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## Crowmarsh Pre-School

June brings us lots of exciting opportunities in our local community. This month we are looking forward to taking part in both the Flower Festival at St Mary Magdalene Church on 8th and 9th and the Wallingford Carnival on 15th June. We will also be popping along to the Community Café, where we will offer a selection of toys and activities for younger children. This is held on the second Saturday of the month (the 8th this month) from 10am to 12 midday. We would love to see you there. So please come along and say 'hello'.

In a 'first' for Pre-School, we are also looking forward to meeting up with some of the senior members of the community who belong to the Oasis Club. We will be singing songs and sharing stories and getting to know one another at the Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you all this month! Best wishes from all the team at Crowmarsh Pre-School.

## Dog fouling

Please be responsible and don't let your dog foul a public right of way or open access land. The countryside is used by children, walkers, cyclists, wheelchair and pushchair users throughout the year, and everyone has the right to enjoy it.

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If there isn't a bin nearby, please don't leave it behind on the path or hang it on a tree in a bag. Instead, dispose of it safely at home by double wrapping it and putting it in your standard household refuse or a litter bin.

## District Council elections

Following the elections on 2nd May, there have been big changes at South Oxfordshire District Council. Our elected District Councillors are Sue Cooper (Liberal Democrat) and Andrea Powell (Green). Contact them by email on [sue.cooper@southoxon.gov.uk](mailto:sue.cooper@southoxon.gov.uk) or [andrea.powell@southoxon.gov.uk](mailto:andrea.powell@southoxon.gov.uk).

## Editor wanted to join the Crowmarsh News Team

The *Crowmarsh News* team is looking for an additional volunteer editor. There are currently three page designers and two editors who share the duties in pairs. Editing is done on computer using Microsoft Word and articles are received via a dedicated email account in GoogleMail. Editing can be done at a time and place to suit you to meet the monthly deadlines and you then email the edited articles to your page designer partner. No qualifications or experience are needed, just a good grasp of written English and the ability to proofread. Each editor only needs to edit an average of four issues per year.

The full editorial team meets three or four times a year, usually on a Monday evening from 8pm, in central Crowmarsh. At these meetings we agree the rota for editing and designing for the months ahead.

If you think you could offer your time and skills to the team, please contact us for more information. The current editors, Toni Taylor and Amanda Maher, will be happy to talk to you about the role, so please feel free to contact them directly if you already know them, or email [Crowmarsh.editor@gmail.com](mailto:Crowmarsh.editor@gmail.com) to make contact with the team.

### To book North Stoke Village Hall

Contact Nikki Arnfeld (839736, [narnfeld@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:narnfeld@yahoo.co.uk)) or Stuart Soames (836058, [sjwsoames@btinternet.com](mailto:sjwsoames@btinternet.com))

## OVO women's cycle race

Oxfordshire will be hosting stage three of the OVO Women's Tour on Wednesday 12th June, with Olympic and World Championship level riders competing from Henley to Woodstock. The race will be televised around the world and is a great opportunity to show the best aspects of our towns and villages. SODC would love the televised pictures to show our residents out on the streets, cheering the racers along.

The website [www.womenstour.co.uk](http://www.womenstour.co.uk) has lots of information on how residents can help out at the event as Race Makers. The website shows the route with times that riders are expected to pass through villages and towns. This will make it easy for residents to plan where they will cheer on and support these riders.

**SODC** hope the whole community will be inspired to get involved, making it a day to remember for residents, schools and businesses. There'll be a carnival atmosphere along the route. It'll be a fun and exciting day for all. The riders are due to arrive in Crowmarsh around midday.

Suggestions for how you can get involved:

**Shop window displays** to celebrate the event and welcome cyclists. Businesses could create displays involving cycling and get Tour officials to judge the best on the day of the race.

**Decorated bikes and bike trails using** props, such as decorated bikes and roundabouts.

Schools, community groups and businesses can all get involved. Why not create a theme specific to your venue or area? Design flags or banners to make your location stand out as the cyclists whisk by.

## Wallingford cycling festival

While everyone is inspired by top level athletes competing for a place on the podium, you are also encouraged to support a fun and friendly local community cycling event in Wallingford on Friday 12th to Sunday 14th July.

