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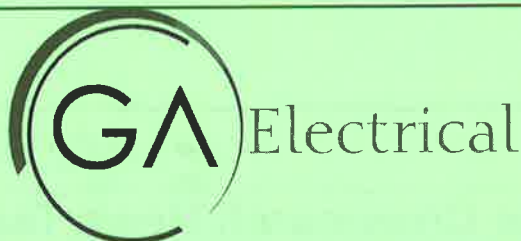


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June 18th was 'Cream Tea in a Box' day in Crowmarsh. The charity Action Medical Research for Children has been running this event annually for a number of years, and resident of The Street, Winifred Lay, bought her first box several years ago.

This year, she determined to take charge and sell as many boxes as she could. With the help of friends and family she sold 133 boxes making £798.00 for the charity.

The charity is involved in such issues as tackling premature birth and treating sick babies, helping children affected by disability, and targeting rare diseases. It has spent over £100m funding some amazing medical breakthroughs.

A total of 10,000 scones were made for this nationwide fundraising effort, and the delicious contents of the boxes included jam and clotted cream and of course a tea bag! Most of the boxes' contents were donated and due to the volunteering efforts of people such as Winifred



most of the £6.00 per tea goes directly to the charity.

Winifred, pictured above (with a cream tea box, of course!) wishes to thank all those who helped her selling teas and for being available on the day, including those who carried out deliveries.

Rev'd Jeremy's licensing to Uffington

You may be aware that Rev'd Jeremy has now left our parish for pastures new and has moved to Uffington, in the Vale of the White Horse.

As the sending parish (Anglican term!), we are invited to his licensing and induction into the Uffington parishes. This will be held on Tuesday 21st July at 7.30pm in St Mary's, Uffington. If you are planning to attend, please would you let one of our churchwardens know, as we need to let Uffington know about numbers. Car sharing is available, and if there are enough people, we may organise a coach.

Margaret Foster
Churchwarden
836076

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Parish councillors are local residents who want to help look after and improve their community. You don't need special qualifications, just a willingness to work together to decide on local issues and solve problems affecting the parish.

If you live or work in Crowmarsh, Mongewell or North Stoke and would like to be considered, please send your name and address, with a few details about yourself, your interests and any involvement in the community, to the Parish Clerk, Mrs Sue Rance, 2 Home Farm, Crowmarsh Gifford.

Or if you would like to find out more about what is involved, please contact the Chairman, John Griffin, 29 Thames Mead, Crowmarsh Gifford (tel. 838523 or email johngriffin@phonecoop.coop).

Our next meeting, open to the public, is on Thursday 2 July at 7.30 at North Stoke.

Crowmarsh Pre-School

As we enter the final term of the academic year, our Rising 5s are preparing to move on to school and we all wonder where the time has gone! We have planned a busy and stimulating term ahead with fun activities and experiences.

Our themes over the following weeks are growing, flower festival, Kings & Queens, carnival/circus, Father's Day, Zoolab, Sports Day, Teddy Bears' Picnic and Summer. We are also looking forward to a visit from Zoolab, who will be bringing along some furry friends for the children to meet, and our school trip to the farm.

As the demand for the pre-school is continuing to grow, we have started a waiting list. If you have a child who you would like to attend Crowmarsh pre-school, we suggest registering early to avoid disappointment.

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To find out more information about the pre-school, please call our Manager, Dilys Beaumont, for a chat on 07951599623, or e-mail Vikki at admissions@crowmarshpre-school.org.uk

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Crowmarsh Gifford School

We have almost come to the end of another school year. It really does fly by!

So many things have been happening in school. Both our Year 5 and 6 classes have just come back from their residential trips. Year 6 travelled to the Isle of Wight for a week and made memories that will last a lifetime. Year 5 went just up the road to Youlbury Scout Activity Centre and were challenged to really take risks and brave new adventures. Both classes came back with exciting stories to tell and renewed attitudes to take on the rest of the term.

