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The temporary closure will be in force from Monday 11th May for approximately 10 weeks.

## Parish and District Council elections

Alongside the Parliamentary General Election on Thursday 7th May, there will also be elections for two members to represent Benson and Crowmarsh on South Oxfordshire District Council. The candidates are listed on notice boards and on the SODC website at <http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/sites/default/files/SOPNbenensonandcrowmarsh.pdf>.

There were only 7 parish council nominations for the 12 seats on Crowmarsh Parish Council: John Griffin, Nigel Hannigan, Andrew Johnson, Francesca Jones, Stephen Sherbourne, Stuart Soames and Fleur Stevenson. There will be no election and the 5 vacancies will be filled by co-option. Many thanks to parish councillors Stephen Brown, Faye Cheeseman and Anne Lowes for their service to the parish. Thanks too to Kristina Crabbe, who is not standing for re-election to the District Council.

## Annual Parish Meeting for all electors

You are very welcome to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 19th May, starting at 7.30pm, at Crowmarsh Gifford Primary School.

This is the annual meeting for all electors, where you can raise any issue for discussion. We hope to have representatives from Thames Water and Thames Valley Police as well as District and County Councillors to answer your questions.

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Jill Organ from British Red Cross will be talking on many topics and taking questions. The talk starts at 2.30pm in St Mary's Church on Tuesday 19th May. Doors open at 2.10pm, and tea, coffee and biscuits will be served after the talk. Entry is free. You will be invited to make a voluntary donation to Red Cross at the end of the afternoon.

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## Crowmarsh Pre-School

This term the children will be enjoying learning about Spring, St George's Day, the colour blue, May Day and sound & movement.

On Saturday 9th May the pre-school will be running its annual quiz at Crowmarsh Village Hall. Tickets are available from Crowmarsh stores or directly from the pre-school. We will also be holding an amazing raffle on the night with prizes including:

- 1st prize – 2 course Dinner for four with wine at The Queen's Head, Crowmarsh
- 2nd prize – A family ticket for four to Blenheim Palace
- 3rd prize – Bottle of Bollinger champagne

Some of our parents will be going round the village selling raffle tickets, with all the money raised going directly to the pre-school and its children.

The pre-school is collecting 'Active kids' vouchers from Sainsbury's and would welcome any donations of these.

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

Crowmarsh Pre-school has been rated outstanding by Ofsted and has a strong emphasis on learning through play. We are open to all children between the ages of two and five years old and provide the perfect (and FUN) preparation for children getting ready to start school.

We offer two sessions a day during term time. Morning session 8.45am / 9am-12pm and an afternoon session 12pm-3pm. Lunch club is 12pm-1pm and may be added on to the morning session. To find out more information about the pre-school please call our Manager, Dilys Beaumont, for a chat on 07951 599623, or e-mail Vikki at [admissions@crowmarshpre-school.org.uk](mailto:admissions@crowmarshpre-school.org.uk)

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## Crowmarsh Gifford School

We are currently looking for two new members of staff. We need a Midday Supervisor and an After-School Club Playleader, both to join us as soon as possible.

The Midday Supervisor position is for Monday to Friday, 12 noon to 1pm (five hours per week), term time only. Lunch will be provided. This is a permanent post, at Grade 1 Point 5, paid at £6.51 per hour.

The After-School Club Playleader position is also term time only, and is initially a temporary post until 31 August 2016. Working hours are 3pm to 5.45pm. Ideally we are looking for someone who has a Level 3 Playwork qualification or equivalent. Grade and pay are dependent on qualifications, ranging between Grade 5 Point 14 (at £8.31 per hour) and Grade 6 Point 18 (at £9.07 per hour).

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

If you are interested in either of these positions, or want more information about them, please contact the school office on 836785 or email: [head.3200@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:head.3200@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk)

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'Deltiologists' (ie Postcard Collectors) may like to come and see our friendly dealers Tony and Rosa Lawrence at Bix on 27th May. You might fill a gap in your collection! There will be plenty of time to do some deals before and after the AGM that will be held that evening.

