

Uphall Village News

The Community Newsletter of Uphall Community Council



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Welcome to the fifth issue of Uphall Village News brought to you by Uphall Community Council. We hope you will find this issue interesting and informative.

All Community Council meetings are open to the public and all residents are welcome to attend as observers.

Uphall Community Council

Uphall Community Council meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Coffee Lounge of Uphall Community Centre at 7 p.m. All meetings are open to the public and residents are welcome to attend. Our local Councillors also attend.

The Community Council is a statutory body comprised of ten members of the public who have an interest in their local community and aim to protect the interests of the residents of Uphall and promote sustainable development. We are pleased to welcome Meg and Tachi two pupils from Broxburn Academy who have joined us as youth members. Our youth members are giving us an insight into the issues concerning the youth of the village.

To make it easier to identify Community Council members their photographs and contact details can be found on the next page. These will also be displayed on the Community Council notice boards in the Post Office and Uphall Community Centre and on the website. It is hoped that this will make it easier for residents to approach Community Council members with any issues.

Over the course of the last year, we have had representations from- AB Planning, speaking about a proposed housing development, Colin Glen from the Licensing Board regarding a policy review and Craig Bodell from sports development speaking on the new proposed sports pavilion.

Planning applications are discussed to protect the interests of our residents. Any issues which are brought to our attention are discussed and are followed up where possible by contacting the relevant authorities and reporting concerns.

Our members also represent the village on the committees of Broxburn & Uphall Town Centre Management Group, the Senior people's Forum, and St. John's Hospital. The representatives report back to the Community Council and are always willing to voice your concerns at these meetings.

It is proposed to put up boxes for any one who might have either a suggestion or a matter they would like the Community Council to look into but may not be able to attend a meeting. These boxes will be situated beside the Community Council notice boards in the Post Office and Community Centre.

This year to mark the 100th anniversary of World War 1 the Community Council have decided, with the agreement of the Community Centre Management Committee, to plant an area of the Friendship Garden.

If you have any projects you think, might enhance our village please contact the Community Council. We are looking at setting up a Facebook page.

Millbank Cottage

At a recent function in the village local piper Andrew Frater was part of the evenings entertainment. Andrew is well known in the piping world with an excellent reputation.

Before he played a particular tune, he told the audience about the history of the piece. The title of the tune was Millbank Cottage and was composed by William Dumbreck from Linlithgow. He was born in 1866 and served in the 1st Black Watch and the Royal Scots. He became the youngest Pipe Major in the British Army when he was appointed Pipe Major of the 1st Black Watch.

He composed many tunes but the one which has stood the test of time is Millbank Cottage and is played worldwide. This melody was composed in 1887 and was dedicated to his sister who had moved into a newly constructed house, Millbank Cottage, on Station Road in Uphall. A descendant of the Pipe Major still lives in the same house.

An interesting snippet of information which most people in the village would be unaware of.

Parking

Recently there have been complaints regarding the parking of vehicles in the village

Some people are parking vehicles in front of dropped kerbs or on the footpaths. This is making it extremely difficult for people in wheelchairs and those using mobility scooters. They are finding it difficult to negotiate higher kerbs or to continue their journey on the pavement. Sometimes this has meant people having to struggle onto the roads and face oncoming traffic which is extremely dangerous and frightening for them. Mothers with prams are in a similar position and often have another child to cope with.

The volume of traffic going through the village has increased over the years which mean we all need to take more care when crossing roads without having to contend with illegally parked vehicles.

We have independent living houses and a sheltered housing complex as well as other elderly residents and many mothers with young children living in the village. Dropped kerbs were installed to make it easier and safer for us all but especially the disabled and elderly to cross roads.

Can we please show some consideration for them when we park our vehicles?

