the shared vision.

Upton upon Severn Town Centre Plan – Summary

Upton upon Severn is a town rich in natural assets including its built environment. It is a town with a passionate, enterprising and welcoming community with a distinctive retail and leisure offer in the heart of some of the country's most beautiful and historic landscapes.

This vision is a concise summary of the plan and the stakeholder contributions that have shaped and informed it. Our vision for Upton upon Severn Town Centre is of a vibrant and historic riverside town providing a friendly retail and hospitality offer and a variety of festivals and activities for its community and visitors.

A number of common themes across all town centres were identified during the consultation including enhanced public realm, cycle infrastructure and improved signage and navigation. In addition, there were local themes identified as significant to the sustainable future development of Upton upon Severn such as heavy traffic and tourism. Consideration has been given to those themes and as a result there is an action plan with a list of proposed projects and actions dependent on deliverability and funding available.





Infrastructure

- Develop Marina facilities and linkages with town
- Enhancing facilities in Hanley Road Car Park i.e. EV charging facilities, upgraded toilets and overnight camping facilities
- Encourage sympathetic redevelopment of The Talbot
- Shopfront and enhancement grant scheme
- Improve river related attractions/ facilities i.e. additional moorings and rowing lake facility

Transport / Accessibility

- A package of HGV traffic management measures
- Enhance bus and community transport services to the town centre
- New cycleway / footpath links i.e. Upton upon Severn to Malvern
- Improve car parking signage and provision
- Investigate options for a Hanley Road flood alleviation scheme
- Enhancing bike & e-bike infrastructure and associated facilities
- Pedestrianisation of Lower High Street and Waterside

Promotion / Tourism

- Support and promote existing and new events
- Gateway Signage i.e. Banners on lampposts
- Enhance variety of visitor accommodation

Offer / Experience

• Building a distinct retail offer for the town centre with strong promotion

Partnership / Community

• Activities and facilities targeted at younger age group / families

The plans will soon be available on the Malvern Hills District Council website – www.malvernhills.gov.uk/ town-centres - but if you would like to request a copy, please email: towncentre@malvernhills.gov.uk

Let's Get Car Park Creative

Congratulations to the Warners team on the opening of the new Morrisons in Upton. The new building design will be better protection against flooding and the shop has a stated intention of championing local producers.

It is hoped that the store will encourage more customers to shop in town rather than travel to the larger supermarkets in Tewkesbury or Malvern. The increased footfall should support all the towns retailers, including the Spar and the Coop, which both in turn do a lot for the local community, and for local producers.

The developers have been using the Hanley Road car park to store equipment, paying Malvern Hills District Council (MHDC)

for the space that the development has used. However, it is disappointing that the opportunity to redevelop the Hanley Road Car Park was not taken at the same time. When the rear entrance to the car park was closed the promise was given that any redevelopment of the site would include looking at reopening the rear entrance. However this didn't happen and was stated that this would not be appropriate since the new building was on the existing footprint of the old building and that the only issues that could be considered were design. This was short sighted.

The new town plan could have included proposals around renewing the Hanley Road Car Park area. In the past, ideas have included things like a coach tour bus stop,

> with enhanced turning and safe refuges for tourists. Enabling coaches to park safely for longer so tourists can spend more time in town. The public moorings opposite the car park could have been extended making us a key stopping point on

the Severn for tourist boats

It is a little known fact that the public toilets in

the car park include a shower block. This was originally designed for use by people at the moorings and for lorry drivers who park overnight but they were closed due to costs. The space was considered as suitable for a "Changing Places" disabled toilet, an enhanced toilet for severely disable people. However the decision was taken to move this to Malvern rather than Upton despite Upton being a key destination for tourists.

There has been a suggestion that the toilets could be improved and extended to include a river view café, alongside the coach-stop. A great example of commercial / public partnership delivering for our town.

We need to make sure that we make the most of the assets of the town and work with new developers to enhance both their investments, and our town. By working together, we can get more for everyone.





lan Downton was a much loved biker and part of the Upton upon Severn biker community. He tragically died in September 2009. He had spent 12 months in hospital after a road traffic accident variety of local talent happy to play the charity - ironically in a car and not on his bike - after a hole in his oesophagus wouldn't heal. His friends pledged to use their annual football match, Slayers v Talbot Head, in his memory, and looked at ways to raise money in his name. They organised a BBQ and live music and continued this tradition for the next few years.

In 2013 Phil Peel met Stu Evans when Stu's band at the time (Riff Raff) played the annual fund raiser.