Wallingford Festival of Cycling will be offering six organised rides for every level of rider, from a family five-mile ride to a 100-miler for the

more experienced cyclist. There will be competitive races in the town centre, children's cycling activities, a chance to ride a penny farthing and much more!

The Festival volunteers offer monthly Couch to Saddle training rides to help beginners build up to the big day. The next Couch to Saddle ride will be on Sunday 23rd June. To find out more, please visit [www.wfoc.co.uk](http://www.wfoc.co.uk) or contact [Hendriette.knouwds@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:Hendriette.knouwds@southandvale.gov.uk).



## CTC cycle rides in June

Sunday 2nd, 25 mile road ride, Cliff Bellis leading. One short climb to Wittenham Clumps on a route going via Long Wittenham, Didcot, East Hagbourne and Blewbury for a tea stop at Savages garden centre, then back via Aston Upthorpe, South and North Moreton and Brightwell-cum-Sotwell.

Sunday 16th, 30-something mile road ride, route and leader to be confirmed.

Both rides will depart from Wallingford Market Place at 1.30pm and will include a refreshment stop. Further details are on our website [www.ctcwallingford.org.uk](http://www.ctcwallingford.org.uk) and Facebook page [www.facebook.com/groups/wallingfordctc](http://www.facebook.com/groups/wallingfordctc) or please email [info@ctcwallingford.org.uk](mailto:info@ctcwallingford.org.uk).

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## Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting for all electors was held at Crowmarsh Gifford Primary School on Thursday 16th May. This is a chance for any resident to raise issues of local concern and ask questions of the parish, district and county council representatives.

Wing Commander Caroline Viles gave an interesting presentation on 32 (The Royal) Squadron, currently based at RAF Benson while their runway at RAF Northolt is renewed. The squadron (formerly the Queen's Flight) transports government ministers, royalty and other VIPs efficiently and often at short notice, mostly using quiet BAE146 aircraft. Most of us will hardly notice their presence nearby over the summer months.

Cllr Rowley showed pictures and a short video of the construction and opening of the new playground.

Our neighbourhood police officers (PCSOs) were there to answer questions and there was lively discussion about traffic and speeding, still among the top concerns of the public. Please use the 101 number to report non-emergency incidents. Please contact the team on 101 or at [DidcotandWallingfordNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:DidcotandWallingfordNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk) if you would like to join a local Community Speed Watch group – there is a volunteer already waiting for one or two more people to form a group here.

As well as a summary of the Parish Council's activities over the past year and a short report

by County Councillor Mark Gray, our two newly-elected District Councillors Sue Cooper (Liberal Democrat) and Andrea Powell (Green) came straight from the first council meeting to give an update on the new Liberal Democrat – Green administration and their plans for change in South Oxfordshire.

Thanks to Parish Clerk Sue Rance for organising refreshments and to everyone who came along.

*John Griffin*

## Parish Councillor vacancies

There are four places for new members on Crowmarsh Parish Council. We have had some expressions of interest, but so far nobody from North Stoke or Mongewell has come forward. Please think about whether you might join us, particularly if you live in those under-represented parts of our parish.

The Parish Council makes decisions on local matters (see the notes in Crowmarsh News to get an idea of what) and we do have a significant budget to spend for the benefit of the local community. We are also consulted on all planning applications, although the District Council makes the decisions.

We meet on a Thursday evening 11 times a year, and the public are welcome to all our meetings, so if you are not sure please come along, and/or speak to one of the councillors or the parish clerk (see page 16).



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# Past Times: The Ipsden and North Stoke Parish Magazine

from David Beasley

The picture below is the front page of the Ipsden and North Stoke Parish Magazine: the month of issue is April 1916. The magazine covered Ipsden, North Stoke and Mongewell and was first printed in 1908 and continued until 1937. The magazine was started by the vicar of North Stoke, the Reverend Herbert Coombes.

Easter fell in April 1916, and much of the magazine was devoted to the church services at Ipsden and North Stoke.

There were comments about how beautiful the bluebells were that year, particularly in Foxberry Wood, which was situated on the road to Forest Row. It was cut down in the 1950s and the area was ploughed up.



It was reported that a Zeppelin passed over Ipsden at about 10.00 p.m., thought to be on its way to bomb London.

