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Valiant village members, supportive relatives of present members and grateful former members of the Scout movement, please make it your New Year Resolution to join us.

Even simply paying the annual subscription (currently £5) will help enormously in raising the funds to support the Scout programme and it would be fantastic if you can give a bit of time to help us plan our fundraising. If you are a UK taxpayer then donating by Gift Aid will add 25%.

I am promoting the Crowmarsh Cadre, so if you are interested please contact me on john.grosse@btinternet.com or 07711 938697.

To find out more about Crowmarsh Scout Group, please contact Ross Edmonds at chair@crowmarshgiffordscouts.org or Siobhan Wilson on 07703 473250.

We welcome new Scouting members, helpers, Committee Members and supporters.

Beavers (aged 6-8)
meet on Mondays at 5-6pm

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meet on Mondays at 6.15-7.45pm

Scouts (10-14)
meet on Tuesdays at 7-9pm.

John Grosse, Committee Member

Crowmarsh Pre-School

Happy New Year from all the children, families and staff at Pre-School!

2019 looks set to be an exciting one for us. We are delighted to announce that we will be offering PE sessions with Full Circle Sports and music sessions with Oxford Music Bugs from January. We will also be making regular trips to Forest School – look out for us in our bright yellow jackets!

We are all looking forward to Quiz Night at the Village Hall on 9th February. Please join us for a great evening (see our advert for further details). Later in the year we will be busy working on our float for the Wallingford Carnival – all offers of help gratefully received!

We are your local Pre-School and would love to hear from you if you would like to become more involved. If you have a particular skill – such as gardening, storytelling, playing a musical instrument, or spare time to come and read stories, we would love to hear from you! Please get in touch with us. You can contact us at: admin@crowmarshpre-school.org.uk or call us on 526118. We look forward to hearing from you!

Royal British Legion Trip

The Benson and District Branch of the Royal British Legion is arranging a trip to the Imperial War Museum on Saturday 9th March.

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Please note that this trip is dependent on obtaining sufficient number of people to fill the coach, and you do not have to be a member of the Royal British Legion to book. Deposits will be needed before the closing date of 8th January.

Wallingford's Royal Visit in 1835

Communication was received in Wallingford from the Duke of Wellington that the Royal Party would pass through Wallingford, while journeying from Oxford to Stratfieldsaye, on Wednesday 21st January 1835. Queen Adelaide was a member of the Royal Party and Wallingford and Crowmarsh took the opportunity to demonstrate their loyalty and attachment to the Queen.

On the morning of her visit all the church bells began to ring and continued throughout the day. A cannon was installed near Park Farm in Castle Street, to be used as a signal on the Queen nearing Wallingford. In the Market Place, it was arranged by Lord Howe that the Queen's horse would be changed, all the houses were decorated with banners, evergreens and flowers, and where St Martin's Street enters the Market Place an arch made from evergreens and flowers was erected, with the words "Welcome Adelaide" spelt out with dahlias from the gardens of W S Clarke and J J Allnatt, (in January? they must have been picked from their hot houses).

The Duke of Wellington drove through the town about two o'clock, on his way to Stratfieldsaye, and was cheered throughout the town. At 4 o'clock the cannon's boom was heard which announced the arrival of the Queen and her party. On the Queen's arrival in the Market Place she was received by the Corporation in their robes and with the mace of office. The committee of the Royal Berkshire Horticultural Society were also present. The Town Recorder, Mr T T Rigby, read an address on behalf of the Corporation welcoming her to the Town and declaring the town's loyalty to her and the King (William IV), to which she replied with a short speech.

The Chairman of the Royal Berkshire Horticultural Society, Mr J J Allnatt, addressed the Queen with what was at the time considered a rather long speech. The Queen's reply was much shorter. Mr Allnatt then presented the Queen with a nosegay of flowers from the conservatory of Mr J K Hedges. Edward Wells, the Society's Treasurer, presented her with a basket of grapes, grown by himself (or possibly his gardener). Mr Allnatt then asked the Queen for permission to name a seedling dahlia after her, which she readily agreed to.

