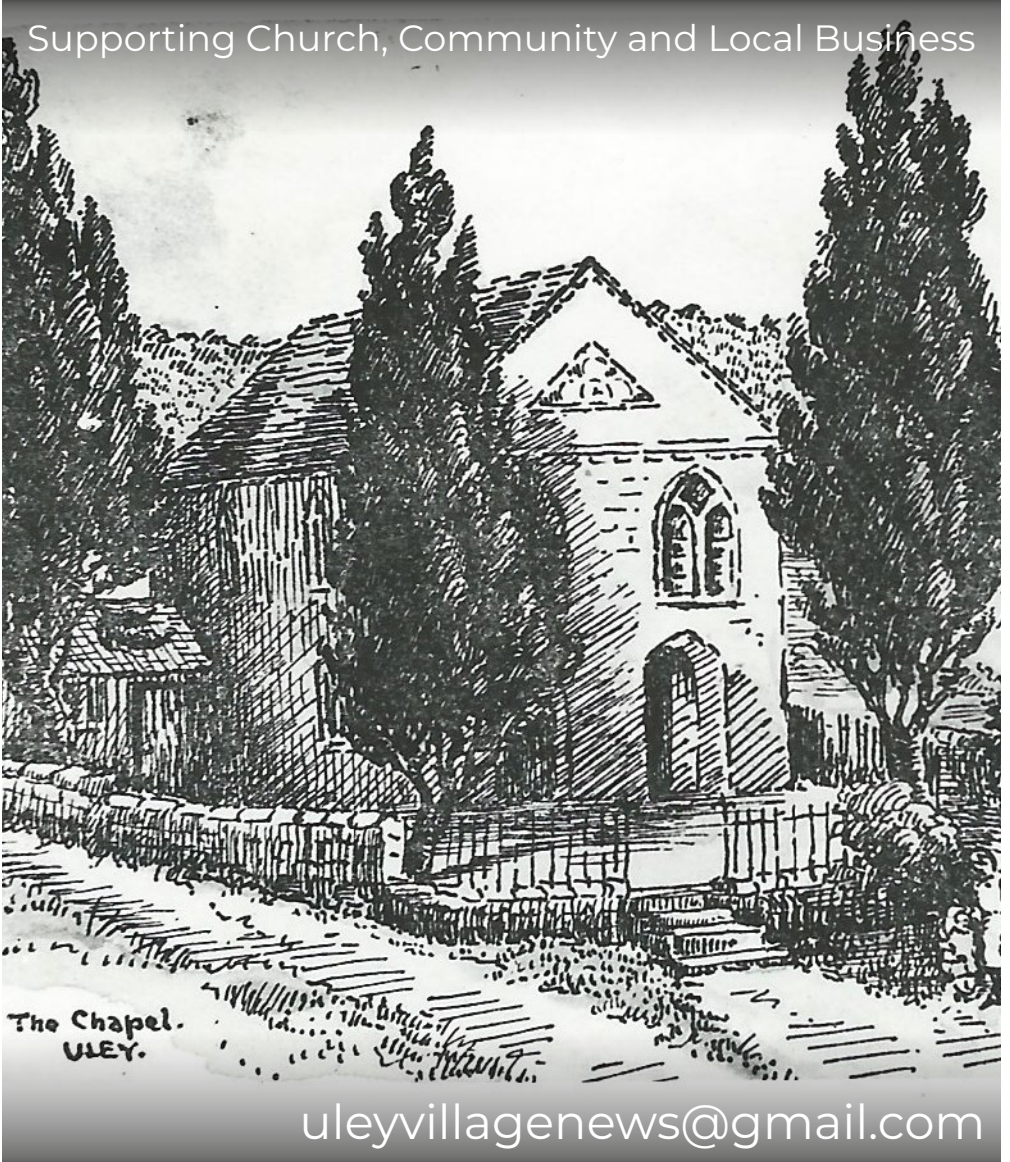


Uley, Owlpen & Nympsfield

April 2025

Village News

Supporting Church, Community and Local Business



Uley Parish Council

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Community Wellbeing

Email: communitywellbeing.stroud@nhs.net Tel: 0345 863 8323

Uley Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council meets in the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm. You are very welcome to attend. Details of the meetings can be found on the notice boards at either end of the village or on the Uley village website at: www.uleyparishcouncil.gov.uk



The April edition of the Messenger is available to download from:

<https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/parish-resources/communications/#messenger>

Please note, articles submitted by individuals do not necessarily represent the views or policies of the Church and / or Parish Council.