Alice, in year 6, along with the rest of her class helped to design a winning flag that symbolised our constituency. We were chosen as the only school to represent Oxfordshire and to have our flag flown in Parliament Square.

We were one of 79 other schools in England to have been chosen to have our flag template sewn into a real flag to commemorate the 1265 Montfort Parliament. To celebrate the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta, our flag was also flown at Runnymede. Our flag will soon be returned to us, where we can fly it for all to see.

Our year will end with our traditional prize giving ceremony, our leavers' service among many other end of year events. Another year comes to a close where we say our goodbyes and often shed a few (well quite a few!) tears.

But we hope, as the children leave and move on, that we have prepared them well. Our aim is that every child leaves Crowmarsh with a thirst for learning, with qualities of leaders and the confidence to take on challenges with resilience and grit.

As always, we hope you are able to join us in some of our end of year events and look forward to welcoming you into our school.

Until next time.....

Kindest Regards,

**Mrs Barton,
Headteacher**

Public consultation on changes to subsidised bus services and Dial-A-Ride

There is an important public consultation over the next 12 weeks about a possible change to the subsidised bus and Dial-A-Ride services in Oxfordshire. The county council would like to get your views so that we can understand all potential impacts of any proposed change. For further details and an opportunity to respond see: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/stconsultation

Notices on parish noticeboards give full details of five public meetings across Oxfordshire. These give an opportunity to hear OCC's proposals first hand and feed back into the consultation.

Meetings are open to everyone and the most local one for Crowmarsh Gifford residents will be held on Monday 6th July in Didcot Civic Hall, Didcot, from 16.00 to 17.30. There will also be one on Wednesday 8th at the Abingdon Guildhall, again from 16.00 to 17.30.

Oxfordshire County Council is in the process of making some £290 million of savings, which began in 2010 and run until 2018. On top of those savings, they might need to save a further £60 million.

As part of the council's budget setting in February, councillors reduced the overall supported transport budget by a fifth (£6.3 million). Although they can achieve nearly £3.7 million in savings by bringing together all supported transport services, this is not enough. The council needs to find at least £2.6 million of additional savings and this will inevitably impact some people in the county.

If you need support in commenting on the proposals or are interested in attending one of our events, please get in touch with the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council on 01865 883488 or email orcc@oxonrcc.org.uk.

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The Wallingford Tour

On 21st July it will be 110 years since a party of 60 from the British Archaeological Association travelled to Wallingford by steam launch from Reading, where they held their annual congress. They were met by Revds J E Field and A W N Deacon and after a light lunch at the George Hotel they were taken to points of historical interest around the town.

The party were first taken to the Market Place, where Revd Field pointed out the old Bull Ring which surrounded the obelisk (now in the Bull Croft; the War Memorial stands in its place). Revd Deacon (Rector of St Mary's) pointed out that the tower of St Mary's (built in 1653) was largely built from material from Wallingford Castle, whose demolition had started the year before.

They then moved towards St Leonard's Church via the Cattle Market, now a car park and once the site of St Michael's Church. It was pointed out that the walls surrounding the Cattle Market were probably built from material from the remains of St Michael's Church.

Arriving at St Leonard's Church, the Revd Field pointed out the stonework that is pre-Norman and inside, on one of the abacus on one of the piers, is a human face at an angle which also was thought to be pre-Norman. Revd Field said the church was thought to be largely 10th century, having been destroyed in 1006 by the Danes and re-built. During the English Civil War the church was badly damaged and Parliamentary forces used the church as a stable for their horses. It was left as a ruin for over sixty years, and was again re-built during Queen Anne's reign. In 1850 the church tower was added and other changes left it in the form we see today.

The party then moved to St Lucian's (in 1905 the home of Mr Frederick Miller) and this Tudor building was much admired.

