

UFTON NEWS

March 2022 Diary

Tues	1	Ufton Parish Council Meeting VH 8.00 pm
Fri	4	Blue & Green Bins
Sun	6	Private Function VH 11 – 2 pm
Mon	7	Tai Chi 7.30 pm VH
Fri	11	Grey Bin
Mon	14	Tai Chi 7.30 pm VH
Fr	18	Blue and Green Bins
Sat	19	Men's Breakfast VH 8.30am
Mon	21	Tai Chi 7.30 pm VH
Wed	23	Village Hall AGM 7.45 for 8 pm
Fri	25	Grey Bins
Sun	27	Mothering Sunday 11 am Church
Mon	28	Tai Chi VH 7.30 pm

Children's Boxes – Ann Ainscow

If you have a Children's Box which is still to be emptied, please will you take it to Ann at the Old Vicarage as soon as possible and at the latest by Saturday 12th March 2022.

If you are unable to take it yourself, please contact the Parish Clerk, Jackie. She will collect the box and take it to Ann. Thank you

Solar Farm Planning Application 22/00001/FUL

Thank you to everyone who took the time to comment on solar farm planning application, whether you are for or against it. Stratford District Council (SDC) have confirmed they are now treating Ufton Parish Council as a Consultee as opposed to being treated as a neighbouring parish.

As the Parish Council objected to the application, if Stratford District Council decides to approve the planning application it will have to go to Committee. This means elected members (Councillors) will make the decision.

Ufton Defibrillator

Ufton has a defibrillator, and it is sited on the wall of the village hall facing the A425 Southam Road. The defibrillator is registered with West Midlands Ambulance Service.

If anyone needs to use the defibrillator, please call 999 and ask for the ambulance service. This will ensure your request for an ambulance is logged. The operator will then provide the caller with the code for the defibrillator box.

The defibrillator itself is simple to use and the machine tells you what you need to do at every stage. The pads which you place on the patient register electrical current, consequently it is not possible to administer a "shock" incorrectly.

Welsh Road, road closure

Balfour Beaty Vinci (BBV) need to resurface the carriageway on Welsh Road, Offchurch. To do this safely the road will be closed on **Wednesday 9 March 2022 and Thursday 10 March 2022** between **9.30am and 3.30pm**. The workforce may be onsite one hour before and one hour after to set up and secure the equipment.

Bascote Road, road closure.

The Bascote Road, between the Harbury Crossroads and the Welsh Road, is due to be closed on Monday 21st March 2022. The works which include carriageway patching and other associated works are due to be completed on the same day.

A signed diversion will be put in place. Advanced warning signs relating to this closure will be put out on site.

123+ Waste Collection Service

A new waste collection service, provided by Stratford and Warwick District Councils is due to commence in August 2022.

Week 1 – A food waste collection, every week using a food caddy (a small kitchen caddy for inside the property) and a larger food waste bin to use outside and put out for collection.

Week 2 – A recycling collection, every two weeks, using a wheeled bin for mixed recycling. Stratford District residents will continue to use their existing recycling bins.

Week 3 – A refuse collection every three weeks using the existing grey wheeled bin.

+ Garden waste collection every two weeks using the existing green wheeled bin.

Fly-tipping

The experience of other Councils who have moved to three weekly refused collections is that there was very little or no increase in fly-tipping of household waste.

However, this will be monitored very closely in both Stratford and Warwick Districts and enforcement action taken wherever possible.

Time to get walking again!

At this time of year, we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Warwickshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/warwickshire> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free. It also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Warwickshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So, home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

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UFTON VILLAGE HALL AGM

Wednesday 23rd March 7.45 for 8.00pm

Unfortunately, our intended AGM had to be postponed as Chairman Colin Baldwin was still recovering from his recent "op". However, those attending the February meeting were able to join in a very constructive discussion about how to make the most of our facility post COVID. That discussion has gained momentum since, and Jill and Milly are working on a flyer to be hand delivered to all homes encouraging a diversity of ideas for future events. You may not have been able to come along last month, but please do come along this time and play your part in shaping Ufton's social life now that all the restrictions have been lifted. Put in in your diary now, so that we look forward to seeing you on the 23rd!

Men's Breakfast 8.30am Saturday 19th March in Ufton Village Hall

This month's Speaker is scheduled to be Henry Marriott's guest, Major Matt Patterson and his Talk will be entitled "What happened in the world last week", but he was not home in Leamington for our February bash as events in the East meant that he had to remain within 20 minutes of where he is based: the MOD in London. With recent events in Ukraine his Talk seems even more prescient and we can but hope that in the intervening three weeks peace will have been restored and Matt can enjoy Roger's "Full English for a Fiver" with the rest of us.

We were oversubscribed for our February event so let Barry know if you'll be coming NOW – either via 01926 811254 and 07768 175682 or (better still)

champagnebuff@gmail.com

CHURCH IN CRISIS?

A big "Thank you" to all who responded either by hand or online to our Church Survey that accompanied last month's Ufton News. In all we had 36 replies from some 100 homes which the Diocese tell us is "not bad for a small community!".

Not recognising that February is a short month and that our Copy would be due only a few days after the Response deadline we regret that we are unable to report the results in this month's issue. A short analysis might have been possible, but on such an important matter we felt you should be given the fullest possible information.

We are working with SurveyMonkey and the Diocese to get the data analysed and aim to report back in April, not only with the results, but also with the possible conclusions that can be drawn from them.

Thank you for your patience.

Green Bin Waste Collection

Garden waste subscription for the period April 2022 – Mar 2023 is now open. The annual charge is £42.00. Contact Stratford District Council for more information.



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