Under the heading of War Notes, it reported that the three villages had suffered no casualties during the month of March. Mr John Fraser (of Mongewell Park) had returned after serving with the French Red Cross and Miss Dora Dodd had finished her six months' engagement with the British Red Cross. The magazine reported that Mr Ambrose Dodd had a narrow escape when his horse was killed while he was riding it. The promotions of Harry Anderson and Oliver Brown to Sergeant were noted, and Harold Stanwell and Frederick Prior had been called up. Other months must have made very grim reading.

The Ipsden Boy Scouts would parade on Palm Sunday, and on Easter Monday they would take part in a ten-mile cross-country run, followed by a day and night camping in the woods.

A Miss Annie Edhouse was appointed Assistant Mistress to Mongewell School, and Colonel R.B. Roe had been appointed School Manager to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Frank Woodley.

There was an announcement that the Boys Carpentry classes, run by George Wear, would be closed for the summer months. All 141 articles made by the boys were taken to the Red Cross depot in Reading: they included 13 pairs of crutches, 5 footrests, 2 bedside tables and 108 splints.

Mr Fraser and Mr Wormald were thanked for donating money to pay for heating apparatus in North Stoke Church, and Mr Fraser was thanked for the beautiful windows he paid for in the church.

The magazine had several pages of adverts, which of course helped pay the cost of producing the magazine. These adverts were mainly for Wallingford businesses, of which only one, Champions, is still in business today.

This little magazine gives an interesting snapshot of life in the villages during war-time..

## Wallingford U3A

Our outing to Bletchley Park went well. Even people who had been several times before found lots of interest in the refurbishments. Our visit to Highgrove is fully booked. In June we go to Petworth House in Sussex. This is a late 15th Century country house (National Trust) with wood carvings by Grinling Gibbons and an extensive art collection including many Turners. In July we are going to Buckingham Palace.

At the time of printing there were still a couple of places for the October holiday in Cornwall. These holidays are great for couples and for singles: very friendly and lots of laughter.

On 5th June our speaker will be the inimitable and irrepressible Ken Fitt, who will talk to us about Alan J Lerner. Another great jazz musician, Ken will provide live music and flawless information.

Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 2pm in Crowmarsh Village Hall. For more information about what we do, please visit our website: [u3asites.org.uk/Wallingford](http://u3asites.org.uk/Wallingford), or phone Hermione on 01865 858024 or Jill on 835994. Come and join us.

## Letter to the editors

I was surprised to read an item in the May issue about “the Oakley Wood tip” being closed on 23-24 May. Please, there is no tip at Oakley Wood, and hasn't been for years: it's a recycling centre. To be precise: Oakley Wood HWRC (household waste recycling centre).

Now when I first heard about the new name, I thought it was – ummm – rubbish. Just one of those silly rebranding exercises, I supposed: ‘HWRC’? just a fancy term for ‘council tip’ to make it sound nicer!

How wrong could I be. When I actually went there, I discovered that it really is about making sure that as much waste as possible does not go to waste at all, but is recycled. The staff were as friendly and helpful as could possibly be; and the place wasn't a tip in any sense of the word.

We are jolly lucky to have such a facility just up the road. Could we encourage more people to use it (and use it properly) by calling it by its proper name?

*Jennifer Brooker  
12 Howbery Farm*

## Wallingford Country Market

Every Friday (except 7th) in St Mary-le-More Church from 9.30am to 12 noon

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## Live screenings

Saturday 8th 8pm, *Take That* – Live Concert via Satellite from Cardiff, Tickets £12.50

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Tuesday 18th 7:15pm, The Royal Ballet: *Romeo and Juliet*. £15 (adults), £12.50 (seniors), £10 (under 18s). Recorded live at The Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. Conductor: Pavel Sorokin, Cast: Yasmine Naghdi, Matthew Ball. Kenneth MacMillan's passionate choreography shows The Royal Ballet at its dramatic finest. Sergey Prokofiev's iconic score provides the basis for the ballet's romantic pas de deux and vibrant crowd scenes, while 16th-century Verona is created by Nicholas Georgiadis's magnificent designs.

Thursday 27th 7pm, NT Live: *Small Island*. £12.50 (adults), £10 (seniors and under 18s). A company of 40 actors take to the stage of London's National Theatre in this timely and moving story, filmed live as part of NT Live's 10th birthday celebrations. Andrea Levy's Orange Prize-winning novel *Small Island* comes to life in an epic new theatre adaptation directed by Rufus Norris. *Small Island* embarks on a journey from Jamaica to Britain, through the Second World War to 1948, the year the HMT Empire Windrush docked at Tilbury. The play follows three intricately connected stories. Hortense yearns for a new life away from rural Jamaica, Gilbert dreams of becoming a lawyer, and Queenie longs to escape her Lincolnshire roots. Hope and humanity meet stubborn reality as the play traces the tangled history of Jamaica and the UK.