Revd Field then led the party through the Kine Croft to its north-west corner where he indicated St Peter-in-the-West once stood, close to the west gate; the "Cross Keys" public house took its name from the emblem of St

Peter, the crossed keys.

The intention was to take the party around the Castle Grounds but as many of the party were elderly and it was a hot day the walk around the Castle grounds was abandoned. Instead the Misses Hedges opened the Castle museum and the party were shown the pillory and whipping-post which at one time stood in the Market Place. They were told of the prison built by Brien Fitzcount and of the screams of tortured prisoners which could be heard at night in the town.

The exhausted party had spent over three hours touring the town's historical sites and after giving their thanks to the Revds Field and Deacon, with some relief, boarded the steam launch that took them back to Reading.

Music at St Peter's - July

Music at St Peter's continues its highly successful 30th season of concerts in St Peter's Church, Wallingford, with a programme of music on Saturday 11th July for cello and piano given by the Italian cellist Alberto Casadei and pianist Somi Kim. Their programme includes sonatas for cello and piano by Brahms and Debussy, and a Suite for Unaccompanied Cello by J S Bach.

Tickets are £12 in advance or £14 on the door – you can get them in advance from Just Trading in St Mary's Street, or by post. For a fully detailed brochure with a ticket order form, and to be on our mailing list for next year, please send your name and full postal address to laurence.attewill@gmail.com or phone Laurence on 01865 343336. All concerts start at 8pm.

If you are planning to submit material for the summer issues of the *Crowmarsh News*...

... please do your best to deliver it early, to avoid complications caused by hoiddays.

Science Exchange Wallingford

You are what your mother ate: how life before birth shapes your future

We have a first for Science Exchange Wallingford! We are very excited that our July speaker is a former Wallingford School student. She is Susan Ozanne, of the Institute of Metabolic Science at the University of Cambridge.

In the 1990s, researchers discovered that our chances of developing Type 2 Diabetes were determined not just by the genes inherited from our parents, but also by our environment, including the food that we eat. Perhaps most surprisingly, it is not only our own diet that influences our chances of developing the disease, but even the food we received as a foetus in the womb. Therefore the phrase "you are what you eat" could be expanded to "you are what your mother ate"!

Professor Susan Ozanne attended Wallingford School before studying Biochemistry at Edinburgh and then working on Type 2 Diabetes for her PhD at Cambridge. She has been involved in research into programming of appetite for almost 20 years.

Science Exchange Wallingford is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8th July in Wallingford School Library, St George's Road, Wallingford – doors open from 7pm. Light refreshments are available and each event is free to attend. We are privileged to be a Café Scientifique. (<http://www.cafescientifique.org/>)

Wallingford U3A

Our June speaker was Tony Strafford, who was to tell us about "The Ladies of the Tower". Tony had been a Regimental Sergeant Major, so we all sat up and paid attention. He was then a Beefeater, a Yeoman Warder of the Tower, where he lived and worked for 20 years, and there seemed to be nothing that he did not know.

He arrived resplendent in his Beefeater's uniform, not in the scarlet and gold, but in the

elegant dark costume designed, he told us, by Prince Albert. He started happily enough with William the Conqueror, who began the building of the Tower, and whose wife, Mathilda, occasionally lived there. A jump, then, to the unfortunate Maud FitzWalter who was imprisoned and poisoned in the Tower for rejecting the advances of Bad King John. Edward I completed the fortress. Good news: Edward's marriage to Eleanor of Castile was one of Europe's great love stories.

We were led in chilling detail through the executions of Anne Boleyn and the reckless Catherine Howard. And then the tragic and unjust death of sixteen year old Lady Jane Grey, the Nine Day Queen. What a horrible lot the Tudors were. There were men too: the Duke of Clarence, who was drowned in wine, and Sir Walter Raleigh, who lived elegantly enough in the Tower for 13 years, but was beheaded even so.

Tony's was a virtuoso performance – no notes, no mike, no hesitations. Clearly he enjoyed it all immensely, as did we. He said he'd come back another time and tell us about the ravens.