Whether alcohol was involved or not we can't possibly know but at this meeting the idea of a bigger event was born! Stu offered to help with getting bands to play and a full day event was planned.

The first Drunken Monkey Rock Festival was held at the Drum and Monkey near Upton on Severn in 2014. The venue spawned the name of the festival!

This event was very successful and outgrew its home in 2 years. Luckily nearby friends of the festival had some land that they kindly offered

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to be used. It was at this stage that the decision was taken to make the event a full 3 day festival. With Stu's contacts in the music biz, and a huge event, he had no trouble filling 3 days with great live rock music.

In fact, there were too many great bands wanting to play so the idea of another stage was born. Chris Harvey from Tower Studios was already involved in various ways and created the second stage, which, like the rest of the festival has gone from strength to strength.

lan is still very much an important part of the festival. His bike, a 1964 Triumph Thunderbird 650cc proudly sits on the main stage. Given to his close friend Phil, by Ian's daughter after his death, Phil ceremoniously starts it every day before the music starts.

And the giant drunk monkey that sits proudly on stage next to lan's bike? Well, he is the festival mascot of course! You can see he makes it onto all the merchandise . He has become a much loved emblem for the fun weekend that is now a regular and important feature on the British music festival season.



Councillor Martin Allen's County and District Report

The Jubilee already seems but a distant memory, but didn't it go well? I was delighted to see how



many people made the effort to celebrate and rejoice. My thanks go out to all those who help make the weekend a special one.

Community Mini Bus

Could I please gently remind you of the Community Bus that runs each Wednesday going to Tewkesbury. This is the market day in Tewkesbury. It's a dial a ride service, just ring Community Action on 01684 892381 at least 24 hours before the bus runs to book yourself a seat. This service is going to be reviewed shortly, so it is a case of use it or lose it.

New Mineral Plan

In July, at the next full council meeting, the new Mineral Plan will be presented, I have already requested that it go back to the County Council Cabinet to be looked at again.

This plan may last 20 years or more. When it is adopted, that's it, no second chances. It is important that your County Council gets this right.

Silica Dust can be produced when minerals are extracted. This can lead to an incurable lung disease. Presently the existing plan provides for a 200-meter protection zone, so that mineral extraction cannot take place if six or more dwellings are within this zone. The new plan removes this important protection. I fully accept that there must be some mineral extraction, but the checks and balances must be there to protect us all.

Finally, can I again thank all of you who make Upton look so bright and clean. Jackie and her many supporters have worked wonders with the flowers, we are blessed to have them. Martin Allen

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Sun 17th July Kings of The Quarter Mile @ 3pm Devon Mason @ 5pm

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Meet the Town Mayor



We chatted to Upton's new Mayor Shirley Dobbin & Deputy Mayor Mike Morgan, this is what they had to say...

When did you know you wanted to be the Mayor of Upton? When we first moved to Upton the Primary School held a fete and the Mayor at the time - Cllr Andrea Morgan opened it, she was so friendly and nothing

seemed too much for her. She helped on the stalls and was thoroughly enjoying her role as Mayor – a real people person, what a role model.

I also spoke to Clara Clements who is the Deputy Clerk and she explained to me the role of the Councillor and Mayor. These two women inspired me and when talking to my husband that evening I told him that 'one day I'm going to be Mayor!'

What is your favourite way to spend the day?

Time with my family is important to me, these days everyone is so busy with their own lives but family time is special. I enjoy it when we are all home sitting around the dinner table chatting, catching up with each other and reminiscing. Having time together and hearing the laughter warms my heart.

I also enjoy time with my other extended family, Hot Peppers WI. We have the best fun and do the most amazing things and go to fantastic places, my love of making cakes has come from joining the WI.

What's your favourite food?

Mmmm, that's a difficult question! I enjoy so many different types of food, must be my continental blood ...I have to say that I love a 'grazing table', in our house we call it 'picky bits!'

What is the one thing in your Role you would like to happen?

Our Annual Town Meetings are always quite well attended but our monthly town council meetings are poorly attended. It would be amazing if residents could find the time to attend a meeting to find out what the council is all about and decisions we make and why.

What is it like to be a Councillor?

I joined the council to help make a difference to our town. One main reason I joined was to try and improve the play park in New Street as it all looked pretty worn out and old

fashioned. It was fun working alongside other councillors, residents and the school children to put together a play park that would be enjoyable for everyone. Most meetings I come away feeling fulfilled and that I enjoy being part of a group of people who all want to make a difference.

Who is your biggest Hero?