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Christmas Lights Switch On

This event is part of the Christmas celebrations in Broxburn and Uphall and is a joint venture between Broxburn & Uphall Town Centre Management Group, BUTA, the Churches, Uphall Community Council and Uphall Community Centre Management Committee

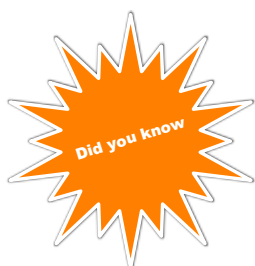
The Christmas lights were switched on this year by Carol Waugh. Carol is chairperson of the Gala Day committee, a youth worker in the Community Centre and a support worker at Uphall Primary School as well as a long standing member of the Community Centre Management Committee, in general a very hard working member of our community.

The weather was dreadful and the Torchlight procession had to be cancelled but we were able to go ahead with the Switch On. We managed to go ahead by moving everything indoors and the children were able to see the tree lights go on from the comfort of the Coffee Lounge.

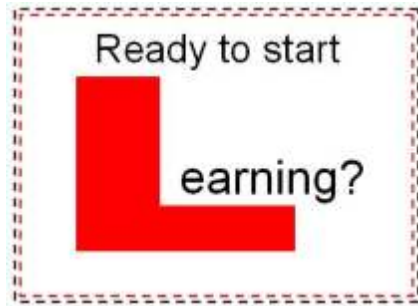
There was a good turn out on the evening and pupils from Uphall Primary entertained us with carols. Members of Broxburn and Livingston brass band accompanied the carols and Radio Grapevine also entertained us. There was a surprise visit from Graeme Morrice M.P. The Switch on concluded with mince pies and mulled wine.

It was reassuring to see so many people turn out for this event considering the weather and the organisers were grateful for their support.

The children help Carol countdown before the Christmas lights are switched on.



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Uphall Primary School

Uphall Primary have been successful in their application for a grant to develop the school grounds from Grounds for Learning. Only five schools in West Lothian were selected to receive a grant. This grant will allow the school to develop the playground to provide outdoor learning opportunities.

Representatives from Grounds for Learning will visit the school and meet with staff, pupils and parents to gather ideas as to how they would like the playground to be developed. The next stage will be to draw up a concept framework and by October a final design should be agreed. Work should be completed by Easter 2015.

The support of the parent council and the school community was an important part in the school being awarded this grant. This shows what we can achieve if we work together. If we work together throughout our community Uphall and its residents will surely benefit.

Unfortunately there is an area of concern outside the school. Parents and carers are continuing to park on the zigzag lines outside the school when they are dropping off and collecting children from the school/nursery. This is extremely dangerous for children and adults entering and leaving the school and there have been a few near misses involving school pupils over the last few months. Please **think** before you park on zigzag lines - how would you feel if it was **your child** who was injured? Another dangerous practice still evident at school is, parents taking children into and out of nursery by way of the staff car park.

Please keep our children safe.

The Friendship Garden

The Friendship Garden is the garden at Uphall Community Centre. It was created 10 years ago. A sub group from the Management Committee sourced funding and a group of trainees worked on transforming it from grassland into a garden. Until recently volunteers maintained it but is now being looked after by a gardener.

Over the years it has been well used by all age groups and those responsible for its creation are always delighted to see people enjoy the peace and tranquility it offers. New seating has been installed by Broxburn & Uphall Town Centre Management Group.

The latest addition to the garden is a wooden sculpture which was installed at the beginning of December. This sculpture was designed and created by Chris Bacon who is a member of the Woodworking Group at Strathbrock Community Centre. The sculpture depicts reindeer encircling a mountain top and can be adapted for Christmas by adding a sleigh which the reindeer appear to be pulling. Chris has also indicated the possibility of changing the reindeer for butterflies for the summer period so keep watching!

Food bank in Uphall/ Broxburn Area

A food bank to serve our local area has been set up in the Baptist Church, Freeland Avenue, Broxburn.

It is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 12.30-2.30

Contact the Job Centre, CIS, Social Work, Advice Shop (Bathgate) or any of the areas Voluntary sector workers to discuss your situation. On receipt of a voucher the food bank will help with a 3 day emergency supply of food.

