

UPTON TONIC



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What Am I Reading?

Seed Saving Secrets – All in 1, by Alice Mirren (2024) Printed in Great Britain by Amazon

'To keep seeds vigorous and ready for planting even years after their harvest, provide them with the optimal conditions they crave ... Seeds are more sensitive than one might imagine. Much like certain foods can absorb the flavors and smells of their surroundings, seeds can similarly absorb strong odors. This affects their inherent smell and can potentially compromise their ability to germinate or grow. Imagine a seed absorbing the harsh chemicals from a nearby paint can; it may not sprout as robustly. Keep seeds in a neutral-smelling environment. Ensure your storage area is free from chemicals and other pungent substances that can seep into the seeds' sanctuary.'

Upton WI News

Upton WI AGM was held on 24th March, with the election of committee members and the programme of speakers for the coming year (April 2026–March 2027). On Tuesday 28th April we will have Ukulele Adventures with Amanda Crossland. New members are always welcome.

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 now meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 10.30am to 12.00 noon in the Village Hall at the same time as coffee mornings. April meetings: 7th & 21st.



Cover picture: The Collies Garden Courtesy of Michael Trueman

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Collies Charity and Upton Parish Council Support Upton Tonic

Angela Croad



It is with great sadness that I inform you of Angela's death, which occurred on Tuesday 10th March.

A funeral service for Angela will be held in our village church – St Peter & St Paul's Church Upton – commencing at 2pm on Wednesday 22nd April 2026. If required, car parking is available at the British Horological Institute for those attending the funeral.

After the service Angela will be buried in the adjoining Upton Parish Council Burial Ground (Immediate family only).

Following Angela's interment there will be a Wake at Kelham House Country Manor Hotel (formerly The Red House), Main Street, Kelham.

If you wish to attend, please can you let me know whether you will be present at The Church Service only, The Wake only, or The Church Service and The Wake, by contacting me on 07541 312327 or by emailing me at gerryplantsman@talktalk.net

Gerry Croad



The Collies Garden in February 2026



Collies photos courtesy of Michael Trueman

Collies Garden Update

The Collies Volunteer Group are continuing to maintain the garden on behalf of the Parish Council. This work has been quite light over the winter months (the biggest thing recently was to trim the rear hedge). As Spring approaches we will start cutting the grass, and Alan & Jude have more plans for the raised bed – so keep a look out.

Meanwhile, the daffodils are in full bloom alongside other flowers – it's there for all to enjoy.

If you want to see more about the garden, you can now read about the work done over the past couple of years via the village website (see below), where there is a page dedicated to the garden, with summary pdfs of the work done in 2024 and 2025.



Just a reminder that the Collies Garden painted stones are there for people to discover when they visit the space (a big thank you to Sue C for creating them), so do feel free to find, re-arrange, borrow or add to them. Luna loves doing this – we found 34 stones on one visit – and she then enjoyed placing them around the garden again for others to discover.

Michael Trueman
(for the Collies Volunteer Group)

The Collies Garden has been managed by the Collies Volunteer Group (made up of Upton villagers) on behalf of Upton Parish Council since June 2023. We present summary progress reports to the Parish Council, to coincide with PC meetings. For more information or if interested in helping to look after the space, visit:

<https://www.uptonnewarkparishcouncil.gov.uk/community/upton-parish-newark-20786/the-collies>

A Lingerin Look Behind

Many in the village will be aware that, towards the close of the millennium, some villagers formed an Upton Local History Group and set about compiling a history of Upton through the 20th century, drawing on lots of documents and even more on the memories of a whole host of villagers. The book, '**A Lingerin Look Behind**', was published in 1999 with a print run that allowed us to supply copies around the village and to the Nottinghamshire library system.

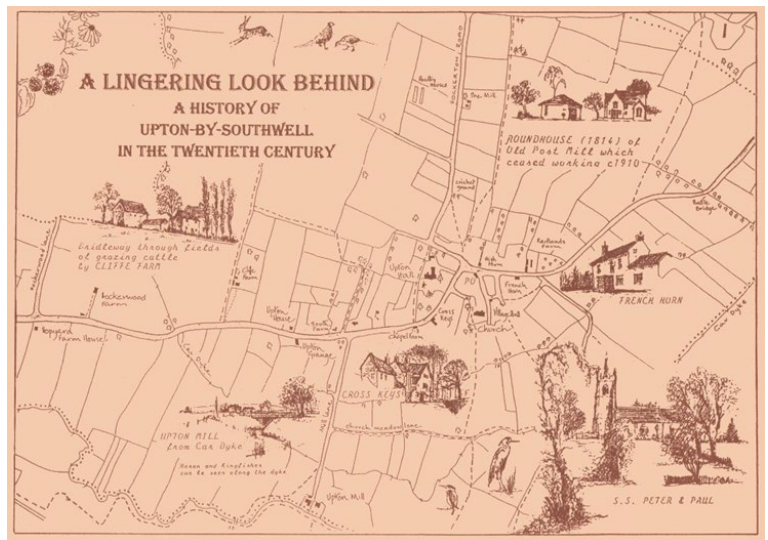
Sadly, many of the contributors are no longer with us. I am also aware that not everyone now in the village will have a copy of the book. After consulting with others of the original group, I undertook to make a digital copy (to which I then did some edits to fix errors I had spotted). I also created an index to the book. Both are viewable via the village website:

<https://www.uptonnewarkparishcouncil.gov.uk/community/upton-parish-newark-20786/a-lingerin-look-behind1/>

I hope people enjoy browsing these and I ask if anyone spots any errors or omissions (eg on some photos we failed to identify everyone in them) do please let me know (01636 812279, **high.farm@outlook.com**) and I will gradually make more edits/corrections with the intention of updating it at intervals.