Michelle Obama. She is such an inspiring woman. She helps to empower young people and sits on many organisations within education, healthy eating and service families.

What is your Role as Deputy? Essentially, I'm Shirley's body

double... When we're invited to Civic or community events around the three counties I can act as her consort should her husband Peter be unavailable or I can attend on her behalf if she is unavailable. Shirley works in a fairly normal Monday through Friday job, whereas I work a shift pattern often having to work weekends.



This means that I get days off during the week enabling us to cover a larger number of events between us. At Council meetings I can help making sure that everyone that has indicated that they wish to speak has been given the opportunity to do so, something that's not always easy for a chairman to do whilst concentrating on questions and responses being given by councillors.

What is your favourite thing about Upton?

The people. It always pleases me when I start talking to newcomers to the town and they tell me just how impressed they are by the friendliness of the locals. Upton has a great community spirit, if someone shouts for help someone will always respond.

Why is it good to be a councillor?

As someone that is very often around the town I get to speak to a lot of individuals and different groups of people. I can then represent their opinions at council meetings, not just my own. I love being able to get involved in the various projects that the town council has either organised, or has been involved in. It's also opened doors to get involved other community groups around the town.

Our meetings are open to all and the Agenda can be found on the Town Council website along with other information and dates of future committee meetings.







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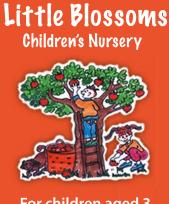
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It has been a real thrill to be able to welcome members of the wider community to what used to be routine school events. We were absolutely delighted to meet with our new Year 7 cohort for September at our Information Evening earlier this month. The school hall was absolutely packed with both parents and prospective students and it gave me great pleasure to introduce our new headteacher for September, Mr Mark Stow. The move from primary school is always a big step, but I have no doubt that the enthusiasm and commitment of all the children will ensure a great start to the new school year in September.

The second big school event of June was our first Arts Festival for over two years. The last performance in our school hall was 'Made in Dagenham' on the eve of the first lockdown. It was therefore very exciting to witness a spectacle of music , dance and drama provided by our hugely talented students, supported by their committed teachers. Our swing band gave a performance of the set they will be playing later this month at the Upton Jazz Festival and it was marvellous to see all age groups represented - from our youngest Year 7 children to Year 13 students in the middle of their A level exams.

There has been plenty of good news in school but also some timely reminders that the abilities of our students extend far beyond the school gates. I would like to publicly congratulate our talented rowers, Harriet Bray, Georgia Siddall and Phoebe Aston, who won a bronze medal at the National Schools Regatta and our equally talented riders, Sophie Chichester, Sophie Bowness, Felix Westgate-Wilton and Evan Williams, who performed so successfully in the NSEA Eventers Challenge and County Show Jumping Championships 2022 at Hickstead.

I never fail to be impressed by the commitment and dedication of our young people. We are proud of them all.

Written by: Lindsey Cooke Headteacher



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Upton-upon-Severn CofE Primary and Pre-School

We have all recently celebrated the Queen's platinum jubilee and this was a stunning occasion which spanned four days of wonderful community spirit where we all shared a deep appreciation of everything our Queen does for us and has done since she took the throne in 1952. It has been a chance for our school to reflect on the last 70 years and we recently set a display of all the historical items we have within school and the many photograph albums which span over the years. We even found an original newspaper that was printed the day after King George VI died. We have added our own newspaper now to the archives which was published on Monday 6th June and contained a full and detailed description of all the incredible events over the jubilee weekend.

We have also taken this opportunity to start developing a spiritual garden at the front of the school. We are aiming to develop this as a special place where children can be taken to enjoy some peace and tranquillity in a relaxing and pleasing environment away from the hustle and bustle of the playground. We were delighted that the family of a man who



taught at our school for over 20 years have donated money for us to purchase a memorial bench to commemorate his life. This man was called Albert Rosalyn Thomas and during our open week his granddaughter, Gemma Dewson, discovered within one of the old fashioned 'punishment books' that he was the last teacher to sign this, having smacked a pupil on the hand - It was 1960! Mr Thomas was known as Sir and he started his work at our school in 1955 where he happily put many Upton residents through their first years at school. I am sure there will be people reading this magazine article who will recall Mr Thomas. As we come through the covid crisis it is now our pleasure to have been able to finally have the

special bench installed and on Monday 13th June we held an opening ceremony in which our new Mayor, Cllr Shirley Dobbin, helped Mr Thomas' great grandchildren who attend our school, Rose and Harry, cut the ribbon.