## Crowmarsh playground and outdoor gym

Following the successful opening in April, we are happy to share with you a video of the open day and more photographs, including the construction process for those interested. These can be found on the Crowmarsh website [www.crowmarshgifford.org.uk](http://www.crowmarshgifford.org.uk), under the Facilities / New playground and gym tab.

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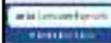


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### Services for June

Sunday 2nd	11am	Family Service
Weekend 8th-9th	see below	Flower Festival
Saturday 8th	10am - noon	Crowmarsh Community Café, Village Hall
Sunday 9th	11am	Pentecost Festival Communion
Sunday 9th	6pm	Festival Songs of Praise
Sunday 16th	11am	Parish Communion
Sunday 23rd	10.30am	Sarah Nesbitt's Priesting, Dorchester Abbey
Saturday 29th	3pm	Cub Scouts Anniversary Celebration Service
Sunday 30th	11am	Sunday Communion

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## Church Flower Festival

### 8th & 9th June

Our Flower Festival this year is one where we will be looking back to remember all the many 'Anniversaries' we shall be celebrating during this year, from 'Going to the Moon' to 60 years of the Mini, or the last Gig by the Beatles.

If anyone would like to contribute to our Festival, either by making a floral display or sponsoring a display, I would be very happy to hear from you by telephone on 836076.

The dates for your diary are Saturday 8th June, 10am to 5pm and Sunday 9th June, 12.30 to 5pm.

Our Festival Songs of Praise will conclude the festival at 6pm on Sunday.

Refreshments will be available, and of course our Grand Raffle.

*Margaret Foster,  
Churchwarden*

## The Vicar writes ...

As well as our annual Flower Festival this month, the same weekend the church celebrates our third major festival of Pentecost when we remember and anticipate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples to empower them for mission and ministry.

I say "remember and anticipate" as Christians continue to live in the presence and power of God's Spirit today and we grow in Christ as our awareness of his Spirit in our lives increases.

One person from our village who serves as an example of this is Revd Sarah Nesbitt, who will be ordained as a Priest at Dorchester Abbey on Sunday 23rd June. We will join Sarah for that service at 10.30am instead of having our usual service in St Mary Magdalene's that morning. As we pray for Sarah, we also pray for every Christian to be aware of God's Spirit working in and through us to love and serve in his name.

*Blessings, Revd Kev*

## Sue Ryder – sale dates

The next sales of donated goods are on Saturdays 8th & 29th June and 20th July, from 10.30am – 12.30pm. Saleable items are welcomed on weekdays between 9am and 4.30pm, but we cannot accept goods on a sale day or the day before. The Sue Ryder Nettlebed Hospice is at South Oxfordshire Palliative Care Hub, Nettlebed, Henley on Thames, Oxon, RG9 5DF. Please call 641384 ext 246 for further information.

## Oxfordshire in the British Civil Wars



Stephen Barker will talk to The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society (TWHAS) on Wednesday 12th June about 'Oxfordshire in the British Civil Wars 1642-51'. The talk is at 7.45 for 8pm, at St Mary le More Church, Wallingford. Visitors (£4) are most welcome. This presentation will be fully illustrated, with personal accounts, archaeology and what can be seen today.

There are few places in the county with no connections to the Civil Wars. Oxfordshire played a significant part after Oxford became the Royalist capital in late 1642 and the county was on the front line with parliamentary Buckinghamshire. The county's story is that of King Charles, Prince Rupert, Cromwell, Fairfax, Waller, as well as a number of women who played significant parts and whose stories are being widely told for the first time.

Oxfordshire's story is that of the battles at Chalgrove and Cropredy, of amazing castles that once stood at Wallingford and Banbury and of Cromwell's raids in the Spring of 1645.

Stephen Barker is an independent Heritage Advisor who specialises in military history, particularly the First World War and British Civil Wars. He is currently working with the History Faculty, University of Oxford, and the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum.

