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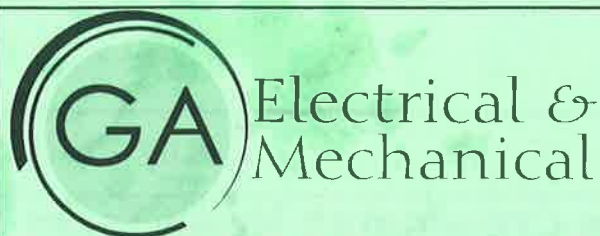


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You can also find out about the opportunity to play a part in making these projects happen by investing in the Hub's community share offer, which closes on 11th July. For more information, see www.lowcarbonhub.org/invest.

The Meeting is at 7.30pm at St Mary's church, next to Wallingford Town Hall, on Wednesday 6th July. This is a chance for people who care about a low carbon future to find out more and get involved in local energy for Oxfordshire - we hope to see you there!

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Just as one of the trees was falling into Benson Lane, a horse and cart driven by Mr Garrett, of Crowmarsh, with two passengers was passing. The cart was struck by some of the branches, and this, plus the force of the wind, turned the cart on to its side into the

ditch by the side of the road. Mr Garrett was badly bruised; the other two occupants of the cart were unhurt, the horse pulling the cart also escaped injury. Because the hurricane was so localised there was very little damage elsewhere.

In 1934 what was described as a whirlwind travelled the length of the main drive of Howbery Park. It damaged the elms that lined the drive and uprooted a tree onto the Lodge at the main gate, causing considerable damage to the rear of the building

In October 1987 I can remember the high winds that struck the south of England, watching from the safety of the Reynold's Building as three large trees were blown down. In total, 54 trees of various sizes were lost on Howbery Park that day, all of which were replaced over the following 18 months.

A new history for Crowmarsh

The Oxfordshire Victoria County History Trust has launched its project of research on the last few remaining South Chilterns parishes, including our four ecclesiastical parishes of Crowmarsh Gifford, Newnham Murren, Mongewell and North Stoke.

The south Chilterns parishes, which occupy a loop of the Thames between Crowmarsh on the west and Shiplake on the east, will make up Volume 20 of the Victoria County History (VCH). Begun in the 19th century, the aim of the VCH is to publish, by County, a detailed history of every parish and town in the country. The topics covered are settlement, landscape and ownership, buildings, agriculture and trade, social and religious history. The research and writing will be carried out by a team of four professional historians who draw on local and outside expertise.

The first draft parish histories for the area will be added to the VCH website during 2016 (www.victoriacountyhistory.ac.uk/oxfordshire).

Historical research is very labour-intensive and progress is subject to the Trust's success in raising financial support; donations are very welcome.

Donations can be made online or by cheque to VCN Trust, East House, Rokemmarsh, Wallingford OX10 6JB.

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Stoke Row Markets

The usual Stoke Row market will be closed for the period 18th June to September.

Instead, we are holding a craft fair and market in Benson Village Hall on Saturdays 2nd July and 13th August. They will run from 10am to 2pm and setup is from 8am.

The cost per table is £20. Please call 07782187866 to book a table.

Please try to support us. Spread the word amongst your fellow stallholders, family and friends.

South Oxfordshire Local Plan Exhibition – have your say on 15th July

SODC is preparing a revised Local Plan to 2032 and there will be public consultation including an exhibition in Crowmarsh Gifford on Friday 15th July.

The “preferred options” are on the council’s website at <http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-plan-2032>.

Come along and give your views on the location, amount and type of future housing and other development in the village and nearby. The exhibition will be open in Crowmarsh Gifford village hall from 3 to 7pm and all residents are encouraged to drop in and have your say.

CTC Wallingford

Bike rides from Wallingford in July

Sunday 3rd, 1.30pm

13-mile and 20-something mile road rides - Chris Leftley and Peter Wood will lead two overlapping rides to a refreshment stop at Ewelme School.

The 13-mile ride will go through Benson and Rokemars to Ewelme before returning to Wallingford.

The 20-something mile ride will go through North Stoke and Ipsden to Ewelme, and probably return via Roke and Shillingford.