Our meetings are held in Crowmarsh Village Hall at 2pm on the first Wednesday of each month (although our July meeting will be on 8th of July). Visitors are always welcome.

Future Talks

8th July: David Cranston: John Radcliffe - Doctor and Philanthropist

5th August: Timothy Walker: The Oxford Botanical Gardens and Harcourt Arboretum

2nd September: Ms Marion Ackrill: Living by the Flute.

All tickets for "Stepping Out" at Sonning Mill in November have been taken, but there is a Reserve List. The visit to Chalgrove Church was very successful. This is a new Group which we join to visit local Churches of interest. Another new group, the History of Religion, is meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Ring Ann on 839414 for details. For more information about what we do, ring Hermione on 01865 858024, or visit our website: www.u3asites.org.uk/wallingford, where you will find photographs and up to the minute information.



Family Archaeology Day

On Saturday 18th July from 11am to 4pm Wallingford Museum has organised another exciting Family Archaeology Day at the Museum.

An actual archaeological excavation will be taking place in the Museum courtyard and you'll be able to learn all about how archaeology is done from the experts. You'll also be able to take part in some 'hands-on' work – pot-washing, sieving, and much more. Then you can find out how to begin to identify the sort of pottery that helps to date the finds from archaeology and even try making your own pots for fun!

Also explore the delights of the Museum – find the Roman skeleton, the woolly mammoth bones, spearheads, stones from the lost Priory; handle the cannon ball and search the 'smelly-feely' drawers.

Of course, you can also have a good look at this year's special museum exhibitions, including 'Wallingford's Royal Castle Revealed' (where children can do their own quiz!), 'At home with the Queen of Crime: Agatha Christie', and displays about Magna Carta (Wallingford is one of only four towns mentioned in this important document), and *Midsomer Murders* (Wallingford is Causton in the TV series).

So there's plenty of family entertainment for this special archaeology day!

Entry is by Museum ticket at the door – £4 per adult (which gives unlimited entry until 28th November) but accompanied children are FREE.

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Didcot and Wallingford Ramblers Walks for July

Tuesday 7th

10:00 SU760832 Moderate 8 miles

Meet at Henley rugby club car park on the Marlow road. Walk via Thames Path towards Marlow through woods and back via Henley Park. Please bring packed lunch. Dogs on short leads please. Bus friendly.
Contact John Rust, 836563.

Sunday 12th

14:00 SU526882 Moderate 7-9 miles

Meet at Upper Cross, East Hagbourne, near the church for a monthly village ramble which varies from 5 to 9 miles at a quick pace.
Contact Paul Chambers, 01235 816365.

Wednesday 15th

09:40 SU597808 Moderate 7 miles

Meet at Wallingford riverside car park (fee payable) at 9:40 for steamer at 09:45 to Goring Lock where the walk starts. Steamer cost is £5.80 for seniors. Cruise down the Thames to Goring for start of the walk and return to Wallingford along the Ridgeway. Please bring packed lunch. Bus friendly.
Contact Sue White, 834370 or 07814 165940.

Tuesday 21st

10:00 SU718886 Moderate 6 miles

Meet at Maidensgrove on the common near bends in road. Walk via Crocker End, Upper Maidensgrove and Russell's Water.
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Village Hall AGM

The Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall Annual General meeting will be held in the Hall on Friday, 3 July, starting at 19.30.

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Citizens' Advice is urging people who are worried that they are running into debt to seek help as soon as possible.

The consequences of falling behind on basic bills like rent, council tax or energy bills can be serious. In extreme cases, non-payment of rent can lead to eviction, energy debts can result in your power being cut off, and not paying council tax can lead to a prison sentence.

Citizens' Advice is seeing an increasing number of people seeking help because they can't make their incomes stretch to cover essential bills. Low pay and slow wage growth have left many people struggling to pay for rent, energy supplies and council tax.