*Katharine Keats-Rohan*  
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*Haven't been for some time. Great to see changes - new exhibits and other archive rooms (Wallingford resident)*

These are just a few comments in Wallingford Museum's visitors' book: visits that have been appreciated from far-and-wide.

One of our exhibitions this year is the special 'Once upon a time ... the changing face of Wallingford'. In this engaging journey of discovery throughout the museum, you are invited to share any local knowledge you may have and to reminisce about your own history.

Old and young alike can enjoy hands-on activities, discovering the secrets of garden archaeology and tracing the passage of time through photographs and objects, all of which reflect the changing face of Wallingford. This family friendly exhibition runs throughout the museum, with a sheet to guide people around with things for children to do.

Why not complement your visit by joining Wallingford's popular Guided Historic Town Walks, starting from the Town Hall at 11am on Saturdays? Led by knowledgeable volunteers from Wallingford Museum, the walks last 1 to 2 hours and cost £5 per head.

*Stu Darby*

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**Short Mat Bowls** takes place at the Pavilion on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2pm. For more information, please call Don on 202543

## John Howell MP writes

In recent weeks we have seen concern about climate change growing to unprecedented levels with it moving firmly into our national consciousness. It is an issue that I too take very seriously and am pleased that in Parliament we have declared a climate emergency, which now needs to be followed with action.

At the end of last year the Government asked the UK Committee on Climate Change for advice on setting a 'net-zero' emissions target. This committee published their findings on 2nd May and the Minister is now looking at this evidence-based advice to determine just what actions we need to take. I look forward to some practical proposals with targets to which we can commit. Although historically in the UK we had indeed contributed to the problems, our more recent track record of action is good and I am confident that we can rise to the challenge.

Whilst we cannot, and must not, be complacent, there is some good news. The UK passed the world's first Climate Change Act over a decade ago with cross-party support. This gave us both a framework to set statutory carbon budgets and set up the independent Committee on Climate Change. Since 2000, independent analysis shows that no other major industrialised country has done more than the UK to cut CO<sub>2</sub> intensity (the measure of carbon for each pound of GDP).

Overall the UK has cut emissions by more than 40% while growing the economy by more than two thirds, the best performance on a per person basis than any other G7 nation. We are on track to meet the 2050 target to reduce emissions of all greenhouse gases by 80 per cent, but now we may need to move the goalposts and set more ambitious targets.

I am aware that there are differing views on the merits of different measures, and rightly we should continue our research. But above all I would encourage positive action. We must all ask what we can do as our contribution to resolving this problem. I am pleased to see some of our local councils making their own Climate Emergency commitments. I am also pleased to see community groups getting together to see what each of us can do in our everyday lives. Often small changes replicated across the country can make a big difference.

However, climate change is too broad a challenge for us to tackle alone. It is a global problem which needs global commitment to the solution and I am pleased that we are playing an influential role in this.

I welcome learning more about what our communities are doing on this. Please email me at [howelljm@parliament.uk](mailto:howelljm@parliament.uk) or write to me at the House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA) or my constituency office, PO Box 84, Watlington, OX49 5XD. My website is at [www.johnhowellmp.com](http://www.johnhowellmp.com) and Parliament's is at [www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk). You can follow me on Twitter @JHowellUK or Facebook [www.facebook.com/JohnHowellOxfordshire](http://www.facebook.com/JohnHowellOxfordshire)

## PTES Beetle Surveys

### Noble chafers survey

London-based wildlife charity People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) and Royal Holloway University of London have launched a national beetle survey to conserve the beautiful but threatened noble chafer beetle.

They are seeking volunteers to look for noble chafers over a two-week period in June, to find out where they are still living in the UK, allowing conservationists to help save them from extinction. Instructions and equipment will be given to all volunteers and noble chafers don't bite, so it is safe to handle them.

To find out more and to take part in the survey, please contact Dr Deborah Harvey, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, at Royal Holloway: [d.harvey@rhul.ac.uk](mailto:d.harvey@rhul.ac.uk).

### Stag beetle survey

PTES has been recording stag beetle sightings for two decades: you can report any sightings at [www.ptes.org/gsh](http://www.ptes.org/gsh). Now PTES is calling for anyone who lives in a known stag beetle area (as this is) to carry out a more detailed survey as part of the European Stag Beetle Monitoring Network. To find out more, please visit: [www.stagbeetlemonitoring.org](http://www.stagbeetlemonitoring.org).

