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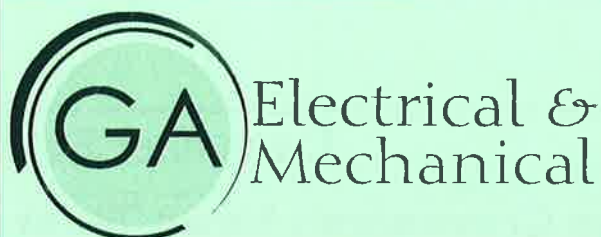


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This will give Mike Ward time to set up his own CIC to take over the service from 1st February. Mike plans to take over one or two of the current minibuses. Go Ride's main driver has also agreed to stay on, so we hope that the current timetable will continue. We will keep you informed when we have more news.

Planning applications

Two (probably three) major planning applications have been submitted around Crowmarsh Gifford. They will be considered at the Parish Council meeting on Thursday 8th December.

A special meeting will be held at Crowmarsh Gifford School, Old Reading Road, on Thursday 1st December from 7pm to receive presentations from each of the developers. This will not be a meeting for discussion, debate or decision, so members of the public are welcome to attend to hear more detail about the proposals but it is not the occasion for supporters or objectors to speak.

The discussion and the opportunity for public speaking will come at the Parish Council meeting on Thursday 8th December, when members of the public may be invited to make comments in the usual way when planning comes up on the agenda.

There will be a presentation on the proposed Bloor development off Benson Lane at 7pm; we have invited Lightwood Strategic, who want to develop land south of the school, to present at 7.30pm; if the application for the Newnham Manor development has been submitted, we will invite them to make a presentation at 8pm.

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Homeworkers' Christmas Lunch

Do you live in Crowmarsh Gifford and work from home? Does your diary lack a 'Christmas works do' to go to? Would you like to get in the festive mood and join a small band of Crowmarsh homeworkers for a Christmas lunch at one of our local hostelryes?

If you are intrigued and feel you need more information, ask Amanda (amanda@spiritsoftware.co.uk) or Edwina (edwina.johnson@ntl-world.com). Pulling Christmas crackers is required; however wearing the hat is optional!

Crowmarsh Gifford School

We can't believe Christmas has arrived so quickly. It always does fly around the corner sooner than we can imagine.

These past few weeks we have had David Bowers in working with every child in school to create mosaics of our values and 'peace' murals, for our new Reflection and Remembrance Garden.

The children have drawn the images and then helped to mosaic and grout the designs that will be displayed throughout the school. They truly are incredible pieces of artwork and a huge thanks must go to the parents, staff and children who have helped to create them. It really was a team effort.

During this term we have also held another Grandparents' week, where we welcomed many grandparents into school to see what their grandchildren have been learning. We also had visits from many of our community members, who were shown around by our children who were very keen to show off their classrooms and the learning they had been up to.

With only two weeks of school in December, we have Christmas Carols, Nativities, play productions, Christmas dinners, school visit to a Christmas show, among many other exciting events to fit into our busy days!

We hope that we are able to welcome many of you into school for either one of our Christmas productions or to our Christmas Fayre on Thursday 15th of December starting at 5:30. Come enjoy some mulled wine, mince pies, turkey and stuffing rolls and lots of festive spirit! If we don't see you before the New Year, we wish you and your families a very blessed and merry Christmas.

Kindest Regards,

Mrs Barton
Headteacher

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks

Priority Service Register

SSE are operating a Priority Service Register for people within Crowmarsh parish who may require a little extra help or assistance should we suffer a power outage in the forthcoming winter months.

Registering means SSE can come out and ensure you are looked after during a sustained outage. It is a free service, and whatever information you provide is strictly confidential.

Working closely with local councils, SSE have registered more than 700 people in the last 12 months within Oxfordshire, but are aware there are many more vulnerable people who are not registered.

People who are registered will be highlighted to Helen Vass, Customer and Community Advisor with SSE and her team, should there be a power outage affecting them. The SSE team will go out and visit each person and, depending on their needs, provide assistance. This can range from generating their house to offering hot meals, drinks and reassurance. In addition, SSE's Emergency Service Centre will call them during the outage, checking they are OK and giving them updates on the estimated time of power restoration.

Helen is happy to come and talk to any groups that meet in the parish about the service and register people on the day.

