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

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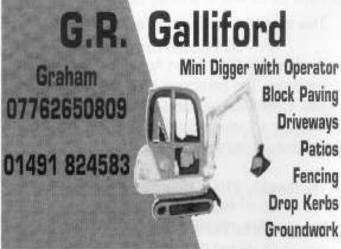


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Crowmarsh playground progress

The Playground work commenced 7th January as planned. The old playground has been cleared (except for items to be recycled) and new equipment delivered. Some of this has been installed already. For those wondering about the big pit being dug on the far side of the field, it is for flood compensation.

For anyone interested in following the progress of the New Playground and Outdoor Gym, there are two options –

- 1. The Village Website www.crowmarshgifford.org look under facilities/new crowmarsh play-ground/playground progress
- 2. The Facebook Group Crowmarsh Gifford Community

All work is on track and we are still looking to an Easter opening.

Fire safety this winter

Nearly 50% of all chimney fires in Oxfordshire happen during January, February and March. If you enjoy cosying up in front of a log fire, make sure the sparks don't fly at home this winter.

Have a cosy home not a fire zone:

- Get your chimney swept at least once a year, if you regularly have log fires get it swept more frequently
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Crowmarsh Pre-School

Our lovely classroom is undergoing something of a transformation this year, beginning with a great de-cluttering session before the new term started! This has enabled us to create more spaces for the children to explore and learn.

We are particularly proud of our new sensory area. This is a work in progress, as our long-term aim is to create a whole new sensory room. In the meantime, we have made a cosy area with lots of cushions. This has provided a space in which children can have some quiet time and explore a range of tactile resources.

We are delighted that Forest School is now up and running on a weekly basis. We are so fortunate to have the use of a wonderful Forest School site, thanks to the Emery and Owen Charity. This provides an opportunity for learning in a beautiful woodland area. As all the children become more familiar with the environment, they develop the confidence to instigate, plan and carry out their own discovery and learning, supported by the team. The highlight (as ever!) is sitting around our log circle, enjoying a cup of hot chocolate before we head back to Pre-School!

Finally, a reminder to contact us as soon as possible if you live in Crowmarsh and are looking for a Pre-School place for your child from September onwards. You can get in touch with us via email on admin@crowmarsh-pre-school.org.uk.

To book the Pavilion or Hardcourt area in Crowmarsh...

phone Chris Strange on 07711 904252, or e-mail chrisstrange47@gmail.com

Crowmarsh School

Required as soon as possible: a Catering Assistant 15 hours per week, term time only, Grade 2 Point 7 (£8.55 per hour). Working hours 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday. This is a permanent post.

We are looking for a part-time catering assistant to join the team in our school kitchen, assisting with the preparation and serving of meals and associated duties.

Please visit oxfordshire.gov.uk/jobs to download an application form. or email jobs@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk to request one. Completed applications should be emailed to jobs@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk or posted to the school address.

Deadline for applications is midday on Friday 8th February 2019.

Interview date to be decided.

All appointments are subject to receipt of satisfactory references, plus medical and CRB checks.

Crowmarsh School is in Old Reading Road, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8EN.

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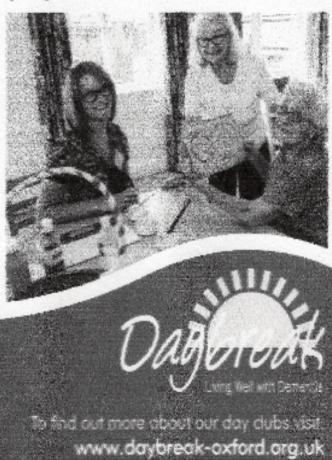
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Past Times from David Beasley

A French visit to Howbery Park

History repeated itself on 7th July 1906, when 40 French visitors from Normandy were escorted by the editor of the *Observer* newspaper from Hastings to Wallingford to celebrate the eight hundred and forty year anniversary of William the Conqueror's march from Hastings to Wallingford.

From Wallingford they moved on to Howbery Park. They were met at the main entrance by Mr du Cros, the MP for Hastings. Several cars drove from Hastings, leaving there around 8.30am. They began arriving in Wallingford around noon but it was not until 2pm that the last car arrived.

The visitors were introduced to the du Cros family and their friends, before luncheon was served under the horse chestnut trees at the back of the house. One of the French party gave a speech entirely in French and

presented Mrs Du Cros with a large basket of orchids. He then proposed a toast to the President of the French Republic and King Edward VII.

Mr du Cros replied with a short speech in French, which was well received, presumably owing to the length of the French speech! The party then proceeded to the river, where Mr du Cros had provided three steam launches, one named after his granddaughter Patricia, and the guests spent an hour cruising the river. On returning to land they were given a fine tea, at which there were no speeches, apparently to everyone's relief.