I should also say that a big part of the impetus behind the book came from a woman called Julie O'Neill, a Notts-based local historian linked to the Thoroton Society, and who was a key figure in encouraging lots of Notts folk to compile such works. Sadly, Julie died much too early in 2011 – you can find her in relation to some of her history output by Googling her name alongside 'Thoroton Society', eg here: **<http://www.thorotonsociety.org.uk/publications/tts/122/nottsfriendsocieties.htm>**

Michael Trueman



Michael's work is a great addition to the village website. For anyone, upon exploration, interested in the Thoroton Society, either joining or simply accessing articles on Nottinghamshire's history and archaeology in the society's journal – Transactions of the Thoroton Society – just let me know. There's much within that relates to Upton. I've had the great honour of being General Editor of Nottinghamshire's journal of record, my native county, for last three years. Nothing has given me greater pleasure and pride in my professional career than this role. If you want to explore its contents go to:

<https://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/library/search/searchResults.xhtml>

Richard Jones

Parish Council Notes

www.uptonnewarkparishcouncil.gov.uk

A meeting of Upton Parish Council was held on Wednesday 18th March in the Village Hall. Councillors agreed to invite a new member to join the Parish Council. Sarah Quick accepted and was co-opted onto the Parish Council. There is still one place open to any villager who would be interested in taking a seat on the Parish Council. Please speak to Malcolm Yates or the Village Clerk.

Notts County Council has agreed to fit speed monitoring equipment onto the village roads in due course.

Michael Trueman updated on the progress of The Collies Garden. It is looking very nice and all villagers are invited to go and sit in it. Thanks also to Jude & Alan for their help.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 15th April at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

Malcolm Yates, Chairman

Upton Monthly Village Draw

The March end-of-term village draw took place at the meeting. Congratulations to the lucky winners!

1st prize £50:	C Jewitt 212
2nd prize £25:	I Key 087
3rd prize £10:	E Lynn 012
4th prize £5:	J de Berry 215



The Parish Council would like to thank all participants for their valued contribution to the upkeep of the Village Hall.

The lottery will resume at the April Meeting. All numbers must be paid for by Wednesday 15th April. Emails have been sent to current participants with renewal details. However, if you have missed the email please contact Judith on 07960 441023 or email judithlund2804@gmail.com

For those wishing to pay into the bank, the new details are: UNITY TRUST BANK, Sort Code 60 83 01, Acct no 20531847. Or cash can be posted through the door at 6 The Close, or collected by arrangement. There are still numbers available at £12 each for the year – there is no maximum amount!

Upton Tonic Editor's Note

I have been editing the Tonic for quite a few years now and would like to start looking for the next Upton Tonic Editor to take over in due course, due to some health challenges. Would you be interested in learning more? I'd be happy to offer my full support during transition of responsibilities. Please contact anniefb@aol.com if you might like to take this on or even offer some help in the meantime.

Church News

Now we approach Easter with the daffodils all around us. On Maundy Thursday there is a special service at Morton at 7.00pm. On Good Friday we will again be walking across the Benefice from church to church, starting at Upton at 10.15am (meet 10.00am for coffee), with lots of stops, refreshment and reflections – and you do not have to do the whole walk.

On Easter Sunday there is a Benefice service at Rolleston and here at Upton I will be conducting a simple service at 11.00am for all, followed by an Easter egg hunt. I am hoping this service will be very special as it marks the retirement of Derek as organist and Barbara as Church Warden. Please come and congratulate us for many years of service to the church and the village!

Sadly, on Wednesday 22nd April our dear friend Angela Croad's funeral will take place at our church. She was a celebrated singer and actress and so much more, and suffered so seriously in her final years. She will be greatly missed. We send our condolences to Gerry and her family.

Services Across the Benefice in April:

Thursday 2 nd April:	Maundy Thursday service at Morton
Friday 3 rd April:	Good Friday Walk (Upton at 10.15am, Rolleston at 11.15am, Morton at 12.15pm, Bleasby at 1.15pm, Thurgarton at 3.00pm, Hoveringham at 4.00pm)
Sunday 5 th April:	Easter Sunday Communion at Bleasby and Morning Praise at Upton
Sunday 12 th April:	Morning Praise at Halloughton led by Angela Green Holy Communion at Rolleston at 9.15am led by David Hanson
Sunday 19 th April:	Holy Communion at Thurgarton led by Revd James
Thursday 23 rd April:	Holy Communion at Bleasby led by Revd James
Sunday 26 th April:	Holy Communion at Hoveringham led by Revd James Morning Praise at Morton led by Angela Green Morning Praise at Thurgarton led by David Hanson

Services start at 11.00am unless otherwise stated.

Zoom worship is held each Sunday at 9.00am – ask for an invitation.

Barbara Page, Church Warden

Upton Fete 2026

**The Upton Fete will be held at the BHI on Saturday 11th July.
There will be more information available next month – for now
please put the date in the diary.**

David Pick 07713 644668 email: picky david2018@outlook.com



60+ stalls:
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This event is a fundraiser for the Minster



www.southwellminster.org



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

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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 £13 All served with Chips or Rice, Peas or Salad

Fish Scampi Pie Burger Lasagne Sausage & Mash Curry Chilli
Jacket Potato (various fillings) £13

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 £19.95

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 @ £14.50 ◇

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

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