Registration is quick and simple to do. It can be done online at www.ssepd.co.uk/priorityservicesregister, on the phone (call 0800 294 3259), from a mobile phone (call 0345 072 1900), or from a Text phone (call 0800 316 5457).

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When the Estate School closed on 1st August 1903 there were more than 40 children attending. The Headmistress was Miss M Wilder of Crowmarsh. A new council school was built on the Goring Road in North Stoke which was large enough to accommodate children from North Stoke and Mongewell.

On the school's final day, a presentation of an illuminated address to Mr and Mrs Fraser was made by the parents and scholars, as an

acknowledgement of their support and interest in the children of the Parish.

Owing to Miss Wilder being ill the address was made by the monitoress, Miss Rose Hilton. Mr Fraser in replying complimented Miss Hilton on her work. One of the younger children, Katie Strohmeyer, presented Mrs Fraser with a large bouquet of flowers from all the children. Mr and Mrs Fraser then presented each of the 40 scholars and the monitoress with a bound leather Prayer Book.

Miss Wilder was presented with a silver ink stand and a large family Bible by Mr and Mrs Fraser and the North Stoke scholars presented her with a silver-plated cruet stand.

Sue Ryder – Sale Dates

The date for the next Sale of Donated Goods is Saturday 10th December. The sale 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. For further details of these sales, please call 01491 641384 ext 246.

Crowmarsh Cubs

Crowmarsh Cubs would like to thank everyone in the village who gave to the poppy collection for the Royal British Legion – the cubs collected £168 from their door to door collection this year.

If anyone is interested in joining us with our adventures we would be pleased to hear from you. We especially need adult help in running our Beaver, Cub and Scout groups. Please contact Siobhan Wilson (tel: 07703473250, email: akela1stcrowmarsh@gmail.com)

Head of the River rowing race

Wallingford rowing club have informed the Parish Council that the winter Head of the River rowing event will take place on Sunday 4th December, which is the same day as the Wallingford Christmas shopping day.

We have had parking problems in the village during previous rowing events but the organisers are planning to marshal the event so that this doesn't happen again. They cannot control everyone's behaviour, but good marshalling should help with responsible parking. They have asked that people don't park in side roads or entrances, on pavements or causing any obstruction.

Competitors are expected to park in the old SODC car park and walk (not through the recreation ground) to the riverside car park where the boat trailers will be parked. Cars and trailers will only enter and exit the riverside car park from/to the east (not making a sharp turn directly from/to the bridge).

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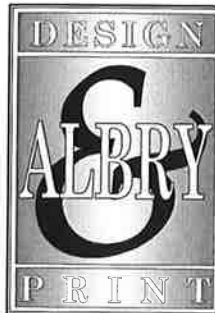
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Sunday 11th	11am	Family Service
Sunday 18th	11am	Parish Communion
Saturday 24th	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
Sunday 25th	11am	Christmas Day Family Communion

Don't rush into Christmas!

I trust you will read this in early December, which is the season of Advent rather than Christmas. As any child who has had an advent calendar knows, waiting patiently in anticipation for something increases the joy when it finally arrives. In church, the advent wreath has the same effect, as we light a new candle each Sunday of Advent and the story gradually unfolds.

The history of the Advent wreath is interesting: it is thought to have begun in its present form in the early 19th century, from an idea of a Lutheran pastor called Johann Wichern. He was ministering in a mission house during Advent and the children would each day ask the same question as they ask on any long journey: "Are we there yet?" (I can't help thinking of the donkey in *Shrek 2*!).

So in 1839 he used a large cartwheel to make a 'wreath' with 19 small red candles for the weekdays and four large white candles for the Sundays, which were then lit through Advent to help the children count the days. The custom was copied by others in Germany and

evolved into a wreath of four red candles and one white candle that we know today.

The lighting of candles on the Advent wreath speaks powerfully of the natural symbols of light and darkness that run through this season. As we prepare for the coming ('adventus') of Jesus the 'Light of the World' we are reminded of those who came before us who prepared for the Messiah's coming: the Patriarchs, the Prophets, John the Baptist and Mary, Jesus' mother.

Their example of faith, often in situations of extraordinary difficulty, remind us in the business and busyness of the modern commercial season, the importance of sharing the truth about God's love shown in Jesus with others we meet and particularly the next generation.

