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Consultation on public transport subsidies

Oxfordshire County Council would like your views on service change proposals for subsidised bus services and Dial-a-Ride. This could mean serious funding cuts and the loss of some rural bus services from next year.

Consultation is currently open until 14th September: online at <https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult/ti/stconsultation>.

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Consultation on waste recycling centres

Oxfordshire County Council needs to find £350,000 savings from its waste management budget. They have opened a public consultation on their proposal to reduce the number of Household Waste Recycling Centres from seven to three or four, and to change the opening hours of remaining sites. This means our nearest site at Oakley Wood is under threat of closure.

The consultation and documents are here, including the alternatives considered:
<https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult/ti/HWRCstrategy/consultationHome>

This consultation runs until 5th October 2015.

Parish council membership

We welcome three new parish councillors, all of them Crowmarsh Gifford residents. They are Mo Fillmore who lives in Murren Croft, Andrew Hermesen who lives in The Street, and Ann Sharp who lives in Thames Mead.

There is now just one vacancy and the Parish Council would particularly encourage a North Stoke or Mongewell resident to come forward for co-option to join Stuart Soames (North Stoke) and David Mannering (Mongewell) on the council.

Crowmarsh Pre-School

We hope you are all having a wonderful summer holiday. Crowmarsh Pre-school will re-open for our new term on Thursday 3rd September.

We are currently recruiting for two enthusiastic and passionate people to join our "outstanding" rated pre-school. We are looking for a full-time supervisor and a part-time pre-school assistant to do 16.5 hours per week. If you are interested in applying for either position or would like further information, please contact Dilys on 07951599623, e-mail staff@crowmarshpre-school.org.uk or see the pre-school website www.crowmarshpre-school.org.uk

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

Sustainable Wallingford SwapShop

The next SwapShop is on Saturday 3rd October in the Regal Centre in Wallingford, 9.45 to 11.30 – please bring items to swap between 9.15 & 10.30am.

This is another chance to pass on unwanted items to a good home, and/or pick up something useful – but no clothes please. You can swap small portable mains electrical items (after they have been tested for safety): they must work and have a "CE" mark. No TVs or computers can be accepted. Website: www.sustainablewallingford.org

Wallingford U3A

Our August speaker was Timothy Walker, who until recently was Director of the Oxford Botanical Gardens. His subject was the Oxford Botanical Gardens and Harcourt Arboretum.

We knew we were getting a world renowned scientist. What we hadn't expected was that within minutes the hall would be rocking with laughter. But he was very serious. We depend on plants: if they diminish, so will we.

Dr Walker pinned his talk to the history of the Gardens from when they were set up in 1621 "to promote learning and glorify the Work of God" and looking at what successive Directors achieved. His lecture was a kaleidoscope of history, science, anecdote, swift asides and breathtaking illustration.

As one member gasped, reaching for her tea, "I haven't laughed so much since I grew up". Unforgettably brilliant.

Future talks:

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

7th October: David Vaisey - The Bodleian Library

4th November: Tony King - The Bright Lights of London

Outings:

4th September: The Supreme Court

12th October: "Morse Walk" in Oxford

28th November: Sonning Mill - lunch and matinee (now fully booked)

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month in Crowmarsh Village Hall at 2pm. Visitors are made welcome. For more information about what we offer, please phone Hermione on 01865 858024, or visit our website at www.u3asites.org.uk/wallingford

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The dates for the next three Sales of Donated Goods are Saturdays 19th September and 10th & 31st October. In each case, the sale will run from 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.

