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What Am I Reading?

The Diary of a Bookseller, by Shaun Bythell (2017) Published by Profile Books, London

'When Anna and I returned to the shop after the auction, I noticed that the left-hand window display was completely flooded (there is a large window on each side of the door to the shop which we use for themed displays). It has always been a bit leaky, but nothing like as bad as this. I removed all the soaked books and disposed of them. Now, in their place, the window display consists of six mugs, a towel and a saucepan catching the drips... More torrential rain. An elderly customer complimented the window display, mistaking the pots, pans and mugs (which are there to catch the drips from the leak) for a cookery-themed display.'

Upton WI News

On 28th October Rebecca Sarginon gave a talk on Bramley & White Furniture Design. On Tuesday 25th November Guy Rogers will give a talk on Physiotherapy. Meetings are now back in the Village Hall.

Penny Stephenson

Upton Volunteer Cooperative Coffee Mornings

Are you new to the village, newly retired or at a loose end on a Tuesday morning? Join us for a lively chat with refreshments, **every Tuesday from 10.30am to 12 noon in the Village Hall.**



Upton Volunteer Cooperative Knit & Natter Group

Join our daytime group, and bring along your knitting, crochet or sewing projects. Help given if needed.

We meet on the first and third Thursday of each month from 10.30am to 12.00 noon in the Village Hall. November meetings: 6th and 20th

For more details, email Annie Brand at anniefb@aol.com or phone 819989.

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Church News

November may be the beginning of Winter but there is much going on in our village. On Bonfire Night, remember to keep your pets safe at home. And in church on Sunday 2nd November there is a very special Benefice service for all to remember those loved ones we have lost. The service conducted by Revd James will include hymns and prayers and the opportunity to light a candle for loved ones who have died in recent years. All are very welcome. On 9th November, which is Remembrance Sunday, there will be a traditional Remembrance service led by the Church Warden, with some new features specially pertaining to our village. On a lighter note, the long-awaited Harvest Supper will take place on Saturday 22nd November – I think we should find it a new name! We are so looking forward to having you join us. Tickets are now available at the price of £10 from Steve on 07444 108063 or Barbara on 813812. A good meal, a chance for a good gossip and entertainment. The supper is timed for 6.30pm for 7.00pm in the Village Hall and is a chance to see the beautiful new ceiling with its blend of ancient and new beams.

Sunday Services Across the Benefice in November:

Sunday 2nd November: All Souls service for lost loved ones at Upton led by Revd James

Sunday 9th November: Remembrance Sunday Service led by Barbara

Sunday 16th November: Holy Communion at Hoveringham led by Revd James

Sunday 23rd November: Service for Christ the King at Morton led by David Hanson

Morning Praise at Thurgarton led by Angela Green

Sunday 30th November: Advent Holy Communion at Bleasby led by Revd James

All services start at 10.30am unless otherwise stated.

Zoom worship is held each Sunday at 9.00am.

Barbara Page, Church Warden

November Sonnet

by Elizabeth Jennings

Spirit of place. Spirit of time. Re-form
The rugged oaks and chestnuts. Now they stand
Naked and pallid giants out of storm
And out of sorts. It is the Autumn's end
And this is Winter brought in by All Saints
Fast followed by All Souls to keep us in
Touch with chill and death. Each re-acquaints
Us with the year's end. Yet we now begin
A life of realism, watching out
For a red sunset, grateful for a dawn
Of rich light now. Tall shadows step and strut
Facing the big wind daily coming on
Faster. This is the season of right doubt
While that elected child waits to be born

Two-day Winter Craft Fair



A mixture of returning favourites and new stallholders are all lined up for this year's Winter Craft Fair at Southwell Minster. This year the event will be a two-day event:

- ◆ **Friday 7th November (evening), from 4pm to 8pm**
- ◆ **Saturday 8th November (daytime), from 10am to 3.30pm**

There will be around 60 stalls selling a wide range of goods in the Minster, as well as an additional 14 in the stunning State Chamber of The Archbishop's Palace next door (open both days). This is one of the region's most loved events and is the perfect place to pick up a gift for a loved one whilst helping support independent businesses. Expect jewellery, ceramics, glassware, textiles, hand-crafted cards and much, much more. This event is an important fundraiser for the Minster. Entry: £3 suggested donation (under 16s free). Dogs on leads are welcome.