The return journey by car was started at 7 o'clock. Some of the cars, but not all, arrived back in Hastings at midnight and it was stated that despite some erratic driving no accidents occurred.



A busy year ahead

Whilst Wallingford Museum has been closed for winter there has been frantic activity creating new facilities (collections and archaeological store, space for group visits, disabled toilet, new kitchen). These works are nearing completion for our 2019 season opening on 1st March.

Our special exhibition this year presents 'Once upon a time' – where you can dip into Wallingford's history, through aerial photos, archaeology, artefacts and archives. Wallingford is presently going through many changes and this exhibition invites you to explore the development of the Town through the ages.

Our exhibitions for 2019 also include: 'Wallingford Castle - the Inside Story'; 'The Wallingford Story'; 'At home with the Queen of Crime - Agatha Christie'; and the 'Midsomer Murders' display. Look out for special events this year including Castle history walk (30th March), our regular Saturday Town History walks (commence 6th April), A Night at the Museum (17th May and 25th October), Family Archaeology Day (27th July), a surprise event (17th August), Bunk-Fest offers, and Agatha Christie Weekend (6th-8th September).

Lots of fascinating things to see and enjoy!

Can you help us?

Wallingford Museum is looking for people to help with the running of this popular attraction and we would love to hear from you if you have half a day or more to spare once a month.

Our band of volunteer custodians is critical to the museum's success and we need people to greet visitors and be in attendance for a morning or afternoon once a month between March and November. No previous experience necessary, other than a desire to meet people!

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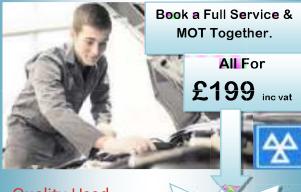
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Photographic Exhibition of Women at War. to be held at Village Hall, Crowmarsh on Saturday February 2nd from 10-00 a.m. to 4-00 P.M. compiled by **David Beasley**



also, an exhibition of 1st World War artefacts by Andy Russell and Ollie Beasley. Admission £2-00p proceeds to Crowmarsh **Playground Fund**

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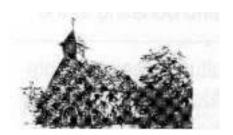
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Services for February

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Morning Prayer - every Friday at 9am Evening Prayer - every Sunday at 4pm

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

An appeal...

Our church building dedicated to St Mary Magdalene is a Grade I listed building which contains original Norman features. It is a village asset open every day for anyone to have a quiet moment, but at present it is only the regular congregation who bear the maintenance costs. Contrary to popular belief, we receive absolutely no income from the government – the only help we get is that we can reclaim the VAT on repairs.

The 5-yearly architectural survey is due this year (a considerable expense in itself), and we hope that the resultant schedule of works will not be too daunting – upkeep of this old building is akin to painting the Forth Bridge. For example, last year we managed to replace the heating boiler. Which is where you may be able to help us...

In line with church members across the country, our regular worshippers already give an average of £10 per week via the Parish Giving Scheme, a direct debit that allows Gift Aid (currently an extra 25p for every pound) to be efficiently and automatically reclaimed each month. This pays for the ministry and mission and general running costs of the church, but there is little left to commit to the necessary buildings maintenance programme. This is

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needed to demonstrate the commitment of the village to the upkeep of the church, which then helps to secure grants from various trust funds which will also be required for major works, e.g. the long-awaited toilet and kitchen facilities.

We are aware that many villagers support the church and want it to be available for when they might need it, for example for weddings, Christenings, funerals, school services, concerts and Christmas. So, on behalf of our PCC, I extend an invitation to you to express this support financially, even for a small amount, via a regular gift using the Parish Giving Scheme. A website explains how this works for donors:

www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk/for-donors/ and the signup forms are available from Barry Ford, Margaret Foster or me – we can also answer any questions.

From my own point of view, I find it sadly ironic that we all pay an insurance company to protect us from the historic "Chancel Tax", when a similar amount given regularly could contribute to the upkeep of what is certainly the oldest community building in the village. I hope that you'll join us in righting this moral anomaly!

Blessings, Rev Kev

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http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/emerging-local-plan It is necessary to use the official form provided there.

I am very concerned that an excessive number of houses is being planned. I am also worried about the location of the "Strategic sites", which will accommodate thousands of houses. There are many warm words about designing with climate change in mind but few "teeth" to get much delivered. And nobody seems to realise that granting planning permission does not actually deliver houses! If there are particular issues which concern you about planning, have a look at the relevant part of the Local Plan (accessible from the website quoted, hard copies in libraries) and send in your comments before 18th February.