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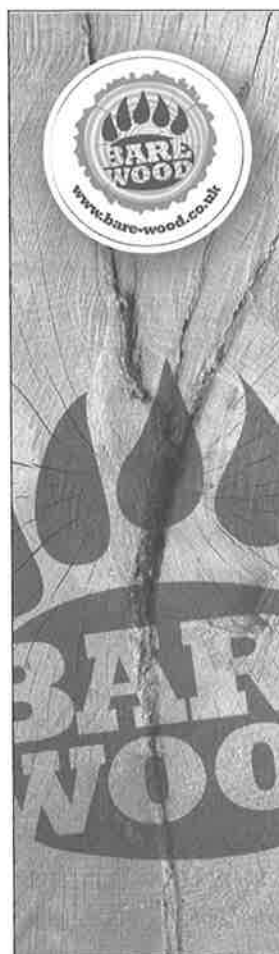
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Crowmarsh School Plays in 1933

In July 1933 Crowmarsh School were raising funds for their school library and playground. The Headmistress, Mrs Gregory, decided to hold a series of plays performed by the school children on the Rectory Lawn. She enlisted the help of teacher Miss Chapman.

The plays were performed on the evening of Thursday 27th July and were well attended by parents and relations. The weather was warm and dry, which was a considerable relief as the weather had been very wet up until the Tuesday before.

All the costumes were made by the parents, with some help from Mrs George Honey.

Five short plays were performed by the children, the first being *Fairy Queen's Court*. This was performed by Rita Jones as the Fairy Queen and Stanley Bullimore as a Courtier.

The second play, *Toyland*, was performed by Dorothy Fruin (as Big Doll), John Tidbury (Golly), Eunice Wynne (Mrs Noah), Margaret Fruin and Beryl Smith (Dolls), Theodore Bennett (Jack-in-the-Box) and Betty Allum (Child).

The third play was *Cabbage and Kings* and was performed by Mary Fruin (Queen Meldara), Diana Tipper (Princess Ardita), Mary Honey (Fairy Godmother), John Webb (King

Corum), Peter Drewitt (King Dorum), Bob Tipper and Peter Kent (Pages).

The fourth play was *The Three Bears*, in this case performed by Fred Honey (Father Bear), Edna Penny (Mother Bear), Ronald Marks (Baby Bear) and Betty Lovell (Goldilocks).

The final play was *Snow White*. This was performed by Barbara Marks (Snow White), Joyce Penny (Queen), Rita Jones (Fairy Queen), Betty Tidbury (Mirror Spirit), Stella Tipper (Dove), and Leonard Drewitt (Prince); and playing the Seven Dwarfs were: Stanley Bullimore, Donald Dearlove, Ken Smith, Donald Sadler, Gordon Wynne, Fred Beasley and Kenneth Sadler.

After the performances, the Revd J G Dale (Rector and Chairman of the School Managers) thanked Mrs Gregory, Miss Chapman and the children for the wonderful entertainment. He then presented a number of awards for the Religious Knowledge exam. The Bishop's Prize went to Mary Honey and two certificates to Stanley Bullimore and Joyce Penny. He also presented swimming proficiency certificates to Leonard and Peter Drewitt, Joyce Penny, Mary Honey and Stella Tipper.

A very enjoyable evening was ended with the singing of the National Anthem.



'Celebrating Agatha Christie' Weekend

Building on last year's successful event, a second 'Celebrating Agatha Christie Weekend' throughout Wallingford and Cholsey will be held from Friday 18 to Sunday 20 September.

Your weekend could start at Wallingford Museum on Friday afternoon, viewing the 'At Home with the Queen of Crime' exhibition. Your Museum ticket (half-price this weekend

only) includes this special Agatha Christie exhibition. This exhibition looks at Agatha Christie's home – Winterbrook House – and puts her quiet life in the town into perspective.

