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All new advertisements and all copy for the September issue of *Crowmarsh News* must reach us before our **20th August deadline**.

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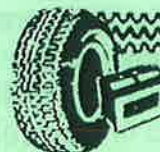
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Neighbourhood Plan for Crowmarsh

Crowmarsh is preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the whole parish, which will engage the entire community to make a plan that will express the community's vision as a part of the larger district local plan. It will then empower Crowmarsh Parish to guide major planning applications to the sites and types of development that we decide are right for Crowmarsh over the next 15 years.

Work has started and a baseline assessment is published on the website
<http://crowmarshgifford.org.uk/2017/04/15/local-community-plan>.

We will hold two exhibitions in September, one at Crowmarsh Gifford and the other at North Stoke, and we need your help to identify a vision of the Parish in 2032.

If you think you can contribute in any way to this important project, please contact Nicholas Robins in the first instance, by e-mailing nicks.robins@gmail.com.

CABI planning application – public inquiry

Nigel Hannigan, our Chair of Planning, represented the Parish Council over five days at the public enquiry to hear the appeal against SODC's decision to refuse the CABI application P15/S3387/FUL. Other parish councillors and residents attended parts of the proceedings. The decision is not expected for several weeks.

Crowmarsh Playground Proposal

For information on the new improved Crowmarsh playground proposals, including a plan and equipment images, please refer to the Parish Council Web site. A section is now allocated to this under the 'Facilities' tab.

The web addresses are
<http://crowmarshgifford.org.uk/2017/07/09/crowmarsh-playground-proposals/>
<http://crowmarshgifford.org.uk>

Litter Blitz news

In spite of the hot weather, a team of enthusiastic litter-pickers met on Saturday 8th July to carry out a thorough 'blitz' of the village.

Some of the more unusual 'finds' included parts of a car bumper, a large bag of broken glass, a pile of tiles, flattened AA batteries, broken clothes pegs, pieces of polystyrene, a selection of nuts and bolts, parts of a toy gun, broken tools, a used syringe and a sushi box!

Thank you to everyone who took part this time – we hope to organise another litter pick within the next 12 months and trust that villagers will do what they can to keep our community clean in the meantime.

Edwina Johnson

Bunkfest 2017

Wallingford Bunkfest is back on Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd of September, celebrating its 16th year. The festival is a free-access community festival providing a unique, family-friendly celebration with something for everyone.

There will be music on the main stage at the Kinecroft, at many venues across the town, on the train line and singing boat trips. There will be dance displays from Morris dancers, local dance schools and Capoeira. The beer festival will be sponsored by award winning local breweries Loddon Brewery and Loose Cannon. You can join in with the Ceilidh and silent disco or try one of our music workshops running throughout the weekend.

Bunkfest is a volunteer run, not-for-profit organisation working for the benefit of the local community. Please donate generously as Bunkfest relies on your kind financial support.

Most events are free - you only need to buy tickets for the boat trips, train trips, workshops and camping. Please visit www.bunkfest.co.uk

Bunkfest needs you too! if you would like to help in some way – stewards and serving behind the bar are just two of the many jobs our volunteers do every year, please contact Jo at volunteers@bunkfest.co.uk

Merchant Navy Day

Communities are being encouraged to fly the red ensign for Merchant Navy Day on 3rd September. This is the 78th anniversary of the start of the Second World War - the day the SS *Athenia* was sunk with the loss of 128 lives.

As well as remembering the thousands of merchant seamen who died before and since, and many more who have suffered harsh conditions at sea over the years, flying the "red duster" (the flag we see every day on most craft on the River Thames) commemorates all the ships, seafarers and fishermen we depend on for our maritime trade today.

Have a look at the website for more information:

<https://www.merchantnavyfund.org/merchant-navy-day>

Garden Visits

Wallingford Gardening Club's summer garden programme continues with a visit to Chalkhouse Green Farm near Kidmore End on Thursday 3rd August at 6.30pm.