Sunday 17th, 1.30pm

35-mile road ride

Cliff Bellis will lead this ride out through Stadhampton and Clifton Hampden to a tea stop in Abingdon or Steventon. The return will be via Harwell and the Hagbournes.

All rides will depart from Wallingford Market Place and will include a tea stop. Further details will be available on our website (www.ctcwallingford.org.uk).

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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. At last year's dig a rare medieval chess piece was discovered – now on display at the Museum!

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!

In addition our expert, Steve Head, will be on hand to identify your fossils and any other objects you might have dug up. Steve will also be able to show you some of his own fossil collection from around the world.

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

Of course, you can also have a good look at this year's special museum exhibitions, including '300 Years of Cartoons!' which is a spectacular private collection showing interesting, and often hilarious examples of the development and use of cartoons from their origins and through the last three centuries. This is a place where children can be inspired to draw their own cartoon.

Then there is '1066: William comes to Wallingford' - why did William the Conqueror come to Wallingford after the Battle of Hastings? There are also displays about 'At home with the Queen of Crime: Agatha Christie', 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 - £5 per adult (which gives unlimited entry until 30th November) but accompanied children are FREE.

Find out more at
www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk

Regular History Walks on Saturdays, too

Wallingford Museum is delighted to announce that you can now join a Guided Historic Town Walk on any Saturday morning from now until the end of September.

These walks will all start from beneath the Town Hall at 11am. Walks last 1 - 2 hours and cost £5 per head, money which will be donated to support Wallingford Museum.

These are general walks covering the rich history of our town, but also touching on the links with Agatha Christie and *Midsomer Murders*. They will appeal to residents and visitors alike.

There's no need to book, just turn up at the Town Hall at 11am on any Saturday until the end of September. (Please note the one exception: there will be a walk on Sunday 4th September instead of Saturday 3rd, due to BunkFest).

If you'd like to organise a Town Walk like this for your group / society / school at a different time, then please contact Philip Burton on 836200 or pburton6@talktalk.net

Alternatively, we also offer more specialist history walks by arrangement – an in-depth view of the Town or Castle, or of Agatha Christie's 42 years in the town, etc – tailored to your group's interests.

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The festival will have a chilled vibe with a range of musical styles, confirmed so far are Hattie Briggs, Carthorse, Band of Hope and The Lazy Sundays. Go to www.sunfest.one for the latest news and band info.

There will be a bar, BBQ and the Hippy Café serving tea and cakes. As well as stalls, face painting, and games for the kids

The festival is being organised by Wallingford Young People for Kenya (WYPK). WYPK are a group of year 10 students from Wallingford School, who are raising money to take part in the volunteer work programme run by the Nasio Trust.

The Nasio Trust supports orphaned children in Kenya, see their website www.thenasiotrust.org for more information.

The group of 14 students; four from Crowmarsh, will travel to Kenya in October for one week to help build houses, work in day centres and experience a day in the life of the children. Funds raised will target the most vulnerable and needy.

So, if you enjoy live music on a sunny, Sunday afternoon, why not come along to 'Sun Fest'. Tickets cost £5 for adults, under 14s go free and must be accompanied by an adult. Visit the website or call Issy on 01491 202498 for more details. Tickets can also be bought from Music Box @ The Keep.

Corn Exchange

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Sunday 10th	Trinity 7	11am	Family Service
Sunday 17th		11am	St Mary Magdalene; Patronal Festival (Communion) followed by celebration lunch / picnic
Sunday 24th	Trinity 9	11am	Family Communion
Sunday 31st	Trinity 10	11am	Parish Communion

As a sports fan, I particularly look forward to the long summer days of July, with tennis, football, athletics, cricket and golf as well as my personal favourites which involve wheels and speed: the Tour de France and four Formula 1 Grand Prix including the British GP at Silverstone.

I was very lucky to have a leaving present from my previous parish which included two tickets to the Saturday Qualifying session at Silverstone! My son went with me last year to the Friday practice session, so perhaps next year I'll manage to negotiate a Sunday off for the race itself!

