

Uphall Village News



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Welcome to the first issue of Uphall Village News, brought to you by Uphall Community Council. This is the first of our twice-yearly issues for 2010. We hope you find the articles interesting and enjoy the read.

Please feel free to come along and hear for yourself what we discuss at our meetings. All residents are welcome as observers, with no commitment to join up or get involved.

John Richardson, Chair, Uphall Community Council



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CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS IN UPHALL

Uphall Community Council, the Management Committee of Uphall Community Education Centre and our local Churches combined their efforts to celebrate Christmas in the community.

The Uphall Christmas Tree was re-sited and the lights were switched on by Mrs Wilma Rafferty (pictured above) on Monday 1 December 2009. Despite the cold weather, the evening was enjoyed by all. The committees of Uphall Community Council and Uphall Community Education Centre both agreed that Mrs Rafferty should have the honour of switching the lights on in recognition of all her voluntary work in the village. Mr Richardson, our Chairman, presented Mrs Rafferty with a commemorative certificate.

The fun moved indoors, where the carol singing, helped along by P6 from Uphall Primary School, continued and mince pies were consumed! Our thanks to Councillors Alex Davidson, Graeme Morrice, Ellen Glass and Janet Campbell for providing the mince pies.

MOBILE POLICE SURGERIES

Community Police Officers from Broxburn Police Station will be continuing to hold police surgeries for members of the community who wish to speak with officers in a more informal forum. Contact Broxburn Police Station on 01506 852121 for further information.

UPHALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Uphall Community Council has twelve members, all volunteers, whose aim is to protect the interests of Uphalls residents and promote sustainable development. Our office bearers and members are as follows:

Chairman: John Richardson
Vice Chairman: Jonathan Moore
Secretary: Position Vacant
Treasurer and Press Officer: Fraser Graham
Planning Secretary: Dr Gerald Paisey

Members: Irene Bishop, Halina Hinton, David Flight, Joan Baxter, Marina Davies, Anne Milne, Irene Jones and Jeanette Cumberland.

If you need to contact the community council, please email contact@ucc.org.uk or call our Chairman, John Richardson, on 01506 854678.

Our meetings are held at 7.30pm in Uphall Community Centre. Meeting dates for the rest of 2010 are:

17th March, 21st April, 19th May, 16th June, NO MEETING IN JULY, 18th August, 15th September, 20th October, 17th November, NO MEETING IN DECEMBER.

UPHALL COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE

Uphall Community Education Centre is situated in Strathbrock Place, Uphall. The building consists of a main hall, playgroup room, youth room, coffee lounge and kitchen and recently a shower room was converted into a small but much needed meeting room.

The centre has a co-ordinator who is responsible for the day to day running of the centre and the management committee are very pro-active in the centre.

Since our opening we have raised funds for our community garden and banners where community involvement with the churches, primary school pupils and interested individuals were important factors in their completion.

The centre has become the hub for the community and caters for groups from babies to the senior members of the community.

It is available for private lets e.g. weddings, parties, training courses, educational classes, exhibitions, and meetings as well as hosting a full and varied programme. The Community Centre contact telephone number is 01506 854451.

COLD CALLING - UPDATE

During 2008, Uphall Community Council took the decision to become a Cold Calling Control Zone. With the help of West Lothian Council and Lothian and Borders Police, we distributed 1266 Cold Calling information leaflets and 2532 red cards to every home in Uphall.

The red cards are designed to deter bogus callers, and should be displayed prominently at your front door. The information leaflet contains details about how the system operates and what householders can do to help cut out the menace of bogus callers and rogue traders. We are aware that the system has helped deter bogus callers on numerous occasions.

BROXBURN AND UPHALL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The Broxburn and Uphall Council of Churches is a grouping which includes the three Churches of Scotland, the United Free Church, the Baptist Church, Hopehall Evangelical Church and recently has had representation from New Life Christian Fellowship.

Combined activities include the Christmas Torchlight Procession from Uphall to Broxburn, several united evening services throughout the year and Lent Bible Studies.