It can be very difficult to cut back on these costs, but there is action you can take to get your finances back on track. If you are worried about debt, come to Citizens' Advice for help as soon as you become aware that there is a problem. Problems only get worse if they aren't tackled early.

Top tips on dealing with debt

1. Dealing with debt problems is easier when the debt is small, so take action before the figures start to spiral out of control.
2. Don't take out more credit or a loan to cover your debts.
3. Look carefully at your spending. Is there anything you can cut down on? Draw up a realistic budget.
4. Do talk to your creditors and let them know you are having problems.
5. Don't pay off the creditor who is shouting the loudest but first pay the most important bills, like mortgage or rent, council tax, gas and electricity. Otherwise you will be in danger of losing your home, having your gas and

electricity cut off, or ending up in court.

6. Don't ignore court papers.

7. Citizens' Advice gives free, independent and confidential advice. They will help you work out repayments and negotiate with your creditors, and also help you keep out of debt in the future. A CAB adviser can check and see if you are missing out on benefits, tax credits and other help to which you might be entitled, and can help you make a claim.

Your local CAB can be contacted at The Bullcroft, High Street, Wallingford, OX10 0BX. Drop-in times are on Tuesdays from 10.00-3.30pm and on Fridays from 10.00-1.00pm. You can also call 08444 111 444 (from a land-line) or 0300 33 00 650 (from a mobile).

Wallingford & District Art Club

Wallingford and District Art Club meets on Tuesdays, 7.30-9.30pm at Centre 70, Goldsmiths Lane.

On Tuesday 21st July, artist Joel Wareing will demonstrate how to paint light and shade in an urban scene using soft pastels. You are most welcome to join us for what is always an entertaining and interesting evening (visitors £5, members free). And why not come along to a FREE taster session at one of the untutored painting evenings on all other Tuesdays? Just bring your own materials and ideas or simply come to have a look round and a friendly chat.

Do ring or e-mail me if you would like more information on this or the other exciting demonstrations we shall be having each month.

Stephanie Toole

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Sustainable Wallingford Swap Shop

Sustainable Wallingford will be holding another Swap Shop at the Regal Centre on Saturday 4 July, from 0945 to 1130. You can bring items to swap between 0915 and 1030 on the day.

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Services for July

Sunday 5th	Trinity .5.	11am	Parish Communion
Sunday 12th	Trinity .6.	11am	Pet service - All Age Worship
Sunday 19th	Trinity .7.	11am	Patronal Festival - Parish Communion
Sunday 26th	Trinity .8.	11am	All Age Communion

Following our APCM in April, we had a change of Churchwarden. Mrs Sarah Nesbitt stepped down after 6 years serving in her capacity as Churchwarden. We have to say a big thank you for all she did for us over that time. Following an election, Mrs Eva Thompson was elected to the vacant post.

June was quite a month for us; we had a number of events to cater and arrange. We started with the 'History Talk' which was given to us by Judy Dewey at the beginning of the month. The talk was about the 'Impact of the two Civil Wars' which affected both Wallingford and Crowmarsh; although there was quite a lot to say about Wallingford, there wasn't quite so much to say about Crowmarsh. Suffice it to say, we were involved in the Battle between Stephen and Matilda in the early Middle Ages, and then again between Cromwell and the Royalists in the 1600s, and in each case we were on opposing sides!

Our Flower Festival and Fete went very well, and we are at the moment still assessing what profit was made overall. The Dog Show was well attended, and everyone had a lot of fun, and prizes for the best in each class of competition were handed out. Our flower displays were of the usual high standard, and many favourable comments were received.

At the Songs of Praise Service, the Wallingford Team came together for a final service for Jeremy, and we were able to say our farewells in the traditional manner, with a cheer and a raised glass of bubbly. Our prayers go with

him to his new Parish in Uffington, and we hope that his Ministry goes well.

