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Over the past month, we have been involved with several local events. These include the Flower Show at St. Mary Magdalene Church, the Wallingford Carnival, the Community Café and meeting some of our older residents who are members of the Oasis Club at the village hall. This has given us the opportunity to make stronger links with our local community – something which we are very keen to build on as part of our vision for the future of Pre-School.

We are delighted to have been given the opportunity to run the Community Café this month. This will be held at the village hall on Saturday July 13th from 10.00 – 12.00. Please do pop along and say hello – we'd love to meet you!

Best wishes from all the staff at Crowmarsh Pre-School.

## Crowmarsh Play Ground and Outdoor Gym

Following the successful opening in April we are happy to share with you a video of the open day and more photographs, including the construction process for those interested. These can be found on the Crowmarsh PC website:  
[www.crowmarshgifford.org.uk](http://www.crowmarshgifford.org.uk), under the Facilities>New Crowmarsh Playground tab.

## Can You Help the Poppy Appeal?

Last month we remembered D-Day and heard all the amazing stories of what happened on 6th June 1944. The British Legion are desperately looking for a Poppy Appeal Organiser for Crowmarsh Gifford so we can keep Remembrance going locally. The appeal is supported by several community organisations, such as scouts, church and school, as well as local businesses. If you are interested in this volunteer role please phone or email Jess on 07500 225 215

[jjenkins@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:jjenkins@britishlegion.org.uk) as soon as possible as we are running out of time to find someone for this years appeal.

## A new Crowmarsh News Team Member

A very warm welcome to Doug German who is joining the editorial team of the *Crowmarsh News*! We all look forward to working with him over the coming months.

## Cholsey Village Show

Cholsey Horticultural Society's big annual Village Show (the 76th!) is on Saturday 10th August 12pm - 5.30pm at Whitehead Meadow (car access via Station Road - plenty of free parking on site). It is an afternoon full of family entertainment. The marquee has a huge range of horticultural, craft and photo exhibits.

The entertainment features a Punch & Judy, Fun Dog Show, and the Cholsey Silver Band. Meet Lu's Owls and the Island Farm Donkeys. There are children's games, a bumper raffle, lots of charity/trade stalls, and on-site boot sale. For refreshment you can choose from a BBQ, bar, afternoon tea cafe and ice creams. At the end of the afternoon there's an auction of produce, flowers etc. (major bargains to be had!).

If you would like to enter something in the show there are more than 120 classes to choose from covering vegetables, flowers, domestic produce, handicrafts and photography, plus various classes for children. Lots of cups to be won. Entry forms are available in Cholsey from the HortSoc Store (open Saturday mornings), the Community Library, Park Butchers, and online at [www.CholseyHortSoc.org](http://www.CholseyHortSoc.org).

For more information contact HortSoc secretary Jennie Kent 652100.

***Please make use of the Parish Council website for news and updates of local affairs***

***<http://crowmarshgifford.org.uk>***

# **Report of District Councillors, Andrea Powell & Sue Cooper**

## **New Council Structure and Appointments**

Following the recent District Council elections, there has been a significant change in the structure and membership of South Oxfordshire District Council. After a long period of Conservative control, the new Council is run by a Liberal Democrat/Green partnership, with Sue Cooper as Leader. All the new appointments are on the SODC website:

[www.southoxon.gov.uk/news/2019/2019-05](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/news/2019/2019-05)

## **Council Priorities**

It was clear that we were elected not just because of Brexit frustration and other national issues, but because South Oxfordshire residents are unhappy with the level of housing development already taking place and the unsustainable further development proposed in the SODC Local Plan. We need to build new houses, but they need to be the right kind of houses (number, size, affordability and environmental factors), in the right places, and with the appropriate infrastructure so that the increased burden on local services is minimised. The emerging plan, if approved, would unlock some funding from the Oxfordshire Growth Deal.

Our priority, is to take a good look at the emerging Local Plan (2011-2034), currently sitting with the government inspectors, and assess how to make it acceptable to our communities. We are reviewing options from a financial and legal as well as planning point of view. A huge amount of work has already gone into the development of the LP2034, but we are committed to doing everything in our power to reduce the impact of new housing on the environment and the Green Belt. We are determined to provide more truly affordable housing in our district, and we need to be creative about ways to do this. We want to make it very clear that this review has no bearing on the validity or enforceability of existing Neighbourhood Development Plans, or those currently under development, for

example, in Crowmarsh.