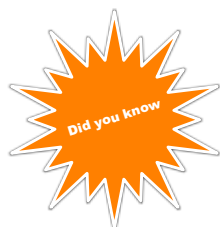
The food comes from donations from schools, churches and supermarkets.

The main distribution centre for West Lothian is based in Whitburn and food is collected from there and brought to the Baptist Church where volunteers help to distribute it.

People can find out about the food bank - from leaflet hand outs outside the Job Centre and Strathbrock Partnership Centre and posters throughout the town.

The food bank is operated by The Trussell Trust with many volunteers. Our local food bank has 25 volunteers. There are 5 food banks in West Lothian - they can be found in Whitburn, Bathgate, Livingston, Linlithgow and Broxburn.

The food bank was set up on receipt of a grant of £2000 from Halls/Vion regeneration fund operated by West Lothian Council with Councillor Davidson attending steering group meetings.



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Uphall now has two bottle bank sites. The original site at the Community Centre car park has now been supplemented by a second site at Middletonhall Bowling Club.

This site is ideally situated to serve the Johnston Court, Stankards, Houston Gardens and South Middleton housing estates.

Please also remember the bottle bank competition prior to the Gala season as Uphall Gala Day can benefit financially from the amount of glass collected at this time.

Litter and Dog Fouling

A continual problem which is brought to the attention of community councillors is the amount of litter and dog fouling in the village. We have highlighted this in previous issues but it has not improved.

There are plenty of litter bins and dog fouling bins placed around the village. Notices on the litter bins also state that dog fouling bags can be placed in them.

There have been complaints regarding the amount of dog fouling on the pavements near Uphall Primary.

Chewing gum discarded on the pavements is also a problem. Adults and children are responsible for the litter which is thrown away and owners are responsible for their dogs.

Please help to keep our village **tidy** and make it a pleasant place to live.

Congratulations to Ecclesmachan Community Council.

Uphall Community Council would like to congratulate Ecclesmachan Community Council on a fantastic achievement which benefits the residents of both Ecclesmachan and Uphall.

Recently, with the help of some residents, Ecclesmachan Community Council set about clearing and widening the overgrown path between the two villages. With the increased volume of traffic on the Ecclesmachan Road the narrow overgrown path was not particularly safe.

They had approached the council to do this work but were told that this was a narrow, non standard width path and any gain would not justify the costs involved so they did the work themselves.

Seven volunteers worked at different times giving a total of 52 hours of hard work, in 5 sessions, to widen the pathway and clear debris and overhanging branches. They successfully reclaimed about 500mm and removed several tons of soil/weeds from the pavement verge. The end result is a path which is safe to walk on two abreast.

This photograph gives some idea of the task they undertook.



Congratulations and thank you to all who helped to achieve this remarkable feat.

Business Centenary

One of our local businesses celebrate 100 years in business this year. M &A Macfarlane, the newsagents, has been a family business for a century, a feat in today's business world.

Isabella Macfarlane, the grandmother of the present owner, Ian Hunter, started the business in 1914. She started as a seamstress operating from a rented shop, which was probably owned by J. Ross & Co., which is now the Motor Cycle Union office.

After a successful start in this enterprise the family decided to buy 15 West Main Street which was situated in Muirs Buildings. This was when they started selling and delivering newspapers and became a newsagent business which also included a small lending library. The business was owned by Ian's grandparents and named M&A Macfarlane. M was for Mary (Maisie), Ian's mother, and A was for Agnes, two of their daughters. The business was initially run by Ian's Aunt Peggy but when Maisie

left school she took over most of the running of the shop and for most of its history it was known as Maisie's. Peggy and her husband Dick Maywood started another business, a chip shop and general grocer.

Ian's father had been a shale miner before the second world war. He spent most of the war in Gibraltar with the Royal Artillery. On his return he joined the business. He died in 1965 and Ian joined the business in 1967 in partnership with his mother.

In 1973 they bought Corrado and Derna Zentil's chip shop and cafe and moved the business across the road to larger premises, where they still operate today.