Uley Parish Council

A number of reports had were received about fly-tipping. Fly-tipping is the illegal dumping of waste or rubbish. Anything more than a single sack of rubbish is classed as fly-tipping. Anyone fly-tipping waste is committing a serious offence and may be fined or in some cases sent to prison. SDC will clear fly-tipping from the highway and council owned land but are not responsible for clearing fly-tipping from private land. You can report instances of fly-tipping at https://stroud-host01.oncreate.app/w/webpage/1102GBCNG1?context_record_id=10588601&webpage_token=a9d1cb26169b21703bf3e7ea82fd5bf5fd260433f707c1ebd676ca2351f87146

District Cllr. Martin Pearcey agreed to raise the matter with the SDC Litter Champion.

With regard to litter in the Valley, if you want to get involved with Keep Britain Tidy there are a number of suggestions at <https://www.keeptobritaintidy.org/get-involved/volunteer>

Residents are also reminded about <https://www.fixmystreet.com/> where you can report pot holes in roads.

Uley Cricket Club Annual Quiz Night

We are running our annual fundraising quiz

26th April 6.30pm at 7pm in Uley Village Hall

Delicious, home cooked meal included in entry fee - £10 per person.
Well-stocked bar and raffle available on the night.

If you would like to reserve a table for the quiz please contact club captain Alex Hewett on 07891547855 or email uleycricketquiz@gmail.com.

Church News

What a difference good weather makes to our lives, both to ourselves and to the environment. I feel that, like the buds on the trees, I too am opening up and embracing life. It's so lovely to be able to throw open the doors in the morning and walk around the garden.

Our church graveyards are also coming back to life. The evidence of mole activity is very obvious, and can be a nuisance, and it is interesting to hear from villagers what they would like to see in the churchyards. Some would like everything to be neat and tidy, whilst others embrace a more natural look. For us it can be difficult to strike a balance that pleases everyone. So, this is an invitation to everyone to become involved in the maintenance of the churchyards. What about a working party? We would be delighted to provide refreshments, and it could be a fun time.

On the subject of fun – and don't we all need some joy in our lives at the moment – we are planning to hold an “open day” in St Giles in June. This came about because we want to thank everyone who helps in so many ways to make our churches welcoming and happy places. Whilst the church council is responsible for

the maintenance of the buildings and grounds, the churches are there for everyone to use and to enjoy. Come in and enjoy the space and take time to reflect upon this amazing gift of life that we are given.

Church Electoral Roll

The church electoral roll is due for renewal this year. Please make sure you register, even if you have been on it in the past, it does not automatically renew. We are urging you to register electronically, if possible. Please scan the QR code or click on the link, this will take you directly to the online form.

<https://ewelme-benefice.myiknowchurch.co.uk/form/load/UnJyYWgrdWhHMjvFajJ6QjdmUisxelpNelZOR3hxNTISaFBWb2NINGtoRlptaTB2dnVLY2FUUUtaM2Y2>



Uley with Nymphsfield and Owlpen

Data Collection & Electoral Roll
Hold your phone's camera over the QR code
and click on the prompt to the online form

We are also collecting data for Ewelme Benefice communications on the form. This information will not be shared, it is just for our communications only. You can apply to be on the roll until 13th April 2025.