Chalgrove Airfield is scheduled to accommodate 3000 houses, with no railway anywhere near and poor road connections. It also seems wrong to disturb a successful exporting firm from their site. Martin-Baker, who manufacture and test ejection seats there for sale all over the world, have made it abundantly clear that they do not wish to leave Chalgrove.

The new National Planning Policy Framework which is supposed to govern all new development is very keen on sustainability and protecting the Green Belt, but there is little acknowledgement of this in the proposed Local Plan.

You can visit one of the drop-in events where officers will be available to discuss the plan and the supporting documentation will be available to view:

- * Wallingford, Ridgeway Community Church Saturday 2 February, 10am-2pm
- * Thame Town Hall Tuesday 5 February, 10am-2pm

- * Chalgrove Village Hall Thursday 7 February, 4pm-8pm
- * Horspath Community Hub Saturday 9 February, 10am-2pm
- * Oxsrad Sports and Leisure Centre, Marston Monday 11 February, 4pm-8pm

Please remember to send in your comments before 18th February.

Missed or mis-placed bins

If any bins that are due to be picked up are not collected on the scheduled day, please submit a missed bin report. This allows the waste team at SODC to identify problems and also to monitor Biffa's overall performance. Also, if you are not happy with where and how the bins are left after they have been emptied, photos and a description of any problems would be useful. Please contact www.southoxon.gov.uk/missedbins.

If you have any queries on District Council matters, I'd be happy to discuss them with you.

Sue Cooper (835631)

From John Howell MP

Oxfordshire Lowland Rescue Charity may not be a particularly well known charity but it does important work assisting the police in the search for vulnerable missing persons. It is part of a national charity and I was delighted to learn of new government funding awarded to Oxfordshire.

This funding is part of a £1 million package being awarded to dozens of charities working to keep inland waterways around the country safe, helping with the cost of new equipment to help volunteer search teams save lives more quickly and easily. Oxfordshire Lowland Search & Rescue will receive £11,883.60, to ensure that it can continue to keep people safe. As it says itself, "if a vulnerable person is missing then it is vital to their chances of survival that they are found quickly".

I share the growing concerns at the increase in mental health problems, especially among young people, and am thus pleased that in Oxfordshire children and young people's mental health services are to be transformed as the county becomes one of 25 trailblazer areas across the country that puts the NHS and schools together to transform mental health care. This is welcome news of much needed support for young people.

If you would like to know more about my work on behalf of the Government and the Constituency, please do look at my website which is regularly updated. The address is www.johnhowellmp.com.



On Wednesday 13th February, Dr Graham Twemlow will talk to The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society (TWHAS) about Great British Poster Artists.

Poster art in Britain during the 1920s and 1930s was a thriving industry enabled by enlightened clients such as Shell-Mex, the London Underground, and the four railway companies. Our speaker is a retired University academic who writes and lectures on design history and decorative arts subjects.

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

Katharine Keats-Rohan www.twhas.org.uk

Cat's Chorus, anyone?

Cat's Chorus is an a cappella choir who meet every Monday night in Crowmarsh. We provide a fun, supportive yet hard-working environment for lapsed singers to rediscover the joys of singing or for existing singers to take on a new challenge.

We're holding an Open Evening for anyone who'd like to give us a go – Monday 4th February at 6:30pm at Crowmarsh Pavilion. The event is FREE, although pre-registration is required. Sign up at www.catschorus.co.uk

Calling philatelists

Philately is a great hobby for the dark winter evenings and is much more fun when doing it with people who share your interest. Why not give stamps, postcards or anything philatelic a go? So many subjects can be covered from Art to Science. Come to a meeting of the Henley and District Philatelic Society and see for yourself. It is a friendly and interesting hobby for people of all ages. We would be delighted to meet you.

13th February – Club competitions (all Classes, please see website for details) and a Quiz.

27th February – Auction Viewing for the Auction being held on 13th March. Please note in your new diary! Non-members are welcome to come to find that elusive item. Hope to see you on both evenings.

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Bix Village Hall at 7.45pm. Visitors and new members are welcome. Further details can be obtained by phoning 681739 or from our website: www.henleyphilatelic.org.uk

Photographic Club

Wallingford Photographic Club is a friendly and welcoming club for photographers of all levels, and we meet every Thursday evening at 7.30 for 8pm in Crowmarsh Pavilion. We are always very pleased to welcome visitors and new members.

Our February programme starts on the 7th with a club competition involving digital projected images. Then on the 14th, club member Martin Wiggall will take us on a "Panama Transit and Central American Odyssey" which promises to be a fascinating evening. This will be followed on the 21st with a visit by representatives of Fotospeed to provide "all the answers on Printing from workflow to paper". Finally on the 28th we will be hosting an inter club competition with Abingdon Camera Club. Visitors are most welcome to all meetings.