## **Climate Crisis**

The outgoing Council, declared a climate emergency, urging the Council to reduce carbon emissions and to be mindful of its environmental concerns in all aspects of its operations and decisions and this we intend to do.

## **Cooperation with Vale of the White Horse District Council**

SODC and Vale share officers, premises and facilities, so we were also delighted that Vale transferred to Liberal Democrat control in the elections, giving us an excellent basis for a partnership. Sue and new Vale Leader Emily Smith are discussing how such collaboration will work in future and have agreed shared priorities for the coming year and beyond.

## **New SODC Website on its way**

Andrea's cabinet position covers Corporate Services and Communication. Having had a sneak preview of the new SODC website, it is much more modern and built around what people want when they visit the site. The launch date is not yet known but watch this space!

## **Recycling**

South Oxfordshire was recently ranked the top recycling district in the South East of England, and third nationally, recycling 63% of its waste. Well done to all our residents. Keep up the good work!

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## Parish Councillor vacancies

There are still places for new members on Crowmarsh Parish Council. We have had some expressions of interest, but so far nobody from North Stoke or Mongewell has come forward. Please think about whether you might join us, particularly if you live in those under-represented parts of our parish.

The Parish Council makes decisions on local matters (see the notes in Crowmarsh News to get an idea of what) and we do have a significant budget to spend for the benefit of the local community. We are also consulted on all planning applications, although the District Council makes the decisions.

We meet on a Thursday evening 11 times a year, and the public are welcome to all our meetings, so if you are not sure please come along, and/or speak to one of the councillors or the parish clerk (see page 16).

## Wallingford cycling festival

You are all encouraged to support a fun and friendly local community cycling event in Wallingford on Friday 12th to Sunday 14th July.



Wallingford Festival of Cycling will be offering six organised rides for every level of rider, from a family five-mile ride to a 100-miler for the more experienced cyclist. There will be competitive races in the town centre, children's cycling activities, a chance to ride a penny farthing and much more!

To find out more, please visit [www.wfoc.co.uk](http://www.wfoc.co.uk) or contact [Hendriette.knouwds@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:Hendriette.knouwds@southandvale.gov.uk).

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## Past Times: A Comedy of Errors

from David Beasley

The night of the 27th January 1865 had been particularly cold, and the next day being a Sunday, residents of Wallingford had hoped to linger in the warmth of their beds a little longer than in the week. But they were sadly disappointed, because around 4.40am they were roused by the cry of "Fire! Fire!". On staggering into the street, it was discovered that the building used by Mr Thomas Lovelock, a Wallingford grocer, as a storeroom and a drying room for bacon, was on fire.

The Wallingford Fire Engine was called out. At this time the engine was stored under the Town Hall and was soon at the scene of the fire. The fire engine was just a hand operated pump, and unfortunately it took an hour before water could be pumped onto the fire, because they had difficulty in finding a good water supply. The engine was moved to the wharf just north of the bridge to get water, but by then the fire had such a hold on the storeroom that it could not be saved. Instead the water was pumped onto the buildings next to the fire with great success and they were undamaged. During the time the fire engine was used the hose broke twice, it was thought this was because the engine was never regularly maintained and only checked when there was a fire.



## SODC 'Turn it off' Campaign



Councils are asking drivers to 'Turn it off' if they are stopped for a minute or more. South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils have launched a joint campaign to help improve air quality across southern Oxfordshire. The campaign called 'Turn it Off' has been endorsed by Public Health England and is aimed at drivers who leave their engines 'idling' - still running even when the vehicle is not moving. This often happens when a vehicle is parked but the driver is still inside, at traffic lights, waiting for someone outside a school or a shop.

### *Did you know?*

Just one minute of sitting with your car engine running and the vehicle not moving produces the equivalent of 150 balloons of harmful pollutants into the air. One minute of idling produces twice as many emissions as a moving vehicle. People inside cars are exposed to high levels of air pollution, with children especially at risk of harmful effects. The campaign launched on Clean Air Day (June 20th) and will be followed by awareness events across both districts.