Julie Wills

Head Teacher

We would like to thank the family for sharing this very special memorial donation with our school. We are delighted to develop our spiritual garden and look forward to children having reflection time in this area.

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A Royal Retrospective of Upton's Platinum Jubilee Weekend

One month on, Upton News commends the community's remarkable contributions to Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. Written by Will Hewlett

The first weekend of the Summer was characteristically wet and windy across the United Kingdom but if you happened to be in Upton-upon-Severn on the 4th or 5th of June, you may not have noticed.

Warmth and positivity permeated the streets as the locals celebrated the Platinum Jubilee; the sheer number of activities and events was something to behold. With over six months of planning, duties were carried about by individuals from every corner of Upton, including the town council, Baptist and Parish churches, Tudor House Museum, the Rugby Club and Upton's primary school.

I realised the scope of the Jubilee weekend during a meeting with Jo Adams, the town clerk. Jo explained that there were to be traditional fete-like activities hosted at the sports field, from wellywanging to tractor rides, egg-and-spoon races and a tug-of-war. Just across the road, bell ringers from around the world would meet to conduct the Parish church's first 'full peal', in which the bells are rung in every possible combination over three hours. Similarly, the Tudor House Museum would serve as a nexus of activity on Saturday and Sunday, and the latter afternoon would conclude with a traditional High Street party for the children of the town. Using this information, I planned a route through Upton that would allow me to soak in as much of the weekend as possible – besides the rain, I hoped!

My weekend began with a visit to the Tudor House Museum, alongside free entry to the museum - three floors containing a fascinating, eclectic collection of artefacts – a crafts fair was set up in the rear garden. It was here that I was introduced to several pillars of our community, including members of Hot Peppers WI and the Upton Quilting Group. You may be familiar with Quilting Group's yarn-bombing work – they crafted the fantastic Jubilee diorama atop the post box on Old Street. Also present was Allan Page, national secretary of the Baden Powell Guild, who sells garden planters and flower boxes, contributing the proceeds to scholarships for students in a Nepalese school. The Saturday afternoon continued on New Street, as I passed through the Upton Classic Vehicle Show. Organised by Glyn and Phil, the show featured forty vehicles including 'Jubilee Peoples Choice Award' best car in show, a red Fiat Topolino. Weaving through the cars and onto the sports field, I caught Single Reeds' rendition of the Jurassic Park theme. Here, I visited the Upton Scouts, who were involved in organising some of the day's events and activities, at their bake sale and bric-a-brac stand. Working as four groups - Falcons, Kestrels, Eagles and Merlins the Scouts organised their contribution to the event over five weeks. I noticed a set of Medieval stocks next to their stall where I was promptly locked up as punishment for a spelling mistake I made in last month's issue. Fortunately, I was spared a wet sponge to the face!

Having served my sentence, I returned to the Tudor House Museum the following morning. Sunday's gathering began with a set from Upton Fusion Band, culminating in a performance of our national anthem. Folks were anticipating the appearance of West Worcestershire MP Harriet Baldwin and Upton-in-Bloom chair Jackie Surtees, who would be planting a tree in the museum garden as part of the Queen's Green Canopy project. I had a chance to speak to our MP, who expressed her fondness for the town. '[Upton] really stands out because it's such a festival-oriented town, a happy town', she told me. 'You would expect the town to have done an amazing job celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and sure enough they have'. I also caught up with Mayor Shirley Dobbin, who expressed her gratitude towards those who helped organise the weekend. 'The community in Upton is quite amazing, she explained, everyone does pull together... they have lived, breathed and slept the Jubilee. I'd like to say a massive thank you to all the volunteers, as without them none of this would have gone ahead'.

For many, the highlight of the weekend was the grand finale, a traditional street party on the High Street. The party was brimming with atmosphere. Bunting fluttered overhead like butterflies with wings of red, white and blue. The Poppy Sisters sang from the Pepperpot garden, taking the town back to 1962 with a fantastic rendition of 'Bobby's Girl'. The table stretched from The Star Inn to the riverfront, decorated with place mats designed by primary school students as part of a Jubilee themed competition.

As the day began to wind down I met with Amy and Catherine, two of the street party's organisers. 'It's been fantastic,' Amy cheered, 'everyone coming together – the highlight for me was the Ukrainian families egg and spoon racing. It's been fantastic seeing everyone come together for a bit of joy and fun'. Amy's enthusiasm was shared by Catherine: 'The community means everything, I absolutely love it. People come out and in support, they love it and Upton has always punched above its weight every single time something like this happens'. Anyone who manages to distract residents of a British town from inclement weather is worthy of applause. However, the organisers of the Jubilee Weekend went above and beyond to bring everyone together for the Queen's milestone celebrations. Upton, you have our thanks!

