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All new advertisements and all copy for the July 2018 issue of *Crowmarsh News* must reach us before our **20th June deadline**.

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The summer term is always a busy and enjoyable one. As a 'free flow' setting, we believe that the outdoor environment is every bit as important as the classroom, so we hope to be spending lots of time playing and learning in our lovely garden.

We are also looking forward to the traditional fixtures – our sports day and teddy bears' picnic which will happen later in the term.

Our older children will be thinking about moving on to 'big school' in September and we will be supporting them in this. We are so lucky that we share our outside space with Class R, this makes the transition to school so much easier for those children who will be attending Crowmarsh School.

We will also be planning ahead to welcome all the new families who will be joining us in September. This year, we have been over-subscribed, and currently have no vacancies for 2018/19 and are already receiving applications for September 2019! Please contact us on 526118 if you are interested in a space for your child for next year.

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

Letter to the Editor

It appears that Jewsons are ignoring requests about lorry deliveries. There are still lorries turning up early mornings, and parking in the bus lay by and in Thames Mead. For the past four weeks I have seen lorries parked up before 7am, one day last week there was a lorry in the bus lay by and two parked in Thames Mead, and that was at 6.45am!

I saw another lorry parked at 7am this morning (17th May) in the bus lay by. I have just been to local shop at 8am and there was the Jewsons lorry parked on the pavement right on the junction in Thames Mead! Blocking the

pavement and the entrance to Thames Mead. Perhaps another reminder is needed.

Carol Wood
Thames Mead

Crowmarsh Scouts News



Scouts

St Georges' Day was a super day for Crowmarsh Scouts and we celebrated it differently this year. Thirty-six of our young people aged between 6 and 14 visited Oxfordshire Scout Activity Centre and spent the day enjoying archery, crate stacking, the 3G swing and an awesome zip wire!

The Beavers have been busy with cycling, science experiments, and navigation skills and have enjoyed meeting a local farmer with a tractor and trailer! You may also have seen the Cubs wondering around the village navigating with maps - every route they chose seemed to pass by the playpark at the rec! We are proud that 8 of our Cubs have received the top Cub Scouting Award at the County Awards Day. Our Scouts based in North Stoke, have been out building dens and enjoying the outdoor life.

We want to continue to run a rich and varied programme giving skills for life and we need people like you to help us do that. We encourage flexible volunteering and have roles from admin or fundraising to delivering our weekly programme – there is something to suit everyone's talents. If you have ever wondered if this is for you – come and give our 4-week trial a go.

To find out more about Crowmarsh Scout Group contact Ross Edmonds by sending an email to chair@crowmarshgiffordscoutgroup.org or telephone/text Siobhan on 07703 473250.

Past Times:

Proposed Railway Line through Crowmarsh

from David Beasley

Mr Stephenson had visited the area around Wallingford in early 1846 to survey the proposed route for a railway line from Oxford, to the Great Western Junction at Moulsoford. In 1846 there was no station at Cholsey, the station was at Moulsoford near the Waterloo Bridge. His original planned route was entirely on the Oxfordshire side of the Thames. This had the advantage of not having to cross the Thames with an expensive bridge, as the line would join the G.W.R. line just below Moulsoford Bridge, however the disadvantage with joining the line here would be that it would require a very large and expensive embankment to be built. The proposed line would have cut through Mongewell Park - and it was thought there would be considerable opposition from the owner, and cut Crowmarsh in half, passing just north of Benson Lane missing Howbery Park, although doing that was not considered a problem. An alternative route that would circumnavigate the Mongewell Estate, would have added nearly two miles to the line and this was thought to be too expensive.

Mr. Stephenson's second route (which was planned on his second visit in September 1846) was from Moulsoford across Cholsey field and continuing to the west of Wallingford Workhouse, where a Station would be built. Building a station near Wallingford Market Place had been abandoned some time ago. The line would then cross the Thames between Wittenham Wood and Shillingford, passing Dorchester roughly where the by-pass is today, and continue between the Baldons on to Cowley and then Oxford, a total distance of about 14 to 15 miles. The only cutting needed would be through the Wittenham Hills.