On the departure of the Royal Party the dense crowds that filled the Market Place cheered and sang the National Anthem. After the Queen left, the Mayor appeared on the balcony of the Town Hall and read the Queen's reply to Mr Rigby's address, which enabled everyone to hear what she had said.

The Queen's party was escorted as far as Streatley parish boundary by a detachment of the Oxfordshire Yeomanry, commanded by Cornet W S Blackstone, MP for Wallingford. On reaching Streatley she was met by 50 children from Streatley School holding two flags; on one was written, "God save the King and Queen Adelaide, the infant's friend". As the Royal carriage passed, the Queen let down the glass window and waved to the children and to what the newspaper called the peasantry. After the Queen had passed through Streatley, the children were given plum cake and wine in their schoolroom.

Four barrels of beer were installed in Wallingford Market Place, for all to drink the Queen's health. This was given by the Corporation and Edward Wells.

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The 'goings-on' at Wallingford Museum

Wallingford Museum has closed for its winter refurbishment, re-opening on 1st March 2019. This winter there is additional activity and excitement whilst Flint House is modified and additional space created in the courtyard. The work covers proposals to modify the ground floor of the Museum to provide a disabled WC and create a space that can be used by groups visiting the Museum. Additionally, the works cover the replacement of two storage sheds, located in the rear yard of the Museum, with a larger single storey timber building which will enable purpose-built housing for part of the Museum's collections and archaeology equipment.

At the same time behind the scenes, a new special exhibition is being created entitled '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.

The Museum is run entirely by volunteers who provide a particularly valuable resource for Wallingford's history for local people, schools and visitors. In the future it will contribute more significantly to the tourism attraction of the town.

So the Museum is looking for people to help with the running of this popular attraction and 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!

Please contact Jenny Carpenter on 826734 or email: jenacarpenter@hotmail.co.uk

Wallingford Museum Bookshop

Whilst Wallingford Museum is closed for its winter break there are still opportunities to visit its popular second-hand bookshop. We have an excellent selection of good second-hand books (both fiction and non-fiction) at sensible prices.

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Susan Harrington
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Women at War

David Beasley will be returning to The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society (TWHAS) to present his 'Women at War' talk.

This presentation will show how much women contributed to the war effort during the First World War. Without their sacrifice the war would have lasted longer. The main theme will be the munition workers and Land Army. A direct comparison will be made with their contribution in Second World War. The presentation will consist of around 100 photographs, some never seen before!

David lives in Crowmarsh Gifford, is well known throughout southern Oxfordshire, and has an in depth knowledge of the locality. He has written several local history books, all using his own research from photographs and postcards of the past.

This talk will be held on Wednesday 9th January, 7.45 for 8pm, at St Mary's Church, Wallingford. Visitors (£4) are most welcome.

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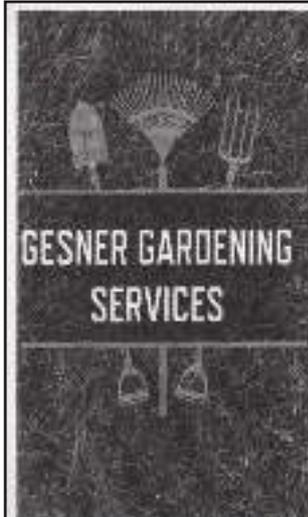
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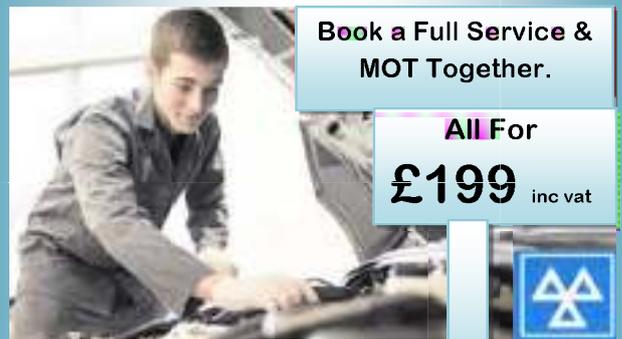
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Happy New Year! This time last year saw the launch of our monthly “Crowmarsh Community Café” with the aim of bringing our community together and to build relationships. This is now established as a regular fixture in the village calendar on the second Saturday of each month from 10am to noon at the Village Hall.

