

UPTON TONIC



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What Am I Reading?

Raising Hare, by Chloe Dalton (2024) Published by Canongate Books, Edinburgh
'At feeding time, I would scoop the leveret's warm little body up out of its nest and coax the teat of the bottle into its mouth. To avoid startling it, I sang quietly the same soothing words each time I opened the door and walked towards it ...

Wrapped in the dust cloth, the leveret would close its eyes, its jaws working slowly, sometimes appearing to fall asleep mid-feed. It would nestle against my heart in the palm of my hand, long after it had finished.'

Upton WI News

On 28th April the ladies of the WI enjoyed Ukulele Adventures with Amanda Crossland. On Tuesday 26th May, Paula North will advise us on Healthy Eating. 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. May meetings: 5th & 19st.



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Upton Fête Returns with a Touch of Space Magic

Our ever-popular Upton Summer Fête returns on Saturday 11th July, promising a lively afternoon for residents and visitors from across Upton and the surrounding villages. Held again this year in the grounds of the British Horological Institute, our traditional village event continues to grow in popularity. Following last year's record turnout and a day blessed with blue skies, organisers are looking forward to welcoming back familiar faces as well as plenty of new visitors.

This year's fête has a special space theme, reflected in both the scarecrow competition and the fancy dress. With a nod to a year of remarkable lunar milestones, visitors can expect plenty of creativity, humour and community spirit on display throughout the village.

Alongside the themed activities, there will be something for everyone to enjoy, from children's and dogs races and stalls, to refreshments and the ever-entertaining welly wanging. Music will also play a big part in the day, with the fantastic Moonshine Band and Lace City Chorus sure to have everyone singing along or up on their feet.

Local businesses and stallholders are warmly invited to get involved. For further information or to book a pitch, please contact David Pick on 07713 644668 or email pickydavid2018@outlook.com

With strong support last year and plenty planned once again, this year's fête looks set to be another popular date in our village summer calendar.

A flyer will be released and dropped through all village letterboxes in the coming weeks detailing where and how people can volunteer to help, providing details of the competitions and giving more information on our special summer event – ***please join in!***

David Pick

A colorful flyer for the Upton Fête. The title 'UPTON FÊTE' is written in large, red, stylized letters with a white outline, set against a background of colorful bunting and confetti. Below the title, the text reads: 'Join us at our traditional village fête at the British Horological Institute, Main Street Upton NG23 5TE on 11th July from 2pm to 5pm. Admission Free'. A list of activities follows: '• 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', and '• Live music'. At the bottom, it says 'Upton School 200 Year Reunion Loads of fun for all the family'. A green banner at the very bottom contains the text: 'New stall holders welcome Further information from David Pick mobile 07713 644668 Email pickydavid2018@outlook.com'. There is a small circular logo in the bottom right corner of the flyer.

Collies Garden Notice Board

Our new Notice Board for the Collies Garden has been installed by David Pick and Colin Jewitt. It will provide updates on the Collies Charity and the Collies Garden community.

This was approved by Upton Parish Council with funding from the Collies Charity to share news about the Garden and also let villagers know more about the history and work of the Collies Charity, which dates back to the reign of Elizabeth I.

Watch out for the updates, which will appear very soon. Steve and Malcolm

Steve Russell, Chair of Collies Trust

Malcolm Yates, Chair of Upton Parish Council



How Did I Become Church Warden of St Peter & St Paul's Upton?

I was born in Southwell during an air raid and brought up as a strict Methodist, with Chapel and Sunday School every Sunday. After my father died, my mother and I came to live in Upton. As the Methodist Chapel here had closed in the 60s, I made a conscious decision to join the Anglican church in order to be part of a Christian community. I sang in the choir and learnt to ring the bells, and it was all great fun. When my mother died in 2006, Revd Sue Spencer said now I must join the PCC and become useful. On my first Sunday she had me sweeping the porch! Within a few years I became Church Warden with Jane Butler. When she and her husband moved to Winthorpe, I was Church Warden with Neil Morton. We took the job very seriously and in a bite-sized course learnt how to preach and began taking services at a time when the Benefice was expanding and there were fewer clergy to go round. When Neil left I continued alone with lots of support from the PCC. In the years that followed we did lots of fun things with the help of Derek our organist – Songs of Praise, Raising the Roof, Pet Services, Special events for Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter and Remembrance Sunday. We held a Flower and Craft Festival, and Diane hosted a Pop-up Cafe on Sunday afternoons. What I remember as very special was our village celebration for the Queen's Jubilee with a Teddy Parachute Tower Jump and displays of Upton's history in church. I have always wanted a church that serves all the community.



Children and adults watched in delight as over thirty teddy bears parachuted down. Barbara received a well-deserved bouquet of flowers for her work on the wonderful display in Upton Church that showed village life over the years.

However, during two Interregnums, the burden of organising services and the other duties of the vicar became the responsibility of the PCC. We might have been left with only one service every two months, so I responded with a service every other month. I am forever grateful to Jane Johnson for her very special knowledge of church procedures in these times, and for the wonderful support of David Hanson during the later years, and to Tony, Malcolm and Steve who have obeyed my every request. But times they are a-changing and now we have a young vigorous vicar, and I am too old and too ill to carry on. So I resign, to become just another member of our church and I hope to see you there into the future.