An application would be made to Parliament in November, and provided the bill met with no

opposition, the expected finish date would be December 1847. Much of the land belonged to Oxford University, and it was expected the University would not oppose the building of the line.

However, the capital could not be raised, and the planned line was abandoned. The line was finally built from Didcot to Oxford instead.

Exhibition of Women at War 1914-18 and the Suffragette Movement

David Beasley is presenting an exhibition in Wallingford Town Hall, from 10am to 4pm on Carnival Day - June 16th. All welcome, admission free.



Sue Ryder – Sale Dates

The dates for the next Sales of Donated Goods are: Saturdays 9th & 30th June and 21st July – 10.30am to 12.30pm.

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13th June Members of Maidenhead Society give displays.

27th June Members of Henley entertain, including a short session on 'writing up your collection'.

See you at Bix Village Hall at 7.45pm. Visitors and new members are welcome. Further details can be obtained by phoning 681739 or on our website: - www.henleyphilatelic.org.uk.

Benson Choral Society's June Concert

Benson Choral Society will perform a programme of Mozart's Masterpieces: Mass in C minor K427, Piano Concerto no 21 in C major K467 and Laudate Dominum.

The concert is on Saturday 16th June at 7.30pm in Dorchester Abbey. Tickets are £18 and £15 (reserved) or £12 (unreserved) from tickets.bensonchoral@gmail.com or telephone Stephanie 01865 407395 (Evenings). For full details visit our website www.bensonchoralsociety.org.uk.

To book Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall

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Call Wilson Chong on 829762, or email Leisure-centre@wallingfordschool.com



Wallingford Festival of Cycling

This three-day festival – which has grown from just one day at its launch in 2014 – is packed with events to inspire as many people as possible, young and old, to get on their bikes. This not-for-profit festival is run entirely by volunteer cycling enthusiasts and features a mix of free and paid-for activities, all centred around the community and bikes.

Starting on Friday 6th July to Sunday 8th July, it promises an action-packed weekend. Activities include several organised rides for all ages and abilities, a pump track, outdoor spin classes, children's cycle coaching and more. New additions include The Festival Cycling Show at the Wallingford Corn Exchange and the crazy soap box challenge! We are also delighted to partner with local charity Style Acre who will be organising our first ever Inclusive Ride on Sunday in the town centre.

Events like this cannot happen without our wonderful volunteers, so if you fancy getting involved, please get in contact.

For more information, please visit our website www.wfoc.co.uk, follow us on Twitter @wfocycling or Facebook / wallingfordfestivalofcycling or contact Festival Organiser: Tony Sefton, 07798650161, tony@wallingfordfestivalofcycling.co.uk or Marketing and promotions: Hendriette Knouws, 07717 836750, hendriette@wallingfordfestivalofcycling.co.uk

Short Mat Bowls takes place at the Pavilion on Tuesdays at 7pm and on Thursdays at 2pm. For more information, please call 837518

Cream Tea in a Box

As in previous years Winifred Lay is organising the Action Medical Research for Children Cream Tea in a Box. For 65 years Action Medical Research has helped pioneer treatments and ways to prevent disease that have benefited millions of people in the UK and worldwide.

Action Medical Research have helped to beat polio in the UK, develop ultrasound, fight meningitis and prevent stillbirths as well as helping children facing lifetime challenges caused by disabilities such as cerebral palsy and Down syndrome, DHD and Tourette syndrome.

The boxes, costing £6.00 each contain 2 delicious scones, clotted cream, strawberry preserve and a Yorkshire teabag, together with serviette and knife. They are delivered to Winifred at 58 The Street Crowmarsh Gifford on Thursday 28th June between 11am and 2pm. Your order is required by Friday 8th June please. Tel Winifred on 839390.

If you would like to learn more about the work of Action Medical Research Winifred has a selection of leaflets or visit their website www.action.org.uk.

Healthy, Wealthy and Wise

Are the streets of South Oxfordshire really unsafe?

Are we truly losing lives to air pollution?

If so, can it be stopped?

You are warmly welcome to hear Dr Suzanne Bartington share her knowledge with us on the "Health Effects of Air Pollution" on 9th June at 7pm in St Mary's Church Wallingford. Suzanne

is a medical researcher into Public Health at the University of Birmingham.