Before that, we also have our Competition Evening and Fun Quiz, on 13th May.

Our meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Bix Village Hall at 7.45pm, from September to June inclusive. Visitors and new members are always welcome. For more details of your local philatelic society, please call 681739 or visit our website: - [www.henleyphilatelic.co.uk](http://www.henleyphilatelic.co.uk)



## Sue Ryder – Sale Dates

The next dates for the Sales of Donated Goods are Saturdays 16th May and 6th June – 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Saleable donated goods are welcomed on week days between 9am and 4.30pm. We regret we are unable to accept goods on Sale Day or the day before.

Volunteers are always needed to select and allocate donated goods and to assist with Sales. The Sue Ryder Nettlebed Hospice is at Henley on Thames, RG9 5DF. Please note our new telephone number for these sales: 641384 ext 246.

## Music at St Peter's - May 2015

Music at St Peter's celebrates its 30th season this year – 30 years of bringing first-class classical chamber music to St Peter's Church, Wallingford, with its splendid acoustics for this kind of music.

To get the season off to a good start, the first concert on Saturday 16th May is an all-Mozart programme given by DeNote, a period-instrument ensemble consisting of clarinet, violin, cello, viola and fortepiano – the kind of instrument Mozart himself would have played. They perform a trio for clarinet, viola and piano, a violin sonata, and the Gran Partita – featured in the film *Amadeus*. Then on Saturday 30th May the internationally renowned tenor, John Mark Ainsley, will be giving a recital of songs by Purcell, Schubert, Fauré and a group of British composers.

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

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## Conservative Fete at Howbery Park, 1908

On Wednesday 5th May 1908, Mr Harvey du Cros allowed the Conservatives of North Berks and South Oxon to hold a fete in the grounds of Howbery Park. The day started showery during the morning, but for the whole afternoon the sky was a true blue; some Tories may say that this was a sign that they had the support of the Almighty.

The Reading Borough Prize Band provided an excellent programme of music. The attendance numbered some several hundred; there were very few local party members, and most came from some distance from Wallingford. Most of the leading local Conservatives put in an appearance, if only for a short time.

There were performances from a Pierrot troupe, pastoral plays, steam roundabouts, swing boats, and a good tea for 6d (2½p) per head, plus a tug-of-war between South Berks and North Oxon Conservatives. The tug-of-war was easily won by the North Berks team, as they consisted of sturdy men from Wallingford Brewery. As these men were unable to vote, their loyalty to the Liberal and Tory parties was

not challenged.

Two political plays were performed, called "The Suffragette" and "What Free Trade did for Bill", and caused considerable unbiased amusement. This was followed by what was called a "Mass Meeting" when Mr Arkwright, MP Valentian Fleming and Major Henderson (who by the time of the General Election of 1910 had become a Liberal) addressed the meeting on The Unionist adhering to the Policy of the Tariff Reform.

The Mayor of Wallingford proposed a vote of thanks to the Speakers for their addresses, and Mr H W Wells proposed a vote of thanks to Mr du Cros for the use of his Park.

This was followed by another tug-of-war competition which once again was won by North Berks with their team of burly brewery men. And as the shadows began to lengthen with the sun setting behind the keep in the Castle Grounds, the ladies were admitted and dancing was held well into the night on the main lawn.

## Science Exchange Wallingford

### What is so special about groundwater?

Groundwater is a vital source of fresh water in the UK. On average, it supplies almost one-third of public water, but in some areas, including south-east England, groundwater makes up nearly 90% of public supply.

The British Geological Survey (BGS) undertakes research on environmental issues related to groundwater. This includes security of supply, in terms of quantity and quality, through to the effects of pollution, flooding and, more recently, shale gas extraction.

But what is groundwater, where can it be found, and why should YOU care?

