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Thanks to the super Church Fair and Dog Show on 15th Sept, we made a promising start to this season's promotion of our local Scout Group. Scout Leader, Christine, with Cub Leader, Siobhan, and a group of Beavers and Cubs offered children's games and made a fine display, all dressed in their smart uniforms.

Newly recruited committee fundraiser and acting secretary, John Grosse, gave out leaflets to several who expressed interest in becoming scouting members or section Leaders and in joining the proposed new support group, 'Crowmarsh Cadre'.

We'll follow up with those we met and with anyone else who has a bit of time to spare and/or would like to help in a range of roles.

This November we will be celebrating our Coming of Age and we would love to hear from you if you were part of our history.

Beavers have been beavering away planning their programme at a 'log chew'. In Scouting we try to get the young people to have an input into their programme (Youth Shaped Scouting). By the time they are Explorers age 14-18 they effectively run their own programme doing all the things that are important to them.

The Cubs have been outdoors designing their own fitness classes and having a superb hike up the River Thames.

Marking Remembrance Day is very important to us and as part of our reflections we will be exploring what life was like in the trenches for the soldiers. If anyone knows the stories of our local soldiers we would love to hear them. Look out for us on Monday 29th October as we will be out and about in Crowmarsh selling poppies on behalf of the Royal British Legion.

We have a few spaces for Beavers (6-8), Cubs (8-10½) and Scouts (aged 10-14). There are also several excellent, local, Explorer Scout Groups for those aged 14-18 that we can put you in contact with. If you are on the Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme we can offer a volunteering position as a Young Leader.

Beavers meet 5-6pm Monday, Cubs 6.15-7.45pm Monday, Scouts 7.00-9.00pm Tuesday

To find out more about Crowmarsh Scout Group contact Ross Edmonds at chair@crowmarshgiffordscoutgroup.org or Siobhan on 07703 473250 or John Grosse on 07711 938 697 or john.grosse@btinternet.com,

Update on A4074 junction and Toucan crossing

We would like to express our gratitude to all the people who attended the site meeting at the A4074 Portway on 11th September to discuss the proposed new junction to access the Newnham Manor planning application. Jason Sherwood and Ian Marshall from Oxfordshire Highways explained why they had actually vetoed the junction design that was part of the plans passed by SODC in January: they were concerned that the complicated junction design would dangerously confuse motorists.

They are currently working on a simplified design which crucially will include a Toucan crossing (light-controlled, for pedestrians and bicycles). They reassured us that the proposed development and its necessary access junction off the A4074 will not be passed by them without the Toucan crossing.

There are still design issues to be overcome to avoid a situation where vehicles turning right from Cox's Lane are in conflict with vehicles turning right from the proposed new development. They also undertook to examine the implications of making all of the traffic emerging from the new development turn left towards the roundabout.

Additional speed reduction features were also suggested in an effort to improve the road safety of everyone crossing or using the road.

It is unlikely that the amended planning application will come before SODC's planning committee before November. Thank you again to all those people who supported us.

*Denise Hall and Stephen Sherbourne,
Crowmarsh Parish Council*

Past Times: Crowmarsh in 1966

from David Beasley

In 1966 Crowmarsh was a bit different from how it is today.

The Newnham Green Estate had yet to be built, and the thatched house called Newnham Croft, was opposite St. Mary's Church. This house was demolished to make way for the road into the new estate, now Thames Mead.

The village Post Office and Store was managed by F Lock, who was also Chairman of the Parish Council, alongside Joe Gardener as the Vice-Chairman. Among the decisions made by the Parish Council at their July meeting that year, they decided to turn down a planning application for a petrol station opposite Walter Wilders Foundry. In August, the Parish Council recommended permission to to regularise Teddy Townsend's summertime caravan park next to his house at Bridge Villa on The Street. The streets and pavements of Crowmarsh were kept clean by Harry Allnutt – we could do with him today.

Harry Nosworthy was landlord of the "Bell Inn", having moved to Crowmarsh eleven years earlier from Newbridge, on the Thames near Standlake, where he was landlord of "The Maybush". Arthur Fayers had been landlord of the "Queen's Head" for nearly 20 years.