"Oh no, not another gloomy talk"

Better again, Suzanne is a County Councillor: County handles our roads and traffic. Some of our own South Oxfordshire councillors (county, town and district) are also able to attend. We'll get the low-down on air quality from citizens of Henley, Wallingford and Watlington.

"Move on, move on - where does that get us?"

"Taking a Leaf out of Oxford's Book" Oxford is 'streets ahead' of us (and needs to be). Oxford City Council (equivalent to our Districts) has set up a double-first: a zero-emissions zone for the centre, and a joint campaign with Friends of the Earth. Chris Church has kindly agreed to tell us about it.

"Boring - traffic flows - give us something good"

Wine and peanuts? Would that make the time for discussion and chat more fun? By extraordinary good luck, St Mary's Church Wallingford will by then have a drinks licence. Peanuts will be free.

"This sounds such fun I'd like to do it all day"

This talk concludes Oxfordshire's Big Green Day. Come and see us at the Henley in Transition stall in Broad Street Oxford during the day, and chat to us about South Oxfordshire Sustainability.

This South Oxfordshire Sustainability meeting is being hosted by Sustainable Wallingford. Please contact Sue Roberts (doctor.sue.roberts@gmail.com), 07913 896874, for more details.

Stag beetle summer: help this endangered beetle in June & July

Stag beetles are Britain's largest land beetle with males reaching up to 7.5 cm in size. They are also one of the most spectacular looking insects, with a male's huge mandibles (antler-like jaws) making them easy to spot! Despite their appearance, stag beetles are harmless if left alone, and can be seen from mid-May, as warmer evenings draw them above ground to find a mate and reproduce.

During June and July, wildlife charity People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) is asking for volunteers in the UK to record sightings of stag beetles on six summer evenings, as part of an ongoing European study.

Taking part in the European Stag Beetle Monitoring Network couldn't be easier; all volunteers need to do is walk 500m, six times between June and July on warm, summer evenings, counting and recording any stag beetles they see. So whether you're on your evening dog walk, a post-work jog, or walking to your local pub, you can help!

Laura Bower, Conservation Officer at PTES, explains: "Loss of habitat and lack of dead or decaying wood are just two of the reasons why stag beetles need our help. Stag beetles are completely reliant on dead wood (either partially or completely buried) and are part of the process of recycling nutrients back into the soil, making them a very important part of the ecosystem. We hope that by taking part in this survey, the public can help reverse the decline of this iconic insect."

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Anyone with a garden can help by making their green spaces a stag beetle haven:

Top tips for gardeners

1. Create a log pile: One of the major problems facing stag beetles is a lack of rotting wood to lay eggs in or near, and for larvae to feed on. By creating a log pile (or a log pyramid, if you fancy a challenge!), you can provide stag beetles with habitat for the future. Log piles are also great habitat for other invertebrates and they in turn provide food for hedgehogs and birds.
 2. Leave dead wood in your garden: Leave old stumps and dead wood alone, as these provide the perfect habitat and also a food supply. If you want to make the stumps more attractive – try growing a climbing plant such as clematis up it.
 3. Reduce dangers: Be vigilant when mowing your lawn and be alert for predators; try and scare away magpies and keep your own pets indoors during warm evenings when stag beetles are flying. Also, make sure any open water has an exit point, and if you see a dead-looking beetle in water, please take it out – they often revive!
 4. Record your sightings: Let PTES know where you've spotted a stag beetle via the Great Stag Hunt! Sightings are key to finding out where populations are thriving, in need of help, or non-existent.
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Deadline for applications is 12 noon on Friday 22nd June 2018. Interviews will be held during week commencing 25th June.

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

For any further information contact Crowmarsh Gifford C. E. Primary School on Tel: 836785, or Email: office.3200@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk.

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Services for June

Sunday 3rd	11am	Family Communion
Saturday 9th	10am-noon	Community Café at the Village Hall
Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th	10am-5pm 12.30pm-5pm	Flower Festival ends with Songs of Praise
Sunday 10th	11am	Parish Communion
Sunday 17th	11am	Parish Communion
Sunday 24th	11am	Family Communion

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

Summer in Crowmarsh means it is time for our Flower Festival on the 9th and 10th of June.