From the outset, there was no intention or expectation of raising funds – tea, coffee, cakes and refreshments for children are all offered for free; however, thanks to the generosity of those who have made cakes and waived their expenses, and to those who have made donations towards the costs, we are in the happy position of having raised over £800, of which we will be donating £250 to the Village Hall, with the remainder being used to improve other communal facilities in the church. We also welcome other villagers and organisations to join in with the Community Café: for example, last year, the information

boards for the new playground and outdoor gym were regularly displayed and we are pleased to hear that this project is now fully funded.

If anyone else would like to get involved, perhaps to join a rota of helpers, please get in touch with me or Mary Ruston on 839140 (rustonjam@tiscali.co.uk). We hope to see you soon if you have not already discovered the Community Café – you will be most welcome!

Also, this month, we are delighted to be joining the wider Wallingford Team and Bishop Colin for a special service in the town at which two of our members, Chris and Laura, will be confirmed, having previously had their son Christened last May. We are planning our Baptism Preparation courses for early Spring, so please let me know if you are interested.

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Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall on Thursday 13th December 2018

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

Apologies were received from Councillors Denise Hall and Patricia Millar.

Matters arising from the previous meeting

Coulton Tree Services have cut the hedge at Home Farm and beside the footpath from the church to the recreation ground. We will get another quote for pruning the shrubs on the corner of the A4074 Portway and Cox's Lane.

Cllr Sherbourne is arranging for a copper beech tree to be planted in Jethro Tull Gardens on 18th December to replace the diseased ash tree that had to be felled.

The broken drain cover at North Stoke crossroads has been replaced. The culvert in The Street at North Stoke has been covered over and £1,000 will be claimed from County Councillor Gray's local fund.

Cllr Soames was authorised to obtain advice from the council's solicitor about registering North Stoke Village Hall with the Land Registry.

Replacement noticeboards have been ordered and will be delivered to Chris Strange at the pavilion. It was not possible to apply for an SODC grant in the time available.

Cllr Topliss and Chris Strange have agreed on the location of new dog fouling signs at the recreation ground.

Daffodil bulbs have been planted on the grass verge in The Street opposite Newnham Manor. Ideas for future planting are welcome.

The County Council has been asked to replace the

orange street lights in North Stoke with efficient LED units that are more appropriate in a conservation area.

Finance

Payments made in November were approved including £1098.50 for repairs to the culvert at North Stoke, £81.20 for allotment insurance, £20 affiliation fee to the Allotments and Gardens Council, water bills for the pavilion and the allotments and payment to Coulton Tree Services for hedge cutting.

A detailed financial summary to the end of December will be presented at the next meeting. A £3095 feed-in payment for the solar panels from June 2017 to November 2018 had been received. A payment of £108,985 including VAT is due in December for the playground project. It was noted that WREN will release grant funding after receiving invoices and seeing the equipment on site. The Finance Officer has to keep close control of cashflow and has transferred funds from the deposit account to cover this payment. An invoice is expected for the noticeboards and a further charge for installation in due course.

Budget and precept

A draft budget for 2019-20 was presented and approved with some minor amendments. A proposal to increase the precept was discussed but it was agreed that the Parish Council's reserves are high and it was agreed to review the precept again next year after the spending on the playground project. Salaries are due for review in April 2019. After discussion it was agreed that the precept should remain at £38,201 for 2019-20. This means that the parish element of the Council Tax should stay the same or fall slightly.