John Campion West Mercia PCC

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I am now inviting everyone in West Mercia to look at the proposals

and share their views with me. It is important to me that everyone can have an opportunity to have a say in the way this strategy sets out to reshape policing property and infrastructure. If there is anything in this strategy you want to bring to my attention, I am open to hearing your views, which you can share by completing the online survey at the link below, or sending an email back to me at opcc@westmercia.police.uk.

The Estate Strategy Consultation is open until 11 July 2022 Full and abridged versions of the Estate Strategy and the survey are all available together with a video introduction, on my website.

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Green Finger's Top Tips For July

Summer is progressing

This is often one of the hottest months of the year and a great time to sit out and enjoy your garden. Keep plants looking good by regularly dead-heading and you'll enjoy a longer display of blooms. Make sure you keep new plants well-watered using grey water where possible, and hoe off weeds which thrive in the sunshine.



Deadhead bedding plants and repeat-flowering perennials, to ensure continuous flowering Keep plants looking attractive and encourage more-blooms, whether in beds and border, containers or hanging baskets.

Care for houseplant while on holiday

Most houseplants will tolerate a few days' absence without suffering, but absences of more than a week call for some creative measures to provide valuable moisture in the right quantity.



Water tubs and new plants if dry, but be water-wise Watering is one of the most important jobs when growing plants in containers. Roots need a balance of air and water to grow well which is easy to provide if you have a good quality compost or soil.

Jobs for July

Check clematis for signs of clematis wilt

- Pick courgettes before they become marrows
- •••••
- Treat apple scab
- Clear algae, blanket weeds and debris from ponds, and keep them topped up Order catalogues for next year's spring-flowering bulbs Give the lawn a quick-acting summer feed, especially if pot given a spring feed
- Harvest apricots, peaches and nectarine





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Welcoming our Ukrainian Friends

For a little while now we have been anticipating welcoming our friends from the Ukraine to Upton and the surrounding areas. Since a local family visited Camp Ostròda in Poland at the beginning of the Russian invasion, we have got to know a good number of families who were pleased to find safety in our town during these difficult times under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme.

We anticipate welcoming over 60 Ukrainians with over twothirds already here and settling. Amongst the group are some 20 children attending Upton Primary and Hanley Castle High School. Both schools have been fantastic in welcoming and supporting the children. It is amazing how quickly they pick up speaking and understanding our language - my Ukrainian is far less advanced!

Under the scheme individuals have permission to work and thanks to local businesses, many have found employment already. Living in Upton we are all too aware of the challenges with public transport but thanks again to your generosity we have been able to give every adult a push bike so that they can be more mobile and independent.

According to UNHCR, there are 68.5 million people who've been forcibly displaced from their homes worldwide – that's more than the population of the UK. Of these, 40 million are internally displaced, forced to move within their own countries usually because of conflict, while 25.4 million have fled to other countries.

It's not a coincidence that Jesus himself was a refugee. After the Magi left Bethlehem soon after his birth, his parents fled from Herod to Egypt. The young family facing a perilous journey on foot, leaving a vengeful and ruthless enemy behind them.

Although written in a different context, the Bible has advice about hospitality and welcome saying 'Be sure to welcome strangers into your home. By doing this, some people have welcomed angels as guests, without even knowing it.'

Each family has a story to tell, a challenge to overcome and grief and loss to manage, yet they all are people of hope with such thankful hearts and a spirit of generosity. In our town that is known for supporting each other so well, it is heartwarming to have seen how together as a community we have not only welcomed, but embraced our new friends.

Guest Column by Harriett Baldwin MP

Many readers will now have met some of the Ukrainian refugees who have now made their way to our lovely part of the world. I want to thank all the kind-hearted local people who have offered their spare rooms to those fleeing



from the terrible war in their country. It remains an absolute priority that we must stand up for Ukraine and stop Putin's war of choice.

I've just come back from Vilnius, capital of Lithuania, as part of my duties representing our Parliament scrutinising the work of NATO. For over 70 years, the organisation has had an important role to play protecting us and our allies, and with the illegal invasion of sovereign territory by the tyrant Putin, this north Atlantic alliance could not be more vital.