Air pollution has been identified by several organisations including the World Health Organisation, United Nations and the Royal College of Physicians as the biggest environmental risk to health. A recent report from Public Health England estimated that within the UK, air pollution is linked to up to 36,000 deaths each year. Older people and children are most sensitive to air pollutants. South Oxfordshire District Council cabinet member for housing and environment Cllr David Rouane said: "The message is simple - if you are in your car and stop for a minute or more then you should turn off your engine for cleaner air." For more information see [www.southandvale.gov.uk/turnitoff](http://www.southandvale.gov.uk/turnitoff).



## Wallingford U3A

As ever Ken Fitt provided a marvellous afternoon of information and music when he talked and played us through the life of Alan J Lerner and his years of collaboration with Frederick Loewe. Great songs of the 20th century: *It's almost Like Being in Love*, *On the Street Where You Live*, *Gigi*, etc. Three Oscars, eight marriages, and endless awards. A fascinating insight into the life of a great song writer.

On 23rd July we go to Buckingham Palace, the State Rooms. On 9th August (a Friday) we are going to Millets Farm for an open-air performance of "*Comedy of Errors*".

On July 3rd John Caldicott will talk about The Foundling Hospital. This ties in with our projected visit to the Foundling Museum in September. We are beginning to plan our holiday for 2020. These short holidays, usually 5 days or so and always in UK, are great fun for both singles and couples.

Our meetings are held at 2.00pm on the first Wednesday of each month in Crowmarsh Village Hall. Visitors are always made welcome for the talk, tea and biscuits and the chance to meet and chat to people. Come and join us.

For more information please visit our website on [u3asites.org.uk/Wallingford](http://u3asites.org.uk/Wallingford) or phone Jill on 835994. For information about outings phone Hermione on 01865 858024.

## Wallingford Country Market

**Every Friday in St Mary-le-More Church from 9.30am to 12 noon**

This year Country Markets is celebrating its Centenary Year, (formerly called WI Markets). Throughout the month of July, Country Markets across the nation will be celebrating this great occasion of continued service to our local communities. Each Friday, our market in Wallingford will be giving away a free raffle ticket to everyone who makes a purchase at the market. The draw will take place on Friday 26th July at 11.45am. Prizes

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All our usual goods will be on sale. 'We Bake, Craft, Grow'. Come and see us in July – you never know your luck!

## Sue Ryder – sale dates

The next Sales of Donated Goods are on Saturdays 20th July and 10th August from 10.30am – 12.30pm. Saleable items are welcomed on weekdays between 9am and 4.30pm, but we cannot accept goods on a sale day or the day before. The Sue Ryder Nettlebed Hospice is at South Oxfordshire Palliative Care Hub, Nettlebed, Henley on Thames, Oxon, RG9 5DF. Please call 641384 ext 246 for further information.

## Sustainable Wallingford Repair Café

Sustainable Wallingford Repair Café is back for Summer on 6th July at Centre 70 from 10am to 1pm. There will be experts for repairing clothes & textiles, bikes, tool sharpening and electrical / electronic items. It's a great opportunity to learn how to repair or maintain your broken items plus helping to reduce Wallingford waste. Get your garden equipment in tip-top order!

Our successful repairs recently included a toaster, tent, sewing machine, jumper and leather bag plus the sharpening of several gardening shears and secateurs. Our volunteer repairers try to fix the broken items that visitors have brought and any repairs are performed free of charge but a voluntary donation will be greatly appreciated. There are hot drinks and homemade cakes available while you wait for your repair to be complete.

Come and see if we can repair your beloved item. Contributions welcome of course! For further information visit the website: [www.sustainablewallingford.org/](http://www.sustainablewallingford.org/)



## TWHAS receives Queen's Award for Voluntary Service



We are immensely proud and happy to announce that The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society (TWHAS) has been granted a **Queen's**

**Award for Voluntary Service** - the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK! The announcement from Buckingham Palace appeared in the London Gazette on 2nd June 2019, stating that the award has been given to TWHAS for 'Engaging the community with local history through research, archaeology, publications and its museum'.