Full details of our programme and information on how to find us can be seen on our website http://www.wallingfordphoto.club.

Swap shops in Wallingford come to a natural end

Sustainable Wallingford has become known over the years to many people for our quarterly Swap Shops, at which people brought along items they no longer had a use for and left them for others to help themselves to.

The first was held in 2003 and for many years we also collected things that at that time you could not put out for kerbside recycling; for example tetrapaks, batteries and foil (we even got Tetrapak to send a lorry for the large number of containers that we had collected). We also collected computers, light bulbs, mobile phones, spectacles, and printer cartridges, all of which can now be recycled or disposed of in a more sustainable way.

Locally, working computers and monitors can be passed on or sold on internet sites such as Trash Nothing or Wallingford Piper. Broken computers and monitors should be taken to Oakley Wood recycling centre. Filament light bulbs unfortunately have to go in your black bin, but low energy bulbs and fluorescent tubes can be taken to Oakley Wood (if you are going anyway). Many charities collect old mobile phones; spectacles can be taken to Robert Stanley opticians from where they are sent to Africa. Printer cartridges can be taken to Higgs stationers in Castle Street.

We have now decided to stop running Swap Shops, partly because SODC recycling is much better, partly to put our limited time and energy into our Repair Cafés which have run alongside the last three Swap Shops and extend the life of lots of useful items from toasters to tents. Also, getting rid of the left-overs from Swap Shops was an increasing problem. Things that might have been brought to Swap Shops can often go to charity shops, Wallingford Given Free, Trash Nothing, eBay ... and we hope not to buy things that won't last – or can't be repaired.

We owe the enormous success of these events to our loyal volunteers over the years. Over the 15 years we have held 60 events and saved about 35 tonnes of material from being thrown away, plus what was taken to charity

shops or put on Freecycle after the Swap Shop.

Visit our website, www.sustainablewallingford.org for information on where else locally you can visit a Swap Shop.

Repair Cafés, 2019

Sustainable Wallingford Repair Café is back for 2019. Our volunteer repairers try to fix the broken items that visitors have brought, and any repairs are performed free of charge, although a voluntary donation is always much appreciated. We aim to repair clothes and textiles, bikes, tool sharpening and electrical or electronic items.

Come and see if we can repair your item. Better yet, let us know if you would like to help!

Repair Cafes are planned for 6th April, 6th July and 5th October, at Centre 70, 10am to 1pm.

Sue Ryder – Sale Dates

The next Sales of Donated Goods are on Saturdays 2nd & 23rd Ferbruary and 16th March, from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Saleable donated goods are welcomed on week days between 9am and 4.30pm, but we cannot accept goods on Sale day or the day before. The Sue Ryder Nettlebed Hospice is at Nettlebed, near Henley, RG9 5DF. Please call 01491 641384 ext 246 for further information.

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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WHAT'S ON - FEBRUARY 2019

Regular events and meetings

Every Thursday	19.45-22.00	Wallingford Photographic Club	Crowmarsh Pavilion
Every Friday	09.30-12.00	Wallingford Country Market	St Mary's, W'ford
Every Saturday	10.00-12.00	WAGS Store open	Centre 70
Most Saturdays	10.00-13.00	Local Producers' Market	St Mary's, W'ford
Every Sunday	11.00	Parish Communion; Family	•
,		service first Sunday of month	Crowmarsh Church
This month			
Saturday 2nd	10.00-14.00	SODC Local Plan public drop-in	
		event	Ridgeway Community
			Church, Wallingford
Saturday 2nd	10.00-16.00	Women at War exhibition	Crowmarsh Village
			Hall
Saturday 2nd	10.30-12.30	Sue Ryder sale	Nettlebed
Sunday 3rd	13.30	CTC 25-mile cycle ride	Meet in Town Square
Monday 4th	18.30	Open evening for budding	
		singers at Cat's Chorus	Crowmarsh Pavilion
Wednesday 6th	14.00	U3A: Sex, power and politics:	
		How women won the vote	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Thursday 7th	19.30	Crowmarsh Parish Council	
		Meeting	Crowmarsh Village
			Hall
Saturday 9th	10.00-12.00	Crowmarsh Community Café	Crowmarsh Village
			Hall
Saturday 9th	19.30	Crowmarsh Pre-school Quiz	Crowmarsh Village
			Hall
Wednesday 13th	19.45	TWHAS: The Great British poster	
		artists	St Mary's Church,
	40.45		Wallingford
Wednesday 13th	10.15	Henley Philatelic: Competitions	
	19.45	•	-
Saturday 16th		and quiz	Bix Village Hall
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For details of walks with Didcot & Wallingford Ramblers, please see www.ramblers.org.uk/didcot-wallingford