Maisie died in 1988 and when she died Uphall lost one of its great characters. Since then Ian has been sole owner ably helped by his wife Sue.

They were successful in the new premises and carried on trading as a newsagents until 1992 when they had the opportunity to buy Uphall Post Office from Roy and Marbeth Weatherup who were relocating to the Borders. The sale preceded and on the 10th of February 1993 the Post Office transferred to their premises and has been operating from there ever since.

With our continued support hopefully they will still be in business for many years to come.



Middleton Hall Bowling Club

Are you looking for a less strenuous sport? Have you thought about taking up lawn bowling? This is an excellent way to get out in the fresh air and enjoy some gentle exercise with friends and / or family and you can finish off the evening with a refreshing drink from the bar.

There are two fully qualified and vetted coaches to assist you. They can even lend you equipment to get you started before you take the plunge. Junior coaching is held on Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Contact John Collins at the club for more details. Middleton Hall is also a social club.

The newly refurbished, multi-purpose events hall is, home to everything from children's parties to band practices, carpet bowling to event hospitality as well as a wide variety of functions including birthday, anniversaries, christenings and charity fundraisers.

Members can enjoy free entertainment at their regular monthly club night.

Throughout the year ticketed entertainment evenings are held with a host of different themes. These include, Race Nights, Psychic Evenings, ladies Nights and Sportsmen's Nights.

The multi-purpose events hall is available for private hire . It comfortably accommodates 100 guests and has it's own kitchen and fully stocked bar.

Available packages are:

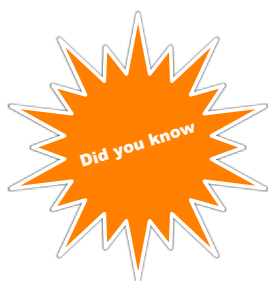
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- Hall hire, buffet and disco

The club can also arrange respectful funeral teas to ease the burden on the passing of loved ones.

Full information can be found on their website at www.middletonhallbowlingclub.co.uk or by calling in at the club.

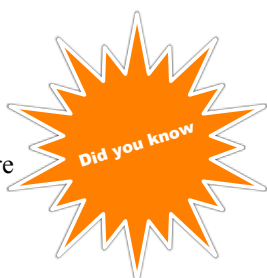
The club also has a Facebook page.

Full and Social membership are available - call **01506 856346**



Parts of **Strathbrock St Nicholas** date back to the **1100's**

Parts of Uphall are in a **Conservation area** and there are a number of **listed buildings**



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Uphall community Centre

Uphall Community Centre continues to be the hub of activities in the village. However the Management Committee have noticed the drop in children using the youth clubs. They are keen to hear from the youth of the village about the types of activities they would like to have available.

The Management Committee want to ensure that they are providing a service which meets the needs of our community. To enable them to do this they would like to hear your suggestions for courses or activities. Please contact Denise, the centre co-ordinator, with your suggestions.

With the changes in Welfare Reform meaning claims will have to be made online the Management Committee are aware of the need to provide basic computing courses. It is proposed to run short courses which will comprise of small groups of about 4 which will allow more time for the tutor to spend with individuals. If you are interested in taking part in one of these courses then please speak to Denise to put your name on a list. When we have identified the interest, dates and times will be arranged.

The Management Committee are proud of the facility we have in the village and carry out a rolling programme to ensure that the centre is maintained to a high standard. It is available for parties, training courses, events, fund raisers and weddings.

Bookings can be made at the office.

Church News

A warm welcome is extended to the Rev. Dr. Ian Maxwell the new minister in Uphall South Church.