In due course we shall receive a signed certificate from Her Majesty The Queen and a crystal award with the award's logo insignia. These will be presented at a special ceremony by Tim Stevenson, the Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, who is the Queen's representative in the county. Congratulations everyone!!



*Judy Dewey*

*(Founder member of TWHAS, and Wallingford Museum Curator)*

### John Leland - A Tudor Traveller and what he saw'

Tim Porter will talk to TWHAS about 'John Leland - A Tudor Traveller and what he saw'.



John Leland is regarded as the father of local history. His journeys around England and Wales were published in a series of books called the Itineraries. He described the towns and countryside he saw in detail. One of his visits covered Berkshire, which contained the castles of Windsor and Wallingford. In this talk Tim Porter will look at John Leland in the context of his descriptions of the local area. This talk will be held on Wednesday 10th July, 7.45 for 8pm, at St Mary's Church, Wallingford. Visitors (£4) are most welcome.

*Katharine Keats-Rohan*  
[www.twhas.org.uk](http://www.twhas.org.uk)

## Family Archaeology Day



On Saturday 27th July from 11am – 4pm, Wallingford Museum has organised another exciting Family Archaeology Day at the Museum. This event is about metal detecting, see some finds from the Wallingford area, meet local metal detectorists and bring along your own finds for identification by our experts. Also bring along your fossils for identification by our expert, Steve Head. Steve will also have some of his fossil collection from around the world.

You'll be able to see the results of recent work carried out throughout Wallingford. Then you can find out how to identify pottery that helps to date the finds from archaeology, and even try making your own pots for fun! 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) accompanied children are FREE.

Why not join Wallingford's popular Guided Historic Town Walks? Held on Saturdays starting from the Town Hall at 11am, led by knowledgeable volunteers from Wallingford Museum, last 1 - 2 hours and cost £5 per head.

*Stu Darby*

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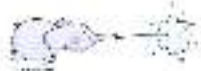
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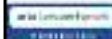


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### Services for July

Sunday 7th	11am	Family Pet Service
Saturday 13th	10am - noon	Crowmarsh Community Café, Village Hall
Sunday 14th	11am	Parish Communion
Sunday 21st	11am	Patronal Festival Team Communion
Sunday 28th	11am	Family Communion

Morning Prayer every Friday at 9am

Evening Prayer every Sunday at 6pm

Full details at [www.wallingfordcofe.org.uk/calendar](http://www.wallingfordcofe.org.uk/calendar)

## The Vicar writes ...

When we started the Community Café early last year, the main purpose was to build relationships between villagers and organisations - although the church initiated the monthly event, we hoped it would take on a life of its own as other community groups came forward to get involved. And so this month we hand over to our friends at the Crowmarsh Pre-School who will host the Community Café for the first time. As usual, it is open to people of all ages, so please do come along on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July and support them and meet new friends and neighbours.

Following the success of last year's inaugural **Autumn Fair**, we are planning for an even bigger and better event on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2pm-4pm** (with dog show registrations from 1pm). The attractions will include the Fun Dog Show; live jazz music from the Thameside Rhythm Kings, Bouncy

Castle, Face-Painting, Bar & BBQ, tea & cakes, bottle tombola, grand raffle, white elephant and other stalls. If any other village organisations would like to have a stall, then please get in touch.

Finally, thank you to everyone who supported our Flower Festival last month which raised around £500 towards church funds. Hopefully, the Autumn Fair will raise a good amount as in 2018, but that still leaves a gap in the church finances. Therefore, in August, Ralph & I will again be seeking sponsorship for another trek – this time we will be walking the length of the Ridgeway, a mere 87 miles from around Avebury along the North Wessex Downs and Chilterns to Ivinghoe Beacon. Sponsorship forms are available in church.

*Blessings, Rev Kev*



## What's on at the Wallingford Corn Exchange

### Cinema

Regular performances start at 7:30pm unless stated otherwise. Tickets £8 for Adults and £5 for under 15 unless otherwise stated. Please look on [www.cornexchange.org.uk](http://www.cornexchange.org.uk) for full listings.