Come and find out at the Science Exchange Wallingford talk on Wednesday 20th May. It will be given by Katya Manamsa, a hydrogeologist with BGS, who previously worked for the Environment Agency. Her

current job involves research into the types of compounds found in groundwater, groundwater flooding and the national methane baseline.

Science Exchange Wallingford is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20th May in Wallingford School Library, St George's Road, Wallingford – doors open from 7pm. Light refreshments are available and each event is free to attend. We are privileged to be a Café Scientifique. (<http://www.cafescientifique.org/>).

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## **Charity abseilers to scale 100ft tower of Dorchester Abbey**

Ten intrepid charity supporters will be abseiling down the 100ft tower at Dorchester Abbey as part of the village's 10-day festival. The abseilers will scale the tower at 12 noon on Saturday 2nd May – the second day of the biennial Dorchester-on-Thames Festival.

So far they have raised well over £5000 jointly for Dorchester Abbey and family support charity Parents And Children Together (PACT) – but the team is aiming to double this total.

PACT has been building and strengthening families since 1911 through adoption, long-term fostering, award-winning therapeutic services and community projects across London and the south. It hopes to use the funds raised from the festival to provide therapeutic support services to Oxfordshire families to help adopted and fostered children to address painful issues from their past.

Among the abseilers are PACT chief executive Jan Fishwick; Rector of Dorchester Abbey and PACT Trustee Sue Booy; Leader of SODC John Cotton; and PACT adopter Julie Bignone. Jan Fishwick said: "Abseiling down the Dorchester Abbey Tower is one of the most challenging things I have ever had to do but I am prepared to do it because I am passionate about the work PACT does." Julie Bignone said: "In 2011 we were incredibly lucky to bring our amazing little girl home to our family and all of this was made possible thanks to the wonderful social workers and adoption support team in PACT."

Also taking part in the abseil are former High Sheriff Richard Dick, parish councilor Sue Graney, Dorchester Abbey organist Jeremy Boughton, Oli Goodwin, Violet Allmark and Tabitha Atkinson-Seed

Festival Director Steph Forman said: "It is great that so many people are giving their time to make this year's Festival programme and fundraising the best yet!"

More than 3,000 people are expected to

attend Dorchester Festival and enjoy almost 50 events including The Tallis Scholars, a Come and Sing with John Rutter, OSCAR winner Ben Morris, a Food Fair with cookery demonstrations and a wide variety of children's entertainment.

To sponsor the abseiling team and to find out more, see: <http://dorchesterfestival.com/family-childrens/grand-opening-and-tower-abseil-saturday-2nd-may-12noon/>

Tickets for all the Dorchester Festival events can be purchased via the website at [www.dorchesterfestival.com](http://www.dorchesterfestival.com).

## **Make tracks for ..... Wallingford's first model railway show**

Wallingford will host its first ever model railway exhibition on Sunday 21st June. The event is being held at St John's School, Wallingford.

More than 15 model railway layouts, along with a number of trade stands, will be on show in a variety of scales from tiny Z gauge to garden-sized G scale. The exhibition is being well supported by clubs and modellers from around Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Hampshire, and many of the layouts are new to the exhibition circuit.

Of particular interest is Kuritu Line, a two dimension layout of both rural and urban Japanese scenes. There will also be a selection of layouts: Plas Halt, Dawes Creek and Halland. You will see Oxfordshire based layouts in the Abingdon Branch Line and Witney Euston and Dowdan International, an airport layout; and for the American modeller, Southern Renegades.

St John's Primary School is located at Paddock Road, Wallingford, there is free parking onsite at the school. Just down the road is Wallingford station, which is running Father's Day steam specials on the day between Cholsey and Wallingford.

The exhibition will be open from 10am to 4.30pm. Admission is £4 for adults, £1.50 for children and families £10 (2+2).



### Experience a 'Night at the Museum'!

Experience a special 'Night at the Museum' at Wallingford Museum anytime from 6pm to curfew (9pm) on Friday 15th May! Following the great success of last year's World War II event, this year the clock is turning back to The Middle Ages!