Friday evening at the Corn Exchange will feature a short talk, 'An interview with Agatha Christie - a Wallingford exclusive' by local historian Judy Dewey, which will contain

material gathered about Agatha Christie in Wallingford, including questions she answered in a local interview in 1970. This will be followed by a showing of the 1979 film 'Agatha' – a fictional account of the real life, eleven-day, never explained 1926 disappearance of the famed murder mystery writer. The cast of this film includes Dustin Hoffman, Vanessa Redgrave, Timothy West and Alan Badel. Tickets are £8, obtainable direct from the Corn Exchange, <http://www.cornexchange.org.uk>

On Saturday morning there will be a 'Guided Agatha Christie Walk – Wallingford to Cholsey'. Your guides will be Judy Dewey and Tony Rayner (local historians / authors). You will walk to Cholsey churchyard where Agatha Christie is buried, and can then view the special exhibition of 'Agatha Christie and Cholsey' (11am to 4pm) including photographs and documents, and take refreshments at the Old School, Cholsey. Your return to Wallingford will be by train on the Cholsey & Wallingford Railway. Tickets are £10 from Wallingford Museum.

For Saturday evening there is a very special event at St Mary's Church, Cholsey with a musical presentation 'Blue Murder at St Mary's' – a concert with a touch of Agatha Christie! – featuring music from Three Pressed Men. Tickets £8 from Ray Park Butchers, and Wallingford Museum.

On Sunday morning the 'Guided Agatha Christie walk' and the 'Agatha Christie and Cholsey' exhibition will be repeated. In addition, there will be an opportunity to walk from Cholsey to Wallingford instead (£8), returning to Cholsey by train. Additionally, cream teas will be available on The Forty, provided by the Cholsey Women's Institute celebrating 100 years of the WI.

Cholsey & Wallingford Railway will be running heritage trains between Wallingford and Cholsey throughout Saturday and Sunday.

For full information, visit Wallingford Museum, or the Town Information Centre, or www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk

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Living locally, Jane is author of the novel *Thornfield Hall* – a revelatory retelling of Charlotte Brontë's *Jane Eyre*, exposing the hidden story that *Jane Eyre* never knew.

This talk will be held on Friday 11th September, 7.45 for 8pm, at Wallingford Town Hall. Visitors (£3) are most welcome. For more TWHAS information, please visit www.twhas.org.uk

Success for Wallingford Photographic Club

This year's annual Wallingford Photographic Club's Exhibition was held in St Mary's Church, Wallingford. The move to this new venue has been a great success with more visitors than in previous years. Great interest was shown in the images on display and the work of the club.

This season the club starts on Thursday 10th September with our welcome meeting, which will be held at the Crowmarsh pavilion, at 7.30 for 8, until 10pm. This year we have a great programme of guest speakers, competitions and members' evenings. So if you liked our exhibition and you are interested in photography, come along and see us or check out our website: www.wallingfordphoto.club

Tony France, Press Officer

Henley Philatelic Society

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Wednesday 9th September – Members show their 'Latest Acquisitions' up to nine pages or five minutes. This is a good introductory evening if you are wondering what Philately is about.

23rd September – Jim Etherington gives his display '1940: A Desperate Year for Britain'. A very interesting display, including postcards, which is also enjoyed by non-philatelists, so do come along.

Meetings are usually held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at Bix Village Hall at 7.45pm from September to June inclusive. Visitors and new members are welcome. Details from 681739 or on our website: www.henleyphilatelic.co.uk

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For our last garden visit this year, the Club is meeting at 'Home Close', Southend, Garsington, Oxford OX44 9DH.

This is a two-acre garden with unusual trees, shrubs, and terraces. The planting reflects a Mediterranean style.

The visit will take place on 3 September at 6pm.

Visitors are very welcome to join us, and further details are available from 836867.

Monthly talks at Ridgeway Community Centre will resume in October.

Isabelle Darby

Wallingford & District Art Club

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

On Tuesday 15th September, artist Jean Turton will demonstrate how to paint flowers using Chinese brush techniques. You are most welcome to join us for what is always an entertaining and interesting evening (visitors £5, members free).

And why not come along to a FREE taster session at one of the untutored painting evenings on all other Tuesdays? Just bring your own materials and ideas or simply come to have a look round and a friendly chat.