Monday, 1st July 7:30pm *Tolkien* (12A)

Tuesday, 2nd July 7:30pm *Booksmart* (15)

Wednesday, 3rd July 7:30pm *Booksmart* (15)

Thursday, 4th July 7:30pm *Booksmart* (15)

Monday, 22nd July 7:30pm *Apollo 11* (U)

Monday, 29th July 7:30pm *Mug* (15)

### Live shows

Wednesday, 17th July to Saturday, 20th July, 7:45pm *Private Lives* Tickets £12

Sinodun Players present *Private Lives*, Noel Coward's 1930 comedy of manners. Elyot and Amanda are glamorous, rich, reckless ... and divorced. Five years later, their love for one another is unexpectedly rekindled when they take adjoining suites of a French hotel while honeymooning with their new spouses. Here is Coward at his sparkling best as a modern dramatist and *Private Lives* continues to be one of his most performed and read works.

### Live screenings

Saturday, 6th July, 8pm *Westlife – The Twenty Tour*. Broadcast live from Croke Park Dublin. Tickets £12.50 (adults), £10 (under 18s) Westlife are back! Their highly anticipated reunion tour is coming to cinemas, broadcast live from Dublin's Croke Park stadium.

Thursday, 25th July, 7pm NT Live: *The Lehman Trilogy*. Tickets £12.50 (adults), £10 (seniors and under 18s). Live from London's West End. The story of a family and a company that changed the world, told in three parts on a single evening. This critically acclaimed and five-time Olivier Award nominated play features stunning set design from Es Devlin (NT Live: *Hamlet*) and is broadcast live from London's West End as part of National Theatre Live's 10th Birthday season.

## Universal Credit being used in new scam – Citizens Advice

Universal Credit has well and truly arrived - but now scammers are using the benefit as a pivotal part of a new sting to target vulnerable people. Citizens Advice says scammers are offering loans to their victims and then using their personal banking details to apply for Universal Credit in their names.

The scam is usually carried out by telephone, so do not accept a loan if you have been contacted by cold calling. If you are contacted in this way, just hang up. In general, personal details should not be divulged on the telephone or in an email.

The Universal Credit scam is also being carried out in public places. Victims are approached by smartly dressed people claiming to be from the Department of Work and Pensions, who then offer "government loans". Instead, the victim is signed up for Universal Credit. The scammers then apply for an advance payment of the benefit. This payment goes to the victim's bank account, but the scammers then charge a huge fee, around 50 per cent, for this unnecessary "service".

Citizens Advice has its own free service to help those applying for Universal Credit for the first time. "Help to Claim" is available over the telephone, face to face, and online through "webchat" and Internet content.

The national Freephone number for Help to Claim is **0800 144 8444**. Telephone and webchat services are available from 8am to 6pm (Monday-Friday).

For any other issues you might need help with, telephone Citizens Advice Adviceline on 03 444 111 444 or come and see us in person. For locations of offices and opening hours see [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale).

## Adult Volunteers wanted for Air Cadets

966 (Wallingford) Sqn Air Cadets are currently looking for new adult volunteers to join their team! As an adult volunteer, the Air Cadets can offer you exciting opportunities, skills and qualifications - we are always keen to welcome new adult volunteers to our ranks, either in uniform or as a Civilian Instructor, all we ask is a few hours of your time each week. After your initial training and checks, we will start to develop your skills. Once you have become an accredited member of staff, more specialised courses become available, including adventure training, sports, shooting and professional skills.

Volunteering in the cadet movement could lead to a recognised qualification in youth leadership and training. There is a Volunteer Induction Night once a month at our Wing HQ in Abingdon - why not go along, meet our staff, and find out what opportunities are available? Many people want to get involved but don't think they have the time to spare. If this sounds familiar don't worry, there's room for you too. Each Squadron has a Civilian Committee which oversees the running of the Squadron, social events and fund-raising. Committees meet at least once per quarter.

If you are interested in finding out more visit our website at [966atc@aircadets.org](mailto:966atc@aircadets.org), or want to attend a Volunteer Induction Evening, contact Joanne Jefferiss by emailing [oc.966@aircadets.org](mailto:oc.966@aircadets.org).

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## Thank You!

