

## ***Upwey Society Newsletter – Spring 2019***



The Upwey Society AGM took place in March and we are pleased to welcome our new Chairman, Mike Davis. Mike lives in Church Street with his wife Evelyn, having moved here four years ago from Preston. He was born in London and went to school there. Mike joined the Metropolitan Police at 19 years old and served for 24 years when he was medically retired as the result of receiving an injury while doing the job. He moved to Dorset in 1998. He and Evelyn have three children between them, all of whom are grown up and have left home. They love living in Upwey and really enjoy the village life here.

Our thanks must go to Richard Sams, our out-going Chairman, who provided us with great leadership over the last two years. He will continue to give support to the current committee as and when required and we are delighted that he's happy to do this.

The AGM also welcomed our new President, Eve Price. Our long standing President Angela Lousley passed away in December last year, and to reflect the service and interest that Eve has given to the Upwey Society over the years, it is wonderful that she has stepped into this role.

### **OPEN GARDENS 2019 – A Very Important Date**

There seems to have been some confusion about the date of this year's event, so to make sure its in all your diaries, the date is the weekend of **13th AND 14<sup>th</sup> JULY**. After last year's amazing weekend of fabulous gardens, and equally fabulous weather, let's hope we will see more of the same this year. If you would like to open your garden, or are even just considering it, then Chris Wells or Helen Goodman are the committee members to contact ..... before they contact you!!!

### **CHRISTMAS CURRY & QUIZ EVENING**

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held in December last year in the Old School Village Hall a great success. The Christmas themed quiz was fiercely over and the curry meal from Spice & Rice, Axminster delicious. Jackie Johnson made a beautiful Christmas the prize in a raffle and as you can see from the picture, very well received by the winners!

## **BONFIRE NIGHT FUN!**



Don't we do these things just so well! It was another great success with a mild and rain-free evening when we entertained over 700 people with a roaring fire, hotdogs galore and a spectacular array of fireworks. Chris Emblen and Stu Mead and their mates were the 'newbies' in charge of the fireworks this year, and they did a great job. There was plenty of food to go around, and the children had particular fun with fluorescent necklets and bracelets that glowed in the dark!

## **WWI CENTENARY COMMEMORATION**

No doubt many of you attended the weekend of commemorations of the war that took place in many venues around the country in November last year. Rev. Philip Elliott led a particularly poignant service in the Upwey & Broadwey Memorial Hall when the Hall was re-blessed, and a very stunning piece of artwork shared its day between the Hall and St Laurence Church. The sea looked over the alter in



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### **And speaking of St Laurence Church.....**

The facilities are now open! Congratulations to the team of people led by Sally Pinhey whose excellent fundraising efforts finally saw this project come to fruition. Remember, if you would like to see a particular event happen at the Church, or you would like to arrange something, do let Sally know as we need to make good use of the newly enhanced St Laurence Church.

### **Upwey Village Defibrillator.....**

As you know, there is now a Defibrillator on the wall of the Old School Village Hall, next to the Wishing Well café. John Huggins organises regular training sessions in the use of this piece of equipment, and if you would like undertake some training, please contact him on:

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### **WHAT'S IN A NAME??**

Well, quite a lot apparently! Upwey Society member Susan Pykett recently dropped us a note referring to the planning application for the proposed development in Prospect Place. She was extremely impressed at the number of people who had made their objections known to W. & P. B.C. clearly keen to protect our small but much loved village of Upwey. Some years ago the Post Office notified them that 'Upwey' would be omitted as their official postal address. This was all very well, but many people still use the village name in all forms of correspondence. However, in our busy lives it is so easy to omit the inclusion of the village name of Upwey which means we then become part of the urban sprawl of Weymouth and thereby we lose the uniqueness we once had. Sue feels very strongly that we should continue to use the name Upwey in all our correspondence and the official postal address should remain Upwey in order to maintain our village identity. She implores us to be proud of our village and its character and keep the name of Upwey forever!