I commend this custom to you, both as Advent calendars and to see each candle lit in church and to share the biblical story of God's long-awaited plan of salvation to unfold, beginning with God made man, or God 'incarnate' – "now in flesh appearing... O come, let us adore Him!"

Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's, Wallingford

This year's Christmas Tree Festival in St Mary's Church will be from 7th to 10th December. Look out for posters about it around the town, and check the display board

outside St Mary's Church for details of events. There will be a joint raffle in aid of St Mary's Tower Fund and the Sue Ryder Hospice in Nettlebed. You will be able to buy tickets for the raffle inside the Church and at the Sue Ryder Shop.

Visitors to the Festival can enjoy refreshments

while listening to carols, performed this year by Cranford House School Choir at 1.15pm on Thursday 8th, and by the Thameside U3A 'Singing for Fun' Choir at 2.30pm on Friday 9th.

On Saturday 10th at 11am, Derek Nightingale will be giving a short Christmas organ recital. That evening, Wallingford Parish Choir will also be singing 'Carols amongst the Trees' at 7pm. Come and join the fun!

Val Wolsey, tel: 836820.

A message from the Rector: As part of our Festival, there will be a 'Tree of Remembering' in St Mary's Church from Sunday 4th December. The Tree offers an opportunity to remember friends and family who have died, by hanging a star on the tree with their name. The Tree will be available to everyone until 31st December.

Rev'd David Rice, tel: 836820.



Treasures Beneath our Feet

James Mather will talk to The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society (TWHAS) about local metal detecting finds from Oxfordshire and Berkshire dating from modern times to the Bronze Age.

His most significant find, "The Watlington Viking Hoard", with its amazing selection of King Alfred the Great coins, is covered comprehensively from its discovery to display at the Ashmolean.

By the end of James's presentation, attendees will have seen many beautiful images and have a clear idea of the contribution that responsible metal detecting can make to the nation's heritage. James has been detecting for over 25 years, and is a member of the Archaeology in Marlow local society.

This talk will be held on Wednesday 11th January, 7.45 for 8pm, at St Mary's Church, Wallingford. Visitors (£4) are most welcome.



Wallingford Museum Bookshop

As usual, Wallingford Museum will close for its winter break (December, January and February) to carry out refurbishment and prepare exciting new exhibitions for next year. These will feature 'Pettits: past to present', 'Wallingford Castle' and 'The Way to Wallingford'.

The Museum will re-open on 1st March 2017.

Please remember that the highly successful Museum bookshop, with its constantly changing stock of good second-hand books (both fiction and non-fiction) will remain open during December, January and February. You might just spot that perfect Christmas present!

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Family Christmas Carol Concert

Charity Parents and Children Together (PACT) is inviting local families to join its annual Carol Concert at Dorchester Abbey on Sunday 11th December.

The concert will include performances from The Dorchester Abbey Choir, Benson Military Wives Choir and young soprano Erin Hughes. There will be plenty of opportunities for the congregation to join in with some classic Christmas Carols.

PACT supports families across Oxfordshire and beyond through adoption, award-winning therapeutic support and community projects.

The concert begins at 5pm with a family tea party from 4pm. Tickets are free but must be booked online. Donations to PACT's work with families will be welcomed.

To find out more and book your free tickets, visit: www.pactcharity.org/carols.

Crowmarsh Parish Council News

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Notes of the Parish Council Meeting at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall on Thursday 3rd November 2016

Present: Councillors John Griffin (Chair), Nigel Hannigan, Andrew Hermesen, Andrew Johnson, Francesca Jones, David Mannering, Ann Sharp, Stephen Sherbourne, Fleur Stevenson and Stuart Soames; Sue Rance (Clerk), District Councillor Richard Pullen and County Councillor Mark Gray.

Matters from previous meeting

Since the last meeting, Kieran Moloney, the recently appointed Finance Officer, had decided he was unable to fulfil this role and had resigned. Fortunately Mrs Yvonne Peet, who had been short-listed and interviewed, has accepted the post.

Concerns from a resident were discussed that filling in the ditch on the north side of The Street could lead to flooding and hazardous conditions for pedestrians and road users if the flood water then freezes. Action can be taken if riparian owners do not fulfil their responsibilities. County Councillor Gray will take this forward.