Take the A4074 from Wallingford towards Reading; turn left at The Fox at Cane End; then first right into Wood Lane, and follow road to Chalkhouse Green. Postcode for savnav is RG4 9AL.

This is a one acre garden and open traditional farmstead, with herbaceous borders, herb garden, shrubs, old fashioned roses, trees including medlar, quince and mulberries, and a walled ornamental kitchen garden, and new cherry orchard.

Rare breed farm animals include British White cattle, Suffolk Punch horses, donkeys, Berkshire pigs, chickens, ducks and turkeys.

Cost will be £8 which will include refreshments.

Visitors are very welcome.

Isabelle Darby
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Team Walk On for RDA

Team Walk On is made up of local business, Jewel Training, colleagues and mums of Crowmarsh School children: Louise Bridges, Jenny Dack (mums of Lilia and George in Class 5) Kyle Carrigan and Sue Nicholls. They are taking part in the Thames Path Challenge, in aid of Riding for the Disabled (RDA) Wantage group, of which Lilia is a beneficiary.

RDA provides riding lessons for disabled children and adults, nationally. But each area has its own dedicated group who fund raise independently. Lilia attends the RDA Wantage at their stables in Blewbury, so this is a local charity too.

Team Walk On will be walking 50 km (approximately a full marathon) on 9th September from Runnymede to Henley, following the Thames Path all the way. Please consider sponsoring them to help them reach their target of over £1000 to help this wonderful and local charity.

Stop them at school and ask for a sponsor form; or their sponsorship page can be found at: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/TeamWalk> or call them at work (822678) on Howbery Park to find out more.

Thank you for your support.

Corn Exchange@The Great Hall

Throughout the summer while the Corn Exchange is closed for major building works, films are being shown at the Great Hall in Cholsey Meadows.

Except for NT Live and other special screenings, prices will remain the same as those at the Wallingford cinema. There is an on-site bar at the venue which is located in the Grade II listed building of the former Fairmile Hospital, Cholsey.

More programme details can be found on the Corn Exchange website, www.cornexchange.org.uk Tickets can be purchased here or on the door before each performance.



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A Sunday School Treat at Howbery Park

The children attending the Independent Sunday School in the Market Place Chapel, Wallingford (now the Catholic Church) had been looking forward to Tuesday 11th July 1868, for the last two weeks, this being the occasion of their annual treat. This year it was to be held in Howbery Park.

About 90 scholars, escorted by their minister and teachers, left the Market Place at three o'clock and walked to Howbery Park, where they were allowed to play a number of games, including cricket, hide and seek, and racing. At five a substantial tea followed by cherries was provided by Mr Williams-Wynn, the owner of Howbery, and served by his daughters.

At about eight, the children were assembled

on the lawns at the rear of the house where, after singing "Nearer Home" and loudly cheering Mr and Mrs Wynn and their daughters, the children were then given a liberal supply of cake. This had been baked in the kitchen at Howbery.

Before the children were allowed to eat their cake, Mr Wynn gave a short speech thanking the children for expressions of gratitude, and saying that he hoped they would use his grounds for their Sunday School Treat the next year. The children were then allowed to walk around the grounds.

It was not until 9.30pm that the School party left Howbery to return to Wallingford, as it took some time to find all the children.

This is where we live



This aerial view of Crowmarsh Gifford was kindly supplied to the *Crowmarsh News* some years ago. Taken from just beyond the A4074, it shows Howbery Park in the foreground, with Benson Lane stretching out vertically and The Street running across from left to right.

Useful telephone numbers

Crime Stoppers	0800 555 111
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Agatha Christie Weekend 2017

The theme may be murder, but the emphasis is on enjoyment! This year's Agatha Christie weekend runs from Friday 8th September to Sunday 10th September, in Wallingford and Cholsey, and will include:

Celebrity Talks

by John Curran and Lucy Worsley
Friday 8th September at 8pm in the Wallingford Masonic Hall: John Curran, 'The Life and Crimes of Agatha Christie'. Tickets £12. Bar available.