Update on Repairs to St Giles Churchyard Retaining Wall

Uley villagers will be pleased to hear that, thanks in no small part to the generosity of those who have supported recent events organised by the Friends of St Giles, we are now able to undertake the repair and stabilisation of the alarmingly-bulging

section of the churchyard retaining wall. In order to provide a safe working space, it will be necessary to close one lane of the roadway, with traffic controlled by temporary lights. A section of the footpath will also be closed. The work is planned to start on Monday April 28th and is scheduled to take up to 6 weeks. The PCC regrets the inconvenience this will cause, to through traffic as well as to villagers, but there is unfortunately no alternative if the safety of our contractors - and indeed the longer-term potential risk to pedestrians and road traffic - is to be addressed.

NOTICE OF AGM

The Annual General Meeting of

ULEY MILLENNIUM GREEN LTD

will be held on the
Millennium Green on

**Monday 2nd June
at 7.00pm**

Or the following Monday, if wet.

All are very welcome –
please bring a seat!

Friends of St Giles AGM and Coffee morning 10.30am 12th April in St Giles

It will be an opportunity for all the Friends to come together and celebrate the first year and to invite other members of the community to come and join us!

There will be coffee and cake.



Save the date: Uley Annual Show
Saturday 13th September
Open to the public 2pm

Here is a preview of some of this year's categories to get you going...

VEGETABLES (Cup)

6 named edible herbs (in a vase)
3 onions (dressed)
4 carrots
Any wonky vegetable
3 beetroot
3 potatoes
1 pumpkin or squash
Longest runner bean
2 courgettes
Any other vegetable
5 French beans

FRUIT

6 tomatoes (retain stalks)
6 pears (named variety)
6 small tomatoes
3 rhubarb stalks
6 berries (e.g. raspberries)
Any other fruit
6 apples (named variety)

ART

A quiet spot
Abstract
Portrait
A Print (any style - lino, screen, etching, potato etc.)

PHOTOGRAPHY

ALL AGES

Black and White (any subject)
Close Up
Something happy or fun
Contrasts (set of 3)

CHILDRENS SECTION

Primary school age (rosette):
Bug(s)
Secondary school age (rosette):
Action Photograph
All school age: Transport

Any queries contact the Team uleyannualshow@gmail.com



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MONDAY 5TH MAY 2025

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**12PM START - BLESSING OF THE
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Church Letter

Dear Friends

A New Season is upon us! Daffodils trumpet their arrival as the blossoms bestow their delicate beauty and busy birds brighten our days.

I've lived in cities for most of my adult life and keep pinching myself to believe that I've landed in such a beautiful part of God's world. It is wonderful to walk out of the rectory and climb a hill, taking in the valleys and the gentle rolling hills or to be utterly astounded by a glorious sunset firing the sweeping vale.

When out visiting I'm often invited by people to enjoy their view. Living surrounded by such beauty, revealing itself in the spring sunshine in all sorts of wonderful ways, we may find ourselves becoming more aware of God's presence in the world. A presence that may not be immediately apparent to us when we take in the news or contemplate the plight of millions throughout the world struggling for justice and peace or simply struggling to make ends meet.

I wonder what things look like from where you are?

I realise that this is all rather parochial, but someone a lot older and wiser once said to me: pray as you can and not as you can't.

On the strength of that, please feel free to help yourself to a booklet that you will

find in the churches. It is a calendar to help us to remember our community each day, bringing before God our neighbourhood and all that goes on. God understands this place, its needs and how it will flourish, we simply need to bring before God these places and our prayerful intention. Notice how God is working in you as you pray regularly for our parishes. Seeing what God is up to outside of the church

If you struggle to know where to begin with prayer you may like to sit and breathe without changing the pattern of your breathing; just notice each breath; and with each breath out, breathe out your worries and anxieties, and with each breath in, breathe in love and peace, and perhaps gently, turn it into a very simple time with God and a time to centre yourself.

Whatever is going on in life and in God's world (however difficult), whatever the season, we are all invited to encounter God. At their best, religious traditions help us to make sense of these experiences and provide a community of support and care; challenge and growth, but this isn't always the case.

