

## **Upwey Society Newsletter – October 2019**



*Welcome to the Autumn issue of our newsletter. The trees don't seem to have changed very much in colour this month, but the roadsides are certainly looking full of arboreal debris. However, after the amount of rain we've had during October your thoughts are probably turning more towards ark building than gardening! Let's hope that's it for a while.*

### **Chairman Mike's Report**

Since the last newsletter your committee has met three times to discuss a number of matters from planning applications, the need for a 'Local Plan', and various social events. In terms of dealing with the 'Local Plan' our councillor Howard Legg was invited to a committee meeting to explain what a Local Plan actually is. As a result, it was decided that this subject would be discussed at our next meeting in November.

On the social side we were blessed with glorious sunshine for the 'Party in the (Car) Park'. About 140 people attended, the music was excellent and everyone seemed to have a good time. Several people have expressed a view that it should become an annual event on the calendar. At present arrangements are in hand for the fireworks on the 2nd November, let's just hope the rain stops by then!!! A Christmas event planned for the 6th December is also taking shape.

I would like to thank everyone who works so hard to make the Society work - without them it would just cease to exist. And finally, I know it is early but can I wish everyone a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Mike Davis, Chairman

### **And what have we been up to during the summer?**

#### **Open Gardens**

We were delighted to be able to open 22 delightful gardens around the village, from the northern end of the village just beyond the Church, across to Chapel Lane on the edge of Broadway. Once again the heat of an extreme summer provided the usual challenge of keeping the flowers and lawns in pristine condition but we got away with it! There were several classic cars dotted about the village and an art exhibition kept the Old School Village Hall buzzing. Many thanks to all of you who opened your gardens to visitors; to those kitchen fairies in aprons who provided the luscious cakes for the tea garden; and most importantly to the amazing team who set up the tables, chairs, gazebos, etc for the weekend, and quietly slipped it all away on Sunday evening.



### **Party in the (Car) Park**

This event was new this year as a replacement for the BBQ we used to hold in the summer. And what a great party it was! The last time the Church car park hosted an event was to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday – this time it was just for US! Around 140 members and families indulged in all sorts of exotic picnics laid out on decorated tables surrounded with bunting bedecked walls while live music by KATZ kept our toes tapping throughout the afternoon. Not a drop of rain spoiled the day, and a super raffle ensured that many of you took a selection of goodies home with you\*(see below). As always, huge thanks to the committee and friends for setting up the event and clearing it away afterwards, and to St Laurence Church for allowing us to use the parking area.



*\*A note from Gee Sutton:- "We were lucky enough to win the beautiful summer fruit cake made and donated by Jackie Johnson to the raffle, and decided to invite a few friends and neighbours in during the week for coffee and cake. We asked for donations for Weldmar, and the result was £160 raised for our local Hospice, so Jackie's cake not only helped raise money in the raffle, but it then went on to raise money for Weldmar!"*

### **Open Farm Day 2019**

How nice it was to be welcomed once more to Open Farm Day hosted by the Foot family. Judy, Sam, and Joe and their families ensured that everyone had a chance to mingle with friends, both human and hooved/hairy, during a warm Sunday afternoon in June. There was plenty to learn, loads to eat and constant queues for the trailer ride across the hills.



### **Something to look forward to during the dark nights.....**

#### **Bonfire Party**

This will be held on Saturday 2 November at 6pm at Westbrook Farm - £3.00 for adults; £1.00 for children.

And as advised last year..... enjoy the firework display, but..... **NO SPARKLERS!**

### ***Christmas Curry & Quiz***

Old School Village Hall, Friday evening, December 6<sup>th</sup> – similar to last year’s fun evening, and further details will be posted very soon.

### **COMINGS AND GOINGS.....**

**Hello!** By now you will be aware that our local village shop has changed hands YET AGAIN! The business is now in the very capable and charming hands of Kevin and Nisha Kanthan. They have come from Surrey and since their arrival Kevin has re-arranged the layout of the shop; expanded the selection of goods available, and extended the opening hours.

**Bye bye!** And it’s farewell to the two Kates who have done a great job of running the Old Ship Inn for the last two years. They will be hugely missed as much for their enthusiasm as publicans as for their genuine friendship towards Upwey and its residents. Thank you Kate and Katie, and good luck to you both in your new future!

### **News from St Laurence Church**



There have been two great concerts in the Church this summer, one by Weymouth Concert Brass in June, and the other with the Mill Street Jazz Band just recently, and each event has been fun and rewarding. They both played popular and familiar tunes, after which everyone enjoyed some canapes and a few glasses of wine, and the new facilities proved to be much appreciated. Several classical events are scheduled for next summer, and the dates will be advised closer to the time.

In September a delegation of four attended the Bishop's Climate Emergency meeting in Dorchester, and came away with interest in supporting the “Ecochurch” project for reducing the carbon footprint of the church. It remains to be seen what can be done with such a large uninsulated building, but at least we no longer need to use disposable cups! If anyone is interested in taking part in this initiative, please ring Sally on 813307. Finally, the Church Christmas supper will be held on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> in the Old School Hall - further details will be advised very soon.

### **The Weymouth Repair Café**

This is a new initiative to Weymouth and is held in the Palm House Café in town. The Café is generally open for 2 hours 10:30am to 12:30pm on the second Saturday of the month. However, the full schedule of future dates is as follows:

Saturday	November 9	10:30am to 12:30pm
Saturday	December 7	10:30am to 12:30pm
Saturday	January 11	10:30am to 12:30pm
Saturday	February 15	10:30am to 14:30pm

This has been such an amazing success so we suggest you arrive no later than 11am.

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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.**

*Glenda Llewellyn on behalf of the Upwey Society*

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