Cllr Sherbourne reported further work to cut back the overgrown roadside vegetation near the Crowmarsh roundabout. The tap at the allotments has now been turned off for the winter.

Finance

A schedule of payments made in October was approved. Because of the unexpected change in finance officer, consideration of strategic spending priorities was deferred and the budget for next year will be based closely on this year's.

Requests for donations had been received from the Oxfordshire Association for the Blind, Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens' Advice

and the South and Vale Carers' Centre. Consideration of these was deferred, but it was agreed to make two donations of £100 to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal (Crowmarsh Gifford and North Stoke).

Cllr Hermesen will research suitable laptop computers for use by the Finance Officer and the Clerk.

County Councillor's Report

County Cllr Gray is taking on the role of local authority governor at Crowmarsh Gifford School. It was noted that some school responsibilities were to have been taken away from the county council but have now been retained, e.g. exclusions, transport and admissions.

Budget cuts are continuing and will affect day time activities for the elderly and those with special needs. Consultation is taking place on the Oxfordshire website about this cut, which would affect six hundred people. The proposals are to scale down services and for services to be shared. Vulnerable people will be assisted to complete the survey.

There have been 17 offers from community groups to take over children's centres. OCC will not charge these community groups rent.

The scrutiny committee reports that the Police Commissioner and the Chief Constable have done a good job in difficult circumstances. More funding is now available from central government, so no further cuts to the police service are planned at present.

The police have the responsibility to levy fines on those parking on double yellow lines but in practice this power is not often used.

District Councillor's Report

Cllr Pullen recommended that the Parish Council should make a neighbourhood plan. Many planning applications are currently going

through on appeal because SODC lacks a five-year housing land supply – the target number for Oxfordshire had risen.

If Crowmarsh does produce a neighbourhood plan this will form part of the SODC local plan. Cllr Griffin had received expressions of interest from four or five residents but no decision had been taken. However, the Parish Council is consulting all residents about their views on housing development and the results will be analysed for the next meeting.

There is no news about the future of the former SODC offices site. There are covenants on the land, which relate to the use of the site for community or employment use. The chairman had questioned the SODC leader again at the recent parish forum, but no decision is expected before next spring.

Planning

SODC decisions:

P16/S2610/HH (Householder): Proposed two-storey extension, Mere Cottage, Mongewell Park, OX10 8DA.
PERMISSION GRANTED.

P16/S2900/HH: Two-storey side extension, 13 Winters Field, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8EE.
PERMISSION GRANTED.

P16/S2922/HH: Demolition of conservatory to the rear. Partial one/two storey extension to the rear and side. Replace timber cladding and add new timber cladding. Remove chimney from north elevation and add a chimney to the west elevation. Triangular dormer above garage to be replaced with two New England style dormer windows. Replace windows to the rear. Additional dormer to rear. New window to ground floor of west elevation. Farmlands, Pickets Lane, North Stoke OX10 6BU.
PERMISSION GRANTED.

P16/S2964/HH: Garden building. Maple Croft, Mongewell OX10 8BP.
PERMISSION GRANTED.

P16/S3040/HH: Single storey front, side and rear extensions, 15 Newnham Green, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8EW.
PERMISSION GRANTED.

Parish Council responses to SODC:

P16/S3407/HH: Proposed detached garage, car port and stores with loft room above. 2 Wallingford Road, North Stoke OX10 6BD.
RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

P16/S3176/HH: Single storey link extension at the rear to accommodate utility room. 51 Newnham Green, Crowmarsh Gifford OX10 8EP.
RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

P16/S3608/O (Outline): Outline application for up to 150 dwellings together with associated access, public open space, landscaping and amenity areas. Land to the east of Benson Lane, Crowmarsh Gifford OX10 8ED.
DEFER consideration to the December meeting.

Environment and recreation ground

SODC's grant scheme has been suspended until next spring. However, the preferred supplier of the half-court for basketball practice is available to carry out the work at the agreed price and it was agreed to proceed with this project from our own funds and to apply for a grant for the children's play area when the scheme re-opens. Maintenance work will be carried out as soon as possible on the play area to comply with the recent RoSPA safety report.

Footpaths at the nature area have been improved with bark chippings. It was noted that Agrivert has offered to help with community projects. Grundons will donate a sack of daffodil bulbs for planting in the parish.

Traffic and transport

Cllr Gray will investigate why the County Council's contract with GoRide for school transport was cancelled and replaced with a taxi service.