Be sure to bring your torch so you can explore the museum's medieval secrets at night and seek answers to our special quiz. If you are brave enough, you can find the man in the dungeon, the hooded monk, the wicked robber on the pillory... and much more. You can even dig for 'treasure'!

And even if this isn't your thing ..... it's a great opportunity to see the Museum in an evening, instead of our normal daytime opening hours! There's plenty to see – not only can you read original letters from Agatha Christie, you can find out more about her life in Wallingford during the 42 years she lived at Winterbrook House. You can also discover the fascinating story of Wallingford's Royal Castle and learn about the Town's place in Magna Carta.

All this for the price of the entry ticket – just £4 for an adult, and free for children – but if you've already visited this season, of course you can use your ticket again, and again and again....

### Crowmarsh History talk by Judy Dewey

Local historian and museum curator, Judy Dewey, is giving a talk about the Civil Wars – both the one in the 12th century and the 17th century one, as Crowmarsh was more involved in one than the other. It will be at St Mary Magdalene Church, Crowmarsh, at 7.30pm on Friday 5th June, followed by puddings and refreshments. Tickets are £7.50 in advance or £10 on the door, available from Margaret Harding (835791) or Sarah Nesbitt (07770 930756 or email: [sjn62@icloud.com](mailto:sjn62@icloud.com)).



### Eccentric Oxford: a History of Mischief & Mayhem

May's talk to The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society (TWHAS) will be by Richard O Smith. He will present 'Eccentric Oxford: a History of Mischief & Mayhem'.

This entertaining talk will present an amusing, yet historically accurate, trawl through Oxford's alternative and lesser known eccentric history (covering the writer expelled from Oxford on his second day for fighting a duel in a college quad, the University's official advice on 'How to tell if an Oxford woman is a prostitute' and how Oliver Cromwell discovered you should never mess with an Oxfordshire Librarian!).

Richard O Smith lives in Oxford and is a tour guide, running the Eccentric Oxford Tour. He is also a comedy writer and contributes material to Radio 4's *The Now Show* and *The News Quiz*.

This talk will be held on Friday 8th May, 7.45 for 8pm at Wallingford Town Hall. Visitors (£3) are most welcome.

### Wallingford Gardening Club New Zealand and Singapore

At the May meeting of the Wallingford Gardening Club, Gwen Barton will talk about plants from New Zealand and Singapore. Gwen is the vice chair of East Reading Horticulture Society and has lived in many third world countries. She has a passion for her subject, with talks that always illustrate a variety of plant life. Gwen has been a speaker for more than 15 years, and all her talks include 'plants and humour'.

This is the final talk of our spring season, but talks will recommence on 8th October. It will be held at Ridgeway Community Church, Wallingford at 7.30pm on Thursday 14th May. Visitors very welcome: £2.

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## Wallingford U3A Saxon and Medieval Wallingford

Our ever welcome and distinguished local historian, Judy Dewey, spoke on Saxon and Medieval Wallingford at our April meeting. She gave us a wealth of fascinating details, some of which are the results of very recent archaeological research.

Wallingford was a busy Saxon settlement even before Alfred the Great. Evidence has been unearthed of houses dating from the 5th century, and of a large cemetery from the same period. Alfred included Wallingford in his great line of fortifications against the Vikings. Some remains of this wall still run alongside Croft Road. And the straight town roads we now drive on were laid out by our Saxon forbears.

The Vikings were here in 1006, and in 1066 William the Conqueror is known to have been here for policy decisions before going on to London to take formal possession of his kingdom. The Norman Castle built to secure Wallingford was on a par with the Tower of London and Windsor, and was one of the three great Royal Castles on the Thames. Although Wallingford Castle was demolished, as with Alfred's Wall, there are still some remains for us to see.

There were dozens of churches and chapels and a small Priory from Saxon times onward. Shoppers at Waitrose's delicatessen are standing above where people once prayed in St Martin's Church. The Church is long gone but the street name remains. Do Sunday shoppers ever hear a muffled bell?