By now you may be asking why the vicar is on about sports instead of religion. Well, I believe God is involved in every aspect of life – especially the things we are most passionate about – the things we spend our spare time doing, whether it's art, science, gardening, literature, politics, travel or whatever – God is in the midst of it and sport is no different. Many sports teams have a dedicated Christian presence in the form of a chaplain who accompanies the team and helps with any spiritual or pastoral issues so that everyone is at peak performance, in exactly the same way

as our hospitals recognise that people need to be treated holistically, as a whole person.

And many sports people themselves are Christians, witnessing to their faith by pointing upwards and thanking God when they do well, winning a race or scoring a goal. In F1, Ayrton Senna was the most publicly open about his faith, and Lewis Hamilton is following in his footsteps, acknowledging God in all he does, both on and off the track.

I have belonged to an organisation called 'Christians in Sport' ([see www.christiansin-sport.org.uk](http://www.christiansin-sport.org.uk)) for many years, and I am deeply aware of God's presence particularly when I'm out running. In the film *Chariots of Fire*, the Olympian Eric Liddell says "when I run, I feel God's pleasure" which is all about the enjoyment of God's creation and purpose for our lives, including our physicality in this "human race". Christianity is the most physical of religions, culminating with Christ's physical resurrection, not just a detached spirit, but with a renewed human body.

So, enjoy this wonderful summer of sport, and give thanks to God for the enjoyment and pleasure of our physical bodies!

Useful telephone numbers

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Wallingford Gardening Club

Summer Garden Visits

Wallingford Gardening Club's summer garden visits are now under way.

On Thursday 14th July at 6.30pm, we will be visiting Blewbury Manor, Westbrook Street, Blewbury OX11 9QJ.

This is a garden of about 10 acres. Its features include a parterre; flower garden, herbaceous and mixed borders; pergola; decorative vegetable and herb garden; stream planting and woodland area; lake and a sunken gravel garden surrounded by hornbeam allées.

There will be a charge of £6, including tea and biscuits. All visitors are very welcome to join us.

Future events:

Thursday 11th August – Garden visit to The Grange, Chalgrove

Thursday 8th September – Garden visit to Cedar Lodge, Dyson's Wood

Thursday 13th October – Talk: Beautiful Kashmir (Anthony Powell)

Thursday 10th November – Talks: Herbaceous Borders (Geoff Hawkins)

Further details of all these events are available from me on 836867.

Isabelle Darby

Wallingford U3A

At our June meeting, Tony King treated us to another superb talk. He took us from Hollywood to Broadway with his account of one of the great train journeys of the World. As with an earlier talk he gave, this was superbly illustrated with brilliant, and some very rare photographs, as we went with him from Los

Angeles, San Francisco, through Colorado, Chicago and into New York.

The fascination was in the detail: railway bridges, still in use, that look as though they are built of raffia and glue, wonderful railway stations from the glories of the railway age, goods trains a MILE long. Chaplin, John Barrymore, Doris Day, Buffalo Bill. All this accompanied with the music of the age: jazz, rock and hip hop. Great entertainment.

At our next meeting, on 6th July, Dr Gillian White will speak about Robert Dudley, Queen Elizabeth and the Kenilworth Entertainment of 1575. Dr White is another speaker whom we are delighted to welcome back. We know how she miraculously brings to life the many characters we may have, sort of, heard of, but do not really know. This talk will be of special interest, because in September an outing is planned to Kenilworth Castle.

Our meetings are held at 2pm on the first Wednesday of each month in Crowmarsh Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome to the talk, and to have tea and to chat with people afterwards.

Some of our interest groups are taking a break for the summer. However, the holiday to Yorkshire at the beginning of July is eagerly anticipated, and plans for the autumn are taking shape.

On 17th October we will go to the Exhibition "Sunken Cities - Egypt's Lost Worlds" at the British Museum. Then the Sonning Theatre trip to see *Blithe Spirit* is on 29th October. More immediately, the next church visit is to Little Wittingham at 2pm on Tuesday 12th July (for more information phone Hermione on 01865 858024).

At our meeting on 3rd August in Crowmarsh, we will be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the founding of Wallingford U3A. A party tea will be provided, and our own Ken Fitt will provide the entertainment. So, there is lots going on!