Uphall South Church

Sunday services 11am service with creche for under 3's, Sunday Stars for 3yrs to P6 and Sunday Club for P7 and above on 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays. Short acts of Communion follow the morning service on 1st Sunday of the month. Family service (4th Sunday) with creche. Evening Service Dechmont memorial hall on 2nd Sunday at 7pm

Monday

Learn Together	2.00 - 3.30 pm	Meeting Room Church
	7.30 - 9.00 pm	Open Door Cafe
Rainbows	5.45 - 6.45 pm	Hall
Guides	7.00 - 9.00 pm	Hall

Tuesday

2x Bible Study Groups 7.30 pm Open Door & Hall
(Open to all)

Wednesday

Pray Together 9.30 - 11.00 am Meeting Room

Thursday

Exercise Class 2.00 - 3.00 pm Hall

Saturday

Coffee Mornings	10.30 - noon	Hall
Open Church	10.30 - noon	Church
Country Dancing	7.30 pm	Hall (2nd Saturday)

For more information on other groups visit the website www.uphallsouthchurch.org.uk

Strathbrock Church

Strathbrock Church has 2 Church buildings, St Machan, Ecclesmachan and St Nicholas in Uphall. There is also a church hall in Thomson Court.

Services are held in St Nicholas church at 11am. On the 4th Sunday of the month cafe style worship is held in the church hall at 9.30am

Activities in the Church hall

The Girls brigade meet in the church hall on Monday nights and the Boys Brigade meet on Thursday nights.

Other activities include Facegroup (mens group), The Guild and flower arranging all meet on Tuesday evenings.

There are also prayer groups and house groups. The popular Thrift Shop is held on the first Friday of the month in the church hall including the first week in July.

Craft Fair - 4th October
Easter Craft Fair - Spring
Christmas Fair - 29th November

For more information visit the church website www.strathbrockparish.net or the Strathbrock Facebook page.

Uphall Children's Gala Day

This year's gala Day will be held on the 14th of June. The parade will leave Uphall Primary at 12 noon and make it's way to King George V park for the crowning, presentations and races.

The main characters in the Gala this year are

Queen - Caitlin Bennett
Ladies in Waiting are Keri Appleyard and Katie McLaughlin
Queen of Fairies - Sarah Pym
Crown Bearer - William Meikle
Sceptre Bearer - Owen Nicholls
Page Boy - Oliver Gardner

To comply with legislation a number of helpers are required to marshal the parade and to prepare the park and stage, if you can help please contact Carol Waugh.

Each year the committee gets smaller and smaller so any help you can give is greatly appreciated. The children from the village enjoy the day and it still is a day when families come together. To be able to continue this tradition in the future parents will need to become more involved not just on the day but in the planning and fund raising. If there are a good number of helpers then it becomes much easier with everyone doing a little to help make a successful and enjoyable day for the children of the village.

Once again the members of both churches are helping with the teas on the day. Each year they offer their help and the Gala committee appreciate their help.



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Shale Bings

Recently one of the men's groups from Strathbrock Church had a speaker from Scotland's Rural College. The subject of the talk from Dr Barbara Harvie was Bings - a lasting legacy of Scotland's first oil industry.

In her talk she stated that the West Lothian oil-shale bings are of national and local importance for their contribution to local bio diversity, their history, their education value, their social significance and their recreational function.