Wallingford seems to have been a thriving township until the 13th century when, oddly, it contracted, reviving from the 17th century. One possible explanation is that the bridge was built at Abingdon. A road then connected this with the bridge at Henley, by-passing the loop in the river where weirs and mills slowed down commercial traffic. So Wallingford lost out.

But what we do have, Judy told us, is documentation: tax rolls, company records,

property transactions all dating from the late 13th century. These are unique in their scope and condition and are only now being researched extensively. Among the trades mentioned are "bridgemen" who were hired to repel "foreigners" from Crowmarsh. As historians work on this treasure trove, Judy suggested text books may have to be revised to recognise Wallingford's importance. She reminded us that the town Museum is packed with recently discovered information.

After her talk there were so many eager questions that the Chairman had to be very firm in case we ran out of time for tea.

### *Future Talks*

6th May	Dr Gillian White	Chatsworth and the Cavendish Family (1550-1850)
3rd June	Tony Strafford	The Ladies of the Tower

Please note that our July meeting will be on the second Wednesday of the month. This is a departure from normal.

### *Outings*

7th May      Chenies Manor House. This 15th and 16th centuries fortified house also has five acres of gardens with a renowned tulip display. Importantly, it also serves home-made teas. We plan to arrive at 2pm and leave at 4.30pm.

10th June      Syon Park, for 400 years the London home of the Dukes of Northumberland.

For further information about outings, please phone Eileen on 825156.

Our Meetings are held in Crowmarsh Village Hall at 2pm on the first Wednesday of each month (except July this year). For more general information, visit our website [www.u3asites.org.uk/wallingford](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/wallingford), or phone Hermione on 01865 858 024.

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### Services for May

Sunday 3rd	Fifth Sunday of Easter	11am	Parish Communion
Sunday 10th	Rogation Sunday	11am	All Age Worship
Sunday 17th	Seventh Sunday of Easter	11am	Parish Communion
Sunday 24th	Pentecost	11am	All Age Communion
		4pm	Evening Prayer, at Newnham Murren
Sunday 31st	Trinity Sunday	11am	Parish Communion

Dear All,

Goodbyes are never easy and this is going to be no exception. In fact, explaining to those who have known for some time that I'm moving on, and to those who have heard recently, is not proving easy. The church works in mysterious ways and whilst some vicars stay for their whole career in one place, many more have several moves in their ministry. I looked at the licence I was given to minister here by the then Bishop of Reading, Stephen Cottrell, and see that come this July I will have been here 8 years – I don't know where it has all gone!

My licensing in Uffington Benefice (Vale of the White Horse, including four villages and their churches) is on 21st July and although it will be tempting to 'hit the ground running', I might do better to 'hit the ground praying' as Bishop Stephen would say. I like to think that prayer has kept me afloat here (mainly the prayers of others alongside mine!). May I take this opportunity to thank you all for accompanying me here and offering me your friendship, tea and occasionally something stronger.

Crowmarsh, for a small Oxfordshire village, contains an amazing variety of people, from all walks and with all sorts of outlook on life! Long may that continue and long may peoples' paths keep crossing for good; be that on the recreation ground for cricket, football, dog-walking etc, in the pubs, Village Hall, in the School and last, but not least, in the Church.

When I take my last 'mock wedding' with Year One on 20th May, I will rejoice both in all that this village has to offer in the way of community, and all that the Church can do to meet that need too.

I have no doubt that I will be replaced here, in some shape or form, and that the Church will be enabled to carry out the work of God's Kingdom (think mustard seeds and pearls of great price) in this place for many years to come. I have talked about building 'that loo' for far too long for it to remain a mere plan; so please keep thinking about what you might be able to do to help us build it!

