

# UFTON NEWS

## December 2021 Diary

Fri	3	Grey Bin Collection
Sun	5	Private Event Village Hall (11 am - 5 pm)
Mon	6	Tai Chi Village Hall (7.30 – 9.00 pm)
Tues	7	Ufton Parish Council 8.00 pm Village Hall.
Fri	10	Blue and Green Bin Collection
Sun	12	Carol Service Ufton Church 4 pm Followed by Punch Party in the Village Hall.
Tues	14	Men's Breakfast - Fox & Hen, Bascote 7.30 pm for 8 pm.
Fri	17	Grey Bin Collection
Fri	24	Blue and Green Bin Collection
Sat	25	Christmas Day Holy Communion Ufton Church 10 am.
Fri	31	Grey Bin Collection

## Heart of England Farms Free Range Cockerel Voucher

Our grateful thanks once again go to Richard Wright at Car Consultants who provided the Collection Point for this year's Voucher entries.



Parish Council Chairman John Tayler draws the winning entry whilst cub reporter Richard has pen poised to get the Winner's name to Ufton News Editor Jackie Chapman – Meaning the result in this month's issue really is "hot off the press."

There were just 10 entries (has the village gone Vegan?) and we are pleased to announce that the lucky winner is: - JOHN CROFT

***Congratulations John - the Voucher is already winging its way to your front door!***

## Air Ambulance – Thank you

Firstly, may I thank all those that have kindly donated items for me to sell to raise money for the charity. May I especially thank those of you that have used your time and skills to provide homemade items for which I am extremely grateful.

So, I would like to share my amazing news that I have been awarded the title of Volunteer of the Year 2021, which would not have been achievable without the help I have received.

Anyone who is interested in my work can follow me on my Facebook page: - Karen's Ambulance Collection Page.

My ambition is to equal last year's takings of £880.00 on the Christmas Tombola, which, even though it is online, is open to all. It is £2.50 per ticket, or 10 for £5. Every ticket wins a prize, and the draw takes place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

All prizes are donated by the generous public and any businesses donating will be advertised on my Facebook page. (Any donations can be taken to Dot Brain at 7 St Michaels Close).

I have Christmas Cards available at £2.95 per pack of 10 or £3.50 per pack with a Helicopter picture.

Once again, many thanks and may I wish you all a very merry Christmas. Karen Bench.

## Used Postage Stamps

If you do not already save and donate used postage stamps, please will you consider saving them for Denise Brain. Denise collects them and donates them to the Bone Cancer Trust. All stamps can be dropped off to 7 St Michaels Close, Ufton. Thank you

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Date for items to be submitted for the January 2022 edition – **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021.**

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST December 2021**

Instead of our Saturday Breakfast in the Village Hall, traditionally we celebrate the twelfth month of the year with an Evening Dinner at a local hostelry and 2021 will be no exception; in fact, it will be a double celebration since our last one was way back in 2019!

This year will see us gathered at The Fox & Hen, Bascote at 7.30 for 8.00pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December where we will enjoy a Three Course Dinner for the princely sum of £20 including tip.

If you would like to join us then for more information and menu choices, please contact Barry Parker [champagnebuff@gmail.com](mailto:champagnebuff@gmail.com) or call Ian Crowther on 612986, but you will have to be quick – we need your Menu Selection and *fiver* deposit by 6 December latest.

Finally, a note for your 2022 diary – our next event will be on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

***Happy Christmas from Barry, Ian & Roger!***

## **Residents urged to do the right thing to reduce the spread of COVID-19**

From 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 face coverings will be compulsory in shops and other settings such as banks, post offices and hairdressers, as well as on public transport unless individuals are exempt from doing so.

All travellers arriving in the country from 30<sup>th</sup> November will be required to self-isolate and take a PCR test on or before day 2 (day 0 is the day of arrival). This is a temporary and precautionary measure put in place by the Government to prevent the spread of the new COVID-19 Omicron variant in the UK.

However, with cases continuing to rise across the county and with Christmas fast approaching, Public Health Warwickshire are urging all residents to protect themselves and do their bit to minimise the spread of the virus.