For more information about what the U3A is and does, please visit our website; Google - u3awallingford; or phone Eileen on 825156, or Hermione on 01865 858024.

Science Exchange Wallingford

Treating Autoimmune Disorders - the Good, the Bad and the Ugly!

A talk by Andrew Nesbitt, Field Medical Director, UCB

Good progress has been made in developing treatments for autoimmune disorders such as rheumatoid arthritis and Crohn's disease; the various approaches will be explained. However, the treatments do not cure the vast majority of patients and some do not respond at all for reasons which are unclear. In addition, various side-effects are associated with treatments and so Dr Nesbitt will describe and discuss possible treatments.

Andrew Nesbitt took a first degree in Biochemistry and a PhD in Cellular Immunology. Since then he has worked for Celltech and now UCB, researching potential treatments for autoimmune diseases.

Science Exchange Wallingford's next meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th July in Wallingford School Library, St George's Road, Wallingford. Meetings are very informal. Speakers talk for about half an hour, then we break for refreshments and return for a lively question and answer session.

We are grateful that the support of local company Triaster, Wallingford School and the generosity of our speakers ensures that each event is free to attend. We are also privileged to be a Café Scientifique (<http://www.cafescientifique.org/>).

300 years of Capability Brown

The Capability Brown Festival 2016 celebrates the life, work and legacy of 18th century English landscape architect and Royal Gardener to King George III, Lancelot 'Capability' Brown, whose 300th anniversary falls this year.

Brown is associated with more than 250 landscapes across England and Wales, including the well-known estates of Blenheim Palace

(Oxfordshire), Chatsworth (Derbyshire) and Croome (Worcestershire) to hidden gems such as Compton Verney (Warwickshire) and Milton Abbey (Dorset). His client list included one King, six Prime Ministers and half of the House of Lords.

The Capability Brown Festival unites 21 partner organisations in the UK's largest festival of its kind to date. The Festival is managed by the Landscape Institute and is funded with a £911,100 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, with additional match funding and funding in kind from the Festival's partners and supporters.

Many Brown sites, including those not normally open to the public, will host special events, tours and activities throughout 2016. Several events have already been hosted at various Brown's landscapes, and there are many more family-friendly events set to take centre stage over the summer holidays.

Most local to Oxfordshire are the events at Blenheim Palace on the weekends of 9-10 July and 19-21 August, when there will be Horse and Carriage rides. Travel across Brown's landscape at the Palace, just as Brown himself would have done in 18th century Britain!

For further details of events taking place this summer for the Capability Brown Festival 2016, please visit www.capabilitybrown.org/events

The Festival has also launched a new education pack which can be used at Brown's landscapes and in schools as part of Brown's ongoing legacy, or used at home over the summer holidays, when families can visit and explore some of Brown's landscapes. The pack is primarily aimed at children aged between seven and 11, but has suggested activities for all ages – from tots to teenagers.

Children can also learn about Brown himself, by reading passages of text from letters between Brown and his clients dating back to the 1700s and taking part in the 'visionary vs vandal' debate, aided by information cue cards.

To download the education pack, visit: <http://www.capabilitybrown.org/resources-sites>

Crowmarsh Parish Council News

Chairman: John Griffin, 29 Thames Mead, Crowmarsh Gifford, tel. 838523,

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Parish Clerk: Sue Rance, 2 Home Farm, Crowmarsh Gifford

Website: <http://www.crowmarshgifford.org.uk/index.php>

Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall on Thursday 9th June 2016

Present: Councillors John Griffin (Chair), Nigel Hannigan, Andrew Johnson, Andrew Hermsen, Stephen Sherbourne, Ann Sharp, David Mannering and Stuart Soames; Sue Rance (Clerk) and Ms CM Malcolm (Finance Officer); County Councillor Mark Gray.

Apologies were received from Councillors Fleur Stevenson and Francesca Jones.

Matters from previous meeting

County Cllr Gray recommended consulting as soon as possible on use of Section 106 funds from proposed development at the former Springs Hotel site in North Stoke for improvements to road safety, such as a chicane at the entrance to the village. He would ask Mark Francis of OCC Highways to visit the site.