I couldn't have ministered here without the goodwill of this community and I ask that you keep building these bridges with each other, and with the school and church for many years to come. Neither could I have ministered without the Church members to help me, particularly my churchwardens Margaret and Sarah, but I thank God for my memory of you ALL. In the meantime you don't get rid of me for another month at least, and you must come and 'see me off the premises' at our Summer Fete & Flower Festival on 13th & 14th June (details, if you'd like to enter or help, from Margaret on 836076).

Blessings to one and all, and, as another hitchhiker of the galaxy once wrote, "So long and thanks for all the fish!"

**With love & prayers, Jeremy**



## Open Day (and prize draw) at Wallingford Tennis Club

The doors of one of Oxfordshire's best tennis clubs will be thrown open on Sunday 17 May from 2-5pm, as part of a national Great British Tennis Weekend campaign organised by the LTA. Portcullis Tennis Club (at Wallingford Sports Park, Hithercroft Road) is inviting everyone to come along for free fun at its annual Open Day and the chance for pupils of six local schools (aged under 11 years) to win prizes.

Club Chairman Steve Gothard said: "Our open day is not only about encouraging people to consider becoming members. We want everyone to try out tennis, see our facilities and have a fun day. We are a very sociable club with four well-attended club sessions each week, a full competition programme, professional coaching for adults and juniors alike and an array of evening social events."

Coaches and league players will lead sessions of free tennis for children aged 5 and over, to adults of all ages! Apart from joining in with the coaching and match play sessions, visitors can join in on a fitness-based cardio tennis session. Light refreshments are available.

To encourage children to attend and try out tennis, we are running a competition in six local schools to win two main prizes of six months' coaching (a total of 24 one-hour sessions valued at £132), plus 12 smaller prizes (two per school) of either 2 months' coaching (eight one-hour sessions) or a two-day tennis camp, plus for any non-member of PTC, a free membership worth £15 for our 2015-2016 season.

Anyone wishing to attend the Open Day can just turn up on the day or Google <https://club-spark.lta.org.uk/OpenDay>. Search for Wallingford and register for your free place online.

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1st Crowmarsh Gifford Cubs and Beavers continue to grow in number. Our team of volunteers provides opportunities for over 50 local young people aged between 6 and 10 and has an ever growing waiting list – but now we need your help!

We have a small group of 11-year-olds who would love to continue as Scouts in Crowmarsh (age grouping 10½ to 14) but we need adult volunteers to lead and run this group. Full training and support will be given. We would also be delighted to welcome anyone who could help with our younger sections, particularly Beavers (aged 6-8).

We hope you will feel inspired to get involved. If you would be interested in joining our team, please contact us.

Many thanks

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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 9th April 2015

*Present: Councillors Nigel Hannigan (Chair), Francesca Jones, Andrew Johnson, Stephen Sherbourne and Stuart Soames, and Melanie Malcolm (Finance Officer, acting Clerk)*

*Apologies: from Councillors Faye Cheeseman, John Griffin and Fleur Stevenson, and from Sue Rance (Parish Clerk).*

### Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting

The council's revised publications scheme had been posted by the Clerk on noticeboards and the website. Cllr Sherbourne reported that the water leak on the allotments had been fixed.

### Finance

Payments made in March were agreed. The main grass-cutting contract for the 2015-16 financial year had been awarded to Scofell, including North Stoke Recreation Ground. The contract for cutting Newnham Murren Churchyard was awarded to Tom Cottrell.

Cllr Hannigan would be the Crowmarsh village contact for Scofell. Cllr Soames would be the contact for North Stoke. Cllr Johnson would be meeting with Scofell regarding work needed on the Nature Reserve.

Subscriptions for annual membership of the Oxfordshire Rural Communities Council and Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils were agreed. The fixed price contract with British Gas will be renewed for one year.

### Planning

#### *SODC decision:*

P15/S0059/HH (Householder): Three-storey rear extension with third storey in roof space, 10 Jethro Tull Gardens, Crowmarsh Gifford,

OX10 8DS:  
PERMISSION GRANTED.