Upton Harvest Supper

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Parish Council Notes

www.uptonnewarkparishcouncil.gov.uk

The Parish Council met in the Village Hall on Wednesday 15th October under the newly completed roof works. We hope this will mean that the roof will be in good order for the village for the next 30 years. The next steps will be to try to get the Village Hall painted and decorated, and double glazing installed in the windows to improve the comfort of the users. We would like to thank Roger Norman for all his efforts during the process of the roof renovations.

We will be holding the **Village Christmas Lunch** in the Village Hall on Sunday 30th November. Details are in the Tonic and on posters around the village. All are welcome. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Judith on 07960 441023 or email: judithlund2804@gmail.com



On behalf of the villagers and the Parish Council, I would like to thank Johanna Law-Riding for all her work during her time as a Parish Councillor. As you may be aware, Johanna and Peter are moving to pastures new and we wish them well in the future.

This will leave two vacancies on the Parish Council. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact me or the Parish Clerk for more information.

Finally, I would like to say that, just before the Parish Council meeting, Hockerton Lane/Road had quite a few potholes repaired – more than has been done for many years – so our constant pestering of the County Council has worked! How long it will last, we will have to see.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 19th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This will be the final meeting before Christmas.

Malcolm Yates, Chairman

Upton Monthly Village Draw

The Village Hall lottery was held at the meeting. Congratulations to the October prize winners:

1st prize £50:	K Gaylard 125
2nd prize £25:	N Pashley 197
3rd prize £10:	K Sharpe 236
4th prize £5:	S Quick 201





Upton Village Christmas Lunch
Sunday 30th November 2025
1pm–5.00pm in the Village Hall

Menu

On Arrival:

Mulled wine/Sherry/Orange Juice

Starter:

Pate, Prawn Cocktail or Melon Cocktail

Main:

Roast Turkey with all the trimmings or Vegetarian Option

Dessert:

Mince Pie & Cream, Fruit Salad or Lemon Cheesecake

Tea & Coffee

Bring your own alcohol or drinks of choice!

Tickets are £20 for 3 courses or £18 for 2 Courses

Please give numbers and menu choices to Judith

email judithlund2804@gmail.com

Or post through the door at 6 The Close, Upton

Please give a contact number for the head of the Group

Payment can be made by bank transfer or cash

A Raffle will be held on the day – any donation of Prizes would be gratefully received. Tickets £1.00 each.

All monies raised at this event will go towards the upkeep of our Village Hall.

Bonfire Night at Norwood Park

Norwood Park, Halam Road, Southwell,
Nottinghamshire NG25 0PF

Sunday 2nd November 2025 4pm – 7.30pm

<https://www.norwoodpark.co.uk/whatson>



Experience an unforgettable evening filled with dazzling fireworks, delicious food and drink options, and some exciting new additions to this year's show. Soak up the festive atmosphere while warming up by the bonfire with a seasonal hot drink. Be amazed by a breathtaking fire dancer performance, before watching the spectacular firework display. Gates will be open from 4pm, with the bonfire lighting at 5.30pm, fire dancers at 6pm and firework display at 6.45pm (approx).

Important Information: Pre-booking tickets is advised. Children should be supervised by an adult at all times. No external sparklers or fireworks are to be brought on site. No dogs allowed. Suitable footwear advised. Lighting is limited in some areas of the Estate, so we recommend bringing a torch.



Wollaton Winter Light Trail

Wednesday 26th November – Wednesday
31st December 2025

This all-new immersive festive experience debuts in winter 2025, transforming the historic grounds into a captivating wonderland of light, sound and seasonal storytelling.

The Wollaton Winter Light Trail represents a fresh and innovative approach to festive programming in Nottingham. Developed by a new creative operator, the trail will feature never-before-seen installations, interactive elements, and immersive soundscapes designed to delight visitors of all ages.