Stag beetles are the UK's largest land beetle, but they are suffering from habitat loss. Those with gardens can help with simple changes to make gardens stag beetle havens. Visit [www.ptes.org/stagbeetles](http://www.ptes.org/stagbeetles) to find out more, including how to build a log pile or pyramid.

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# Crowmarsh Parish Council News

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## Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held at North Stoke Village Hall on Thursday 9th May

*Present:* Councillors John Griffin (Chair), David Rowley, Stephen Sherbourne, Andrew Johnson, Stuart Soames and Liz Ryall, Sue Rance (Clerk) and Yvonne Peet (Finance Officer) and County Councillor Mark Gray.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Fleur Stevenson and David Topliss and District Cllrs Sue Cooper and Andrea Powell.

### Election of chair and vice-chair

Cllr John Griffin was elected as Chair and Cllr Sherbourne as Vice-Chair, both unanimously.

### Matters arising from the April meeting

County Councillor Gray will remind Oxfordshire Highways that we are still awaiting further information from Mr Marshall and Mr Sherwood about developer funding from the Newnham Manor application, which still hadn't come back to SODC's Planning Committee.

The additional cost of grass cutting at the new playground will be discussed with the contractor and our groundsman Chris Strange. Some areas in the Crowmarsh Hill area that have not been cut will be included in the schedule. Cllr Sherbourne will report back. It was agreed to continue with Cottrells as the contractor for grass cutting at Newnham Murren Churchyard.

County Cllr Gray reported that the County Council will do a seven day trial of a new road arrangement at the riverside with no parking in Stephens Field. He and the Chairman will organise a consultation with residents beforehand, early in June.

### County councillor's report

County Councillor Gray congratulated the Parish Council on the new playground and the successful opening event.

A vote of thanks was made to County Councillor Gray for funding £1000 for the North Stoke culvert repairs.

Six recycling centres are due for a spring clean: Oakley Wood will be shut on 23rd and 24th May.

More than 93% of primary school applications were awarded their first choice of school.

On Wednesday 12th June the 3rd stage of the Ovo women's cycle race will start in Henley and will pass through Crowmarsh Gifford. The race is expected to bring in £2 million to the Oxfordshire economy.

The recent road works at the CABI development caused major traffic disruption and Councillor Gray will try to ensure that future utilities work is better organised to minimise delays.

### Finance

The schedule of payments was agreed, including £4,352.26 for two speed indication devices, £3,623 to Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association for project management for the playground project, £660 grant to North Stoke Parochial Church Council for grass cutting, as well as further payments for the playground and for grass cutting.

Some issues remain to be resolved with Eibe on the playground and some payments will be withheld until they have been dealt with.

The accounts for the year ended 31st March 2019 were reviewed and approved, along with the annual governance statement and accounting statement. These now go to the auditors.

The Finance Officer and Mr Chris Strange have revised the asset list to be included in the annual return, coming to a value of £816,154.

Chris Strange's salary for looking after the pavilion and recreation ground was reviewed and increased to £6,268 from 1st May 2019. It

was agreed to pay him an additional month's salary as a bonus in recognition of the extra work he has done during the playground construction.

### **Update on allotments**

Plot 13 is vacant. Two allotment holders have not yet paid for the year.

### **Strategic priorities**

A pedestrian and cycle crossing on the A4074 Portway remains the top strategic priority, followed by a pedestrian crossing in The Street. Cllr Sherbourne had suggested that a survey of residents could be carried out inviting ideas for other projects and this will be discussed at the June Parish Council meeting.

### **Planning**

#### ***Decisions by SODC noted:***

P19/S0702/FUL: Conversion of outbuilding to dwelling with associated parking and landscaping. Oakridge, Nuffield Lane, OX10 6QQ: PERMISSION REFUSED.

P19/S0869/HH: Ground floor front extension and porch. 9 Meadow Lane, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8BH: PERMISSION GRANTED.

P19/S0441/FUL: Conversion of former commercial Pottery Barn to form a single dwelling, with associated parking and vehicular access amendments, Blenheim Farm, Icknield Way, OX10 6PR: PERMISSION GRANTED.