### **2019 Wine Challenge.....**

The Upwey Society once again hosted another successful Wine Challenge evening in April, and Jackie Faulkner was there to tell us about it. This is now becoming a somewhat traditional addition to the schedule of village events. The Village Hall had been beautifully decorated and welcomed a packed house of guests. This year we definitely had some 'challenging wines' from areas and countries that many of us hadn't tasted before such as Hungary and Romania together with traditional French and Italian offerings. The persuasive panel of Anne Prendergast, Christine Wells and Mike Davis with their contrasting presentations certainly kept everyone guessing! As the evening wore on the Hall became more rowdy as the various wines were tasted, before a winning team was finally decided when 3 tables drew after a nail biting tie break... (Did you know the year and country that first produced Boxed Wines? Answer, Australia, 1960). After all the fun and debate we rounded off the evening by tucking into delicious food cooked by the committee members of the Society.

### **Upwey Society Website.....**

The website <http://www.upweysociety.org.uk/> has been undergoing changes and improvements over the past few months. It is now fully live and up to date.

Tony King, who is maintaining it, would be very glad to receive general comments and suggestions from members about how it could be made better and what you would like to see on it. Also, if you know of local events or news that you think should be included he'd like to hear about it.

You can contact Tony at [admin@upweysociety.org.uk](mailto:admin@upweysociety.org.uk).

### **Upwey Society Constitution and Rules.....**

At the AGM some changes to our Constitution and Rules were voted on and approved. The reasons for the changes were twofold. Firstly, we have to be clear about the way we operate, in particular covering raising funds and the use of those funds. Secondly, we need to have greater flexibility by, for example, making rule changes slightly easier.

The new Constitution and Rules can be found on the "About Us" page of our website - <http://www.upweysociety.org.uk/about-us/>

### **Planning applications.....**

Members may well be aware of two recent significant planning applications that affect Upwey.

One is an application for approval to build seven houses behind Eastbrook House in Church Street which was made a year ago but remains open.

The other is an application to build 18 houses at the end of Prospect Place, off Dorchester Road. This one was in fact refused, but it may go to appeal or be revised.

Further information on both applications and the Society's reasons for objection to them, can be found on the website at <http://www.upweysociety.org.uk/planning-and-other-local-issues/>

### **SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE .....**

Two of these devices are now working in an alternating manner in Church Street. A further device is scheduled to be installed on the main road leading from the village towards the relief road, and will be positioned near the railway bridge.

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**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.	
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**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 Broadway Village Store in an envelope marked 'UPWEY SOCIETY'.**

**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.**

*Glenda Llewellyn* on behalf of the Upwey Society ([glenda.llewellyn@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:glenda.llewellyn@mypostoffice.co.uk))



## WEYMOUTH CONCERT BRASS ..... at St Laurence Church

On Saturday evening 22 June starting at 7.30pm, Weymouth Concert Brass will be performing in St Laurence Church, playing a selection of pieces from their recent award winning regional contest. Tickets can be purchased in advance from **Carolyn White** for £10 on **812483** or on the door, at £12. There will be a cash bar available, and proceeds from this concert will be shared between the Band and the Church. This promises to be an excellent evening so don't miss it!

### HAVE YOU SEEN THIS YEAR'S WELL DRESSING?



Some 13 enthusiasts under the guidance of Maggie Cooke created and assembled this year's Well Dressing with a forest theme as home to several lovely deer. One of the youngsters made an amazing stag's head with beans, fleece and beech nuts, with fleece and dry leaves for its legs, while another budding artist decorated the arches with helibore seeds. Inspirational!

### NEWS FROM 'THE OLD SHIP' .....

Sadly, our two lovely landladies Kate and Katie from THE OLD SHIP will be leaving us towards the end of the year. Family commitments have won out over the charm and personality of Upwey residents. They will be sadly missed and we thank them for their kind hospitality and friendship.

### And finally, as a complete aside.....



Does anyone know this cat; own this cat, or feed this cat? His identifying characteristics are that he's very affectionate; has a piece out of his right ear, and he has never been neutered! He seems to spread himself out around the neighbourhood, anywhere from Goulds Hill down to Elwell Street, and enjoys a variety of food options according to whose door he stops at (in this case, MINE!). If anyone can solve this mystery I would be grateful. Thank you – Glenda (812415)