John Curran is a popular speaker with a vast knowledge of Agatha Christie's life and work. He is the author of award-winning books, *Agatha Christie's Secret Notebooks* and *Agatha Christie's Murder in the Making*, and was consultant to the National Trust during the renovation of her Devon home, Greenway.



John Curran

Saturday 9th September at 8pm in St Mary's Church, Cholsey: Lucy Worsley: 'A Very British Murder'. Tickets £15 includes a drink.

Lucy Worsley is an extremely entertaining public speaker, English historian, author, curator and well-known television presenter on historical topics. She is Chief Curator at Historic Royal Palaces.



Lucy Worsley

Agatha Christie Trail Guided Walks

Saturday and Sunday. Leave Wallingford Museum at 10am. Tickets £10 on the day; includes entry to exhibitions at both Wallingford Museum and Cholsey Day Centre. Also includes ticket to return on the C&WR Heritage Railway.

Exhibitions

Cholsey Day Centre: 'Agatha, Cholsey, and her Books' - Saturday and Sunday 11am to 4pm. Entry £2.50.

Wallingford Museum: 'At Home with the Queen of Crime' - Friday 2pm to 5pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am to 5pm. Special half-price offer, £2.50.

Midsomer Murders and Historic Town Walks

Wallingford is Causton in the TV series! One-hour walks leave from Wallingford Town Hall at 3.30pm Saturday and Sunday. Tickets £5 on the day.

Special Vintage Afternoon Tea in Wallingford

These will be available at Wallingford's Historic Town Hall on Saturday afternoon. Pre-booking essential. Tickets £10.

Refreshments and Cream Teas in Cholsey

Lunches and Cream Teas will be available at Cholsey Day Centre (open 11am to 4pm Saturday and Sunday). No booking necessary.

St Mary's Church, Cholsey

Resting place of Dame Agatha Christie and her husband, Max Mallowan. The church and churchyard are open for visitors all weekend.

Agatha and Max

(Picture © Wallingford Museum)



For more details and booking arrangements, please see the website:
www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk/agatha-christie-weekend

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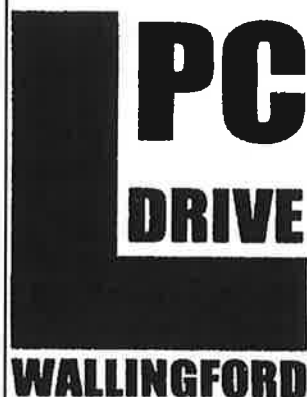
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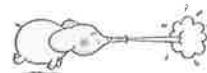
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Services for August

Sunday 6th	Transfiguration / Trinity 8	11am	Parish Communion
Sunday 13th	Trinity 9	11am	All Age Worship
Sunday 20th	Trinity 10	11am	Parish Communion
Sunday 27th	Trinity 11	9.30am	Family Communion

Morning Prayer - every Friday at 9am

Evening Prayer – every Sunday at 6pm

Here at St Mary Magdalene's, along with the rest of the Church of England team in Wallingford, we are exploring ways of making our worship more accessible to families with children.

An early step in this process is to evaluate where we are at the moment and what might attract more people to come and worship with us – therefore, we would welcome your participation in our short online survey which can be found on our website under the 'Families' tab, i.e. www.wallingfordcofe.org.uk/families/

One of the things that we are considering is Messy Church, and we welcome young families to try out a new initiative: "Messy Church Does Science". We invite you to join Dr Dave and BRF's Messy Church team at a one-off Messy Church with experiments and activities from the Messy Church Does Science project at the Rutherford-Appleton Lab Visitor Centre on 2–4 pm on Wednesday 30th August.