Mrs Hasthorpe was headmistress of Crowmarsh Gifford Primary School in Benson Lane, with 96 children attending in 1966. The school prize day was held on 20th July that year. Among the prize winners were: Head Teacher's prize for religious knowledge, Patricia Tipper. Examination prizes were won by Julie Dunsdon, Wendy Greenaway and Patricia Tipper. Class prizes for Juniors were awarded to Jenny Garner, Robert Waite, Rosina Gesner, Rosemary Farrand and Susan Pitson. Infants prizes were awarded to Auriol Collins and Phillip Smith, and Lower Infants prizes to Hazel Dunsdon and Leslie Pitson. Swimming prizes were awarded for 10 yards to Nicholas Lock, Stephen Sherbourne, Martin Fautley, for 25 yards to Elizabeth Haines, Julie Dunsdon, Wendy Greenaway. The 100 yards swim was won by Rosemary Farrand.

There was much concern with the toilet facilities at the school: although they were flush toilets they had not been updated since the school was built in 1908. In wintertime the children had to put on their coats and run across to the far side of the playground to use them, and they were often frozen during cold spells in winter. The building of the new school in Reading Road finally resolved the problem.

Crowmarsh had very strong boys' football teams. In June the under 16's team played Blewbury and won 5-2, the team being R. Marcham, D. Tipper, G. Strudwick, R. Passey, J. Usher, R. Gesner. R. Clarke, P. Berry, D. James, D. Howard. The goal scorers were R. Clarke (2), P. Gesner, D. James and P. Berry. The under 16's side didn't lose a game all season, scoring 44 goals in total. The club also ran under 15's, 13's, and 12's sides, who were equally successful. Their football pitch was off Cox's Lane, now buried under the A4074.

In June 1966 the first edition of the *The Crowmarsh Chronicle* was published by the Crowmarsh Area Social Benevolent Society. The Editor was F Lock, and it cost 6d (2½p). This Society was established for the benefit of certain sections of the community: old peoples' clubs, youth clubs and schools. The magazine had a two-page gardening section, a monthly report on the youth club and the football club, and several poems by local residents. The Benefit Society ran a monthly raffle, which was drawn in Crowmarsh post office, and the list of winners was displayed each month. A report of the monthly Parish Council meetings was also included. The Revd Roberts, Rector of St. Mary's Church, published a list of all births, marriages and deaths in Crowmarsh.

In future Past Times I plan to pick a year from each decade and use these early *Crowmarsh Chronicles* to write a review of that year.

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October 10th: a guest speaker from Warminster will give a display on 'Napoleonic POWs and 'The Life of Nelson'.

October 24th: to be announced – please see our website.

November 14th: Tony & Rosa Lawrence, our friendly postcard and stamp dealers, will be in attendance for our Postcard Evening: you are welcome to come and find that elusive item.

Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at Bix Village Hall at 7.45 pm. Visitors and new members are welcome. Further details can be obtained by phoning 681739 or at www.henleyphilatelic.org.uk

Sue Ryder Sale Dates

The dates for the next sales of donated goods are: Saturdays 13th October and 3rd & 24th November – 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Saleable donated goods are welcomed on weekdays between 9am and 4.30pm. We regret we are unable to accept goods on Sale day or the day before. Volunteers needed to select and allocate donated goods and to assist with Sales. For further details call: 641384 ext 246 Sue Ryder, Nettlebed Hospice, Henley on Thames, RG9 5DF

Children's Christmas Party!

We would like to give advance notice that the village hall committee will be holding a Children's Christmas party in Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall on Saturday 1st December from 3 to 5 pm. Keep the date free! Booking information will follow next month.

To book Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall

call Chris Strange on 07711 904252, or email cvhbookings@gmail.com

Citizens Advice – parking tickets

There can be few experiences as disheartening as floating back to your car after some marvellously therapeutic shopping trip, laden with parcels and shopping bags, to find a black and yellow parking notification attached to your windscreen, like some enormous striped stinging hornet – and certainly having a stinging effect on your feelings too.

It could spoil anyone's day – but don't let it! Don't panic, don't curse and don't waste any time before getting to grips with the problem.

The Citizens Advice website has a useful section which you should consult: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/law-and-courts/parking-tickets/>

If you think the ticket was justified (and let's face it, some of them are), if you pay the fine right away there is a substantial discount:

- 50% if you pay a Penalty Charge Notice or Excess Charge Notice within 14 days
- 40-60% if you pay a Parking Charge Notice within 14 days

If you think that you were parked correctly and within the rules, or there were mitigating circumstances, you can try an appeal, but don't pay a ticket issued by a parking company that is not a member of the Accredited Trade Association: they can't force you to pay or take you to court.

If you appeal, you should explain that you didn't break any rules, and, if possible, send evidence to prove it.

Citizens Advice is frequently consulted about parking tickets. If you get one and aren't sure how to proceed, it's comforting to know that there are sympathetic people you can talk to.