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

Stephanie Toole

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Charity Vintage Fashion Show and Pamper Evening

Come along to an evening of vintage fashion and pampering at the Crowmarsh Village Hall from 7.30 till 10pm on 26th September. There will be live music, stalls including Stella & Dot, Varnals Vintage, Ugly Apples, Frocks in Swing Time and Scentsy, vintage hair, mini massage, mini manicures and lots of fabulous vintage and reproduction clothes in the fashion show.

There will be a raffle with great prizes including a shooting lesson and £50 Boden voucher. Entrance is £5 and tickets are available on the night. The price includes a glass of wine/soft drink and nibbles. Soft drinks will be on sale and guests are welcome to bring a bottle.

All the money raised will go to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. This is a cause very close to my heart as my one year old daughter was diagnosed with CF at just two and a half weeks old. She has a rigorous daily regime of medication and physiotherapy along with regular hospital visits. The CF Trust provides valuable support and advice to families like mine.

If you would like more information, to help or to donate a raffle prize please contact me on zoebagley@gmail.com or via the fashion show website: www.cffashionshow.wordpress.com

Final call for all those young singers!

There will be a singing workshop on Saturday 3rd October at St Mary's Church, Wallingford from 2 to 6pm. The workshop aims to bring together young singers from 6 to 14 years of age for an afternoon of fun music, and any youngster who would like to enjoy an afternoon of singing is encouraged to take part. They will be joined by the Wallingford Parish Choir Junior Choristers and the Wallingford Children's Choir. The cost will be £5 per child and we are raising money for the Mayor's Defibrillator Fund to enable Wallingford to have defibrillators situated around the town.

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Volunteering with Alzheimer's Society - Can You Help?

I am trying to find a new volunteer to support our four Alzheimer's Society Singing for the Brain groups which run across Oxfordshire. At the moment, we are in danger of becoming unable to maintain our current programme of events due to a shortage of volunteers to lead the groups during periods of holiday and sickness.

Jane Penton

Jane.Penton@alzheimers.org.uk

Ride+Stride

The Ride+Stride is an annual sponsored event to raise money for the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust. This year it takes place on Saturday 12th September. People cycle, walk or ride to as many churches, chapels and meeting houses as they wish on any route of their choice.

Wallingford is a good place to visit, with a lot of churches in a short distance. There are eight of all denominations participating in the town, including St Peter's by the bridge, as well as St Mary Magdalene Crowmarsh, St Mary's Newnham Murren, three in Brightwell cum Sotwell, two in Cholsey and one in Benson.

The money raised helps to preserve some of Oxfordshire's 650 churches, chapels and meeting houses that are at risk of falling into disrepair.

Details from any of the churches or from the county organiser, tel. 01235 202554, email

rideandstride@ohct.org.uk, website <http://ohct.org.uk/ride-stride>, or from John Griffin.

There are many historic places open to visitors on that weekend as part of the Heritage Open Days - <http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/> and there is a service of evensong in St Mary's Newnham Murren on Sunday 13th at 4pm – a pleasant walk along Watery Lane or over the fields – or via the Old Reading Road and the farm track.

Wallingford Bridge Club

Wallingford Bridge Club has just about finished the improvements to the Roke and Berrick Salome Village Hall. In addition to loaning the Village Hall Committee money to replace the roof, we have provided carpets and curtains throughout the Hall, refurbished the kitchen and made internal alterations so as to provide a second substantial room for events.

We have been able to do all this because of the growing membership brought about from two sources. The first is providing daytime opportunities to play Bridge, from the purely social on Tuesday afternoons to reasonably competitive on Friday afternoons. That is in addition to our long standing evening events.

The second is the ever increasing number of members that come from the Bridge courses organised at the Village Hall on Tuesday mornings and evenings. Over half those playing at Wallingford Bridge Club first started by attending a course for novices or by refreshing an earlier interest at a course for improvers.

Visit www.bridgewebs.com/wallingford/ to find out more about opportunities to play or to learn Bridge.



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Walks for September

Thursday 3rd

10:00 SU614915 Moderate 6 miles

Meet at Benson at the junction of St Helens Avenue and Church Road. Walk to Sotwell Hill and Castle Meadows, Wallingford and back along the Thames path. Registered Assistance Dogs only.