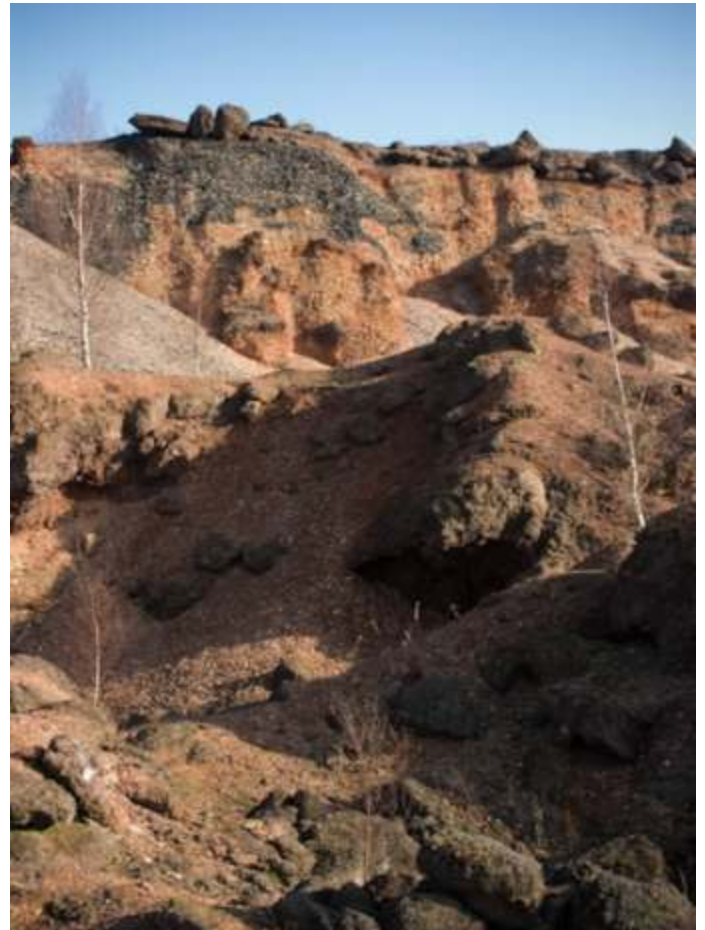
The bings are the waste after the oil was extracted and are unique to this part of Britain. They have become the home to several rare and protected plant and animal species. The local Greendykes bing is scheduled to become a historic industrial monument.

The bings have the potential as an educational resource because of the historical importance of the industries that created them (from paraffin to detergent) and the ecological importance of their extensive flora and fauna.

The top part of the sculpture Above and Below was based on plants found growing on the bing and Artichange have taken many photographs, which can be purchased, taken on and around the Greendykes bing. There are also a few websites which give more information about the bings if you are interested.

Some residents might not realise the important reminder the bing is to the history of our local area.

Look carefully at the tree to get an idea of the scale.



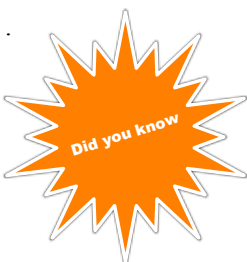
World War 1 Project

A group of people at Strathbrock Community Centre are working on setting up a World War 1 display to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of the war. The idea is that this display will be open to the public for a few days before the 11th of November.

The group are interested in what life was like for the people of Broxburn and Uphall during the war.

Various groups within the centre are working together on this project and hope to involve the local schools. If you can help in any way by lending relevant items, photographs, information or stories then please contact Irene Bishop via the Community Centre. All items will be returned at the end of the display.

Posters will be displayed with dates and times closer to the event.



Bing is a Scots word meaning to heap or pile up but is also used to describe a slag heap.

In Praise of Uphall

One of the significant changes to Uphall, similar to nearby towns or villages, is the influx of new residents from different parts of the United Kingdom and elsewhere. Whether such a move is prompted by work or family reasons, most people usually give the area a cursory survey before arriving and they may later confirm or regret their initial impressions. So, after living for twenty years along the coast near Stonehaven, have I changed my initial impressions? Not in the least; in fact, there is more here than first meets the eye.

Uphall is not a big place but it is steeped in history. For example, there are parts of St. Nicholas Church that span a thousand years, while around are relics of the shale oil industry which not only led to the eventual creation of BP oil but exported its oil engineering experts across the globe. The local shale oil industry was a dominant player during the 19th and early 20th century giving rise to the production of many by-products such as candles, polishes, specialist motor oils and of course Scottish Oil petrol pumps. It is worth reading also about Middleton Hall (associated with shale oil research and development) and the 18th century Houston House at the Heritage Centre in Livingston or at the local library. On looking around the village one is struck by the dates above buildings, some going back to the early 19th century, displaying a variety of architectural styles. The Oatridge Hotel is a reminder of a bygone age when it was a coaching inn for those en route from Edinburgh to Glasgow.