This year we will be marking the centenary of the end of World War I with displays on the theme of "Paths of Peace", organised by our long-serving Church Warden, Margaret Foster, with our huge thanks. I hope the village will again turn out in great numbers to see the arrangements and appreciate our church looking at its best – entry is free (all donations welcome). Together with our new Autumn Fair and regular Quiz Nights, the Flower Festival remains a major fundraiser for the mission and ministry of the church in the village.

The vast majority of our income comes from our committed regular givers and we are delighted to be able to join a new scheme which will handle this far more efficiently in the future. All existing regular givers are being encouraged to sign up to the new "Parish Giving Scheme" automating Gift Aid and depositing into parish accounts within a few days, greatly improving our cash flow. Barry Ford (51 The Street; email: smfordhutchcomb@aol.com) is taking the lead

promoting this scheme. Please get in touch with Barry or me if you want to help secure the church's work into the future. We hope to switch all our giving to this new method from July 1st.

As a Grade I listed building the church has specific needs costing well over £3,000 last year and we have recently spent over £2,000 replacing the heating pump. We are committed to making sure that St Mary Magdalene's is maintained as a village asset for future generations and it will be regular giving from the community that supports this. I trust whichever method you choose is enjoyable and fulfilling, after all "God loves a cheerful giver!" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Finally, we will be celebrating with Sarah Nesbitt her ordination on Saturday 30th June. We will greatly miss her, however our loss is Shiplake with Dunsden and Harpsden cum Bolney's gain, where she will serve as Assistant Curate. She goes with our love and prayers.

Wishing you all a Blessed Summer, Kevin

The Corn Exchange

Corn Exchange Garden Party fundraiser

Once again, two members of Wallingford's Corn Exchange will be opening their riverside garden for a summer party to raise cash for the popular town centre theatre.

John and Jane Herring are offering their home for the event, which takes place on Saturday 9th June, following last summer's very successful party.

Guests will be welcomed at 3.30pm with a glass of bubbly which will be followed by a sumptuous afternoon tea that includes savouries, cakes and scones. After tea, there will be the opportunity to sit back and relax and listen to a group of Sinodun Players' very own talented singers and musicians. There will also be a wine bar and a raffle.

Tickets for the event, which is open to all, are just £15 and available from the Corn Exchange in person, by phone 825000, or online at www.cornexchange.org.uk. The venue and further details will be available on booking.

More information from Julie Utley, email julieutley@aol.com or phone 834987

CINEMA

Full listings on the Corn Exchange website. All regular performances normally start at 7.30pm unless stated otherwise. Tickets £8 for Adults and £5 for under 15 unless otherwise stated.

The Corn Exchange Drama Festival

Sunday June 10th to Friday 15th 7:30pm

This is the last of the local drama festivals and features companies from all over the county and beyond.

Odyssey—The Sinodun Players

Thursday 28th June to Saturday 30th June 7pm with a 2:30pm matinee on Saturday

Sinodun Players and Encore present Odyssey, blending many traditions of Ancient Greek theatre with dynamic modern performance techniques, to recount many of Odysseus'

thrilling adventures. In this magical, fun and action packed performance; you won't need to know Homer's classic. It's full of colour, movement and music and will appeal to all ages.

Tickets £10 (Adults), £6 (Children)

Music at St Peter's Church, Wallingford

Our summer season is now well on its way!

On 9th June the Marmen String Quartet, who joined the Sacconi for the Mendelssohn Octet in 2016, play quartets by Mozart, Beethoven and Philip Glass.

On 30th June the Pelléas Ensemble provide an unusual combination of viola, flute and harp, with works by Debussy, Bax, Leclair and Timothy Salter, all written or arranged for these instruments.

Tickets are available at a cost of £15 from our website at www.musicatstpeterswallingford.org.uk or bought on the door. Reduced price tickets at £13 are available to buy in person, in advance, from Just Trading, 17 St Mary's Street, Wallingford, or by post.

For full details of our concerts you can visit our website, pick up a brochure from Just Trading, or call Laurence on 01865 343336 who will be happy to post one to you. There are also season tickets available for the series for just £80.