The Parish has been assured that we shall have a replacement for Jeremy; and so until that person arrives, the Parish will continue as before; for all enquiries regarding Christenings, Weddings or Funerals can you please make contact with myself or Eva – our telephone numbers are at the top of the article. But if you would prefer to speak directly with a Vicar, can you please contact the Wallingford Team Rector Rev'd David Rice, tel 202188.

Although we were sad to lose Jeremy, we did have some happy news – Sarah Nesbitt our previous Churchwarden, has been accepted as a candidate for training for the Priesthood, and will commence her studies in September. Our prayers and congratulations go with her.

Our Church will be open as always for our usual Services, albeit it with a visiting Vicar, but they do say a change is as good as a rest, so we shall see. In the meantime, we shall be working hard to prepare for the new person who will come to lead our congregation.

Do come along and worship with us, you will be made most welcome – perhaps you could dip your toe in by coming along to an All Age Worship Service, where we are more relaxed about things.

Hope to see you sometime. God Bless

Margaret Foster, Churchwarden

Sue Ryder – Sale Dates

The next dates for the Sales of Donated Goods are Saturdays 18th July and 8th August – 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Saleable donated goods are welcomed on week days between 9am and 4.30pm. We regret 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 note our new telephone number for these sales: 641384 ext 246.

Stoke Row Covered Market

The Nuffield Church Fundraising Committee has reluctantly decided to close the Stoke Row Covered Market during the summer months of July, August and September. We plan to re-open for business as usual on Saturday 17th October.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported us over the past twenty months, both stallholders and buyers. We hope to see you all back in October and look forward to seeing old friends again.

We wish you all a wonderful summer.

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Stoke Row and Nuffield Motorsports Day

There will be a flower festival and mini fete alongside the Stoke Row and Nuffield Motorsports Day on Sunday 5th July at Timbers Farm, Nuffield. Everything kicks off at 12pm.

The flower festival will be held in Nuffield Church on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th July from 12 to 5pm.

Please come and join us. It promises to be an exciting day with lots to see and do.



Crowmarsh children's success in the Wallingford Festival of Cycling

Well done to all the Crowmarsh residents and Crowmarsh School pupils who took part in the Wallingford Festival of Cycling on 21st June.

Congratulations especially go to Crowmarsh School pupils Thomas Cox, Neo Davies and Jude Nixon, who each won their respective races.



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The Charity has five trustees, of whom one will be the Vicar, two proposed by the Parish Council and two local people. The focus of the Charity is to support local people in need of help. Since April 2014 the Charity has donated over £3,300 to groups such as Wallingford Stroke Club, Wallingford Toy Library and Wallingford Volunteer Centre. We remain keen to support local people in need of help and other Charities which support people in our community.

If you would like to take up an allotment please talk to Sean Clayton-Chance on 832794.

Andrew Johnson

Band Concert in Wallingford Castle Gardens

Blewbury Brass Band will be giving a free concert in the Castle Gardens on Sunday 5th July, 3-5pm.

Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall is ideal for children's parties and can be booked for £10.00 per hour (minimum 2 hours).

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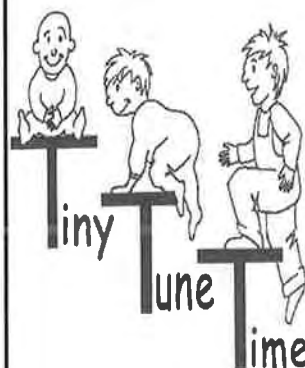


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Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall on Thursday 4th June 2015

Present: Councillors John Griffin (Chair), Nigel Hannigan, Andrew Johnson, Stephen Sherbourne, Fleur Stevenson and Stuart Soames; Sue Rance (Parish Clerk), Melanie Malcolm (Finance Officer) and 2 members of the public.

Apologies: from Cllr Francesca Jones

Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting

A car and caravan are still parked next to the A4074 between the turnings to Mongewell and to North Stoke. County Councillor Gray is making enquiries.