The leadership of the Parish Church in Uley, Owlpen and Nympsfield recently reflected on the ways it is difficult for people of all ages and backgrounds to believe that church is really for them and wants this to change.

As this new season unfolds, the church wants to be a place where all really do know themselves to be welcome, and believes that there is a fresh opportunity to be less dull, less superior, less fond of tradition and to become more open, more generous, more able to celebrate, more welcoming, more fun, more adventurous, more caring, more in the community, more honest and trustworthy.

Despite the awesome responsibility of caring for these beautiful buildings, at the end of the day there is a conviction that it's not about the money!

This is your church – please pray!

And please be patient as you watch out for the unfolding signs of new life.

What would it take for you to know that there is a place for you, and those you love, in the local parish church?

How do you think that the parish church can help this community to flourish?

I would love to hear your view – call or drop me a line!

Meanwhile, as the church season moves out of Lent, have a Blessed Holy Week and a Joyful (and chocolate-filled) Easter!

With my prayers

Juliet

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As Kingfishers Catch Fire **By Gerald Manley Hopkins**

As kingfishers catch fire, dragonflies draw flame;

As tumbled over rim in roundy wells
Stones ring; like each tucked string tells,
each hung bell's

Bow swung finds tongue to fling out
broad its name;

Each mortal thing does one thing and the same:

Deals out that being indoors each one dwells;

Selves — goes itself; myself it speaks and spells,

Crying *Whát I dó is me: for that I came.*

I say *móre*: the just man justices;

Keeps grace: *thát* keeps all his goings
graces;

Acts in God's eye what in God's eye he is —

Christ — for Christ plays in ten thousand places,

Lovely in limbs, and lovely in eyes not his

To the Father through the features of
men's faces.

Upcoming RNLI Events



Sunday 27th April from 9.30am - Dursley RNLI Five Peaks Walk

Choice of starting at either Cam Peak or Coaley Peak. The walk takes you on public footpaths to visit Coaley Peak, Uley Bury, Downham Hill, Cam Long Down and Cam Peak. Make a donation on the day or via Just Giving at Dursley RNLI Five Peaks Walk. Get friends, relations and colleagues to sponsor you while you explore our wonderful part of Gloucestershire.



Sunday 18th May from 2 till 5pm - Luxury Cream Tea with a Prosecco Bar at Uley Pavilion, Shadwell

Come and celebrate and enjoy an afternoon of luxury at a venue with outstanding views. Tickets cost £6 each and will be on sale at the Uley Shop from the beginning of April, or pay on the door. For more information contact Brian at: brian.lamerton@btinternet.com or John at: johns.williams@talk21.com. Treat your partner or come with friends. All monies raised will be donated to this wonderful charity.

We look forward to seeing you there!

John Williams

Dursley RNLI Branch



Uley Community Stores & Post Office Diary

Tel Shop: 861592 | Tel Post Office: 860203 (Ailsa, Sadie and Angela)
www.uleycommunitystores.co.uk | Run by Volunteers

It's Spring and Easter.....

There will be an Easter Raffle again. For every multiple of £10 you spend in the shop you will get a free raffle ticket to win a lovely large Easter Egg. This will be drawn on Good Friday 18th about 11am. Winner to be announced in next Month's Village News.

Thinking of going away for a sunnier climate? Remember you can drop in and buy Euros at the Post Office. Or you can order any other currency to pick up from the Post Office counter. Enjoy the sun. Easter opening hours for the Shop and Post Office:

Good Friday April 18th

Shop 9-5.30, Post Office Closed.

Easter Saturday April 19th

Shop 8-1300, Post office 9-12.30.

Easter Sunday April 20th

Shop 9-12, Post Office Closed.

Easter Monday April 21st

Shop 9-12, Post Office Closed.

Lots Happening in the Village for May.

May Day Bank Holiday Monday May 5th

Shop 9-12, Post Office closed.

Spring Bank Holiday Monday May 26th

Shop 9-12, Post Office closed.

If you have any suggestions for any new items you'd like stocked please let us know.