For more help, contact the Citizens Advice on our Adviceline 03 444 111444 or drop in to your nearest Citizens Advice. For locations and opening hours see www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale.

The Chairman of SODC, Councillor Lorraine Hillier, will host a charity race night on Friday 9 November in Didcot Civic Hall and profits will be shared between The Smallwood Trust and Citizens Advice. More details next time.

Sustainable Wallingford Neighbourhood Nosh

Come and enjoy good food, meet new people and have a fun evening, on Saturday 13th October, from 6.00 – 8.00pm at Centre 70 (The Kincroft) Wallingford. Whether you come on your own, bring a friend or bring the family, everyone is welcome. See our posters around Wallingford.

Sustainable Wallingford are putting on this event (using food that would otherwise go to waste), to enable people from all walks of life to enjoy a meal together, and hopefully make new connections.

A suggested donation of £3.50 for adults, and £1.50 for children, will help cover our costs and hopefully enable us to put this type of event on again.

We will need lots of help on the day so if you would like to get involved, in helping us in the afternoon, prepare vegetables, lay tables, decorate the hall or help us cook the meal, do get in touch even if you can only do an hour or two, we would love to hear from you, making this a real feel good event. Contact Caron on 825034.

A Walk for Jim

Following the disappearance of Revd Jim Spence on one of his beloved walks around Wallingford in August, there was a tremendous response from the local community, who searched high and low for him. Sadly, the search ended when Jim's body was found in a local field.

A very moving funeral service told a wonderful story of his life and ministry as a Priest. His love of walking around our beautiful town and villages was highlighted. There was a quiet sense of how appropriate it was that Jim died surrounded by nature.

To remember Jim and give thanks for the wonderful community and countryside in which we live, we offered to organise a Walk for Jim, with the agreement of his family.



We have arranged this on two Saturdays on 3rd and 10th November, to enable all those who would like to come to walk and reflect on Jim and our surroundings. We are particularly keen to encourage those who didn't know Jim personally, but who were very touched by the situation and did all they could to help find him, to come along, as well as those who just knew Jim by sight walking around the area.

If you would like to take part please come to St. Mary's Church, Wallingford from 10am to register for the walk and meet with other walkers. The plan is for a walk of roughly an hour, on your own or with others, taking in Newnham Murren Church, a place Jim was very fond of, returning to St. Mary's for tea and cakes afterwards. There will be suggestions for a shorter walk and of course, it is possible to remember Jim simply in Church. Refreshments will be served until 1 pm.

Money raised from donations will be split between The Bible Society and Oxfordshire Lowland Search and Rescue, which the family chose for donations at Jim's funeral.

Do please join us if you are able.

Sue and Fiona Huntingford-Ledger

Friday Country Market

Wallingford Country Market has been in our new premises at St Mary-le-More Church for just over a year and all seems to be going well. The market is on every Friday 9.30am – 12 noon. Seasonal plants, produce and baking are on sale every week.

Here are our late autumn / Christmas dates:

Friday 19th October 'Apple Day'.

Friday 2nd November 'Mince Pie Tasting'

Let us help you with your Christmas preparations. Orders taken for most items, including Christmas baking, fresh wreaths/ decorations and hand-crafted gifts.

Friday 21st December will be the last Country Market for 2018.

For further information, please call the Market Manager on 681596 or visit us one Friday morning: you may be surprised at what you will find! New producers are always welcome.

Tough stance on council tax non-payers

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils recovered over £1.2 million in council tax arrears last year thanks to tough enforcement action.

The councils took prison action against 36 people, with four receiving suspended prison sentences. 80 people were caught claiming discounts on their council tax that they weren't entitled to and 53 discount cheats were fined and ten prosecuted in court.

Council tax makes a substantial contribution to meeting the costs of our key public services, such as social care, police, waste & recycling collections and road repairs. It is absolutely vital that everyone pays their fair share towards these costs and we will not hesitate to take action against anyone who does not.

If you are genuinely struggling to pay the council tax then help is available, but if you deliberately avoid the problem it will make matters much worse, so let SODC know immediately if there is any problem.

Wallingford Photographic Club

Wallingford Photographic Club is a friendly and welcoming club for photographers of all levels from novice to professional. We meet every Thursday evening at 7.30pm for 8pm in Crowmarsh Pavilion from mid-September to late May and always welcome visitors and new members. The club has a varied programme and full details along with information on how to find the venue can be seen on their website <http://www.wallingfordphoto.club>.