Cllrs Hannigan and Gray are consulting local contractors about provision of a pedestrian crossing in The Street.

Grass cutting

A meeting was held with Scofell about gaps in their initial cuts and to agree an annotated map of all the areas to be included. Cllr Griffin will be the contact with Scofell for Crowmarsh Gifford, but Chris Strange will be the main contact for the recreation ground and Cllr Soames for North Stoke. A schedule of work is being drawn up so there will be a full specification in place for next year.

Wallingford Town Council will no longer plant and maintain flower tubs in the village after a member of their staff was struck by a car at the Queen's Head roundabout last year. Alternative solutions were discussed and it was agreed that Cllrs Hannigan and Griffin will ask nearby householders if they could water the tubs outside their properties. The Clerk will inform the church, who have two tubs.

The police have been asked to monitor traffic speeding through North Stoke on weekday mornings.

Finance

The 2014-15 accounts had been internally audited and circulated to members, and were approved. The annual return that goes to the government auditors was presented and approved.

- The figures are similar to last year with a small increase in income and expenditure.
- VAT repayment was higher than the previous year because of £5000 extra capital expenditure, mostly on a new boiler system for the pavilion.
- There was increased expenditure on the nature reserve.
- It was suggested that a notice about inspecting the accounts could be placed in *Crowmarsh News*. Meanwhile this is on the noticeboard.

A schedule of payments made in May was presented. Additional payments were put forward and approved including £65 subscription to the Society of Local Council Clerks and £25 subscription to the Chiltern Society, the membership organisation that looks after the interests of the Chilterns. It works alongside the Chilterns Conservation Board, which is a statutory organisation to conserve and enhance the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The accounts at 31st May showed a payment made to Tom Cottrell for rotovating at the allotments. His invoice is awaited for grass cutting at Newnham Murren Church. Work there is now being carried out to a high standard.

Quote for repairs to bus shelter

Arrow Fencing had submitted an estimate of £153 plus VAT for repairs to the bus shelter and this was approved. This should be recovered from the people arrested for

causing the damage.

Chairman's report

Vacancies for Parish Councillors

The Chief Executive of SODC has reminded us that we should co-opt up five new councillors by 26th June. Mr David Mannering, a resident of Mongewell, had written expressing an interest in becoming a councillor. It was proposed by Cllr Griffin and seconded by Cllr Johnson that he be co-opted and this was agreed. We still have four vacancies to fill.

Feedback from Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting on 19th May was a successful and interesting event, particularly the discussion with Thames Water staff and neighbourhood police and the presentation from Mr Neale on the archaeology of Crowmarsh Gifford.

The question of mains drainage for North Stoke was discussed. Cllr Soames reported feedback from some residents concerned about the cost and possible disruption to their properties. It was agreed that a wider consultation could be carried out to assess the level of interest after more detailed advice from Thames Water, but this was at an early stage.

Cllr Sherbourne had received more feedback about the traffic problems accessing the A4074 from Cox's Lane and the danger of crossing the road to school. Cllr Sherbourne recommended lobbying for a crossing or speed camera on Portway, which will be discussed at the next meeting.

Planning

SODC decisions:

P15/S0868/LB (Listed Building): Removal of modern paint and cement-based renders from the interior and exterior of the building and replacement with breathable lime-based materials. Kimberley Cottage, The Street, North Stoke:
PERMISSION REFUSED.

Parish Council responses to SODC were agreed as follows:

P15/S1470/FUL: Variation of condition 15 (demolition of existing dwellings) of planning permission P10/W1752, to allow retention of the art room building. The Old Walled Garden, Mongewell Park, Mongewell:
RECOMMEND APPROVAL with condition that the art room building is not used as a separate dwelling.