This is completely free fun for the whole family with the hands-on exploration of both science and faith. All are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. As places are limited, we will need you to book a place in advance through the website: messychurch.org.uk/science – and please let me know you will be going.

Whilst I am giving you these useful websites,

you might like to know that you can subscribe at www.wallingfordcofe.org.uk/notice-sheet/ to receive all the church notices via a weekly email.

Enjoy the summer holidays!

Blessings,
Kevin

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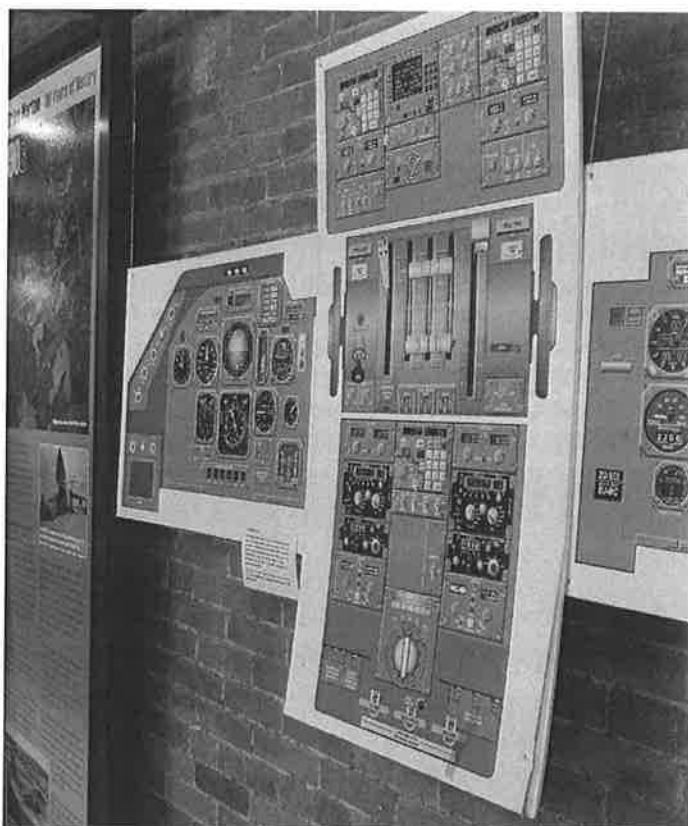


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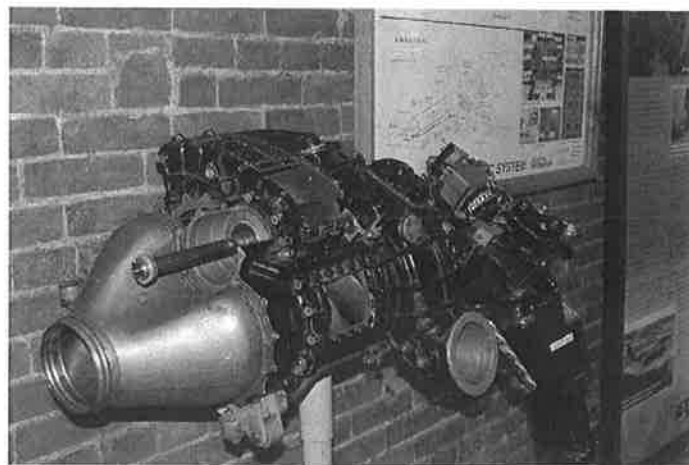
Brize Norton: 80 Years of History is a new exhibition at Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum (SOFO) in Woodstock, which explores the history of one of the country's most famous air bases. The exhibition, curated by RAF Brize Norton itself, documents the construction of the base in 1935 through to its use in the present day.

The exhibition includes various items of engineering training kit, including a section of a Tri Star Control unit which children can use.



This includes a look into Brize's use during WWII as a base for parachute and glider operations – most famously, Brize squadrons were involved in dropping paratroops and launching Horsa gliders on D Day. A reconstruction of a Horsa glider which visitors can sit inside and learn more about Oxfordshire soldiers' involvement is also part of SOFO's permanent displays.