Dami Davis

From the Church Parish Register for Uley with Nympsfield and Owlpen

Years Mind in April

Daisy Jessie Coles, Kenneth Ken Wright, Christine Smith, Kathleen Baxter, Ruby Hendy, Lilian Anne Mayes, Gerry Bailey, Phyllis Hobbs, Brian Ridsdale, Jim White, Julian Wathen, Mike Stennett, Laura Freeman.

Banns of marriage to be read in April

Lewis Williams & Laura Douglas; Charlie Rennocks & Lettice Carter;
Charlie Miles & Sian White; Adam Reynolds & Rebecca Williams

Burial of Pauline Thomas's ashes on 20th February.

Garden Notes for April

April is a changeable but undeniably busy month for gardeners. The soil is warming up and the days lengthening, so with some fleece at the ready, we can think about planting outside. If you follow gardening by the moon, think about focusing on above ground crops in the first half of the month and sowing and planting below ground crops in the second half. Powerful growth requires feeding. If you haven't already, repot and feed your houseplants as well as outside and greenhouse containers.

Specialist Nurseries - When the weather improves, the urge to scamper off to the garden centre is hard to resist regardless of need or space to plant. Our local garden centres are always very handy but why not support an independent specialist nursery where you can find something out of the ordinary and talk to their knowledgeable owners and staff. Here are some of my favourites.

Pan Global Plants. panglobalplants.com GL2 7EX. A 15 min drive, in a walled garden in Frampton on Severn, founder, Nick Macer has a constantly changing collection of rare and exotic plants. He also has a fascinating garden showcasing some incredible specimens. Visited by plant collectors around the world.

Special Plants. specialplants.net SN14 8LA. 30 mins south is Derry Watkins' nursery and garden (garden open Tuesdays from mid April). Here you'll find unusual plants from around the world,

hardy perennials and fantastic collection of seeds which are also available online.

Hoo House. hoohouse.co.uk GL20 7DA. 37 mins north. Family run for 35+ years, Hoo House grow and propagate many of their own plants ensuring their hardiness and health. Affordable, wide range of hardy and unusual perennials and alpines.

West Kington Nurseries. wknurseries.co.uk 30 mins. SN14 7JQ. Vast wholesale nursery who have periodic public open days. 26th & 27th April. Go early!

Leaf Creative. leafcreative.co.uk GL19 3EX. 36 mins. Launched by award winning garden designer Peter Dowle. Leaf Creative is a great venue for inspiration of indoor and outdoor planting and with a dog friendly cafe too. Go on their website for wonderful walks nearby.

Asparagus Season - If you're in the 'love' not 'loathe' camp you'll be as excited as we are that the brief seasonal harvest of this most delectable crop should (give or take) be available from 23rd April through to 21st June. Our own harvest last year was miserable, but aren't we lucky to have the Vale of Evesham and Wye Valley growers available at Stroud Market where we can have a guilt free splurge when they are at their most tender and simply served steamed with butter and salt.

Get busy and have fun!

Caroline @awalledgarden

Uley Archives

We are seeking help in tracing a video film called " ULEY NOW AND THEN "

During 1986 the children of Uley C of E School made a video film depicting village life prior to that year and upto 1986. It was a contribution to the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Colony of South Australia. Copies of the film were sent to Uley Bury School Museum in Australia and to the Goodrich family whose ancestors emigrated in 1837. Following the collapse of the Uley Cloth Industry in 1837 Moses Bendle Garlick of Crossbanks, an unemployed weaver, also emigrated to South Australia taking with him his three sons and one daughter. The family prospered and the land which they bought was named Uley Bury. Mr Garlick built Uley Bury School which later became a Museum and also a Baptist Chapel.

A memorial headstone to his death was erected by his son in 1860. This can be found in the Prema grounds.

The video film in question had two public viewings on the evening of 16th February 1987 in the school hall and a children's viewing in the afternoon. These are not recorded in Uley School records.