The programme for October includes a presentation by Steve Reynolds, Travels in India, on the 4th, followed on the 11th by a critique evening hosted by longstanding club member and respected Judge, Gordon Roberts. Then on the 18th there will be a presentation entitled 'A Year in a Suburban Jungle' by Michelle Whitmore. There will be a member's evening to round off the month on the 25th.

Michael Parrott



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Playground development

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This is thanks to the major grant providers, South Oxfordshire District Council, WREN's FCC Community Action Fund and Active Spaces (The London Marathon Charitable Trust and Fields Trust), other donors including Waitrose and Agrivert, and also to the parish councillors and local residents who have worked so hard to plan this exciting project and secure these grants to make it possible.

Crowmarsh Parish Council is now carrying out due diligence before appointing a project manager and contractor. We look forward to being able to share more details next time but the project is planned to start after Christmas, with an Easter grand opening if all goes well.

David Rowley, Michelle Reynolds,
Andrew Johnson and the committee

Benson Garden Club

The next meeting of the Benson Garden Club will be on Thursday 4th October: photo-journalist John Negus will talk on 'Twelve Months of Colour'.

On Thursday 1st November the topic will be 'The Gardening Year: A Month-by-Month Guide'. Our speaker, Ray Broughton, is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Horticulture and a Senior Lecturer at Sparsholt College, who describes himself as an enthusiastic gardening author and garden designer. So, if you are looking for new ideas or inspiration, do come along and find out more.

Our meetings are held in Benson Parish Hall, starting at 7.45pm and we are always delighted to welcome visitors and new members. For further information contact Esther on 837242.

To book North Stoke Village Hall

Contact Nikki Arnfeld (839736,
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Wallingford Flower Club

Wallingford Flower Club invite you to a Floral Demonstration "A Cheshire Christmas" by NAFAS demonstrator Ian Lloyd on Wednesday 14th November 2018.

Doors open at 7pm for 8pm start at the Corn Exchange Theatre, Market Place, Wallingford, OX10 0EG. Tickets available, price £12.50. Contact Fay on 834303.

Crowmarsh Bowling Games

Every Tuesday and Thursday at 2pm in the Crowmarsh Pavilion. We play on a shorter green mat, indoors, rolled out. Come and have a go, you can use our bowls. Call Don on 202543 for more info.

District Council news

from Cllr Felix Bloomfield

Demolition work is under way at the former Council offices in Benson Lane, which was severely damaged in an arson attack in 2015. It is expected to take around three months to completely clear the site. The contractors are salvaging as many leftover materials from the building as possible so that they can be recycled or re-used. This project has been a long time getting under way and we are pleased that the work is now happening.



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Services for October

Sunday 7th	11am	Harvest Festival Family Service
Saturday 13th	10am-noon	Community Café at the Village Hall
Sunday 14th	11am	Parish Communion
Sunday 21st	11am	Parish Communion
Sunday 28th	11am	Family Communion
	4pm	Light Party (All Hallow's Eve)
Sunday 4th November	11am	All Saints' Family Service

Morning Prayer - every Friday at 9am, Evening Prayer - every Sunday at 6pm

Full details at www.wallingfordcofe.org.uk/calendar

Autumn – a time to give thanks...

As Christians, we are grateful people. According to Billy Graham, "Thankfulness is the natural outflowing of a heart that is attuned to God. A spirit of thanksgiving is always the mark of a joyous Christian". Our main service each Sunday is a "Eucharist" which is a Greek word meaning "giving thanks" (to God) – see Luke 22:19: "And he took bread, and when he had given thanks [eucharistēsas] he broke it and gave it to them".

We celebrate God's gift of himself to us in the life, death and new life of Jesus. Autumn also brings specific reasons for the wider community to join us in giving thanks.

We begin October with our Harvest Festival Family Service at 9.30am on Sunday 7th. This is an opportunity to give thanks for the food that we often take for granted and to share a small proportion with those less fortunate than ourselves via the Wallingford Foodbank.

Even though our village is surrounded by farms, few of us have any connection with agriculture, compared to a hundred years ago when agricultural labourer was still a relatively common profession. Most of us are aware that

it has been a glorious summer, and this meant that animal feed has been in short supply and thus more expensive, but at least this is manageable, unlike the unknown effects of Brexit on our farming community and what this might mean for crop prices for next year's harvest. So, we pray for stability for our farming community and wisdom for decision makers in government.

At the end of half term, we will be holding a "Light Party" at 4pm on the Sunday afternoon before Hallowe'en. We want to reclaim the Christian heritage of this festival to remind us that witches, ghosts, skeletons and vampires and any other bogeymen have had their day, because Christ has conquered death itself so no child of God need be scared.