The exhibits also document the way in which the United States Airforce (USAF) changed the base when they formally accepted control of it on 16th April 1951. 21 B36 Convair Peacemaker bombers were the first US aircraft to arrive at RAF Brize Norton.



In 1965 the RAF took back control of the base, at which point it became a Transport Command Airfield before a steady build-up of personnel and facilities would see it take on a role as the Strategic Air Transport base for the Royal Air Force. This effectively set the scene for its use during modern conflict and the role the base plays on the world stage now. Links with the USAF were well maintained, however, with the base hosting several large scale tanker deployments, culminating with a major deployment supporting the air campaign in Kosovo.

Brize would play a significant part in the Falklands War, moving personnel, stores and ammunition to the Ascension Islands as well as recovering casualties and repatriations at the end of the conflict. The base's large tanker force was also instrumental during the Gulf War in 1991.

A significant part of the exhibition focuses on stories of the Royal Auxiliary Air Force Squadrons recruited locally and based at RAF Brize Norton in 1982. Namely, No. 4624 (County of Oxford) Movements Squadron and No. 2624 (County of Oxford) Regiment Squadron, whose histories are told through personal accounts of members' experiences.

Open now, RAF Brize Norton: 80 Years of History runs until September 2017. SOFO is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10am to 5pm, and Sundays 2pm – 5pm. Please visit the website at www.sofo.org.uk

Crowmarsh Parish Council News

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Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held at North Stoke Village Hall on Thursday 6th July 2017

Present: Councillors John Griffin (Chair), Stephen Sherbourne, Andrew Johnson, Fleur Stevenson, Stuart Soames, David Rowley, Francesca Jones, David Mannering and David Topliss; Sue Rance (Clerk), Yvonne Peet (Finance Officer), County Cllr Mark Gray

Apologies for absence from Cllrs Nigel Hannigan and Denise Hall

Ann Sharp has resigned from the council and we thank her for all her hard work, especially on the grass-cutting contract. A vacancy will be advertised. If anyone is interested in finding out what parish councillors do, please speak to one of us or the parish clerk, Sue Rance.

Finance

The accounts for the year ended 31st March 2017 have been sent to the internal auditor and are available for public inspection – see notice boards and website.

We reviewed the pay of our clerk, finance officer and recreation ground manager and agreed a 2% increase. The council had not reviewed salaries for 2 years.

Planning

Decisions: The Council noted the following decisions from SODC:

P16/S3801/FUL: Development of a dwelling with associated access, parking and landscaping, greenhouse, yard, double garage, workshop, cold and dry stores and a plant room at Cherry Orchard, Mongewell OX10 8DA.
PERMISSION GRANTED.

P17/S1327/FUL: Erection of a two-storey dwelling with a double garage on land adjacent to Sherringham House. The dwelling

is made up of three distinct forms with the garage as a separate entity located to the north of the dwelling. Sherringham House, Crowmarsh Hill, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8BG.

PERMISSION GRANTED.

P17/S1011/FUL: Replacement and redevelopment of kennel blocks (phase 3 of the kennel redevelopment). Avalon Kennels, Icknield Way OX10 6PP.

PERMISSION GRANTED.

P17/S1299/HH: Single-storey rear extension at 4 Jethro Tull Gardens, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8DS.

PERMISSION GRANTED.

Applications: The Council agreed its response to SODC on the following applications:

P17/S0915/HH: Single-storey rear and side extension following demolition of conservatory, 52 Newnham Green, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8EP.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

P16/S3852/FUL: Hybrid planning application for the erection of 100 new residential dwellings including new access road off the A4074, public open space (full application) and the provision of school land (outline application). Land at Newnham Manor, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8ED.

RECOMMEND REFUSAL for the same reasons as previously.