A very big thank you to all the generous residents of North Stoke who participated in the Children in Need cake sale that Hannah, Jack, Macy, Chris and James held on Bank Holiday Monday along Cook Lane. We raised a phenomenal £192.65 for charity, which will be doubled by corporate matching gift, meaning £385.30 is going to Children in Need! Thank you North Stoke, see you next year.

## Useful telephone numbers

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# Crowmarsh Parish Council News

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## Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall on Thursday 6th June 2019

*Present:* Councillors John Griffin (Chair), David Rowley, Liz Ryall, Stephen Sherbourne, Fleur Stevenson, Stuart Soames and David Topliss, Sue Rance (Clerk), Yvonne Peet (Finance Officer), District Councillor Andrea Powell and County Councillor Mark Gray.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Andrew Johnson and District Councillor Sue Cooper.

Cllr Griffin was elected as Chair and Cllr Sherbourne as Vice-Chair, both unanimously. We welcomed Julian Park who was co-opted unanimously as a new parish councillor.

### Matters arising from the May meeting

Some areas on the original plan for grass cutting have been missed: we will contact the contractor. Newnham Murren Churchyard has only been cut once this season: Cllr Griffin will contact Tom Cottrell.

Cllr Gray has contacted Oxfordshire Highways about the severe traffic problems caused by the road works at the CABI development. A new system will require utility companies to obtain a permit from OCC before embarking on road works.

The cabling work by Scottish and Southern Electricity at North Stoke is still incomplete and causing an obstruction. Cllr Soames will draft a letter to be sent from the Parish Council.

The council's solicitor has now agreed that the Parish Council as custodian trustee should register the land at North Stoke Village Hall: the Clerk will draft a letter.

### Finance

The schedule of payments made in May was approved, including £201.60 for geraniums

planted in the flower tubs by Cllr Sherbourne.

After discussion, it was agreed to raise staff salaries by 2.5% with effect from 1st June 2019 as they had not been reviewed last year. A further discussion on pay will take place at the December meeting.

£745.08 has been received from British Gas as feed-in tariff for the solar panels on the pavilion. All allotment rents have been paid for this year.

Forms to register for Internet banking with Lloyds Bank were distributed by the Finance Officer and signed.

### Strategic priorities

A survey of residents will be carried out in the autumn inviting ideas for other projects. The use of our Community Infrastructure Levy money will be considered. £32,000 has been received to date.

### County Councillor's report

County Councillor Mark Gray reported on OCC's £3.5M highways improvement programme and new screening methods introduced by social services.

The whole Oxford Park and Ride system will soon be brought together under the Oxford City Council. There is new funding for alcohol reduction initiatives. A new chief fire officer has been appointed, who has many years' experience.

Cllr Gray was thanked for his donation of £1000 for repairs to the culvert at North Stoke and he advised that a further £1000 is available this year.

Ipsden Parish Council are erecting gates and warning signs to assist with reducing speeding along the A4074.

Jewson's lorry traffic is a continuing issue,



particularly first thing in the morning when lorries are waiting to make their deliveries. This causes congestion and some vehicles are parking in the bus layby, creating problems for bus passengers. The parish transport rep (PTR) will be asked to raise this at their next meeting.

Cllr Gray reported on plans for a week's trial at Stephen's Field starting on 17th June, when roadside parking will be stopped and the old riverside access road will be closed. This will be accompanied by a consultation with residents.

## **District Councillor's report**

District Councillor Andrea Powell gave her report – see separate article.

## **Planning**

### ***Decisions by SODC:***

P18/S0827/O Outline application for up to 150 dwellings together with associated access, public open space, landscaping and amenity areas. Land to the east of Benson Lane, Crowmarsh Gifford. OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED..

### ***Applications with the Council's responses:***

P19/S1564/HH Remodelling of the front of the house and opening up of the kitchen/family room. 91 The Street Crowmarsh Gifford OX10 8EF. NO OBJECTION.