Uphall is situated in rich farming countryside surrounded by woodlands, reminding us that this area was once covered with forests which attracted royal hunters. Just behind the Main Street, the Brox burn runs through beautiful tree-lined banks, through Loaninghill park on its way towards other rivers and the coast. Walking along the footpaths and into the park all is tranquil and the birds sing. Following the pathway along the old roadway from Main Street over the Iron Bridge over the burn to Uphall Station is a reminder of the tree lined walks, footpaths and cycle paths that cover the village. There is much natural beauty on our doorstep.

Many other amenities encircle the village: three country parks, the Grand Canal, a first class hospital, an excellent health centre and good public transport to nearby towns and cities. Over the past few years West Lothian Council and the Town Centre Management Group have improved the appearance of the village with new paving, new cycle paths, sign posts, flower-beds, hanging flower baskets and grants to update the shop fronts. Local shops are good, providing a range of provisions, including an award winning butcher. Motorists must surely be pleased to have available to them two reliable garages. For those who are concerned about development of the mind and body there is access to very good schools, an excellent community centre, varied leisure pursuits and world class universities.

It doesn't take long to appreciate the positive, constructive part played by the local churches in fostering a sound sense of community and goodwill. It is commendable that so many church members are involved in local youth and community work, as well as with various forms of charitable organisations. All of these are clear exemplars of the values which the churches uphold. "Open Door" sends out a clear message.

However the most important feature that makes Uphall a good place in which to live is the people who live here. Local residents, especially, are generally sociable, kindly, helpful and generous,

particularly in time of need: and this is certainly true, also, of newcomers as well, many of whom are now well integrated as part of the community.

Uphall has changed over the past, has done so in recent years and, no doubt, will continue to do so, yet it remains a warm, friendly place with its distinctive semi-rural character intact.

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Broxburn Academy

Broxburn Academy's motto is Together we will succeed and this year has seen several individual and group successes. Broxburn Academy was represented at the first round of Rotary International Young Musician of the year by singers Sam Malone, Heather Hilditch and Emily Wishart. Sam was placed first and Emily second, all three performing very well. Broxburn Academy Wind band were awarded a silver plus at the Scottish Wind Band Championships in Perth at the beginning of the year

Seven first year pupils won awards at Scotland's Rural College Animals in Art competition. This was out of 262 entries across Scotland. Adam Philp, a fourth year pupil is representing Broxburn Academy as a baton bearer for the Commonwealth Games. Gordon Rouse Youth Development worker for the BUSY project continues to run a Listening Service in the school where young people can be listened to by trained external listeners. The school library is looking for donations of books, fiction or non fiction, also craft materials and board games. Contact Dr Stewart, the school librarian.

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Uniformed Organisations in Uphall

Rainbows

The Rainbows meet in the South Church Hall on Monday evenings from 6-7pm. Rainbows is the youngest section of the Guide movement and caters for girls between the ages of 5 to 7 years.

Rainbows develop self-confidence, build friendships and learn to be kind and helpful to others and have fun. They follow an activity programme called Rainbow Jigsaw which comprises of four areas- Look, Learn, Laugh and Love.

Brownies

The 1st Uphall Brownie pack meets on Wednesday nights in Strathbrock Church Hall. The Brownies cater for girls between the ages of 7 to 10.

At the Brownies, the girls work through books and work towards badges. The girls enjoy playing games and doing crafts and activities.

Girl Guides

The Guides meet on Monday evenings in the South Church Hall from 7-9pm. Guides cater for girls between the ages of 10 -14.

Guides take part in a wide range of activities from adventure sports to fun and games. They are also encouraged to take part in community action projects and performing arts.

Boy Scouts

Unfortunately there is no active Boy Scout Group in Uphall but there is a joint Uphall/Broxburn group based in Broxburn.

Girls Brigade

The 1st Uphall Girls' Brigade meet on Monday evenings in Strathbrock Church Hall. The sessions start at 6.45pm. The company is divided into the Explorers catering for P1-P3, the Juniors which includes P4-7 and the Brigaders for S1-S6.