P15/S1638/HH (Householder): Demolition of porch and construction of single storey porch/cloakroom extension. 37 Newnham Green, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8EW:
RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

P15/S1794/LB (Listed Building): Removal of modern paint and cement-based renders from the interior and exterior of the building and replacement with breathable lime-based materials. Kimberley Cottage, The Street, North Stoke:
RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

Environment and Recreation Ground Committee

- The committee had met on 18th May and it was agreed to circulate their minutes with the parish council minutes.
- Scofell are doing a good job as the contractor for maintenance of the nature area.
- The basketball area is on the list of future projects.
- Re the possible change of use of the spare changing rooms, possible bookings had to be turned down. Alternatively the spare space could be used to store equipment.
- Chris Strange is to do a first aid course.
- The committee would not apply for an alcohol licence for the pavilion.
- It was agreed that paid secretarial support should be provided for the committee meetings and as there are only three meetings per year, the Parish Clerk would be willing to take minutes.
- The Sea Scouts have been offered a Friday evening if they wish to have a regular booking.

Traffic and Transport Committee

Cllr Jones is continuing as the parish transport representative. Cllr Griffin will write in support of GoRide to continue running the 134 bus service.

Reports from outside bodies

Emery Owen Trust

The Emery Owen charity owns the allotment land between Thames Mead and The Street. Cllr Johnson and Mr John Bellamy are parish council's nominated trustees and Cllr Johnson is Chairman and Treasurer. The charity receives £3500 per annum for caravan storage and has spent £1500 in the last year on maintaining the allotment land. In the past year it has donated £1400 to good causes and people in need in the village (a substantial increase over previous years). Cllr Johnson will publicise the work of the Emery Owen Trust in *Crowmarsh News*.

Next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at North Stoke Village Hall on Thursday 2nd July, starting at 7.30pm. As always, members of the public are welcome to attend. Cllr Stevenson tendered her apologies for this meeting.

John Griffin

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At 10.30am, parents and kids can enjoy some classic cartoons followed by *The Wizard of Oz* from 1939 starring the young Judy Garland. At

2.30pm, the 1956 musical *High Society* starring Grace Kelly, Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra lights up the screen. At 7.30pm, preceded by a typical 'B' movie, Elvis Presley will wiggle those hips in his third film, the 1956 musical *Jailhouse Rock*.

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2nd and 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	8.30-11.15	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

*Except summer months

This month

Thursday 2nd	19.30	Parish Council	North Stoke Village Hall
Friday 3rd	19.30	Village Hall AGM	Village Hall
Friday 3rd	20.00-24.00	Thunderbird Rock'n'Roll	Wallingford Sports Park
Saturday 4th	09.45-11.30	Sustainable Wallingford Swap Shop	Regal Centre, Wallingford
Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th	All day	Children's Fun Weekend	Cholsey and Wallingford Railway
Sunday 5th	09.30	CTC 20 mile road ride	Meet at Wallingford Market Place
Sunday 5th	12.00	Stoke Row and Nuffield Motorsports Day	Timbers Farm, Nuffield
Sunday 5th	15.00-17.00	Band Concert - Blewbury Brass Band	Castle Gardens
Monday 6th	16.00-17.30	Bus services public consultation meeting	Didcot Civic Hall
Wednesday 8th	14.00	U3A: 'John Radcliffe-Doctor and Philanthropist'	Village Hall
Wednesday 8th	16.00-17.30	Bus services public consultation meeting	Abingdon Guildhall
Wednesday 8th	19.30	Henley Philatelic: Supper at the Crown, Pishill	Bix Village Hall
Saturday 11th	20.00	Concert: Cello and piano	St Peter's Church, Wallingford
Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th	All day	Woodcote Steam Rally	Woodcote, next to A4074
Saturday 18th	10.30	Sue Ryder Sale	Nettlebed
Saturday 18th	All day	Family Archaeology Day	Wallingford Museum
Sunday 19th	13.30	CTC 30-something-mile road ride	Meet Wallingford Market Place