All our concerts start at 8pm at St Peter's Church, Thames Street, Wallingford – get there in good time for your favourite seats as they are unreserved!

Roger Morgan for Music at St Peter's

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Wallingford Museum

Wallingford Museum - now open Sunday afternoons

This year's exhibition at Wallingford Museum "Treasures with Tales" is proving very popular. From 3rd June, the Museum will also open on Sunday afternoons (2-5pm) - and free entry for accompanied children continues!

The exhibition features a wide variety of fascinating objects loaned by residents, each with its own special significance - from exotic to fun to poignant - or just beautiful! Visitors are able to follow the 'Treasures Trail' and discover these things for themselves throughout the museum. Each will have its own 'tale' displayed and can be enjoyed by the whole family. The treasures are woven in amongst our other exhibitions which include not only the story of Wallingford's Saxon origins, its great Royal castle, the town's links with Agatha Christie, but also updates on the recent archaeology that is being uncovered by new developments around the town.

www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk

Stu Darby

Wallingford Guided Town Walks

Wallingford's Guided Historic Town Walks have created much interest and now take place regularly on Saturday mornings, starting from the Town Hall at 11.00am. Walks last 1 - 2 hours and cost £5 per person. These are general walks covering the rich history of Wallingford, but also touching on the links with Agatha Christie and 'Midsomer Murders'. They appeal to residents and visitors alike.

Just turn up - no booking is necessary!

Philip Burton 836200 or pburton6@talktalk.net



TWHAS talk about Wallingford Castle

Kevin Barton will talk to The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society (TWHAS) about the 'inner secrets' of Wallingford Castle Inner Bailey. In 2001, Kevin founded 'Landscape & Geophysical Services' to provide archaeological geophysical services in Ireland and overseas. Recently his broad experience of remote sensing has assisted communities in exploring their local heritage.

Much detailed historical and archaeological research has been carried out on the Anglo-Saxon establishment of Wallingford and the Norman construction of the first Castle. The most up-to-date research has been published with significant input by volunteers from Wallingford Museum and TWHAS. The research results have revealed that the Inner Bailey, the heart of the Royal Castle, included at least three halls and associated kitchens, a church and other buildings with a large garden area surrounding the church.

Remote sensing with associated visualisation techniques can image archaeological features from above - in the air, and below - on the ground. The talk will introduce the Castle and review the questions relating to the Inner Bailey and with the help of TWHAS volunteers, some secrets of the Inner Bailey may be revealed in the presentation of preliminary results.

This talk will be held on Wednesday 13th June, 7.45 for 8pm, at St Mary's Church, Wallingford. Visitors (£4) are most welcome
www.twhas.org.uk Katharine Keats-Rohan

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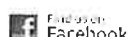
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Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held at North Stoke Village Hall on Thursday 3rd May

Present: Councillors John Griffin (Chair), Francesca Jones, Andrew Johnson, Elizabeth Ryall, Nigel Hannigan, David Rowley, David Topliss, Denise Hall, Stuart Soames and Stephen Sherbourne, plus Sue Rance (Clerk) and Yvonne Peet (Finance Officer).

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Fleur Stevenson. We noted with regret that David Mannering has resigned because of work commitments.

Neither County Councillor Mark Gray nor District Councillor Felix Bloomfield attended the meeting.

Cllr Griffin was elected as Chairman and Cllr Hannigan as Vice-Chairman for the coming year. There will be parish council elections in May 2019.

Matters arising from the 29th March meeting

The Finance Officer has informed BT that the telephone at the Pavilion is no longer required.

Cllr Soames reported that a temporary barrier had been placed round an exposed culvert at North Stoke but as yet there is no agreement on how it may be repaired.

The Chairman had written to SODC about possible community facilities that could be provided at the SODC site on Benson Lane when the offices are rebuilt.

Allotment invoices will be sent out in the near future: rent will be £15 per annum. There are two vacant plots, which will be advertised in

Crowmarsh News, asking interested residents to contact the Clerk.

Finance

A schedule of payments made since the last meeting was presented and approved.

A request for a grant of £760 for North Stoke Village Hall for grass cutting and hedges was approved.