P19/S0705/DIS: Discharge of conditions 3 (boundaries) and 4 (materials) and 9 (levels) on application P18/S4045/FUL. Erection of detached 2-bed dwelling with integral double garage on land adjacent to the Old Coach House, The Street, Crowmarsh OX10 8EH: DETAILS AGREED.

P19/S0456/N4C: Prior approval under Part 3, Class R of the General Permitted Development Order for the change of use from Agricultural to B8 Storage & Distribution (Hay and Grain Barns), Blenheim Farm Barns, Benson OX10 6PR: PRIOR APPROVAL AGREED

P19/S0592/DIS: Discharge of conditions 3 (materials) 7 (traffic) and 8 (architecture) on application P16/S2961/FUL. Erection of two detached houses with new (shared) highway access (as amended by drawings received 17 November 2016 removing car ports, alterations

of parking arrangements and reducing extent of flat roof to the side of the dwellings). Land fronting Wallingford Road North Stoke OX10 6BD: DETAILS AGREED.

P19/S0440/LDP: Creation of new vehicular access to an unclassified road and hardstanding, Blenheim Farm Barns, Icknield Way OX10 6PR: CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL USE OR DEVELOPMENT GRANTED.

P19/S0067/FUL: Proposed erection of a single storey building for sample storage to reasonably extend and support the specific activities which take place on site and enhance existing use, Centre for Ecology & Hydrology, Maclean Building, Benson Lane, Crowmarsh Gifford OX10 8BB: PERMISSION GRANTED.

P18/S2758/DIS & P18/S2184/DIS: CABI International Nosworthy Way Mongewell OX10 8DE. Discharge of conditions 16 - fire hydrants, 21 - landscaping and 22 - play area & Discharge of conditions 8 (construction method statement) and 23 (Arboricultural Method Statement) on application P15/S3387/FUL.(amended plans & information received 20 November 2018). Demolition of existing buildings and erection of a new headquarters for CABI; erection of 91 dwellings, comprising open market and affordable housing, provision of open space, landscaping and parking and other associated works: DETAILS AGREED.

***Applications:*** The Council was not consulted on any planning applications.

#### ***Names and numbering***

The new dwelling at 150 The Street will be named The Old Forge, adjoining the house on the corner of Meadow Lane (148 The Street) known as Chiltern Villa.

### **Environment and Recreation Ground Committee**

The grand opening of our new playground and outdoor gym was a great success. The scouts ran a barbecue, the Pre-School had a cake stall and the school PTA served drinks. Waitrose donated recyclable cups. Music was provided by the Roke and Benson Brass Band.

Since the opening the use of the playground has exceeded all expectations. Some problems have been caused by the number of families travelling by car and therefore needing

parking facilities. Priority parking at the pavilion needs to be for hirers. Playground users are reminded not to park in Bellamy Way: please park at the Riverside or elsewhere if you can. The situation will be monitored. Cllr Soames suggested re-marking the parking bays to provide more spaces.

As more people are using the front door of the pavilion to use the toilets, Mr Strange has suggested opening the side entrance to allow use of the toilets near the changing rooms.

An email has been received from a resident expressing thanks for providing the new facilities with equipment for all ages and abilities. The family cannot use the riverside car park as their vehicle, which is adapted for a disabled child, is too high to pass under the barrier. Quotes are being sought for a platform to enable small children to reach the zip wires.

Quotes are being obtained for new racks so that bicycles are not parked against the fences.

Cllr Soames reported that Scottish and Southern Electricity have laid a cable and damaged the track leading to the recreation ground at North Stoke. They have also left a one metre high pile of soil in front of the gates where access is needed for the mowers. Cllr Soames will draft a letter of complaint for the Chairman's signature.

### **Traffic and transport committee**

The Chairman reported that Amanda Griffin is willing to become the Parish Transport Representative following Francesca Jones's resignation.

The Clerk will write a letter for the Chairman's signature to the County Council formally requesting again a Toucan crossing on the A4074.

### **Representatives on outside bodies**

Emery Owen Trust Cllr Johnson reported that the trust maintains the allotments near to Thames Mead and makes grants available to local causes. He and Helen Aplin are our appointed trustees. This year a lot of tree work has been done and the footpath across the allotment land has been maintained. Shrub planting may be considered later this year. The trust is spending more than its income but does have some reserves.

North Stoke Village Hall Cllr Soames reported that he had contacted the solicitor on behalf of the Parish Council, as custodian trustee. It was agreed that Cllr Soames may act on behalf of the Parish Council on this matter.

