

Upwey Society Newsletter – October 2018



From blue and yellow, to gold and bronze Yes, the lovely long hot summer of 2018 is gradually mellowing into autumn. What an amazing year this has been, and with some autumn and winter activities still to come, it will continue to be so.

A note from our Chairman, Richard Sams -

Since the last Newsletter we have been delighted to welcome Pam Harper onto the committee as our new secretary. In July we held a very successful Open Gardens weekend, despite competition from Wimbledon and the Football World Cup. Our new defibrillator has been installed on the wall of the Village Hall and a number of training sessions have been held to ensure there is always an expert available if needed. The Speed Warning Project is on the verge of completion, after much work to set it up. We are now looking forward to the Bonfire Party and a Quiz & Curry Supper in December.

On a sad note we recently learned of the death of Mike Goodman. Mike was for many years a stalwart of the Society and major organiser of the Barbecue, Open Gardens and the Bonfire events. He will be much missed by the community of Upwey, and our condolences go to Helen and their family.

We were also saddened to lose Barbara Mullins from the Broadwey Fish & Chips shop during August. She had given up the business earlier in the year due to poor health, to spend more time with her family, and battled her illness to the end. Our condolences go to Nicky and Julie.

News from St Laurence Church -

Have you been to visit St Laurence Church lately? If you have you will see that there is lots of activity taking place in the grounds which means the building work has started! Thank you to all of you in the village who contributed to the 2019 Calendar and then bought copies, and for supporting the Dog Show that took place in the summer. Each of these events raised enough money to take the fundraising project towards the finishing line.

New Road Signs –

For those of you wondering about the new ‘paper and string’ road signs that appeared around the village during the summer, these were temporary signage to be used while the actual signs were removed by the South Dorset Ridgway team as part of a project to have the original ones restored and re-installed. The new ones have now begun to appear and don’t they look smart!



Open Gardens 2018 –

Well, our Open Gardens this year may have had great competition for attendance, not only from Wimbledon which we are used to, but also from the Football World Cup, which probably explained why there were so many women visitors in evidence on the Saturday! However, normal service resumed on Sunday, and our lovely gardens and famous teas meant visitors were made doubly welcome from one end of the village to the other. We had two groups of classic cars this year; entries for the photographic competition were on display in the Church, and there was an art exhibition in the Village Hall. There was an excellent variety of stalls in Jackie’s ‘tea garden’ which was almost too hot to sit in this year, so the shady trees became very popular! Thank you to everyone who organised this event, and thanks to everyone who attended and supported it.



Upwey & Broadwey Village Stores –

In June, Peter and Janet Blakely decided it was time to retire and pass the shop onto new owners. It was sad to say goodbye as they had worked very hard over the years to ensure their local customers were well looked after and that the shop catered for almost as many needs as the village had. They are settling into a new life in Yeovil, and we wish them a very happy retirement. The new owners Neil and Michelle Robertson took over the business at the beginning of July and have extended the opening hours to include Sunday between 9am and 3pm. We welcome them to the area and hope you will continue to support our corner shop.

Upwey Society Events

Bonfire Night – This is scheduled for Monday, November 5th, starting at 6pm at Westbrook Farm, entrance near Island Garden Nurseries. Entrance Fee: £3.00 for adults; £1.00 for children.

NB: Just a reminder: **NO SPARKLERS PLEASE!** These leave debris in the field that is dangerous to cattle.



Did you know that there are only about 1.5million hedgehogs left in the UK? Their numbers are under threat, and British gardens are becoming poorer homes for wildlife with increased paving, decking and reduced plant life. But we do have one living very happily in Chapel Lane, Broadwey, as you can see from the photo. So please don't forget to leave your piles of logs and leaves alone this autumn - the hedgehogs will be grateful to you!

Christmas Curry & Quiz – To be held on Saturday night 8 December at 7pm, in the Old School Village Hall. Tickets will be £10 p.p. from Anne Prendergast (812698) **AVAILABLE FROM 13 NOVEMBER.** You can bring your own drinks and there will be a bar available. Tables will be for teams of **SIX**, and once the hall capacity is complete there will be no further tickets available.

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Thank you if you have recently renewed your memberships, and welcome if you have recently joined the Society.

We hope you have enjoyed this new newsletter and we look forward to seeing you in the near future. Don't forget, you can e.mail me if you have any interesting things you would like to share or comment on in future publications.

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