

Upwey Society Newsletter – June 2018

Welcome to the first edition for this year of a new Upwey Society Newsletter. Well, it's more like a 'news sheet' actually. We felt we might try out a new format with the aim of being short, sharp and up to the minute for ease of publication and distribution.

A note from our Chairman, Richard Sams



Firstly a welcome to our newsletter which replaces our previous magazine and

we are grateful to Glenda for its production. Following the AGM your committee has been rejuvenated with the addition of four new members: Chris Emblen, Stuart Mead, Tony King and Mike Davis. This means the Bonfire has been saved as Chris and Stuart have undertaken to arrange and run this event. The 'Silent Soldier' to commemorate the anniversary of the end of the First World War has at last arrived and has been erected on the green at the bottom of Stottingway Street. Permission has at last been given by the planners to site the defibrillator at the Old School Village Hall and John Huggins has now applied for the supporting grant. Our thanks to John for getting this matter resolved. The speed warning devices project is ongoing and continues to be monitored by George White, our previous secretary. However, progress has been slow as the necessary Traffic Survey has been delayed by the work being undertaken by Wessex Water in Church Street. Ultimately, we hope this will prove the need for speed indicators, and they will duly be installed. At the moment this is in the hands of the Council Traffic Department as regulations for permission are strict and inflexible. Sadly we are still without a Secretary, so if any Society member feels you could take this on you could be co-opted at any time. It's not an onerous task, so if you would be interested to help us please phone me for an informal chat 01305 814253. Finally we are looking forward to our premier event for this year, Open Gardens on July 7th & 8th and my thanks in advance to all of you who will be extremely busy making this weekend a huge success.

And news from St Laurence Church -

The Church fundraising committee headed by Sally Pinhey has been very busy this year organising a number of fun events to aid the fund for the 'ecclesiastical sanitation' – what a nice ring that has to it! And speaking of rings, did you enjoy the peal of bells to celebrate the Royal Wedding? The celebratory bubbly, tea and cakes in the Church were well received on this delightful occasion, and it raised a good sum towards the fund. The committee is nearly there and work will be starting very shortly. Further information on events can be found in the church porch, but here is a summary of what's coming up.



Calling all Photographers -

A competition to produce an Upwey 2019 Calendar is under way. Sally is asking for up to TWO images of Upwey to be sent in hard copy to her at 664 Dorchester Road, DT3 5LE. The pictures should be in a clear protective covering, labelled on the back with the title, telephone number, email address, and name and address of the photographer by 29th June. The entries will be displayed in the Church during Open Gardens weekend, and the 12 winning photographs will be selected by public vote. Winners will be acknowledged on the calendar and get a free calendar. So get those *Leica's* dusted off and make the most of this very lovely summer to get those entries in.

Dog Show – This should be fun!

This will be held at Upwey House meadow from 1 pm on Sunday 15 July, with an entry of £1.00 per person; free for children under 16. There will be 14 fun classes for dogs at £1.50 per entry, for example:- Best Veteran Dog; Waggiest Tail; Prettiest Bitch; Fancy Dress dog and owner, and Best Junior Handler – and lots more. There will be prizes, rosettes; tea and cake etc, and side shows. So, time to get Fido out of his basket, brushed and scrubbed and watch him become a star!



Saying goodbye.... Many of you in the village will remember Ted and Joan Kestin. They lived in Upwey for many years, and ran Kestin's Photographic shop in Weymouth. Ted passed away in 2008, and we were saddened to hear earlier this year that Joan had passed peacefully away on Christmas Eve at Park House Residential Home in Martinstown aged 97. Shortly after hearing this news, we learned that their daughter Jill Kestin had also very recently died. Jill would have been known to those animal-lovers among you as one of the vets at Castle Vets in Broadwey.

Quangle Wangle Concert –

Juliet Harwood of the The Quangle Wangle Choir has given details of their forthcoming event taking place at St. Nicholas' Church, Broadwey at 7.30pm on Saturday July 7th. Tickets are £6 for adults in advance, or £7 on the door, free for children; from Juliet on 01305 814940, julietharwood@hotmail.com or through the website, www.quanglewanglechoir.co.uk



And did you know..... a gentleman named William Pett of Petts Wood near Bromley in Kent, was responsible for instigating daylight saving in 1916. Thus the working day began earlier, when people were more fresh and alert before the heat of the day. A monument to William Pett can be found in the woods which bear his name. No doubt all those enthusiastic gardeners among you might reflect on this little

snippet of information as you put in lots of long hours preparing your gardens to look just fabulous for the Open Garden weekend next month!

Upwey Society Website -

Tony King has very kindly taken on the chore of tidying up our website. He has cleared the unnecessary bits and ensured that what is there is now accurate. Why don't you take a look – it is www.upweysociety.org.uk. He hopes you like it, but does say that it is still a work in progress so be patient!

Upwey Open Farm Day –

The Foot family once again hosted an Open Farm Sunday earlier this month. Members of the family, farm staff and others who generously offered their help were on hand to make sure that the 1,800 visitors who joined them had a really memorable day with lots of local produce to sample from both land, and sea as it happened! The *Skyr* yoghurts were especially delicious! There was plenty to keep the children amused from 'parlour' games such as "pin the tail on the cow" to mini go-cart racing on tiny tractors. The most popular event throughout the day seemed to be the trailer rides across the fields to learn all about this lovely farm and its benefits to the area. The children particularly enjoyed getting up close and personal with cows, calves, a horse and sheep, and even a group of sleepy pigs!



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Upwey Society Events

Open Gardens – Saturday/Sunday, 7/8 July - £4.00 (for both days) 2pm-6pm

There will be cream teas; pottery demonstration; an Art Exhibition in the Village Hall; mini craft market, and vintage vehicles.

Watch out for posters for the event around the village.

CALLING ALL BAKERS: If you can offer a cake or two on either day, it would be an enormous help. Our cream teas are renowned, and we sell out quickly, so please advise Sue Hancock on 814883, or Jackie Johnson on 813921 if you can help. Any yummy donations would be most welcome!

Bonfire Night – This is scheduled for November 5th – the venue and time will be advised nearer the date.

Want to join the Upwey Society? Here's how

I/We would like to join or renew my/our Upwey Society membership	
Name	
Address	
Telephone No.	
E.mail	

Please enclose the annual subscription of £3.00 per household for the coming year, £5.00 for postal copies. You can give, or send, this form and payment to Glenda Llewellyn at 2 Goulds Hill Close, Upwey DT3 4LG or you can give it to your newsletter distributor. You can also drop it into the Broadwey Village Store in an envelope marked 'UPWEY SOCIETY'.

We would like to thank those of you who have recently renewed your memberships, or have recently joined the Society. It's always interesting to learn how far afield our members live – the most recent renewal is from a family in Solihull, how lovely is that!

We hope you have enjoyed this new newsletter and we look forward to seeing you in the near future, and please do e.mail me if you have any interesting things you would like to share or comment on in future publications.

**Have a great summer – *Glenda Llewellyn* on behalf of the Upwey Society
(glenda.llewellyn@mypostoffice.co.uk)**