### **Other business**

Invitations have been received to the RAF Benson Annual Reception on 23rd May.

Cllr Sherbourne reported that a scaffolding platform or cherry picker will be needed to install the speed indicator devices and help will be asked for when a date has been arranged.

An allotment holder has requested that a tap to be fitted at the allotments: this will be discussed at the June meeting.

Cllr Sherbourne will investigate broadband speed in the Park View and Robert Sparrow Gardens area.

### **Next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Thursday 6th June at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

## **Henley and District Philatelic Society**

As we near the end of the season there are still two very interesting speakers:

On 12th Gerald Mariner will show his display 'German Occupation of the Channel Islands'. On 26th Barry Hobbs will show his unusual displays 'Across Desert and Mountain – TPOs of Bolivia' and 'Mind Your Ps & Qs – Medicine Advertising Covers of North America'.

The new season will start on Wednesday 11th September. Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at Bix Village Hall at 7.45pm. Visitors and new members are welcome. For details please phone 681739 or see our website: [www.henleyphilatelic.org.uk](http://www.henleyphilatelic.org.uk).

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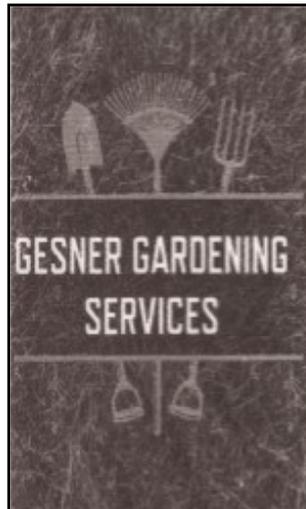
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Every Saturday	10.00-12.00	WAGS Store open	Centre 70
Every Saturday	10.00-13.00	Local Producers' Market	St Mary-le-More Church or Market Place, Wallingford
Various days	Different times	Didcot and Wallingford Ramblers <a href="http://www.ramblers.org.uk/didcot-wallingford">www.ramblers.org.uk/didcot-wallingford</a>	Different places
Every Sunday	11.00 onwards	Parish Communion. Family service on the first Sunday of the month	St Mary Magdalene's Church, Crowmarsh

### This month

Sunday 2nd	15.00-17.00	Blewbury Brass Band Concert	Wallingford Castle Gardens
Sunday 2nd	13.30 onwards	CTC 25-mile cycle ride	Meet Town Square
Wednesday 5th	14.00 onwards	U3A: Life and Works of AJ Lerner	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Thursday 6th	19.30 onwards	Crowmarsh Parish Council Meeting	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Saturday 8th	10.30 onwards	Sue Ryder Sale	Nettlebed
Saturday 8th	10.00-12.00	Crowmarsh Community Café	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th	10.00-17.00 12.30-17.00	Flower Festival	St Mary Magdalene's Church
Wednesday 12th	About midday	OVO Women's Tour cycle race passing	Crowmarsh
Wednesday 12th	19.45 onwards	TWHAS: Oxfordshire in the British Civil Wars	St Mary's Church, Wallingford
Wednesday 12th	19.45 onwards	Henley Philatelic: German Occupation of the Channel Islands	Bix Village Hall
Saturday 15th	All day	Wallingford Carnival	Hithercroft, Wallingford Town Centre and Kinecroft
Sunday 16th	13.30 onwards	CTC 35-mile road ride	Meet Wallingford Market Place
Sunday 16th	All Day	Father's Day Trains	Cholsey and Wallingford Railway
Friday 21st	19.00-01.00	Blues and Beer Festival	Wallingford Sports Park
Sunday 23rd	09.00	Couch to Saddle cycle ride	Meet outside the Town Hall
Sunday 23rd	15.00-17.00	Cholsey Silver Band Concert	Wallingford Castle Gardens
Wednesday 26th	19.45 onwards	Henley Philatelic: Across Desert and Mountain	Bix Village Hall
Saturday 29th	10.30 onwards	Sue Ryder sale	Nettlebed
Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th	All day	Children's Weekend	Cholsey and Wallingford Railway

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Wednesday 3rd	14.00 onwards	U3A: The Foundling Hospital	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Thursday 4th	19.30 onwards	Crowmarsh Parish Council meeting	North Stoke Village Hall