*Parish Council responses to SODC were agreed as follows:*

P15/S0625/FUL (Full Application): Erection of two 2-bedroom semi-detached dwellings with associated parking adjacent to The Old Coach House, The Street, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8EJ:

RECOMMEND REFUSAL for the following reason: the erection of two 2-bedroom semi-detached dwellings is over-development of this site and has the possibility to cause problems for the adjacent properties which share the access road.

P15/S0704/HH: Demolition of garage and erection of a double garage with home office over. 1 Park View, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8BJ:  
NO STRONG VIEWS.

P15/S0868/LB (Listed Building Consent): Removal of modern paint and cement-based renders from the interior and exterior of the building and replacement with breathable lime-based materials. Kimberley Cottage, The Street, North Stoke, OX10 6BL:  
RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

#### *Appeal decision:*

Lister Wilder Ltd appealed against a decision by South Oxfordshire District Council to refuse to remove condition 2: that the development at Old Reading Road, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8EW should be carried out in accordance with details shown on approved plan 364-PL02A, soft and hard landscaping. Appeal Ref: APP/Q3115/A/14/2218449, SODC Ref: P11/W1965.  
THE APPEAL WAS DISMISSED.

### Environment and Recreation Ground Committee

The next meeting would be held in May. The

committee was looking for a new contractor to work with on the Nature Reserve and Cllr Johnson would meet with Scofell. He reported that there seemed to be a lot of rubbish alongside roads in the parish, particularly on Clacks Lane. Councillors discussed the possibility of having a "litter pick".

Cllr Jones advised that a car and caravan have been parked on the A4074 opposite the turning to Mongewell. Should the vehicles still be there at the next meeting, the matter would be raised with OCC Highways.

### **District Councillor's report**

District Councillor Crabbe submitted a written report. She will not be standing for re-election.

#### *Riverside access from Stephens Place*

Monson (SODC's engineering contractors) carried out a flood risk assessment as required and consulted with the Environment Agency. The previous delay was due to a conflict between protecting the trees and protecting floodwater storage.

There is a need to remove some soil from elsewhere in the flood plain in order to compensate for the access ramp into the Riverside Park. The next step is to submit a planning application, which should normally take 8 weeks to determine. If approved, the aim is to carry out the work this summer, before the school holidays begin.

#### *Thames Water*

Thames Water have now cleaned the drainage system and work in Winters Field is complete, but the council are still waiting for the reports of the flow survey from Thames Water (due in mid April) which are a precursor to them returning to Crowmarsh to update the residents on the position.

#### *Developments at Mongewell*

There was still no news on whether or not the Secretary of State will "call in" the application for the former Carmel College site. CABI had yet to submit a new application, but Councillor Crabbe understood that the number of houses

proposed on their site following consultation has fallen to around 80.

### **Correspondence**

More than 50 people attended the SODC Local Plan 2031 consultation in Crowmarsh Gifford pavilion on 14th March. SODC are collating the responses and feedback from all consultations prior to posting on their website and announcing the next stage of the consultation process.

Wallingford is to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. Wallingford Town Council are consulting on the area to be covered by the plan, which follows the new parish boundary of Wallingford.

Councillors have been invited to Thames Chiltern District Scouts' St George's Day Parade and Service at Dorchester Abbey on Sunday 26th April – the Chairman hoped to attend.

A commemoration of the 70th anniversary of VE Day is to be held on 8th May, involving nationwide beacon events.

### **Other business**

Cllr Sherbourne asked that the new council should hold a strategic spending review to formulate a spending plan and investment plan.

Cllr Soames raised the problem of North Stoke and Mongewell residences not connected to mains sewerage, and whether this might change as a result of the proposed development at Mongewell. Cllr Hannigan suggested this should be added to the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

Cllr Soames reported problems with school transport for North Stoke children. Although North Stoke falls into the Langtree School catchment area, OCC would not pay for transport to Langtree as Wallingford School is nearer. Cllr Jones suggested Cllr Soames contact Alan Field, OCC Bus Service Manager, and try to attend the next Transport and Travel representatives meeting on 20th May, where School Transport will be covered, as she could not attend.