All families are welcome to join us for crafts, games, tea, fun and worship at St Mary Magdalene – more positive than "Trick or Treating"! Then, on All Saints' Day (which we celebrate on the next Sunday's Family Service on 4th November), we give thanks for all who have gone before us in this faith.

Blessings, Kevin

Wallingford Corn Exchange

Cinema

All regular performances normally start at 7:30pm unless stated otherwise. Tickets £8 for Adults and £5 for under-15s unless stated. Please look on www.cornexchange.org.uk for further updates on screenings.

Mon 1st Oct 7:30pm The Children Act (12A)

Tue 2nd & Wed 3rd Oct 7:30pm The Miseducation of Cameron Post (15)

Sat 6th & Sun 7th Oct 7:30pm The Seagull (12A)

Sun 21st & Mon 22nd Oct 7:30pm The Little Stranger (12A)

Wed 24th & Thu 25th Oct 7:30pm King of Thieves

Sun 28th & Mon 29th Oct 7:30pm The Wife (15)

Live screenings

Fri 12th Oct 8pm, Cliff Richard Live: 60th Anniversary Tour, Live from Manchester's Bridgewater Hall. Tickets - £25 (adults), £20 (seniors and under 18s)

Tue 23rd Oct 7:15pm The Importance of Being Earnest, Recorded live from the Oscar Wilde Season at The Vaudeville Theatre, in London's West End. Tickets - £15 (adults), £12.50 (seniors and under 18s),

Fri 26th Oct 8pm, Cliff Richard Live (as above)

Live shows

Fri 5th Oct 8pm Comedy Night: Lucy Frederick & David Mills. A double-bill from comedians appearing at the 2018 Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Tickets £12 (unsuitable for under 15s)

Wed 17th Oct 6pm Agatha Christie: Her Life and Local Connections. A talk by local historian Judy Dewey about Agatha Christie's life and local connections. Part of the celebrations of 70 years of the Sinodun Players and 40 years since the opening of the Corn Exchange. Agatha Christie was President of the Players for 25 years from 1950 until 1975. Tickets £5

Wed 17th Oct to Sat 20th October - 7:45pm, Sinodun Players present A Murder is Announced. Come and enjoy a classic Agatha Christie puzzle. Tickets £10

Sat 27th Oct 7:45pm The Pole Fitness Academy Annual Showcase. A stunning compilation of Pole Fitness, Pole Silks, Aerial Hoop and Hula Hoop. Tickets £8

Wallingford U3A

At our September meeting Dr Martin Holmes gave us a revision of Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's reputation, dispelling illusions of "SuperMac" as an avuncular, aristocratic statesman from a civilised bygone era. He argued that Macmillan was brilliant but ruthless, a moderniser, a foreign policy initiator but neither a decent nor a nice man.

He pursued vendettas and blocked R.A. Butler's path to the premiership, although he was the obvious candidate. Domestically, Macmillan's strove to keep the Conservatives in power even if it meant adopting Atlee's "Socialist" policies: Keynesian economics, full employment and the NHS. He won a huge majority in 1959, but economically it failed, and Wilson took over with inflation at 27%.

Macmillan's foreign policies have had lasting impact, taking us into the Common Market and accelerating the end of the Empire and independence of former colonies.

Arguments continue about Macmillan's involved in repatriation of thousands of Cossacks, refugees, slave labourers and prisoners of war to Stalin's Russia in 1945. Many of these were killed on arrival or sent to gulags. Macmillan denied any responsibility for this disgraceful episode which was in breach of the Geneva Convention and seriously harmed Britain's reputation.

Dr Holmes maintained that Macmillan had a cavalier attitude to the truth and that "his memoirs are a work of fiction".

Next meeting: October 3rd, Dr Penny Billyeald will speak about "Local poets of World War I".

The next visit to a Local Church of Interest will be on Thursday 11th October to Waterperry Church. Phone Hermione on 01865 858024 to book to join the noon pub lunch.

We meet in Crowmarsh Village Hall at 2pm on the first Wednesday of each month. Visitors are welcome. For more information phone Jill on 835994 or visit u3asites.org.uk/Wallingford.



Wallingford Museum

A Night at the Museum

Wallingford Museum will have a special one-off evening opening at half price (Adults £2.50, accompanied children free as usual), on Friday 26th October (6pm to 9pm), offering a chance to see our current exhibitions and also take a look 'behind the scenes' at a time when we are usually closed. You can also find out more about how the museum is run and about opportunities to join the team of volunteers!

www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk

Stu Darby

Your very last chance to see.....

