

# UPTON TONIC

# UPTON FETE

Join us at our traditional village fête at the British Horological Institute,  
Main Street Upton NG23 5TE on 12th July from 2pm to 5pm.

## Admission Free

- Bar • BBQ food
- Refreshment marquee selling coffee, tea and cakes
- Dog show
- Children's races.
- A variety of side shows and stalls, including games, art and craft stalls
- Live music

## Loads of fun for all the family

### New stall holders welcome

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July 2025

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## Upton Tonic July 2025

### What Am I Reading?

**Rain: Four Walks in English Weather**, by Melissa Harrison (2017) Published by National Trust/Faber & Faber, London

*'The leaf miners are just one part of a huge caterpillar explosion that takes place across the country at this time of year, and around which many birds' nesting seasons must fit: soft, moist caterpillars are the perfect baby food for fledglings, so mating needs to be carefully timed.... These leaf miners may be protected from the rain in their tunnels, but it's sluicing some of the bigger caterpillars, like those of the sawfly and purple hairstreak, from the oak trees by the lane; they drop into the churchyard where opportunistic ground-feeding blackbirds and robins will tidy them up once the shower has passed.'*



### Upton WI News

Congratulations to Upton WI team for beating the whole of Nottinghamshire WI to win the WI Quiz Cup, beating 94 teams by a considerable margin. On 24<sup>th</sup> June Peter Heniman gave us advice on the Eyes and Eyecare. On 22<sup>nd</sup> July Trevor Vennett -Smith will enlighten us with Life Under the Hammer.

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

**Knit & Natter Group will be back in the autumn.**

For more details, email Annie Brand at [anniefb@aol.com](mailto:anniefb@aol.com) or phone 819989.

*Upton Tonic is published monthly February to December and can be viewed on the village website [www.uptonnewarkparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.uptonnewarkparishcouncil.gov.uk) An emailed pdf version and paper copies are delivered free to villagers - contact Annie Brand for more details.*

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## Monica's Garden Opens in Aid of Beaumont House Hospice

I am eternally grateful for the excellent care provided by the Beaumont House team during the final weeks of my Dad's illness, and I would like to show support by opening my garden to the public for a day.

My garden is at 1 Babthorpe, which is the second cottage in the row.

All donations will go to Beaumont House Hospice with a suggested donation of £4, which would include tea/coffee and biscuit.

This is a small garden and there is no parking at Babthorpe.

Visitors are asked to be mindful not to obstruct neighbours' access, and cars are parked at own risk. The British Horological Institute has kindly given permission for visitors to park in their car park whilst visiting my garden, but are asked not to walk around the grounds of the Institute.

**The garden will be open from 10am till 5pm on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July.**

Monica Adlard



**GTSF**

Gate to Southwell Festival

"quite possibly the best small folk  
and roots festival in the UK"

3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025

## Stop Press: Elisa Carthy to Headline Gate to Southwell Festival

While everyone connected with GTSF was disappointed by the news that cricket-loving folk legend Richard Thompson had to retire hurt from this year's festival, there's now cause for celebration again because multi-Folk Award-winning **Eliza Carthy & The Restitution** will be performing on the evening of Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Eliza – daughter of the late great vocalist Norma Waterson and the influential singer-songwriter Martin Carthy – grew up living and breathing incredible music. She played at the first festival back in 2007, and made a sensational appearance back in 2013, so it's fitting she's returning for the 18<sup>th</sup> event.

## Church News

Are you suffering from the heat? Well, I will tell you the coolest place in Upton. It is our church, where you will find serenity and calm.

This past month there has been much going on in Church with the wonderful wedding of Milly and James – the grandest of the decade with the bells, a quartet of strings and masses of flowers.

We are now busy preparing for the instillation of our new vicar, James Moring. He will be installed by the Bishop at Hoveringham church on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome. After the service there is a reception in the Church Hall, with lots of parking down Boat Lane.