Barbara Page

Church News

Grateful thanks to all who came to my Easter Sunday service and congratulated Derek and myself on our years of service to our church, and wished us well in our retirements. It was much appreciated, and we hope you enjoyed the Easter eggs! I also hope you found time to look at the Easter Garden Jackie and I grew.

On Sunday 3rd May, Revd James will take the service at 11.00am. This will be followed by the Church's Annual Meeting chaired by Revd James, which we hope you will stay for, to learn about some of the problems we now face – an opportunity to ask questions and air your views.

Another important date – on Sunday 5th July, Joy Moring (Revd James' wife) will be ordained in Southwell Minster and will begin her curacy in the diocese. The service is at 11.00am and I am sure we will be there to wish her well.

Services Across the Benefice in May:

- Sun 3rd May Easter 5: Communion at Upton led by Revd James followed by the Annual Church Meeting
- Sun 10th May Easter 6: Morning Praise at Halloughton led by David Hanson
Holy Communion at Morton led by Revd James
Morning Praise at Rolleston at 9.15am led by Angela Green
- Sun 17th May Easter 7: Benefice Holy Communion at Upton led by Revd James
- Thurs 21st May Easter 7: Holy Communion at Bleasby led by Revd James
- Sun 24th May: Pentecost Morning Praise at Hoveringham led by David Hanson
Pentecost Holy Communion at Morton led by Revd James
Pentecost Morning Praise at Thurgarton led by Angela Green
- Sun 31st May: Trinity Sunday Holy Communion at Bleasby led by Revd James

Services start at 11.00am unless otherwise stated.

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

Every Sunday there is All Age Worship at Rolleston at 9.15am

Barbara Page

Spring Plant Hunters' Fair

Sunday 17th May 2026
11.00am – 4.00pm
The Palace Gardens
Southwell Minster
Suggested donation £2.00
Dogs on leads welcome in the fair and garden.



Parish Council Notes
www.uptonnewarkparishcouncil.gov.uk

Upton Parish Council meeting was held on Wednesday 15th April in the Village Hall. For those unaware, there is an Application in Principle for one to five houses in the field on Hockerton Road between the Babthorpe Bungalows and the Cricket Club Pavilion. There were several people from the village who came to the meeting to object. In addition, locals had put objections on the N&SDC planning website. The Parish Council listened to all the comments and the Council itself put in an objection to the said development. We were told by the local District Councillor that the application for the two houses at the back of the Old French Horn Pub is likely to be passed in the next few weeks.

The ever-increasing amount of dog poo being left around the village and/or bagged but thrown into the hedges was mentioned. We know the majority of dog owners in the village are extremely responsible. This is just a reminder that **Dog Poo Bins** are provided throughout the village – on The Green, at the top of Mill Lane, at the end of Church Meadow Lane, at the end of Cliffe Farm Footpath, at the top of Carr Lane, and at the junction of Hockerton Road and New Lane. The Parish Council pays for these to be emptied on a regular basis. We want to acquire some signs to remind dog owners to pick up and dispose of dog poo for the safety of all villagers. We are still looking at renovating the path from Church Walk to Upton Church. This is ongoing and we will keep you updated.

You will have noticed the two sets of cables across the road at each end of the village. These are speed monitoring devices as requested by the Parish Council.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 20th May from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 7.30pm. All villagers are invited to come along and air any issues or ask anything about the village. We have invited Mr Oliver Scott, who is the Business Manager for Planning Development at Newark & Sherwood. If any of you would like to come and question him on the Newark & Sherwood Planning Policy, this is a good time to do it. Light refreshments will be served after this meeting.

Malcolm Yates, Chairman

Upton Monthly Village Draw

Thanks to all those who participate in this for their ongoing support. For those who are unaware of how the Lottery works, you buy a number for £12 for the whole year. Approximately 50% of the money is given away as prize money. The other 50% goes towards maintaining and keeping the Village Hall open for all to use and as a village amenity. Numbers are still available so, if anyone would like to join in, please contact Judith on 07960 441023. The new-term April lottery was drawn at the meeting. Congratulations to the lucky winners!

1st prize £50:	J de Berry 216
2nd prize £25:	T Pick 052
3rd prize £10:	R McNish 027
4th prize £5:	E Lynn 217



Calling All Golfers



Summer is here and the sporting calendar brings Royal Ascot, Wimbledon and, most importantly, **Upton Golf Day!**

This event will take place on Friday 19th June at Norwood Park and, as last year, we will play the par 3 course in a team Texas Scramble format and then the front nine of the main course in an individual Stableford format. First tee is at 1.00pm.

We have booked tee times for 24 players, and coffee plus a bacon cob will be provided before we tee off. As usual we will gather in the Cross Keys after for liquid refreshments and prize giving. As well as prizes for the best team on the Texas Scramble and for the best individual Stableford score, there will also be prizes for the longest drive and for nearest the pin on one of the par 3s. Cost for the day will be around £30.

We have already had several confirmed players for the day, but there is room for more. If you would like to join this prestigious event, please get in touch with **Steve Russell** on **07885 374519** or email **srussellsracs@aol.com**

Looking forward to seeing lots of you there – and good golfing!



Saturday 10 October 2026

A day of fiendish family-friendly apple challenges across the village. Think Krypton Factor, Taskmaster or The Great Egg Race depending on your generation!

More details to follow.

The Windfall takes it All!

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 £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.

Opening hours:

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

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