Contractors Scofell have now started grass cutting. The contract will be reviewed at the end of the summer to ensure that grass cutting will start more promptly next year.

The road to the Riverside Park has been built but not yet opened. Cllr Gray will investigate the reason for the delay in the county council adopting it.

Finance

Payments made in May were approved including £1118.34 for improving the drainage at the path across the nature area, £400 for repairs to toilets at the pavilion and £262.66 for fire extinguisher maintenance. £450 had been received from British Gas for the feed-in tariff for the previous quarter.

The annual governance statement was discussed and agreed. The audited accounts are available for inspection – see details on the website and noticeboard.

Four community events have been planned in the parish to mark Her Majesty's 90th birthday: The Parish Council's grant application had been approved and a payment of £672 will be received from SODC, to be divided among the organisers of the local events:

1st Crowmarsh Gifford Scouts: £86

Mongewell Street Party: £270

Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall Children's Disco: £239

North Stoke Street Party: £350.

A grant request from Home-Start will be considered at the next meeting.

County Councillor's report

The parish council should consult Keith Stenning at OCC about possible areas of work that we could undertake on behalf of the county council.

Parish Councils may make use of OCC minibuses (with drivers) when not being used for school transport, at a cost of £18 per hour, for example to take elderly people to day centres. This could supplement existing volunteer driver services.

There is a new initiative involving buying up beds in care homes in order to avoid bed blocking in hospitals.

Children's Services: most children's centres are likely to continue as a community initiative, with two new shared locality bases to supplement the existing provision. There will be a peripatetic service to provide children's activities in towns and villages.

Planning

SODC decisions:

P16/S1107/HH (Householder): Two storey rear extension. 10 Jethro Tull Gardens, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8DS.

PERMISSION GRANTED.

P16/S1156/LB (Listed Building Consent): The erection of a single storey conservatory to the rear. 2 Church Cottages, Church Lane, North Stoke (in the parish of Crowmarsh), OX10 6BH.

PERMISSION GRANTED.

P16/S1178/FUL (Full Application): Erection of antenna (to include transmit and receive antennas). Boiler House, Howbery Park, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8BA.

PERMISSION GRANTED.

Parish Council responses to SODC:

P15/S3387/FUL (Full Application): Amendment no. 3: residential part in full while the CABI headquarters is in outline with all matters reserved for future consideration, except access. Demolition of existing buildings and creation of a new headquarters for CABI, erection of 91 dwelling houses, comprising open market and affordable housing, provision of open space, landscaping and parking and other associated works. As amended 31st May 2016. CABI International, Nosworthy Way, Mongewell OX10 8DE.

RECOMMEND REFUSAL for reasons as original application.

P16/S1716/LDP (Certificate of Lawful Development): Single storey extension. 8 Jethro Tull Gardens, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8DS.

NO COMMENTS ACCEPTED.

SODC Planning Committee Meeting

The CABI planning application P15/S3387/FUL will be coming before the SODC Planning Committee on June 15th, starting at 6pm, at Didcot Civic Hall. Because of confusion over a withdrawal notification the Chair of Planning was unable to attend this meeting due to a prior commitment and County Councillor Mark Gray agreed to present the Parish Council's objections to this application.

Feedback from Annual Parish Meeting

The Chairman reported that although attendance was lower than last year, useful presentations had been given by SODC Planning Policy and Thames Water as well as

by County Councillor Mark Gray. A written report had been submitted by the District Councillors. Thanks to all who attended and gave feedback.

Environment and Recreation Ground Committee

The committee is due to meet in June. Scofell has carried out drainage improvements on the path at the nature area and trimming of the hawthorn bushes is in hand. A six-a-side football tournament had been held: parking was not a serious problem as the former SODC office car park was made available. Mr Strange has raised the question of the Parish Council purchasing a lawnmower and this is on the capital expenditure list for consideration.

Cllr Sherbourne reported that the geraniums are now available and will be planted in the flower tubs at the Queen's Head roundabout.

Traffic and Transport

Portway Pedestrian Crossing Project: Cllr Sherbourne reported on a meeting with Oxford City Council who have experience of this type of crossing and are prepared to quote. Two quotes have been received for a topographical survey and initial design. After discussion it was agreed to engage Peter Brett and to proceed with a topographical survey and initial design at an approximate cost of £2000.