Following this, he will conduct his first service here in Upton on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. So if you cannot make the instillation please do come and welcome him then. James is the youngest vicar we have had in years with a wife and two young children, so things will change in our church. He will live in Thurgarton as soon as the vicarage is ready.



In this month of July there are two services in Upton Church – Morning Praise led by Barbara on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July and Holy Communion led by Revd John Chambers on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July. The date of our Harvest Festival is still to be decided as there is still some doubt about the availability of the Village Hall for our very popular Harvest Supper.

### Sunday Services Across the Benefice in July:

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July: Trinity 3 Morning Praise at Upton led by Barbara at 10.30am

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July: Trinity 4 Morning Praise at Halloughton led by David Hanson  
Trinity 4 Morning Praise at Rolleston led by Angela Green

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July: Trinity 5 H.C. At Upton led by Revd John Chambers

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July: Trinity 6 Holy Communion at Morton

Trinity 6 Morning Praise at Thurgarton led by David Hanson

Trinity 6 Morning Praise at Hoveringham led by Angela Green.

Unfortunately, the Songs of Praise at Rolleston on 29<sup>th</sup> June was cancelled.

*All services start at 10.30am unless otherwise stated.*

*Zoom worship is held each Sunday at 9.00am.*

Barbara Page, Church Warden

## Parish Council Notes

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June in the Village Hall.

**Upton Tonic**, our village newsletter, has been a long-standing part of Upton life and has been sponsored for a long time by Upton Volunteer Cooperative, along with donations from the Collies Charity and the Parish Council. Unfortunately, Upton Volunteer Cooperative no longer has the funds to continue printing the Tonic. As a result, the Parish Council has taken over the cost of printing the newsletter. As we will have to look at reducing the cost of printing, we would urge as many people as possible to receive Upton Tonic via email as a PDF document or to view it on the new village website. Those willing to receive the Tonic by email, or on the website, please contact Annie Brand and help keep our village newsletter available to all.

We are pleased to say that the village website is up and running and can be found at **[www.uptonnewarkparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.uptonnewarkparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

There is also a new email address for the Clerk of the parish:  
**[clerk@uptonnewarkparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@uptonnewarkparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

This is the email to use for all village correspondence going forward, including any contact with the clerk regarding Village Hall lettings, events and any issues or questions that villagers want to raise with the Parish Council.

The issue has been raised again about the condition of Home Farm. We did take this up with the District Councillor, who is going to take the matter to Newark & Sherwood and see what they can do.

**Update on the Village Hall roof:** We have run into a few small problems, which has put the timescale back by about a month. The plan is to start work in mid-August. We have appointed a glazier to install double-glazed units in the three windows in the Village Hall. This does not mean replacing the windows but replacing the glass with double glazing. When all this work is done, we hope it will vastly improve the comfort in the hall.

You should all know by now that the Village Fete is taking place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July in the grounds of the BHI. We hope to see many people there supporting this long-standing village event and join in with the competitions.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm.

Malcolm Yates, Chairman

## Upton Monthly Village Draw

The Village Hall Draw took place at the meeting. Congratulations to this month's prize winners:

1 <sup>st</sup> prize £50:	A Robinson 040
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize £25:	B Stephenson 083
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize £10:	A Scothern 136
4 <sup>th</sup> prize £5:	H Evison 182



## UPTON TONIC NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!

As the Upton Volunteer Cooperative can no longer afford to pay for printing Upton Tonic, the Parish Council has now taken over the printing costs. Copies of the Tonic will be put on the new village website, as well as the pdf version being available by email. We hope to reduce the print run as much as possible to cut costs, so please can all villagers let me know if you still need a paper copy or will in future be able to access Upton Tonic on the website or by pdf copy on your computer or smart phone. If I don't hear from you, I may assume that you no longer need a paper copy. The Tonic is free to villagers.