There is a last chance to see this year's special exhibition 'Treasures with Tales' at Wallingford Museum, as the Museum closes for the winter on the 30th November, to prepare for new presentations in 2019. There are a wide variety of fascinating objects brought in by residents, each with its own special significance - from exotic to fun to poignant - or just beautiful ! Visitors are able to follow the 'Treasures Trail' and discover these things for themselves throughout the museum. Each has its own 'tale' displayed and can be enjoyed by the whole family.

New documentary research is revealed in the exhibition 'Wallingford Castle - the Inside Story' which presents a closer look at different parts of the Castle.

There is also the 'Midsomer Murders' display and the growing 'At home with the Queen of Crime: Agatha Christie' where information has been presented that has been learned from several people in the town who came into contact with the famous crime writer.

The Museum is open until 30 November on Tuesdays to Fridays 2.00pm - 5.00pm, and Saturdays 10.30am - 5.00pm.

www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk

Judy Dewey



TWHAS talk: Excavations at the old Waitrose site

Oliver Good (of Cotswold Archaeology) will talk to The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society (TWHAS) about the archaeological excavations on the former Waitrose site.

This talk will describe the excavations which uncovered tantalising glimpses of Saxon and Medieval life in Wallingford. Evidence was found of medieval street frontages, with abundant evidence of occupation and economic activity, including multiple refuse and cess pits and wells. Particular interest related to evidence of tanning activity and two Late Saxon timber-lined cellars.

This talk will be held on Wednesday 10th Oct, 7.45 for 8pm, at St Mary's Church, Wallingford.

Visitors (£4) are most welcome.

www.twahas.org.uk Katharine Keats-Rohan

Parish Councillor needed

We have a vacancy for a parish councillor. Preference will be given to someone from North Stoke or Mongewell, areas which are under-represented on the council, but any eligible person living or working in or close to the parish can apply. Please contact the clerk Sue Rance, 2 Home Farm, Crowmarsh Gifford.

Vacant Allotments

There are two vacant plots on the Parish Council's allotments (near Park View). Interested residents should contact the Parish Clerk at 2 Home Farm, Crowmarsh Gifford.

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Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall on Thursday 6th September

Present: Councillors John Griffin (Chair), Nigel Hannigan, Denise Hall, Andrew Johnson, Francesca Jones, Elizabeth Ryall, Stephen Sherbourne, Stuart Soames and David Topliss; District Councillor Sue Cooper; County Councillor Mark Gray; Sue Rance (Clerk) and Yvonne Peet (Finance Officer).

Apologies were received from David Rowley.

Matters from the previous meeting

A quote has been received to make the culvert at North Stoke safe: County Councillor Gray would pay £1000 towards this, subject to the necessary application form being completed.

The boiler at the Pavilion has been repaired.

Finance

A schedule of payments made in August was agreed. The accounts status report to the end of August showed income of £36,854 and expenditure of £24,251. There had been an increase in expenditure, which included sewage pump maintenance and repairs to an external wall at the pavilion. A full report for the period to 30th September 2018 will be presented at the next meeting.

The Finance Officer has obtained quotes for insurance cover and it was agreed to accept the lowest, a fixed price of £3114 per annum for three years, from Axa.

Thames Travel will pay for repairs to kerbstones, gates and guttering at the pavilion, damaged by their bus: estimated cost £3000.

The external auditor has queried the high level of reserves: evidence of planned expenditure on major projects has been submitted.

Planning

Decisions by SODC:

P18/S1851/HH (Householder): Conversion of rear half garage to studio/workshop, replacing

one window with French doors and installation of one new window. No changes to listed building. 92 The Street, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8EJ. PERMISSION GRANTED.

P18/S1962/HH: Extension, alterations and new dropped kerb. 2 Park View, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8BJ. PERMISSION GRANTED.

P18/S1970/HH: Demolition of existing lean-to conservatory and replace with new rear extension. Minor interior alteration and new rear extension for lounge and hobby room. 44 Thames Mead, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8HA. PERMISSION GRANTED.

P18/S2155/FUL: Change of use to existing redundant barn to one residential unit. The New Barn, Mongewell Park Farm, Wallingford Road, Mongewell OX10 8BS. PERMISSION GRANTED.

P18/S2175/HH: Single storey rear and side extension; new flue to stove. 9 Newnham Green, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8EW. PERMISSION GRANTED.