Contact Keith Tibbs, 838689 or 07976 302136.

Tuesday 8th

10:30 SU590839 Moderate 8 miles

Meet at Moulsoford recreation ground car park. Walk through Well Barn estate to Aldworth. Optional pub lunch at the Bell or bring packed lunch. Dogs on short leads please.

Contact Sue White, 834370 or 07814 165940.

Sunday 13th

14:00 SU526882 Moderate 7 miles

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

Thursday 24th

10:00 SU714933 Moderate 8 miles

Walk starts at Christmas Common. Please park opposite the Fox and Hounds or round the corner in the layby on the road to Northend. Meet at the nearby road junction. This is a hilly walk through the Wormsley estate, Cowleaze wood and back along the Ridgeway. Please bring packed lunch. This is a joint walk with Henley & Goring Group. Registered Assistance Dogs only.

Contact Kate Hart, 838689 or 07966 756770.

Sunday 27th

14:00 SU611894 Leisurely 2.5 miles

Meet at Wallingford Bridge car park (Crowmarsh side) for a historic walk through Wallingford with a visit to the museum with tea afterwards. Cost £8pp.

Please notify leader Alie Hagedoorn two weeks in advance. Cheque made payable to "H and G Social" with Wallingford written on the back please to Chris Corti, 21 Marchwood Avenue, Emmer Green, Reading RG4 9HR. This is a joint walk with Henley & Goring Group. Registered Assistance Dogs only. Bus

friendly.

Contact Alie Hagedoorn, 07894 580413 or e-mail alie.hagedoorn@gmail.com.

Wallingford and District Stroke Club

Wallingford and District Stroke Club meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at Crowmarsh Village Hall for activities and companionship, tea and cake. In the summer months we arrange outings, both locally and further afield, using the Wallingford Coach with its accessible platform.

We'd love to welcome more members (fees are very reasonable at £2 per month). If you, or someone you know, would like to join us – or just give us a try – please contact Norman Goodall on 01235 834503 or Jenny Tatman on 01491 839499 and we'll be pleased to talk to you.

Free Band Concert in Wallingford Castle Gardens

Cholsey Silver Band will be giving a free concert in the Castle Gardens on Sunday 6th September, 3-5pm.

Sunday trading hours could change – what do you think?

The Government has put forward proposals to devolve Sunday trading laws to allow greater flexibility over the hours large shops can stay open.

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils will submit a joint response so we want to hear how residents and local businesses may be affected if the changes go ahead.

Currently large shops can only open for up to six hours between 10am and 6pm on a Sunday, while smaller premises are free to open all day.

Anyone wanting to have their say on the proposals for Sunday trading should visit <http://tinyurl.com/sunday-trading-hours> by Thursday 10th September.

Crowmarsh Parish Council News

Chairman: John Griffin, 29 Thames Mead, Crowmarsh Gifford, tel. 838523,
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Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall on Thursday 6th August 2015

Present: Councillors John Griffin (Chair), Nigel Hannigan, Stephen Sherbourne, Francesca Jones, David Mannering and Fleur Stevenson; Melanie Malcolm (Finance Officer and acting clerk) and four members of the public.

Apologies: from Councillors Andrew Johnson and Stuart Soames, District Councillors Richard Pullen and Felix Bloomfield and Sue Rance (Parish Clerk).

New Parish Councillors

Three Crowmarsh Gifford residents, Mrs Ann Sharp, Mrs Mo Fillmore and Mr Andrew Hermesen, had applied to be considered for co-option to the Parish Council.

After they had each spoken briefly about themselves and why they wished to become parish councillors, the Council agreed unanimously to co-opt them as new members. They signed acceptance of office forms and took part in the rest of the meeting.

Representation from member of the public

Mr Hannan, a Crowmarsh Gifford resident, spoke of his concern that a long-standing access path between The Street and Bellamy Way and the Recreation Ground was to be gated and its use denied to residents. Cllr Hermesen declared an interest in the item as the owner of the property over which the path runs.