Grants and donations

It was agreed to donate £200 to the Chilterns Conservation Board which has provided significant advice and support when dealing with planning applications affecting the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Cllr Griffin declared an interest as a member of the Board. It was noted that there is a current consultation on the AONB management plan as well as a national review of AONBs and National Parks.

A donation of £100 will be made to Wallingford Volunteer Centre.

A donation of £100 to the Oxfordshire Victoria County History Group was agreed. The group is working on Volume 20 of the local history project, covering the parishes in the south of the historic county, including the constituent parts of our parish.

District Councillor's report

Cllr Sue Cooper reported on the scrutiny of the South Oxfordshire Local Plan, to be debated by the full council on 20th December. Tenders to design and build new SODC offices in Benson Lane have been invited but plans have not yet been drawn up. The parish council will ask again to have some input to the specification to seek flexible community facilities.

Not enough information is available from central government at present to inform budget making for next year.

Complaints have been received about the quality of Biffa's waste and recycling collections, including problems with missed and misplaced bins. Please report any problems, with photos if possible, to admin.southoxford@biffa.co.uk or ring 03000 610610.

County Councillor's report and related matters

Cllr Mark Gray has talked to county and district council officers about parking at the entrance to the Riverside Park and will contact John Backley of SODC again to arrange a meeting.

£120 million will be spent on roads in the next ten years, of which £7 million has been set aside for the next year. 37,000 potholes have been filled in the past year. The county council website gives information on road gritting during the winter months.

A resident of Benson Lane expressed concern about the speed of traffic in Benson Lane. Cllr Gray has provided signs for posting that can now be installed. The Parish Council paid for speed measurements, which have been carried out but not yet reported. Speeding is a serious problem and police enforcement is essential. Councillor Gray recommended that the parish council ask for further police speed checks. Cllr Hall has obtained a quote of £2266 for solar powered speed signs. Two signs will be needed, and this will be discussed at the February meeting. In addition to the Parish Council's proposed speed indication device, a crossing will be investigated and

considered in the list of strategic priorities, but it is unlikely to happen until building begins on the Bloor site.

Ipsden Parish Council have purchased a speed indication device to be sited near the White House crossroads on the A4074. They have asked for permission to post a sign in the parish of Crowmarsh, which we agree to.

Planning

Decisions by SODC:

P18/S2866/FUL (Full Application): Detached dwelling. 27 Benson Lane, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8ED:

PERMISSION GRANTED.

The Chair of Planning attended the SODC Planning Committee meeting on 28th November where this application was approved.

P18/S3020/HH (Householder) and P18/S3021/LB (Listed Building): Single-storey rear conservatory to extend the existing kitchen area. 45 The Street, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8EA:

PERMISSION GRANTED.

P18/S3445/HH: Single storey rear extension. Days Cottage, The Street, North Stoke, OX10 6BL:

PERMISSION GRANTED.

P18/S3505/HH: First floor side extension over existing. 49 Park View, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8BJ:

PERMISSION GRANTED.

P18/S3620/HH: Door and window alterations to existing outbuilding. Days Cottage, The Street, North Stoke, OX10 6BL:

PERMISSION GRANTED.

Parish Council responses to SODC:

P18/S3694/HH and P18/S3695/LB: Internal alterations to existing bathrooms, provision of new attic level WC, alterations to modern window casements, new external soil pipes and conservation roof light, enlarging window opening to rear elevation. Brook House, The Street, North Stoke, OX10 6BL:

RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

P18/S3786/PDH (Permitted Development): Install a conservatory with a pitched glass roof at 18 Robert Sparrow Gardens, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8DQ:

NO COMMENTS ALLOWED by the Parish Council.