Parish Council responses to SODC:

P18/S2693/HH: Demolition of conservatory. Construction of new single storey rear extension and front porch. 7 Jethro Tull Gardens, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8DS. RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

P18/S2764/HH: Proposed extension, re-modelling and associated works. Tinkers Dell, 9 Wallingford Road, North Stoke OX10 6BD. RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

P18/S2871/FUL: Retrospective planning application for change of use from existing car workshop (B2) to retention of the car workshop use with ancillary car sales, subsidiary to the car workshop, and erection of a fence. Nuffield Garage, Crowmarsh Hill, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8BG. RECOMMEND APPROVAL but with concerns about the signage.

Change of numbering

The single property known as 58 The Street has now been divided into two, with the newly

formed property to be No. 60, The Street, Crowmarsh Gifford, Wallingford OX10 8ES.

Land east of Benson Lane

No replies to the letters written by the Chair of Planning on the handling of the above Appeal have been received. John Howell MP will be asked to contact the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to ascertain why he had not replied. Councillor Cooper will contact Cllr Jane Murphy, Leader of South Oxfordshire District Council, to ask why she had not replied.

Neighbourhood plan

A meeting has been arranged with our new SODC officer for the Crowmarsh Neighbourhood Plan, Cheryl Soppet, on 9th October to go through the current draft of our plan. We will use SODC's preferred reviewer, and the review will be in two parts, first a "health check" which is a quick look through the documents and then there will be the review report. Dr Robins will inform the Finance Officer of the expected costs.

Documents are on the Parish Council website www.crowmarshgifford.org.uk. To find out more about the Neighbourhood Plan, contact Nick Robins at nicks.robins@gmail.com.

Review of strategic priorities

The playground project is currently in hand and information is awaited from WREN about the council's grant application. A site meeting is to be held on 11th September with County Highways officers about the crossing on the A4074 at Portway. No further action will be taken on the pedestrian crossing in The Street, Crowmarsh Gifford, until these two matters have been resolved.

Other matters

A resident has expressed concern about a leaning tree at the recreation ground. This has been noted and will be monitored.

There has been a complaint about shading from an overhanging tree near the Emery Owen allotments. Cllr Johnson will raise this with the Emery Owen Trust.

The Parish Council's privacy notice has been circulated and was approved with one minor amendment.

Environment & recreation ground committee

Lead tiles have been stolen from the roof of the pavilion and quotes are being obtained for rapid repairs. This theft has been reported to the police and an insurance claim will be made. The lead will be replaced with a non-metal substitute.

Update on playground project

The outcome of the council's grant application to WREN was expected to be known very soon. The amount was increased to cover the cost of providing wheelchair access. A cheque has been received from Waitrose for £240, raised through their green token scheme in July, and the Clerk will write a letter of thanks.

Cllr Rowley and Mr Strange have visited the play area in Abingdon. It has been recommended that spare parts of the most popular equipment should be kept in stock because of likely delays in having repairs done during the summer season. This might require extra funding as a contingency.

Mr Strange is obtaining quotes to widen the front door at the pavilion to provide disabled access to the toilet out of hours.

Update on noticeboards

Cllr Jones has circulated four quotes for new notice boards and recommended the oak boards supplied by Greenbarnes. Their delivery charge is reasonable but does not include installation. Cllr Soames expressed a preference for an aluminium board outside North Stoke Village Hall, which is particularly vulnerable to damp and attack from insects.

No posts will be needed for the board at Robert Sparrow Gardens where the existing ones are in good condition. Cllr Jones was thanked for her hard work on this project.

Traffic and transport

Permission has been given for three different sites for a speed indication device to be installed: The Street, Crowmarsh Gifford, A4074 at Portway and Benson Lane. A single unit will be moved between these three positions. It was agreed to accept the lower quote of £2400 which was from Elan City.

The misleading bus signs in The Street, Crowmarsh Gifford, have now been corrected.

A resident has suggested that the school might run a competition to design a speed awareness sign and Cllr Stevenson will speak to the head teacher about this idea.

County Councillor's report

County Councillor Gray reported that John Backley of SODC and a representative from the county council have met to discuss the access to the riverside. Cllr Gray will ask for confirmation in writing of the proposed measures to be taken, including restricting parking in Stephens Field and stopping vehicles from using the old access road.

An officer from OCC Highways will make a site visit in the next few days to discuss plans for a modified toucan crossing for the A4074. A new planning officer is to be appointed for the Newnham Manor development.

The first liaison meeting between OCC and Parish Councils has been held in Abingdon. Further meetings are planned: the next one will be on Wednesday 19th September in Wantage and another will be held in Harwell on Thursday 18th October.