It was thought that GoRide would cease to run the 134 bus between Wallingford and Goring through the Stokes, but not until January 2017 when it is anticipated that a new community bus operator will start to run this service.

The Chairman will write to Oxfordshire

Highways, enclosing a copy of the survey report on the A4074 Portway pedestrian crossing, to obtain costings for the project.

Correspondence

Letters had been received from residents about a variety of local issues, including air quality, poor consultation about the closure of Wallingford Bridge, housing development proposals (including in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty), the speed of traffic in Wallingford Road (North Stoke) and neighbourhood planning.

Southern Electricity have written to us about assisting vulnerable people during any loss of power. Cllr Jones will publish a notice in *Crowmarsh News*.

SODC advertised the next round of their grants scheme in March and April 2017. Individual councillor grants of up to £5000 are being introduced.

An invitation was received to the Oxford Victoria County History Trust meeting to be held on Tuesday 6th January 2017.

The Chairman will reply to the organisers of the Head of the River Race, scheduled for 4th December, asking that their marshals ensure considerate parking that does not cause obstruction to traffic or anyone's access/entrance. It is still possible to use some of SODC's former car park.

Website

Cllr Hermsen presented a proposal for improvements to the website and recommended consulting residents. It was recommended that a record of the number of visits to the site should be collected. Cllr Hermsen will publish a notice about the website consultation in *Crowmarsh News*.

Other business

Cllr Johnson reported that the Emery Owen Trustees (who own the allotments behind Thames Mead) met on 27th October and resolved to increase their annual allotment fees to £15. Charitable donations had been made amounting to £1500 while £2000 was

spent on maintaining the allotment land.

Cllr Mannering reported from the River Users' Group. The Environment Agency has a budget shortfall of £1 million. Riparian owners are being reminded about looking after their trees that overhang the River Thames.

Next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 8th December at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Three developers who have put in planning applications for housing around the village will each be invited to give a short presentation on their proposals at a special meeting on 1st December at the School, but no discussion or decision will happen then.

There are still two vacancies on the Parish Council. If you think you might like to join the Council please talk to the chairman, the parish clerk or any councillor.

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.

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Please note that bouncy castles or other inflatables cannot be used inside the Hall, and that evening bookings from 7.00pm are subject to the full rate.

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Regular events and meetings

1st & 3rd Mon	19.00	Knitting Circle	Queen's Head, Crowmarsh
Every Tuesday	19.00-21.30	Short Mat Bowls	Crowmarsh Pavilion
2nd & 4th Weds	Evenings	Crowmarsh Ladies	Telephone 201756
Every Thursday	14.00-16.30	Short Mat Bowls	Crowmarsh Pavilion
Every Thursday	19.45-22.00	Wallingford Photographic Club	Crowmarsh Pavilion
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 1st	19.00	Presentations from housing developers	Crowmarsh Gifford School
Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th	All day	Santa Specials	Cholsey and Wallingford Railway
Sunday 4th	13.30	CTC 20-ish mile road ride	Meet Wallingford Market Place
Sunday 4th	All Day	Wallingford Rowing Club: Head of the River	Riverside
Sunday 4th	All Day	Wallingford Christmas Festival	Town Centre
Wednesday 7th	14.00	U3A: Christmas Party	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Thursday 8th	19.30	Parish Council Meeting	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Saturday 10th	10.30	Sue Ryder Sale	Nettlebed
Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th	All day	Santa Specials	Cholsey and Wallingford Railway
Tuesday 13th	18.00	Carols in the Church	St Mary Magdalene Church
Wednesday 14th	Evening	Christmas Carols	Wallingford Market Place
Wednesday 14th	19.45	Henley Philatelic: Tell a story on one sheet	Bix Village Hall
Thursday 15th	17.30	Crowmarsh School Christmas Fayre	Crowmarsh School
Sunday 16th	13.30	CTC 30-mile road ride	Meet Wallingford Market Place
Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th	All day	Santa Specials	Cholsey and Wallingford Railway
Tuesday 20th	12.30	Lunchtime Carols	St Mary Magdalene Church
Saturday 24th	15.00	Carols by Candlelight and Nativity	St Mary Magdalene Church
Sunday 25th	11.00	Christmas All-age Communion	St Mary Magdalene Church

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