Neighbourhood Plan

Work has started on our Crowmarsh Parish Neighbourhood Plan and a baseline assessment is published on the website. Public meetings will be held in September.

Environment and Recreation Committee

The play area sub-committee has reported good progress, based on responses to consultation and visits to other playgrounds. A range

of sources of funding is being considered.

We have had various responses from residents about replacing the Ash Tree at Jethro Tull Gardens and have also consulted tree experts Sarah Venners and Matt Gulliford.

Traffic and Transport Committee

A traffic survey will be commissioned on the A4074 Portway. Further discussions are being held with the county council on the junction proposals and pedestrian crossing associated with the planning application behind Newnham Manor.

Website

Cllr Stevenson reported that use of the website has been increasing. The website includes parish council minutes and the publication scheme. The parish neighbourhood plan has a dedicated section. We welcome useful contributions from local residents.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 3rd August 2017 at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Wallingford and District Stroke Club

Wallingford and District Stroke Club meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at Crowmarsh Village Hall for activities and companionship, tea and cake. In the summer months we arrange outings, both locally and further afield, using the Wallingford Coach with its accessible platform.

We'd love to welcome more members (fees are very reasonable at £2 per month). If you, or someone you know, would like to join us – or just give us a try – please contact Norman Goodall on 01235 834503 or Nigel Hessey on 01491 651114 and we'll be pleased to talk to you.

Short Mat Bowls

takes place at the Pavilion on Tuesdays at 7pm and on Thursdays at 2pm. For more information, please call 837518.

Sue Ryder – Sale Dates

The next Sales of Donated Goods are on Saturdays 12th August and 2nd September. They will run from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Saleable donated goods are welcomed on week days between 9am and 4.30pm, but we are unable to accept goods on Sale Day or the day before.

Volunteers are always needed to select and allocate donated goods and to assist with Sales. The Sue Ryder Nettlebed Hospice is at Henley on Thames, RG9 5DF. Please call 01491 641384 ext 246 for further information or details.

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(836058, or sjwsoames@btinternet.com)

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WHAT'S ON – AUGUST 2017

Regular events and meetings

Every Friday	08.30-11.15	Wallingford Country Market	Regal Centre
Every Saturday	10.00-12.00	WAGS Store open	Centre 70
Most Saturdays	10.00-13.00	Local Producers' Market	Regal Centre

This month

Thursday 3rd	18.30	Gardening Club vist	Chalkhouse Green Farm, Kidmore End
Thursday 3rd	19.30	Parish Council Meeting	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Friday 4th	19.00	Fish and Chip Special	Cholsey and Wallingford Railway
Sunday 6th	13.30 onwards	CTC 20-something mile road ride	Meet Wallingford Market Place
Saturday 12th	10.30-12.30	Sue Ryder Sale	Nettlebed
Wednesday 16th	14.00	U3A: Garden Party	Contact U3A
Saturday 19th	20.00	Music by Bach, Beethoven, Liszt and Medtner:Dinara Klinton, piano	St Peter's Church
Sunday 20th	Afternoon	Goring & Streatley Band	Castle Gardens
Sunday 20th	13.30	CTC 30-mile road ride	Meet Wallingford Market Place
Sunday 20th	DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER CROWMARSH NEWS		
Saturday 26th to Monday 28th	All day	Diesel bank holiday weekend	Cholsey and Wallingford Railway

September preview

Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd	All day	Bunkfest	Kinecroft, Wallingford
Saturday 2nd	10.30-12.30	Sue Ryder Sale	Nettlebed
Sunday 3rd	All day	Merchant Navy Day	(see page 4)
Thursday 7th	19.30	Parish Council Meeting	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Friday 8th	20.00	John Curran: "The Life and Crimes of Agatha Christie"	Wallingford Masonic Hall
Saturday 9th	20.00	Lucy Worsley: "A Very British Murder"	St Mary's Church, Cholsey
Wednesday 20th	DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER CROWMARSH NEWS		

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