The accounts for the year ended 31st March 2018 were discussed and approved. It was agreed to reappoint Mr Roger Symes as our internal auditor. The accounts will be available for inspection after they have been audited.

The precept was £38,201 for the year (which will continue at the same level). Pavilion income had increased slightly. Total reserves are currently £151,585.

Grants were made during the year to the Corn Exchange roof project and to North Stoke Village Hall for redecorating. Expenditure on gas was less than the previous year but income from the feed in tariff for the solar panels was also less. It is hoped to make savings on electricity now that LED lights have been installed at the pavilion. A grant of £645.55 was received from the County Council towards grass cutting.

Planning

Decisions: The Council noted a decision by SODC:

P18/S0593/HH (Householder) & P18/S0220/LB (Listed Building Consent): Remove existing rear extension and replace with new timber framed extension with increased footprint. 1

Church Cottages, Church Lane, North Stoke OX10 6BH. PERMISSION GRANTED.

Applications: The Council agreed its response to SODC on these applications:

P18/S0406/LDP (Lawful Development Permission): Loft conversion including rear dormer and front roof windows. 97 The Street, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8EF. RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

P18/S0596/HH: Amendment No. 1. Proposed extension, alterations and new dropped kerb as amended by plan 1 200, to remove garden fencing around parking area received on 27th April. 2 Park View, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8BJ. RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

P18/S1273/FUL (Full Application): A single storey extension to the existing village hall. Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall, 6 Benson Lane, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8ED. RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

P18/S1411/LB: Internal and external alterations to the existing dwelling and outhouse. The Old Farmhouse, The Street, North Stoke OX10 6BL. RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

Appeal APP/Q3115/W/17/3186858 / SODC 5-year Housing Land Supply

The Chair of Planning has received a communication from the Planning Inspectorate regarding the recent appeal inquiry and SODC's 5-year housing land supply. The new housing land supply figure of 5.4 years has a significant impact on the outstanding decision of the appeal, but the figure was withheld from the Inspector. We have asked the Secretary of State to review this matter and determine the appeal in the light of all the information.

Neighbourhood Plan

A £10,000 grant has now been received from SODC. The revised draft policies are now on the Parish Council website

www.crowmarshgifford.org.uk and the Steering Group, with two new members, met recently. To find out more contact Nick Robins: nicks.robins@gmail.com.

Environment & recreation ground committee

An electrical safety check has been carried out at the pavilion. The damaged low wall outside has been repaired satisfactorily. The estimate for supplying and fitting a smart (code controlled) door lock has been approved. Quotes are needed for movement sensors on the internal lights and for modified doors wide enough for wheelchair access.

It was agreed to ask Mr Strange to trim around the daffodils near Wallingford Bridge which the contractor Berinsfield Community Business have not done. The Finance Officer will speak to them.

Update on playground project

A vote of thanks was made to Cllrs Rowley and Johnson and to Mrs Reynolds for their work on the SODC grant application. A decision is expected by 30th June.

Meanwhile a grant application will be made to the landfill tax charity, WREN, by 13th June. The total cost of the playground will be £180,000 plus £9,000 for the gym.

Letters and messages of support have now been received from 169 children and 36 adults, but more messages are invited from older children / teenagers.

Another exhibition of the proposal will be held at the May Fair at Crowmarsh School on 20th May.

Replacement noticeboards

Cllrs Jones and Hall have researched this further and the estimated cost per noticeboard is £500. Cllr Soames requested a half-glazed board for North Stoke Village Hall. Four or five firms will be asked to quote for supply and installation.

Traffic and transport committee

Cllr Jones reported that Benson Parish Council do not wish to take any action to improve the bus stop at the end of Benson Lane on the A4074, which was requested by Howbery Park.

A meeting of Parish Transport Representatives is scheduled for Monday 4th June at 1.30pm at County Hall: Cllr Ryall offered to attend.

Quotes are being received for radar speed signs and a decision will be made when all quotes have been received. Permission is still needed from the County Council.

Review of strategic priorities

It was agreed that the top priority is safety and the main local concern is speed and volume of traffic. Cllr Sherbourne therefore recommended focusing on these three major priorities:

- Crossing on the A4074 Portway
- Pedestrian crossing in The Street, Crowmarsh Gifford.
- Traffic calming in North Stoke

A full list of priorities is to be circulated for discussion at the next meeting.