Cllr Griffin advised that his understanding was that this was an established public access on foot to Bellamy Way and the Recreation Ground that had been retained when the houses were built. After discussion Cllr Hermesen advised that although a gate is to be erected it will not be locked and the way through will still be accessible for residents.

Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting

Following the dismissal of Lister Wilder's appeal against their landscaping condition, Cllr Jones had drafted a letter asking Lister Wilder when they intend to implement the landscaping. Cllr Hannigan had spoken to the planning officer and the issue is now with the enforcement team. The letter will be sent to Lister Wilder.

Cllr Jones attended a small meeting about the future of the 134 Wallingford – Crowmarsh Gifford – North and South Stoke – Goring bus service. Due to financial regulations OCC are unable to award the contract to the existing provider Go Ride CIC. However, in the absence of an alternative they have awarded Go Ride a three-month contract while they look for another provider. A decision about the viability of the service will be made later this year. Consultation regarding all OCC bus service subsidies is under way, ending on 14th September.

Finance

Payments made in July were approved, the accounts at 31st July were presented and it was noted that expenditure was broadly on track. The external auditor had not raised any issues with the last year's accounts and the Council formally accepted the annual return and auditor's report for 2014-15.

Chairman's report

Thanks to our three new members, Crowmarsh Parish Council now has 11 councillors and just one vacancy, which will be advertised on notice boards and in *Crowmarsh News*. Ideally we are looking for someone else to represent North Stoke and Mongewell as we only have one member in each of these communities.

Cllr Sherbourne and the Recreation & Environment Committee will aim to get bulbs planted

in the flower tubs by October ready for spring and explore the practicalities of getting tubs planted and in place for next season.

The Chilterns Conservation Board, the statutory body responsible for conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of Chilterns, has a vacancy for an Oxfordshire Parish Council representative. Three candidates had put their names forward and their details had been circulated to members. After a brief discussion the Council decided to vote for Susan Biggs of Woodcote Parish Council.

Management of noticeboards will continue to be undertaken informally to make sure that space is available for new notices. Residents who post notices are asked to remove them when the event has passed. Several noticeboards are in a poor state of repair and we should review which ones should be repaired or replaced.

Planning

SODC decisions:

P15/S1272/FUL (Full Application): Provision of floodplain compensation areas, to compensate for floodplain volume occupied by proposed access road to Riverside Park. Land South of The Street, Crowmarsh Gifford:
PERMISSION GRANTED.

P15/S1470/FUL: Variation of condition 15 (demolition of existing dwellings) of planning permission P10/W1752, to allow the retention of the art room building at the Old Walled Garden, Mongewell Park, OX10 8DA:
PERMISSION GRANTED.

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

P15/S1794/LB (Listed Building): Removal of modern paint and cement-based renders from the interior and exterior and replacement with breathable lime-based materials. Kimberley Cottage, The Street, North Stoke, OX10 6BL:
PERMISSION GRANTED.

Parish Council responses to SODC were

agreed as follows:

P15/S2066/HH (Householder): Ground floor rear extension, ground and first floor side and rear extensions. 16 Wallingford Road, North Stoke, OX10 6BB:
RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

P15/S2155/HH: Two-storey extension to rear. Millstone Cottage, The Street, North Stoke, OX10 6BL:
RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

P15/S2158/FUL: Proposed partial demolition of The Springs Hotel and part conversion, along with new development to create 19 dwellings. The Springs Hotel, Wallingford Road, North Stoke, OX10 6BE.

This is a large development for the village and falls in the North Stoke conservation area. The application is to change the former hotel building to residential units and to build a new residential block. Councillors agreed that the design of this block was out of keeping with the existing buildings on the site. Residential objections from North Stoke have already been made regarding the design of this block. Cllr Hannigan advised that at a previous application in the 1980s for the golf clubhouse, SODC had been insistent that the building conform to the design of the existing hotel. SODC Leisure and Tourism have objected to the plans because of the loss of hotel beds.