The group is also responsible for leading services of worship in Middleton Hall Nursing Home, the Holmes Gardens Complex and Broxburn Nursing Home. For more information, contact Mrs Myra Macpherson, via the Strathbrock Church Hall office, on 01506 856433.

FAIRTRADE IN UPHALL

Uphall has been a Fairtrade Village since March 2007. The Uphall Fairtrade Group, chaired by Councillor Morrice, have stalls at local events such as the Gala Day and Church Fetes.

In addition, each year, they celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight by hosting an event at Uphall Community Centre. In 2009, the event was 'Make it Happen, Choose Fairtrade' and consisted of a childrens corner, treasure hunt, display of winning posters of art competitions in which local primary schools participated, Fairtrade stalls, home baking using Fairtrade ingredients, refreshments, snack stall, raffle, 'Go Bananas' and Fairtrade awareness displays.

Fairtrade guarantees farmers in developing countries a fair price for their products which covers their costs. Because the price is stable, it allows them to plan for the future. Buying Fairtrade products changes the lives of millions of people worldwide and shows how trade can be made to work in favour of poor people and the environment. You can find the Fairtrade mark on products from more than a hundred companies. The Fairtrade mark is an independent stamp of approval.

For more information, visit their website at: www.uphallfairtrade.com

THE BUSY PROJECT

The Broxburn, Uphall and Strathbrock Young Peoples' Project (BUSY for short) is an initiative of the BASICS Trust, a registered charity formed in 1996 in West Lothian. The project consists of a formal partnership between three Church of Scotland churches (Broxburn, Uphall South and Strathbrock), Scripture Union Scotland and the BASICS Trust and work with a range of partners in the local area, including schools, churches and community groups.

They have a full-time youth worker, Gordon Rouse, and have a team of over 30 local volunteers who support and offer a range of activities for young people. For more information, visit www.thebusyproject.org.uk or phone their office on 01506 853872.

YOUR COMMENTS

Should you have any comments to make or want to advertise in our next newsletter, please use the following details to contact us:

Phone: 01506 854678
E-mail: contact@ucc.org.uk
Website: www.ucc.org.uk

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Police

Police HQ (Livingston) 01506 431200
Broxburn Police Station 01506 852121

Hospitals

St John's Hospital, Livingston 01506 523000
Edinburgh Royal Infirmary 0131 536 1000
Western General, Edinburgh 0131 537 1000
NHS 24 08454 24 24 24

Health Centre (Strathbrock Partnership Centre)

Dr Gunn and Partners 01506 771771
Ferguson Medical Practice 01506 771700
The Wood Medical Practice 01506 771800

West Lothian Council

All enquiries 01506 775000

Local Councillors

Councillor Alex Davidson 01506 281744
Councillor Ellen Glass 01506 281718
Councillor Graeme Morrice 01506 281736
Councillor Janet Campbell 01506 281741

Schools

Uphall Primary School 01506 852516
St Nicholas Primary School 01506 853509
Broxburn Academy 01506 852521
St Margaret's Academy 01506 497104

Churches

New Life Christian Fellowship 07564054377
St Nicholas (Strathbrock Parish) 01506 856433
Uphall South Parish Church 01506 852788

Travel

Rail Service Enquiries 08457484950
West Lothian Traveline 01506 775288

LOCAL WEB LINKS

Uphall Community Council - www.ucc.org.uk
Broxburn and Uphall Traders - www.but.a.org.uk
Uphall South Parish - www.uphallsouthchurch.org.uk
New Life Christian Fellowship - www.newlifecf.org.uk
Uphall Gala - www.uphallchildrensgaladay.org.uk
Broxburn Academy - www.broxburnacademy.net

Uphall On The Web - www.uphall.org
Uphall Fairtrade - www.uphallfairtrade.com
Strathbrock Parish - www.strathbrockparish.net
The BUSY Project - www.thebusyproject.org.uk
Uphall Primary - blogs.wled.org.uk/uphallps
Uphall Diamonds - www.uphall-diamonds.co.uk