I argued for further anti-corruption measures across all thirty NATO countries. Putin's hybrid warfare has included attempts to weaken our economies and our democracies by using his ill-gotten gains to fund corruption. Russia is a resource-rich country and too many Governments allowed themselves to be over-reliant on its oil and natural gas. Lithuania realised this many years ago and has completely ended its historic dependence on Russian oil and gas. We too have been at the forefront of developing our own domestic energy security. But as we saw this year our own country had turned a blind eye to Russian money piling into 'Londongrad' even allowing oligarchs to buy popularity by, for example, purchasing a football club. Since Putin's invasion we have been quick to sanction these kleptocrats.

Let's be clear; they are not uniquely successful businessmen and women. They are individuals benefitting from a kleptocracy that has robbed the assets of the Russian state and handed them to a small group of individuals – all of whom have close ties to Putin, himself believed to be the richest man in the world by far.

There's more we can do here with more transparency and better identity checks at Companies House. A fearless free press at local and national level is also vital. But I do think that our constitutional monarchy, vigorous Parliamentary democracy and excellent journalism give us a strong basis to ward off the worst excesses of corruption.



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The Birmingham 2022 Queen's Baton Relay is confirmed to visit the Malvern Hills District during its final journey through England this summer.

Birmingham 2022 is hosting the 16th official Queen's Baton Relay – a journey which brings together and celebrates communities across the Commonwealth during the build up to the Games. The Queen's Baton Relay is set to travel the length and breadth of England for a total of 29 days, before culminating at the Opening Ceremony for Birmingham 2022 on 28 July 2022.

There will be plenty of opportunities to see the Baton as it goes through the Malvern Hills District on the **afternoon of 22 July.**

Where can you see the baton?

Upton - Between 2.30 - 4.30pm there will be live music alongside Waterside to greet the baton which is travelling over from Upton Marina. The relay will continue through the town to Old Street. Please note, there will be road closures in place along Waterside and Lower High Street, and possible delays through the town centre.

Malvern Town Football Club – time TBC. There will be a number of fun activities to take part in as well as seeing football skills from members of the club. Plus you will get an opportunity to see the baton up close when it arrives.

Great Malvern – between 3.30 - 5.30pm, Church Street will be hosting games for all, live music and community celebrations to welcome the Queen's Baton into the town. The relay will start in Priory Park and finish at Belle Vue Island.

Please note, there is a road closure in place on Church Street and possible delays in the surrounding roads.

Thousands of Batonbearers, each with inspiring backgrounds and stories, will have the honour of carrying the Baton during the journey through England.

One of the confirmed Community Batonbearers for the Malvern Hills District will be John Clark, from Rushwick, a gym owner,

mentor and coach who is a former champion strong man. Having suffered from food poverty as a child, he has set up a charity, Miles 4 Meals to help children living in food poverty and has raised up to £50,000 in other charitable challenges.





Can you help Hope church get summer-ready?

Thanks to all those who helped with the recent celebrations and summer fun!! Our team of volunteers helped with Toddlers, the Jubilee Breakfast, our Grass Sledging trip, Open House boat trips, and work teams! Such a great community time of making new friends!

The Parish Church building is such an iconic part of Upton and we're loving how folk are getting involved to help get it summer - ready!

The next things we need are:

Volunteers to make cakes for our Summer Blues festival café Volunteers for our monthly Work Team to help do repairs, or weeding, or hoovering. All ages and abilities welcome. Donuts provided!

Volunteers to help lay on even more childrens clubs and activities

Can you help? We'd love to hear from you. Email: carolunwin@gmail.com



Send the boys to Disneyland!

Sunday 3rd July 2022

11am

Upton-Upon Severn

11:00 – Launch at the Pepperpot – Mayoral speech, the boys' family speech, prolific local fundraiser Klint Varndall begins a marathon distance walk / cycle from Upton to Worcester Cathedral and back.

12:00 – Quiz at The Plough

14:00 – Bingo at The Plough

16:00 – 'Naff Raffle' at The Plough

18:00 – Auction at The Plough

19:00 – 20:00 – Klint Varndall's anticipated finish at The Plough.

AMAZING (and naff!) prizes to be won all day, most kindly donated by wonderful local businesses!

This fundraising event aims to help a local family who have two sons, aged 2 and 1, who both have Spinal Muscular Atrophy, a condition which has a life expectancy of just two years. The family are hoping to have one magical Disneyland Paris experience together before they lose their baby boys. This fundraising event is to help them realise this dream.

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All events throughout the day hosted by Ian Alley, Klint Varndall's eldest son.



QUEENHILL WI REPORT

Following a short business meeting, members of Queenhill WI, including a new member and a visitor, enjoyed watching a demonstration by Hilary of Hanley Flowers.