## **Next Parish Council Meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at North Stoke Village Hall on Thursday 14th May, starting at 7.30pm. The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Tuesday 19th May, starting at 7.30pm, at the school.

## **Stoke Row Bingo Night**

Saturday 30th May is Bingo night at Stoke Row village hall. 7pm ready for eyes down at 7.30pm. Lots of prizes and a raffle. This is usually a really fun evening, so please join us. Don't forget your dabbers!

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## **Stoke Row Covered Market**

The next Covered Market will be held on 16th May in the Stoke Row Village Hall.

The Covered Market is held on the third Saturday of every month from 10am to 2pm. Set up is from 8am for stall holders.

We have stalls selling local produce such as local lamb and other meats, local bread, pies, buns, organic vegetables (subject to season), cakes, jams and juice. We hope to have a locally produced cheese stall in the very near future.

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# WHAT'S ON – MAY 2015

## Regular events & meetings

Every Tuesday	19.00-21.30
3rd Tuesday	14.00-15.30
2nd and 4th Weds	Evenings
Every Thursday	14.00-16.30
Every Thursday	19.45-22.00
Every Friday	8.30-11.15
Every Saturday	10.00-12.00
Most Saturdays	10.00-13.00

Short Mat Bowls
Age UK: Line dancing (over 50s)
Crowmarsh Ladies
Short Mat Bowls
Wallingford Photographic Club
Wallingford Country Market
WAGS Store open
Local Producers' Market

Crowmarsh Pavilion
Village Hall
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## This month

Saturday 2nd to			
Monday 4th	All day	Bank holiday steam special	C&W Railway
Sunday 3rd	11.00	Didcot & Wallingford Ramblers	Wittenham Clumps
			Circular Walk
Sunday 3rd	13.30	CTC 20 mile plus road ride	Meet Wallingford
			Market Place
Monday 4th	14.00	Didcot & Wallingford Ramblers	Ewelme Circular Walk
Thursday 7th	07.00-22.00	Parliamentary and District	
		Council Elections	
			Crowmarsh & North
			Stoke Village Halls
Friday 8th	19.45	TWHAS: Eccentric Oxford: A	
		history of mischief and mayhem	
Sunday 10th	All day	Wallingford Car Rally	Wallingford Town Hall
Sunday 10th	14.00	Didcot & Wallingford Ramblers	Town/Kine Croft
			East Hagbourne
			Circular Walk
Tuesday 12th	10.00	Didcot & Wallingford Ramblers	Moulsford Circular
			Walk
Wednesday 13th	19.45	Henley Philatelic: Competition	
		and fun quiz	Bix Village Hall
Thursday 14th	19.30	Parish Council	North Stoke Village
			Hall
Friday 15th	Evening	A Medieval night at the Museum	Wallingford Museum
Saturday 16th and			
Sunday 17th	All Day	Wallingford Food Festival	Bridge Villa,
			Crowmarsh
Saturday 16th	20.00	Music at St Peter's Church	Wallingford
Saturday 16th	10.30-12.30	Sue Ryder Sale	Nettlebed
Sunday 17th	13.30	CTC 30 mile plus road ride	Meet Wallingford
<del>Tuesday 19th</del>			Market Place
<del>Wednesday 20th</del>	19.30	Annual Parish Meeting	Crowmarsh School
Wednesday 20th	19.30	Café Scientifique: What's so	
		special about groundwater?	Wallingford School
			Library
Thursday 21st	10.00	Didcot & Wallingford Ramblers	Dorchester Riverside
			Walk
Sunday 24th and			
Monday 25th	All day	Holiday steam special	C&W Railway
Wednesday 27th	19.45	Henley Philatelic: AGM	Bix Village Hall
Friday 29th	10.00	Didcot & Wallingford Ramblers	Cookley Green
			Circular walk via
			Swyncombe
Saturday 30th	20.00	Music at St Peter's Church	Wallingford