Every session the girls enjoy a variety of activities including crafts, stories and games on different themes. They also enjoy cooking and baking and going on trips with the company and as part of the West Lothian Division.

Boys Brigade

The Boys Brigade meet on Thursday evenings in Strathbrock Church Hall. There are three sections : the Anchor Section for boys P1-P3, the Junior Section for boys P4- P7 and the Company Section for P7 and upwards.

The band classes are a key part of the company programme.

More information can be found on Facebook :

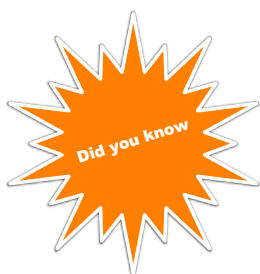
“1st Uphall Boys Brigade”

Commonwealth Games Baton Relay

The Baton Relay for the Commonwealth Games will come through Broxburn and Uphall on Sunday 15th June.

At present the Town Centre Management Group is working with the Council of Churches and Albyn Football Club to make arrangements for activities on the day. These have still to be finalised and will be advertised nearer the time.

It is thought that the Baton will be arriving in the area at approximately 9.30 am.



Houston House tower house
was built around **1600**.

It became an hotel in **1970**.

101 NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER

The 101 non-emergency number replaces the range of non Emergency numbers used by former Scottish police forces.



101 gives the people of Scotland a new way to contact the Police, seek advice, speak to a local officer or to report a crime that does not need an emergency response, for example

- Car theft
- Damage to property
- A minor traffic collision
- Suspected drug use or dealing
- Information about crime in their area

The 101 non-emergency number is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It costs a flat rate of 15p per call and connects the public to a police service centre in their local area. The number has already been launched successfully in England and Wales and is widely used.

The key reasons for introducing the 101 non-emergency number in Scotland are to:

- Help keep people safe by giving them one easy-to-remember, easy to dial number for contacting police wherever they are in Scotland
- Make the police more accessible, while reducing pressure on the 999 system
- Help the police cut crime by making it easier for the public to pass on information
- Support the creation of a more efficient and effective Police service for the people of Scotland
- Increase interoperability with England and Wales, with 101 becoming the nationally recognised non-emergency number for contacting the police across the UK

The public should continue to call 999 in an emergency - when a crime is in progress, when someone is suspected of a crime is nearby, when a life is in danger or when violence is being used or threatened.

Uphall On The Web

Community website, Uphall On The Web, has had a facelift. For local news, a what's on listing, Church notices, photos from yesteryear, and much more, why not visit it at www.uphall.org

If your group are holding an event, why not let them know?

If you have old pictures of people, school photographs, a workplace or event, that you would like to share with others, just contact them via the site. Go on, give them a click at www.uphall.org

Old Broxburn and Uphall on Facebook

Back in January, a new Facebook page went live for Old Broxburn and Uphall. To date, it has over 1200 likes and is viewed by hundreds every week.

It is crammed full of old pictures and with every new picture comes a lot of discussion!

The Facebook page can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/oldbroxburnanduphall>



Our Prices	Opening Times	The Wee Barber Shop
Adults: £7	Tue 10am - 4pm	East Main Street
Kids (under 12): £5	Wed 10am - 2pm	Uphall
DAF*: £5	Thu 10am - 7pm	
Traditional Hot Shave £10	Fri 10am - 3pm	No appointment necessary
	Sat 10am - 2pm	

Useful telephone numbers

Police

101 (non emergency number)
999 (emergency number)

Hospitals

NHS24 - 111
St John's Hospital, Livingston 01506 523000
Edinburgh Royal Infirmary 0131 536 1000
Western General, Edinburgh 0131 537 10024

Health Centre (Strathbrock Partnership Centre)

Linden Practice 01506 771771
Ferguson Medical Practice 01506 771700
The Wood Medical Practice 01506 771800

Schools

Uphall Primary School 01506 852516
St Nicholas Primary School 01506 853509
Broxburn Academy 01506 282300
St Margaret's Academy 01506 497104

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