Garden and hedgerow plants collected locally were used to construct several delightful arrangements. Hilary gave us a running commentary about her decisions as well as information about the plants themselves. By the end of the session she had produced an impressive cottage garden arrangement of foliage and flowers; a simple, yet effective modern arrangement using four identical small vases; and one using dried grasses and seed heads. All of them were lovely! Added to this, the tips she offered and her answers to our questions and you can imagine how satisfying and engaging we found the topic.

As usual, we shared mouthwatering sandwiches and cakes, tried our luck in the raffle, and examined the competition entries.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday July 14th at 2.30pm. when Geoff Rowswell will be showing us the beauty of watercolour painting. You are very welcome to join us at our WI Hall.



HOT PEPPERS WI

Our May meeting was the first face to face AGM and competition night for two years. There were plenty of entries at a great standard for all the competition categories, including baking, preserves, crafts and art.

33 members came to the meeting, which is very encouraging as things return to normal. We were helped through the AGM process by Sue White from the Worcester Federation, who also skilfully judged the competition. She praised the high standard of the entries.

We were very lucky that Leaza French was willing to be our chairman again and that lots of committee members volunteered to work for us.

As usual the evening ended with tea, coffee, delicious cakes and lots of conversation.

Since then we have supported Upton with serving homemade cakes and gallons of tea during the Jubilee weekend. We also helped the WI catering operation at the Royal Three Counties show.

We have a great programme for 2022/23. The evening meetings are varied and we also have a number of trips arranged for the year.

Our meeting on 23 June is a lively and entertaining talk by Dr Gillian White on Robert Dudley and Elizabeth 1st and the

sumptuous entertainment he provided for her at Kenilworth in 1575. We meet at 7.30 in Upton's Memorial Hall. Our July meeting is a party at The Tudor House Museum Garden.



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The new Warner's store opened its doors at the end of May, ready for the Jubilee celebrations, and it's been non-stop ever since and with good reason: the store is unique in that it stocks a range of local produce from over 70 local suppliers alongside Morrison's own-brand ranges, offering customers a greater choice for their trolleys.

"I love it because I can do my daily shop here thanks to the Morrison's prices, but I can also treat myself to something special," says store customer Emma Pearson. "I like that I can easily support local producers without having to make a special journey elsewhere – I can't get enough of Beau's Bakehouse brownies, and the fresh bread from La Parisienne is worth making a daily trip for!"

As with all new ventures, especially ones that open in the middle of the country's largest celebrations, there have been teething problems along the way, but the Warner's team are working hard to make sure that customers have the best experience possible.

"We're delighted with the response we've had so far, despite some early supply issues that were unfortunately out of our control," says store manager Mike Worrall. "One of the Warner's strengths is customer service and we really do take on board everyone's comments. In fact, we've had requests from customers for a number of lines that we don't currently stock, so we will be looking at those over the next few weeks – watch this space!"

As well as a wide range of fresh fruit and vegetables, store cupboard items and household essentials, the store also has a huge selection of spirits, wines, beers and ciders, and a large range of COOK! frozen foods. A really big hit has been the food to go area, with hot snacks such as sausage rolls, and a selection of cakes and pastries, many made by local producers. The drinks bar is also popular, offering fresh coffee, tea and hot chocolate, freshly squeezed orange juice, Ice Eruption slush machine and a 'Fwip' gelato bar, perfect for cooling off this summer!

To find out more, visit warners-stores.co.uk. To take advantage of monthly food and drink offers, recipes and news, visit warnerstasteclub.co.uk. Warner's Supermarket, Hanley Road, Upton-upon-Severn, WR8 0HU





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Working in partnership with colleagues in the public, private and third sectors, officers at Malvern Hills District Council are currently developing an Investment Plan for submission to Government in early August.

Last Chance to Enter The Worcestershire Apprenticeship Awards 2022

After the success of the virtual awards last year, the popular event returns in its physical manifestation on 17 November 2022 at the West Midland Safari Park. Get your entries in for a star apprentice or excellent employer by 15 July 2022.

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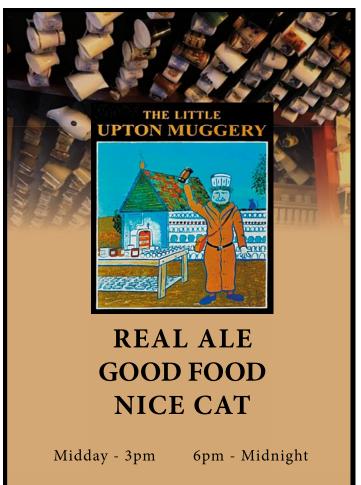
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SEPTEMBER

4th – Super Nova (Alternative) 11th – Cleobury Mortimer Brass Band 18th – Answer Back (Alternative)

LOCAL CALF



WEEKLY EVENTS - Please note that some may not be running over the time, please check with the organisers directly.