Annie Brand, Editor

## Upton Tonic Over the Years and Some Fond Memories

Over the past few years I have received many old copies of Four Tons Tatler and Upton Tonic - the oldest I can find at the moment is a 1993 issue. Looking back through the typed or handwritten articles with illustrations is a joy. Some have newspaper clippings attached. There are many good wishes to families for births, marriages, graduations and milestone birthdays. Village activities included an Upton Summer Ball at Kelham Hall, Car Rallies, The Follies, Folk Evenings and Evening Talks in the Village Hall, Rosie's International Evenings, and Upton Local History Group, plus the Upton Village Fete. In 2000 the village celebrated 750 years since Upton Church was built with the **Upton 750 Pageant**. Our village may not be as active now in terms of entertainment and

### UPTON COAST TO COAST BIKE RIDE



Charles Beaumont, Ron Hall, Richard Bowes, Owen Mathias and Jez Hall, have all decided to go totally nuts and complete this 150 mile feat between the 18th and the 23rd of June.

The journey starts at Whitehaven and five days later is completed at Sunderland.

Charles Beaumont has very kindly volunteered to attempt this marathon in aid of the Upton Road Calming appeal.

fundraising, as people's lives have changed dramatically, but looking back at this precious archive is a privilege.

Charles Beaumont's post-ride update in October 2000: 'Now that my derriere has recovered, I am pleased to inform you that I have collected £657.50 in sponsorship ... Somebody has been kind enough to suggest that 18½ stones dressed in lycra was enough to deter most traffic! ... special thanks to Ron Hall for organising the torture for five days.'

# Upton Tonic



St Peter's Church, Upton

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**News items, letters, adverts, birthday greeting etc to**  
**Jayne and Jez Hall - Wyndley - Tel: 816667**

# Upton Tonic



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OCTOBER 2000



See you  
all in 50  
years!

## THE WEEK UPTON STOPPED THE TRAFFIC *'Passing Through'*

Congratulations and thanks to all those who took part, helped and supported the production of the Village Pageant.

Special thanks to Ann and Eric Green for the initial idea and all those who supported and encouraged them.

As a spectator and a villager I would say the whole week was a great success, many people in the village expressed the same point of view.

It was great to see familiar and not so familiar faces using the village pavements again and on 'passing through' having a chat and 'passing' the time of day.

There was a good feeling of camaraderie throughout all the village young and old alike, sober and not so sober!

The event really brought the village together.

We are all looking forward to Upton 751 !!!!!

Theresa Pick

Beth Pick proudly announced to Keith and Justine, on their return from holiday that, 'I was in the pageant too you know, I was a 'pheasant' popping up from behind a grave' !!!!!

Justine and I are looking forward to hearing more stories from the week of festivities. We have heard rumours already about a militant gathering of cast members taking ale during the performance, can anybody cast light on who this band of rebels are? Or do we even need to ask?

We would like to say well done to everyone involved and we look forward to seeing the video.

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Nottinghamshire Village Ventures (Rural & Community Touring Scheme)

Upton Village Hall Thursday 12th October at 8 pm

**'Right Ho, Wodehouse'**



A comedy based on the writings of P.G. Wodehouse with songs by Jerome Kern and Ivor Novello devised and performed by **Christopher Owen**

Tickets: Adults £4 /£3 conc. Inc Light refreshments. From M Worrall 01636 813498, The French Horn and the Cross Keys. ( Performance not suitable for children)

Christopher Owen has toured his one man show A parson's tale since 1995, has appeared in many of the major theatres and his T.V. appearances include, House of Cards, To Play the King, Inspector Morse, Poirot, Bad Boyes, Between the Lines, Men behaving Badly and Surgical Spirit.

## CROSS KEYS UPTON



Booking in advance is advisable: 01636 813269

Please see updates on our website: [crosskeysupton.co.uk](http://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.

### Opening hours:

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

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