Key to this is regular lateral flow testing, getting vaccinated, isolating, and getting a PCR test if you have symptoms. Equally, it is important to wear a face covering when you are out shopping or attending busy festive events – especially if you are inside crowded places, or places with limited ventilation.

Washing your hands regularly and keeping a distance from those you do not live with will also help to reduce the spread. If you are meeting up with family or friends at home, please ensure windows are opened to help circulate fresh air.

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## Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership supports Warwickshire residents to carry on driving safely for as long as possible

We all have a shared responsibility to keep the roads as safe as possible.

Following the clock change signalling the onset of winter, Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership is offering road safety advice to help keep drivers safe behind the wheel and providing a timely reminder of their mature driver reviews.

Experienced drivers will recognise that driving at this time of year can be challenging, with reduced visibility and rapidly changing weather conditions introducing more hazards. Combined with this an increase in journeys being made at dusk it is important to plan and prepare in advance and an ideal time for residents to boost their driving skills.

Warwickshire Road Safety Partners, in collaboration with IAM RoadSmart are offering mature drivers residing in Warwickshire the opportunity to undertake a voluntary appraisal of their driving skills and ability to help them prepare for the winter months. The Mature Driver Review is particularly suited to drivers 70 + with over twenty years of driving experience.

The Mature Driver Review is an hour-long bespoke session, tailored to the individuals needs with an approved driving instructor or qualified IAM RoadSmart Examiner as the assessor. It takes place in your own vehicle along familiar routes and roads you travel. At the end of the session the assessor will offer you feedback, hints, tips, and observations to improve your skills and boost your confidence. It is not a test, but it may reassure you, your family or loved ones of your competence on the road and improve your confidence for the months ahead.

If you are a Warwickshire resident, you can book your free Mature Driver Review, worth £65, by calling **0300 303 1134** during office hours, quoting code 'WCC'.

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After spending so long apart during 2020 Christmas is a time to be together. An ideal opportunity to put those new found cooking skills to the test perhaps!

Our bronze turkeys have free range in open fields, the perimeter fence is to keep the wily fox out rather than the birds in! The geese wander at will being allowed acres of space for grazing, and our cockerels and ducks are allowed the time to reach maturity resulting in the tastiest birds ever!

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**Finally, Ufton Parish Council wishes everyone a happy and healthy Christmas**



**Upcoming services**

**Carol Service** – 12<sup>th</sup> December, 4pm followed by punch party in the village hall

**Christmas Day service** – 25<sup>th</sup> December, 10am

**Flowers and cleaning rota**

**Thank you to all those who have taken the time to clean and provide decoration in church this year. It really is appreciated.**

**Christmas decorating** will take place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December from 10:30am onwards.

To be added to the 2022 list please contact June on 612686

**Message from Rev Andy**

As I write this, I'm looking out on to a vicarage garden sparkling with a coating of frost as the weather takes a decidedly chilly turn, reminding us that winter is just around the corner. The church is about to enter the season of Advent as we prepare for Christmas and the arrival of Jesus, both as a vulnerable baby so long ago, and looking forward to his return when all that has darkened Gods once perfect creation will be finally overcome. Every year at this time Christians are encouraged to set aside just a little time to reflect on our lives, where we each are in our relationship with God, and how much or little we have allowed him to mould us into the people he designed us to be. In our hectic lifestyles this is a valuable discipline and can be surprisingly beneficial. Each Sunday in Advent Christians light one of the candles on the Advent wreath. These can symbolise a number of different themes, but my favourite is the gifts that God brings us through Jesus – Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. In a world which focuses so often on material things, wealth, or fame, these gifts are often undervalued, but if we spend some time reflecting on what is really important to us, we might find that perspective is turned upside down.

This year our churches are not facing the same restrictions as during the worst of the pandemic, and so there will be much more on offer. You would be warmly welcomed at either of our services or events, and my prayer is that this year we would all gain a fresh understanding of how God wants to bless us and open ourselves to his transforming power as we welcome Jesus among us once more.

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