Correspondence

Invitations to the RAF Annual Reception on Thursday 24th May: Cllr Ryall and her husband will attend alongside Cllr Hannigan and the Clerk.

The Chairman will attend the Mayor of Wallingford's inaugural service on Sunday 20th May.

Other business

The District Council is planning a deep clean in the Parish to be carried out at the end of May. It was agreed that Meadow Lane and Old Reading Road should be included.

A number of potholes in the parish have been marked with white lines but not yet filled.

Cllr Sherbourne has arranged for geraniums to be planted in the wooden tubs at the Benson Lane junction with The Street. One of the tubs needs replacing and Cllr Sherbourne will contact a local supplier.

Quotes will be obtained for removal of the diseased ash tree at Jethro Tull Gardens. A decision will need to be made on replacement planting.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 7th June. There will be a by-election for a District Councillor on that day so both village halls will be in use as polling stations. After discussion it was agreed to hold the Parish Council meeting on 7th June at Crowmarsh Gifford Primary School starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Vacant Allotments

There are two vacant plots on the Parish Council's allotments (near Park View). Interested residents should contact the Parish Clerk at 2 Home Farm, Crowmarsh Gifford.

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Regular events and meetings

Every Thursday	19.45-22.00	Wallingford Photographic Club	Crowmarsh Pavilion
Every Friday	9.30-12.00	Wallingford Country Market	St Mary-le-More Church or Market Place, Wallingford
Every Saturday	10.00-12.00	WAGS Store open	Centre 70
Most Saturdays	10.00-13.00	Local Producers' Market	St Mary-le-More Church, Wallingford
Various Days	Different times	Didcot and Wallingford Ramblers www.ramblers.org.uk/didcot-wallingford	Different places
Every Sunday	11.00 onwards	Parish Communion. Family Service first Sunday of month	St Mary Magdalene's Church, Crowmarsh

This month

Saturday 2nd June	9.00-12.00	Benson Garden Club Annual Plant Sale	6 College Farm, Benson
Sunday 3rd June	13.30 onwards	CTC 26-mile road ride	Meet Wallingford Market Place
Sunday 3rd June	15.00-17.00	Blewbury Brass Band Concert	Castle Gardens, Wallingford
Sunday 3rd June	All day	Senior Citizens Day	Cholsey and Wallingford Railway
Thursday 7th June	19.30 onwards	Crowmarsh Parish Council Meeting	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Saturday 9th June	10.00-12.00	Crowmarsh Community Café	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Saturday 9th June	10.30 onwards	Sue Ryder Sale	Nettlebed
Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th June	10.00-17.00 12.30-17.00	Flower Festival ends with Songs of Praise	St Mary Magdalene's Church, Crowmarsh
Saturday 9th June	20.00 onwards	Concert: Marmen String Quartet	St Peters Church, Wallingford
Saturday 9th June	Evening	Fish and Chip Special Supper	Cholsey and Wallingford Railway
Wednesday 13th June	19.30 onwards	Henley Philatelic: Welcoming Maidenhead Society	Bix Village Hall
Wednesday 13th June	19.45 onwards	TWHAS: Inner Secrets of Wallingford Castle	St Mary-le-More Church, Wallingford
Saturday 16th June	11.00 onwards	Wallingford Carnival	Town Centre and Kincroft
Sunday 17th June	All day	Fathers Day Specials	Cholsey and Wallingford Railway
Sunday 17th June	13.30 onwards	CTC 34-mile road ride	Meet Wallingford Market Place
Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd June	All day	RUGFEST	Wallingford Rugby Club
Sunday 24th June	15.00-17.00	Roke and Benson Brass Band Concert	Castle Gardens, Wallingford
Saturday 30th June	10.30 onwards	Sue Ryder Sale	Nettlebed
Saturday 30th June	20.00 onwards	Concert: Florian Mitrea	St Peters Church, Wallingford
Saturday 30th June and Sunday 1st July	All day	Country Fayre and Cream Tea Specials	Cholsey and Wallingford Railway

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