The developers also propose to re-open a previously closed access to the B4009, despite the fact that closure of this access for road safety reasons was a specific requirement of a previous planning permission on the site. Cllr Hannigan recommended to Council that the application be refused on the grounds above and that, as a major application for the village of North Stoke, the application should go to the SODC planning committee. He will contact SODC to request this and also ask District Cllrs Pullen and Bloomfield to do the same.

It was agreed to RECOMMEND REFUSAL for the following reasons:

1. The design and proposed materials for the new build development are totally out of character and appearance for the North Stoke Conservation Area and will detract from the

visual amenity of this part of the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

2. The reopening of the old access onto the B4009 is in contravention of condition 15 of planning permission P89/W0677, which states: "the existing accesses to the hotel shall be permanently closed to all vehicular traffic in accordance with a detailed scheme". In the intervening period since permission for P89/W0677 was granted, the volume of traffic using the B4009 has increased significantly and the proposed one-way system will involve traffic having to perform a right turn across oncoming traffic without the necessary visual field to perform this manoeuvre safely.

3. The provision of 19 new units is a significant development for a hamlet the size of North Stoke and there seems to be no provision for social housing.

4. Crowmarsh Parish Council notes with regret the loss of a significant number of hotel rooms in the South Oxfordshire area.

P15/S2162/PSP: Installation and operation of a rooftop mounted solar PV system. Howbery Park, Benson Lane, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8BA:

RECOMMEND APPROVAL. (Cllrs Griffin and Stephenson declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision.)

P15/S2274/HH: Two storey and single storey extensions and alterations to property. 2 Jethro Tull Gardens, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8DS:
RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

P15/S2315/FUL: Removal of condition 4 of planning permission P13/S1462/FUL. Demolition of existing house. Erection of new dwelling and ancillary works. Larkrise, Sheepcote Farm, Mongewell (in the parish of Crowmarsh), OX10 8BP:

After discussion, the Council decided the application for removal of condition 4 should be refused on the basis that any development still needs to comply with the National Planning Policy Framework, which has a fundamental presumption in favour of sustainable development.

It was agreed to RECOMMEND REFUSAL for the following reason: Crowmarsh Parish

Council is of the opinion that high standards of sustainable design and construction should be maintained in accordance with Policy CSQ2 of the South Oxfordshire Core Strategy 2027 and the National Planning Policy Framework.

P15/S2342/FUL: To erect 2.4m high Safety Hoarding around the office and security gate after extensive fire, as advised by Insurance Company. Council Offices, Benson Lane, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8ED:
RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

P15/S2401/HH: Garden pavilion. Waterside House, Mongewell Park, Mongewell OX10 8DA: After much discussion, the Council decided to record a recommendation of NO STRONG VIEWS.

Update on website

Cllr Stephenson reported that there had been problems with the website server, which meant that it was not available for a period of time. It is now back online and she has now moved the website to her own server so that any issues arising will be easier and quicker to solve.

Cllr Griffin offered to help with scanning missing back issues of *Crowmarsh News* and Cllr Hermesen would investigate how the size of the PDF file can be reduced so that the *Crowmarsh News* can be uploaded directly to the website.

Correspondence

Cllr Griffin had responded to an Open Space Audit from SODC, who were trying to establish what open space exists in the parish, including allotments, recreation grounds and commons.

County Council matters

Cllr Griffin reported that County Cllr Mark Gray was looking at options to provide community transport solutions to some of the bus services that might be affected by cuts in subsidy and there may be options for the Parish Council to explore.

Cllr Jones suggested that the Council should ask Cllr Gray to advise on a response to the most recent OCC Minerals and Waste plan.

There is also a consultation on the future of household waste recycling centres including Oakley Wood.

District Council matters

Cllr Griffin had contacted District Councillor Bloomfield with a request for an update.