Attendees can expect a dynamic and engaging trail filled with large-scale illuminated displays, atmospheric environments, and festive surprises throughout. The event is designed to provide a memorable evening experience for families, couples, and groups seeking a seasonal celebration unlike any other. Plus:

Festive bar and mini chalets Local independent food vendors
Kids' funfair amusements Marshmallow toasting

<https://wollatonhall.org.uk/wollaton-winter-light-trail/>

What to do with Quinces

Quinces are some of the most attractive fruit. Pear-shaped, rounded or knobbly, they have a soft downy skin with a citrusy yellow or lime colour. The fruit is very tasty and aromatic but is not really suitable for eating fresh. The botanical name is *Cydonia oblonga* and they are native to Asia and the Mediterranean. An ancient fruit once revered by the Greeks and Romans, they are rarely available to buy in shops so it is well worth planting a tree in your garden so that you can enjoy them. The trees also have beautiful soft pink flowers in spring. *Cydonia* quince should not be confused with Japanese Quince which is the thorny, flowering shrub *Chaenomeles* (the small, hard fruit of *Chaenomeles* are edible but not very nice!).



<https://www.frankpmatthews.com/news/what-to-do-with-quince/>

Quince and Apple Crumble Recipe

Simply peel and slice the quinces just as you would the apples. Mix the quinces and apple in roughly 50/50 quantities in the crumble dish. Add a splash of cold water and sprinkle lightly with brown sugar and bake for ten minutes to soften slightly before adding the crumble mix and cooking to completion. We would recommend any quince variety and Bramley's Seedling apples for the best flavour. Eat with cream or custard.

Membrillo (Quince Paste) Recipe

2 quinces, peeled, cored, and coarsely chopped (6 cups)
3 strips lemon peel
2 cups sugar
2 Tbsp. lemon juice

Simmer quinces, lemon peel, and 6 cups water in covered saucepan over medium-low heat 40 minutes, or until soft. Drain, then purée in food processor. Return to saucepan, and stir in sugar and lemon juice. Cook over low heat 1½ hours, or until pink and very thick.

Line loaf pan with parchment paper. Spread paste in prepared pan, and cool. Unmould onto cutting board, and slice.



Membrillo is traditionally served with cheese, bread, and also in a salad.

<https://yourspanishrecipes.blogspot.com/2013/08/membrillo-quince-paste.html>



CROSS KEYS UPTON



Booking in advance is advisable: 01636 813269

Please see updates on our website: crosskeysupton.co.uk

Cooked takeaway food can be collected from us from 5pm to 8pm,

Monday to Saturday – orders taken throughout the day.

Beer is also available on a takeaway basis.

Menus will vary according to availability. Vegetarian or other dietary requirements catered for. If you want any other food, please ask.

Call us if you have special requirements.

Please speak to a member of staff if you have any allergies.

Pash & Joy xx

◊ Cross Keys Menu ◊

All priced at £12.50 All served with Chips or Rice, Peas or Salad

Fish Scampi Pie Burger Lasagne Sausage & Mash Curry Chilli
Jacket Potato (various fillings) £12.50

Specials:

Horseshoe Gammon with Egg or Pineapple, Chips & Peas £15.95

BBQ Pork Ribs with Onion Rings, Chips or Rice & Peas £15.95

Liver & Bacon in Onion Gravy with Mash, Carrots & Peas £15.95

12oz Sirloin Steak with Chips, Onion Rings, Mushrooms & Salad £17.95

Pasta Bake Tomato & Mascarpone or Chicken Arrabbiata

With Garlic Bread & Salad £15.95

Kids' Menu:

All priced at £7.95 and served with Chips & Beans or Peas

Chicken Nuggets Fish Fingers Sausages Burger

◊ Sunday Lunch Choice of Meats £13.95 ◊

Served from 12 noon to 4pm Please ring in advance to order.

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Mon to Tues 4pm till close Wed to Sun 12 noon till close

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