District Councillor's report

District Councillor Cooper reported that growth deal and sustainability issues in the local plan will be discussed in October.

An update is expected on the route for the Oxford – Cambridge expressway.

Councillor Cooper is monitoring the major planning applications in Crowmarsh.

Demolition work at the former SODC offices is in progress.

There is no news on a unitary authority for Oxfordshire at present.

Waste collection at the Riverside Park has improved, but there have been problems with algae in the swimming pool and splash park this year: Cllr Cooper will ask the management company to start a new cleaning regime next year.

An incident of fly tipping in Old Reading Road was noted.

Correspondence

Correspondence about dogs on leads at the Recreation Ground. The RoSPA guidance is to have plenty of signs about dog fouling. Although there are signs in the car park, it was suggested that a notice could be posted to the effect that dogs must be kept under control at all times. This matter will be discussed by the Recreation Ground Management Committee.

Other matters

It was proposed that a litter bin is needed in The Street (south side) between Old Reading Road and Meadow Lane. This will be discussed at the October meeting.

The Clerk will ask Tom Cottrell and Coulton Tree Services to quote for pruning the hedge at Home Farm. A new tree or trees will be planted to replace the recently felled ash tree in Jethro Tull Gardens.

Representation on outside bodies

Cllr Sherbourne and District Councillor Cooper will attend the Grundon Liaison Committee meeting on Monday 10th September.

Cllr Jones attended a meeting about disaster planning. There is a new simpler format for the emergency planning document, but under the General Data Protection Regulation, she has to contact everyone mentioned in the plan.

Cllr Ryall will attend the meetings of the River Users' Group.

Next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 4th October at North Stoke Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

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WHAT'S ON — OCTOBER 2018

Regular events and meetings

Every Thursday	19.45-22.00	Wallingford Photographic Club	Crowmarsh Pavilion
Every Friday	9.30-12.00	Wallingford Country Market	St Mary-le-More Church or Market Place, Wallingford
Every Saturday	10.00-12.00	WAGS Store open	Centre 70
Most Saturdays	10.00-13.00	Local Producers' Market	St Mary-le-More Church, Wallingford
Various days	Different times	Didcot and Wallingford Ramblers www.ramblers.org.uk/didcot-wallingford	Different places
Every Sunday	11.00 onwards	Parish Communion. Harvest Festival the first Sunday of this month	St Mary Magdalene's Church, Crowmarsh

This month

Wednesday 3rd Oct.	14.00 onwards	U3A: Local WW1 Poets	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Thursday 4th Oct.	19.30 onwards	Crowmarsh Parish Council Meeting	North Stoke Village Hall
Thursday 4th Oct.	19.45 onwards	Benson Garden Club	Benson Parish Hall
Sunday 7th Oct.	13.30 onwards	CTC 26-mile road cycle ride	Meet Wallingford Market Place
Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th	All day	1940s weekend	Cholsey and Wallingford Railway
Wednesday 10th	20.00 onwards	Henley Philatelic: Napoleonic POWs	Bix Village Hall
Wednesday 10th	19.45 onwards	TWHAS: Early Mediaeval town life in Wallingford	St Mary-le-More Church, Wallingford
Saturday 9th June	10.00-12.00	Crowmarsh Community Café	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Saturday 13th	10.30 onwards	Sue Ryder Sale	Nettlebed
Saturday 13th	10.00-12.00	Crowmarsh Community Café	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Saturday 13th	18.00-20.00	Sustainable Wallingford Neighbourhood Nosh	Centre 70, Wallingford
Sunday 21st	13.30 onwards	CTC 30-mile road cycle ride	Meet Wallingford Market Place
Friday 26th & Saturday 27th	All day	Hallowe'en Trains	Cholsey and Wallingford Railway
Thursday 1st Nov.	19.45 onwards	Benson Garden Club	Benson Parish Hall
Saturday 3rd Nov.	10.30 onwards	Sue Ryder Sale	Nettlebed
Saturday 3rd Nov.	18.00 onwards	Wallingford Fireworks	Kinecroft, Wallingford
Saturday 3rd Nov. & Saturday 10th Nov.	From 10.00	A walk for Jim Spence	Meet St Mary-le-More Church, Wallingford
Sunday 4th Nov.	13.30 onwards	CTC 20-mile road cycle ride	Meet Wallingford Market Place
Thursday 8th Nov.	19.30 onwards	Crowmarsh Parish Council Meeting	Crowmarsh Village Hall