Bus services: After 20th July the 139 bus service from Wallingford to Henley will be re-routed via Crowmarsh Gifford again. The 136 bus will serve both Wallingford to Cholsey and Wallingford to Benson. Timetables and fares might change.

As reported, the 134 GoRide bus service through Crowmarsh Gifford and North Stoke will continue with the current timetable until 20th July and then operate without subsidy with a reduced timetable and higher fares (see separate article).

Some Thames Travel buses will not run after 20th July, but the commercial services including the X39/X40 to Reading and Oxford are unaffected. Look out for new timetables and notices at bus stops.

Correspondence

- An invitation to the Victoria County History Trust launch event on 18th June.
- Information on Centenary Fields – recreational spaces to be dedicated in memory of First World War victims. Cllr Johnson would bring this to the Recreation and Environment Committee.
- An email has been received about inappropriate parking on the grassed area at Howbery Farm. This land belongs to the Parish Council and a complaint has been received from a resident. Cllr Griffin would look into this.
- Invitation to a presentation on Unitary Authorities to be held in Didcot on 28th June from 7 – 8.30pm. Cllr Griffin will attend.
- Invitation to the Wittenham Rose ceremony at the Earth Trust on 24th June. Cllr Griffin will attend.

River Users' Group 3

Cllr Mannering reported on the RUG3 meeting on management of the Thames locally. Tree cutting and dredging would take place at Benson. Wallingford Town Council may be taking over the riverside moorings from SODC and will monitor overstaying by boats.

Checks are being carried out to ensure that licences are paid for fishing and boating. A rowing event is planned for the near future.

North Stoke events

Cllr Soames expressed thanks to the 1st Crowmarsh Gifford scouts who have cleared the path down to the recreation ground at North Stoke to enable access by vehicles.

A very successful barbecue and bonfire was held on 8th June for the Queen's Birthday. Consideration is now being given to the use of the recreation ground as an overflow car park for the Open Gardens scheme on 26th June, expected to raise around £2000.

Next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 7th July at North Stoke Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome, as usual.

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 Jenny Tatman on 01491 839499 and we'll be pleased to talk to you.

Calling All Old Moles

Inviting those who left in, or before, 2011 to a BBQ on 3rd September starting at 12pm at the school. Please bring your partner and family or get a group of OM friends together.

For more information email: oldmoles@moulshford.com

To book North Stoke Village Hall

contact Nikki Arnfeld
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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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WHAT'S ON – JULY 2016

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

Every weekend	All day	150th Railway Celebrations	Cholsey and Wallingford Railway
Saturday 2nd	10.00-14.00	Craft Fair and Market	Benson Village Hall
Saturday 2nd	20.00	Music at St Peter's: Jinah Shim plays Schubert	St Peter's Church
Sunday 3rd	13.30	CTC 13- and 20-mile road rides	Meet at Wallingford Market Place
Wednesday 6th	14.00	U3A: Gillian White on Queen Elizabeth I	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Thursday 7th	19.30	Parish Council Meeting	North Stoke Village Hall
Saturday 9th	9.45-11.00	Sustainable Wallingford Swapshop	Regal Centre Wallingford
Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th	10.00	Woodcote Rally	Off A4074 near Woodcote
Wednesday 13th	19.30	Henley Philatelic: Supper	Crown at Pishill
Thursday 14th	18.30	Wallingford Gardening Club	Blewbury Manor visit
Friday 15th	15.00-19.00	SODC Local Plan Exhibition	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Saturday 16th	20.00	Music at St Peter's: Andrey Lebedev	St Peter's Church
Saturday 16th	10.30	Sue Ryder Sale	Nettlebed
Sunday 17th	13.30	CTC 35-mile road ride	Meet at Wallingford Market Place
Sunday 17th	Afternoon	Cholsey Silver Band Concert	Wallingford Castle Gardens
Saturday 23rd	All day	Family Archaeology Day	Wallingford Museum
Saturday 30th	20.00	Music at St Peter's: Sax and Piano	St Peter's Church