P19/S1536/FUL The reorganisation of tourism facilities to deliver a Spa and Reception building, a replacement green keeper maintenance and laundry building, extension to the existing clubhouse and provision of 43 hotel lodges at The Springs Golf Club, North Stoke, Wallingford, Oxfordshire, OX10 6BE, including demolition of the former Hotel, Staff Accommodation Block, Storage Shed, Committee Building, Stores 1 & 2 and Greenkeeper's Shed, Maintenance Building and removal of Caravan. The Springs Golf Club, Wallingford Road, North Stoke OX10 6BE. RECOMMEND REFUSAL: The scale of the proposed development is excessive, particularly the number and location of lodges, with associated lighting, roadways and other urbanising features within the site. The parish

council objects strongly to the lodges proposed near the Ridgeway National Trail (near Hole 10). Buildings and associated lighting and activity here would be intrusive development in the open countryside that would fail to conserve or enhance the Chilterns AONB. Building in this part of the site, well beyond the settlement, would be harmful to the landscape and would begin to urbanise this green area and potentially establish a basis on which conversion to permanent residential use could be envisaged in future. The parish council does not object to redevelopment of the hotel site itself for a spa complex with hotel accommodation and leisure facilities, subject to good design and conditions to manage the impact on the environment, including sustainable drainage, low impact lighting, traffic management and planting for biodiversity and carbon storage, but the number of lodges and the extent of expansion to the north is excessive. The visually intrusive area of additional parking near the club house will impact on the North Stoke Conservation Area and the Chilterns AONB. If this redevelopment or a modified scheme is permitted, the additional traffic generation on the B4009 should require developer contributions to a traffic calming scheme to enforce the transition from 50 to 30 mph where southbound traffic enters the built-up area of the village.

P18/S1420/RM Reserved Matters application following Outline approval P15/S3387/FUL (The demolition of existing buildings and erection of a new headquarters for CABI) for the approval of layout, appearance, landscaping and scale. Discharge of conditions including drainage. CABI, Nosworthy Way, Mongewell OX10 8DE. Not subject to consultation.

### ***Neighbourhood Plan***

Mr Nick Robins and Mr Nigel Hannigan reported that the draft plan and related documentation are almost complete. There have been some delays in the District Council, who have now carried out a "health check". A total of over 300 homes have been included in the plan, projecting the local housing needs to 2034, but these include the approved schemes

at CABI, Mongewell and Benson Lane. Two significant documents are still to be drafted by Mr Robins and submitted to the district council: a public consultation report and a compliance report. The advice from SODC is to recruit a technical consultant to go through the whole plan and make sure the format is correct. After discussion it was agreed to apply for a grant from Locality for the cost of this (£3000-£4,000) and to begin recruiting a consultant. It is hoped to have the work completed in the next two or three months and then to post the plan on the website for consultation for a period of six weeks. It is hoped that the referendum will be held by the autumn, after which the plan can be made.

## **Environment and Recreation Ground Committee**

Cllr Rowley reported a few minor issues with the playground, but Mr Strange is keeping a regular check on everything. After discussion it was agreed to accept the quotes from Arrow Fencing for installing a cableway platform, five cycle hoops and a replacement signpost for the gym. A few incidents of antisocial behaviour have been reported and the head teacher of Wallingford School has asked to be informed of any incidents involving his students.

## **Traffic and Transport Committee**

Very positive feedback has been received on the speed indicator device (SID) installed in The Street. The existing small device on the A4074 Portway will be removed so that the new solar powered one can be fitted. It was agreed to order a third device for Benson Lane and to request £1000 from County Councillor Gray's budget towards the cost. Consideration will be given to purchasing one for North Stoke.

Amanda Griffin will attend the next meeting of Oxfordshire Parish Transport Reps on 3rd July.

## **Other business**

Notes of the Annual Parish Meeting on 16th May have been circulated by the Clerk. Issues raised included traffic and transport,

particularly the problems of speeding.

It was agreed to pay £5 per month to upgrade the hosting of the website so that full-sized images can be posted and available space maximised.