Cllr Bloomfield said he was expecting an announcement soon on the future of the SODC site at Crowmarsh Gifford, but did not have a date. SODC and the Vale of White Horse District Council will be based at 135 Milton Park, a leased building, for at least three years, maybe four. He felt it might make sense for the two councils to eventually move more centrally to the two districts, but any decision will not be made until it had been decided whether they could move back onto the Crowmarsh site.

Reports from outside bodies

Cllr Mannering volunteered to represent the Council on the River Users' Group 3 (RUG3). The RUG3 minutes are on their website at <http://www.riverusergroups.org.uk/sandford-to-cleeve.php>.

Items for the agenda at future meetings

Cllr Sherbourne asked councillors to bring suggestions for any strategic community projects to the next meeting for discussion.

Cllr Griffin suggested that Council might look at putting a small bus shelter at the Benson Lane bus stop: the broken seat had been removed.

Next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday 3rd September at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. The following meeting will be on Thursday 1st October in North Stoke Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. As always, members of the public are very welcome to attend.

Short Mat Bowls

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

Pets (Puppies) For Sale Alert

Action Fraud (the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau) has noticed a rise in reports about the purchase of pets, in particular puppies, advertised for sale via popular online auction websites.

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Once a sale is agreed and payment is made, usually by money transfer or bank transfer, the pet does not materialise. The fraudster will usually ask for further advanced payments for courier charges, shipping fees or vet bills.

Protect yourself against such fraud by staying within the auction guidelines, checking as much seller information as possible, checking details of the courier company, meeting the seller face to face, and being as wary as possible.

If you believe that you have been a victim of fraud, you can report it online at http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud or by telephone on 0300 123 2040.

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Regular events & meetings

Every Tuesday	19.00-21.30	Short Mat Bowls	Crowmarsh Pavilion
3rd Tuesday	14.00-15.30	Age UK: Line dancing (over 50s)	Village Hall
2nd & 4th Weds	Evenings	Crowmarsh Ladies	Telephone 201756
Every Thursday	14.00-16.30	Short Mat Bowls	Crowmarsh Pavilion
Every Thursday	19.45-22.00	Wallingford Photographic Club	Crowmarsh Pavilion
Every Friday	08.30-11.15	Wallingford Country Market	Regal Centre
Every Saturday	10.00-12.00	WAGS Store open	Centre 70
Most Saturdays	10.00-13.00	Local Producers' Market	Regal Centre

This month

Wednesday 2nd	14.00	U3A: Living by the Flute	Village Hall
Thursday 3rd	19.30	Parish Council	Village Hall
Friday 4th to Sunday 6th	All day	Bunkfest	Kinecroft
Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th	All day	Singing trains with Bunkfest	Cholsey and Wallingford Railway
Sunday 6th	11.00	Wallingford Historical Walk	Wallingford Museum
Sunday 6th	13.30	CTC 22-mile road ride	Meet Wallingford Market Place
Sunday 6th	15.00-17.00	Band Concert – Cholsey Silver Band	Castle Gardens
Wednesday 9th	19.30	Henley Philatelic: Latest acquisitions	Bix Village Hall
Friday 11th	19.45	TWHAS: Jane Stubbs– Women in Victorian Times	Wallingford Town Hall
Friday 18th to Sunday 20th	All day	Agatha Christie weekend	Wallingford and Cholsey
Saturday 19th	10.30	Sue Ryder Sale	Nettlebed
Saturday 19th	19.30	The band of music	Wallingford St Mary's Church
Sunday 20th	13.30	CTC 31-mile road ride	Meet Wallingford Market Place
Saturday 26th	19.30-22.00	Vintage Fashion Show and Pamper Evening for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust	Village Hall
Sunday 27th	11.00	Harvest Festival service	St Mary Magdalene Church

October

Thursday 1st	19.30	Parish Council	North Stoke Village Hall
Saturday 3rd	09.45	Sustainable Wallingford Swap Shop	Regal Centre, Wallingford