P18/S3850/HH: Proposed single storey rear extension and associated internal alterations (as amended showing the removal of the external boiler unit only). 8 Carmel Terrace, Mongewell, OX10 8BX:
RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

P18/S4005/LDP (Lawful Development):
Creation of new vehicular access to an unclassified road (un-named) and hard standing. Blenheim Farm Barns, Icknield Way OX10 6PR:
NO COMMENTS ALLOWED by the Parish Council.

P18/S4026/N4C: Change of use from agriculture to B8 storage and distribution for Barns A (Hay Barn) and B (Grain Barn). Blenheim Farm Barns, Icknield Way OX10 6PR:
RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

P18/S4045/FUL: Detached 2-bed dwelling with integral double garage. Resubmission of P18/S1866/FUL Land Adjacent The Old Coach House, The Street, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8EH:
RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

CABI development

Two local residents reported on developments at the CABI site, where Cala Homes now owns the housing site and development has begun. The adjoining fields to the west are to be public open space and managed for conservation, including wild flower planting and a bat sanctuary, but they also still need to be farmed.

Concern was expressed about removal of trees along the northern boundary: new tree planting was required to screen the site.

Environment & recreation ground

Scofell has quoted £582.75 + VAT to cut back blackthorn encroaching on the nature area near the Thames: this was approved.

Update on playground project

The contractor for the play area and gym will be Eibe. Contracts and legal agreements are being signed with Eibe and the grant awarding bodies. Three quotes have been requested for soft landscaping, shrubs and grass.

A donation of £150 has been received from Homebase.

After discussion it was agreed that the fence around the playground will be a green-coated metal one, which requires less maintenance than a

wooden one, especially in case of flooding.

Other matters

The Chairman reported on the Oxford Victoria County History lecture on Monday 3rd December. Drafts of the history of Crowmarsh Gifford and Newnham Murren are on the website for comment (please see www.victoriacountyhistory.ac.uk/counties/oxfordshire). North Stoke and Mongewell are being worked on now and should be posted there next year.

Cllr Johnson reported that the Emery Owen Trust that owns the allotments between The Street and Thames Mead is cutting back trees and bushes close to neighbours' fences. It is hoped to improve and returf the footpath, which might require a temporary diversion.

Cllr Sherbourne reported that planning permission had been granted for a proposed extension to Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall.

Next meeting

The Parish Council does not meet in January. The next meeting will be on Thursday 7th February at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Meeting dates for the rest of 2019: 7th March, 4th April, 9th May, 6th June, 4th July, 1st August, 5th September, 3rd October, 7th November and 12th December.

Elections for parish and district councils are to be held on Thursday 2nd May.

Short Mat Bowls

takes place at the Pavilion on Tuesdays at 2pm and on Thursdays at 2pm. For more information, please call 202543.

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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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 5th	10.30	Sue Ryder Sale	Nettlebed
Sunday 6th	13.30	CTC 21-mile cycle ride	Meet Wallingford Market Place
Wednesday 9th	14.00	U3A: Lecture, the Spanish Classical Guitar	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Wednesday 9th	19.45	TWHAS: Women at War Wallingford	St Mary's Church,
Wednesday 9th	19.45	Henley Philatelic: Fiscals and Forgeries	Bix Village Hall
Saturday 12th	10.00-12.00	Crowmarsh Community Café	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Sunday 20th	13.30	CTC 30-mile road ride	Meet Wallingford Market Place
Wednesday 23rd	19.45	Henley Philatelic: Autobiographical displays	Bix Village Hall
Saturday 26th	10.30	Sue Ryder Sale	Nettlebed

February

Wednesday 6th	14.00	U3A: AGM followed by "How Women Won the Vote"	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Thursday 7th	19.30	Crowmarsh Parish Council Meeting	Crowmarsh Village Hall

For details of walks with Didcot & Wallingford Ramblers, please see www.ramblers.org.uk/didcot-wallingford

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