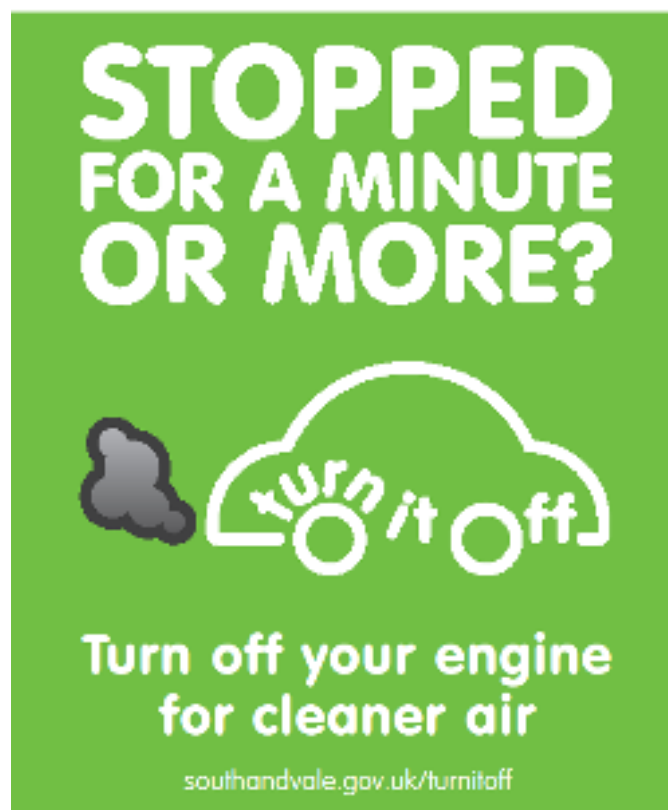
A lockable water tap has been requested at Botany Allotments. This was discussed but it was agreed not to provide a tap for a number of reasons and Cllr Sherbourne will advise the allotment holder who made the request.

## **Vacancies for Parish Councillors**

There are still three vacancies on the Parish Council. Expressions of interest from Mongewell or North Stoke would be particularly welcome.

## **Next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Thursday 4th July at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome.



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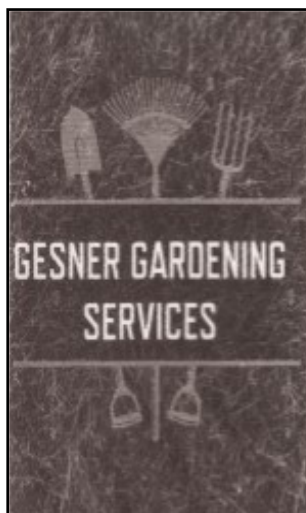
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### Regular events and meetings

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Every Friday	09.30-12.00	Wallingford Country Market	St Mary-le-More Church or Market Place, Wallingford
Every Saturday	10.00-12.00	WAGS Store open	Centre 70
Every Saturday	10.00-13.00	Local Producers' Market	St Mary-le-More Church or Market Place, Wallingford
Various days	Different times	Didcot and Wallingford Ramblers <a href="http://www.ramblers.org.uk/didcot-wallingford">www.ramblers.org.uk/didcot-wallingford</a>	Different places
Every Sunday	11.00 onwards	Parish Communion. Family service on the first Sunday of the month	St Mary Magdalene's Church, Crowmarsh

### This month

Wednesday 3rd	14.00 onwards	U3A: The Foundling Hospital	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Thursday 4th	19.30 onwards	Crowmarsh Parish Council Meeting	North Stoke Village Hall
Saturday 6th	10.00-13.00	Sustainable Wallingford Repair Café	Centre 70, Wallingford
Sunday 7th	09.30 onwards	CTC 26 mile cycle ride	Meet Wallingford Market Place
Wednesday 10th	19.45 onwards	TWHAS: John Leland— A Tudor Traveller	St Mary-le-More Church, Wallingford
Wednesday 10th	19.45 onwards	Henley Philatelic: Social Supper	Bix Village Hall
Saturday 13th	10.00-12.00	Crowmarsh Community Café	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Friday 12th- Sunday 14th	Friday evening onwards	Wallingford Festival of Cycling	Wallingford Town Centre and environs
Sunday 21st	13.30 onwards	CTC 30 mile road ride	Meet Wallingford Market Place
Saturday 20th	10.30 onwards	Sue Ryder sale	Nettlebed
Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st	All day	60's Gala	Cholsey and Wallingford Railway
Saturday 27th	11.00-16.00	Family Archaeological Day	Wallingford Museum

### August

Thursday 8th	19.30 onwards	Crowmarsh Parish Council Meeting
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