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 Help Looking For Job @ Upton Baptist Church. AM Patsy Watten Yoga @ Church Rooms Upton. 6.30 - 7.45pm Upton Guides @Scout & Guide HQ, Upton. 6.30- 8.30pm Bonsai Chi @ Upton Primary School. 5 - 6pm Kids Karate @ Upton Primary School. 6.15 - 7pm Adults Karate @ Upton Primary School. 7 - 8pm Knit & Natter @ Rose Cafe (Nuyards) 	Zumba with Kirsty @ Upton Hill Centre. 6.15- 7.15pm The Ark Baby Group @ Bapist Church 10 - 11.30am 1st Upton Cubs @ Scout & Guide HQ Upton. 6 - 7.30 pm Zumba with Kirsty @ Croft Farm. 9.30am Tenbury Wells Country Market @ 9:30am Tenbury Community Pool	VoxRox Choir @ 7 - 8.30pm Upton Brownie HQ, Upton. 6- 7.30pm Art Classes @ E 10.30am - 12.3 Board Gaming 7pm Quiz Night @ I 6pm

10am - Midday



Saturday 23rd July 9.30 to 11.30am Memorial Hall, Upton upon Severn

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ENDAR July 2022

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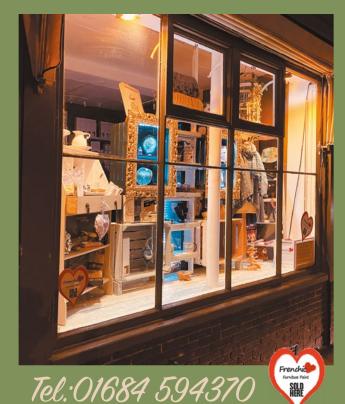
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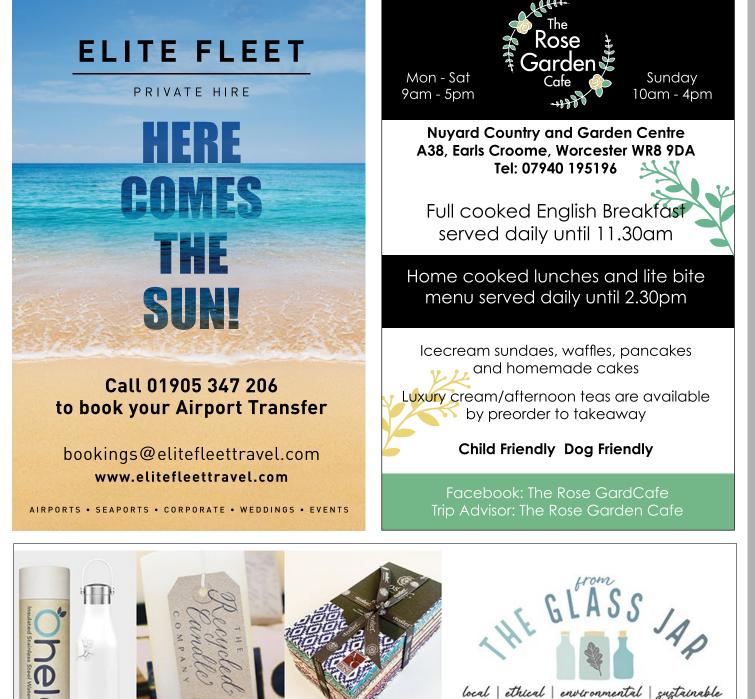
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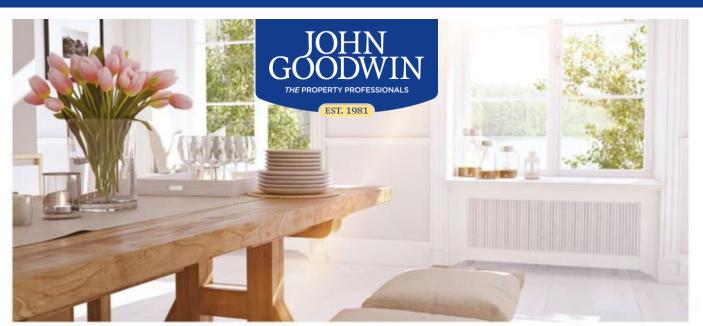
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