We can find no trace of this video which must hold some historical & interesting material. Can anyone recollect this event and more importantly is there a copy of this film lying in someone's attic? Please let me know if you have any information.

Margaret Groom

e: mikegroom127@gmail.com

Stroud Motherhood Collective

will be launching a wellbeing group for new mothers

Dursley Tabernacle | Fridays from 2nd May | 10:15am-12pm

Thanks to a successful crowdfunding campaign, all spaces are available free of charge to anyone that needs it. Head to www.bookwhen.com/stroudmotherhood for more info and to book your space.

Uley WI Diary – March 2025

This month the WI ladies enjoyed a talk by Mark Begg entitled “London Livery Companies and the Worshipful Company of Ironmongers”. Mark presented a fascinating history of the development of the various trade associations and guilds in London.



We also celebrated a very special birthday this month at the WI. Chris Bebbington, now 93 years young, has been a cherished member of the Uley WI since 1987. She fondly remembers ladies arriving for meetings wearing hats! Her career led her to Dursley Grammar School where she taught domestic science. It was in the staff room where she met her husband Alan who was a trainee teacher at

the time. Chris was involved in securing the Millenium Green for Uley and thanks to her, Uley’s church has a working clock on its tower. Chris now reflects on how the world has become faster paced and maybe more remote. The most important things in her life have been strong friendships and saying yes to opportunities. This philosophy has guided her through her long and fulfilling life.



Ruth Littlehales

For more information on Uley WI please contact our email address: secretary.uleywi@gmail.com. You can also follow us on Facebook at ‘Uley WI’.

Cotswold Warden Guided Walks

There are lots of guided local walks with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens happening each month. Some of the upcoming local walks are:

A Spin Around Dursley

Saturday, 5th April, 2025 | Start: 10:00 am | Market Hall, Dursley
Distance - 5.5 miles / 8.85 km | Difficulty - Moderate

Stinchcombe Hill and the Legacy of Sir Stanley Tubbs

Thursday, 17th April, 2025 | Start: 10:30 am | Leaf and Ground
Distance - 5 miles / 8.05 km | Difficulty - Easy

More information can be obtained for wardens' walks throughout the Cotswolds from the website below. Walks are graded by difficulty and sorted by location.

<https://www.cotswolds-nl.org.uk/exploring/guided-routes/>

Uley Bury Working Party in February

We had lovely weather for another productive morning! Photos by Caroline.



Above: Richard, Paul, Janet, Malcolm.



Above: A morning's work by 7 members.

Capture Your Moment for Cobalt

We are excited to announce our 2025 charity photography competition, open from April through July, for participants of all ages and skill levels. By sharing your inspirational photos, you stand a chance to win a prize and support our charity. Each entry costs just £2. All funds raised will support the Cobalt Teenage and Young Adult Nurse in Gloucestershire. For more details, visit our website.

Upcoming Events

For full details, please visit our website.

- **Make A Will Month** – April - During April, local partnering solicitors have volunteered their time to write a basic will in exchange for a small donation to Cobalt.
- **Quenington Open Garden & Rare Plant Fair** – 13th April - Stroll riverside gardens, browse rare plants, and enjoy homemade treats. Entry £8 (cash). Open 11 AM – 4 PM.
- **Lunch at Prithvi – 9th May** - Why not treat yourself to a 2-course lunch at this wonderful restaurant in aid of Cobalt?

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9.30 - 9.50am

10.00 - 10.45am

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Contact Tricia on 07400433536 or email triciadunbar2@gmail.com



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Parish of Uley with Nymphsfield and Owlpen

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April 2025 Services

Sunday 6th April
10am St Bartholomew's

5th Sunday of Lent
Parish Holy Communion

Sunday 13th April
10am St Giles

Palm Sunday
Parish Holy Communion

Friday 18th April
3pm St Bartholomew's

Good Friday
Good Friday Service

Sunday 20th April
10am St Giles

Easter Day
Parish Holy Communion

Sunday 27th April
10am St Giles, Uley

2nd Sunday of Easter
Benefice Holy Communion

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