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To make up for the disruption to the service, the current subscription period will be extended by three months. There is more information at [southoxon.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://southoxon.gov.uk/gardenwaste)

## **Wallingford and District Art Club**

Wallingford and District Art Club will be holding their "Affordable Art Exhibition" on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of December, 10am to 5pm, at 21, St Martin's Street, Wallingford. Original art from £25 to £100. A chance to buy that special Christmas present or just treat yourself. Look out for our posters.

If you would like to paint with other like-minded people, why not join us on a Tuesday in Wallingford? Details from David on 681400 or [www.wallingfordartclub.org.uk/](http://www.wallingfordartclub.org.uk/)

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For example, in the past, small awards have been made to the Talking Newspaper, ENRYCH and The Family Centre for a specific purpose such as equipment or training.

The Trustees meet twice a year and the next meeting is Wednesday 3rd November. If you wish to apply for a grant please send a letter detailing how you need assistance and a copy of your audited accounts to Wallingford Bridge Estate Charity (WBEC) c/o 8a Castle Street, Wallingford OX10 8DL or email [seniorofficer@Wallingfordtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:seniorofficer@Wallingfordtowncouncil.gov.uk).

## **Cholsey Repair Café**

Cholsey Repair Café will again be in full swing on Saturday 20th November at the Cholsey Pavilion, between 11.00 and 13.45. Help and advice on repairing your broken items is available free, although we appreciate a donation towards our operating costs if we succeed.

Our sharpening service is especially popular but we can tackle all manner of household equipment and furniture, toys, gadgets, bicycles and textiles.

## **Bonfire night displays**

Wallingford 1155 are organising the Wallingford Bonfire and Fireworks on Saturday 6th November on the Kinecroft. The event starts from 6pm, is free to attend and asks you to give a donation, buy a hot dog, mulled wine, glow stick or sparkler. Money raised goes to local charities. The awesome firework display is produced by Wallingford's award winning Illusion Fireworks. For more information go to <https://wallingford1155.co.uk/wallingford-fireworks/>

South Stoke are holding their Bonfire night the following Friday 12th November on South Stoke Recreation ground. Organised by South Stoke Parents Association, the event starts at 6pm and includes seasonal drinks and snacks. The display is also produced by Illusion Fireworks. This is a ticketed event and tickets are available on the gate (£10 adult, £5 child) (All proceeds go to South Stoke Parents Association).



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## St Mary Magdalene's Church, Crowmarsh Gifford

**November services** (at St Mary Magdalene's unless otherwise stated):

Sunday 7th	11am	Family Service at St Mary Magdalene's
	6pm	All Souls Memorial Service
Saturday 13th	10.30-12.30	Crowmarsh Community Café at the Village Hall
Sunday 14th	10.45am	Gather for Remembrance Sunday Service
Sunday 21st	9.30am	Team Service at St Agatha's, Brightwell
Sunday 28nd	11am	Advent Sunday Family Communion
	4pm	Advent Carol Service at Newnham Murren Church
Sunday 5th	11am	Family Service

Morning Prayer every Friday at 9am, Evening Prayer every Sunday at 6pm

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

Livestreamed services can be found on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/wallingfordcofe](http://www.facebook.com/wallingfordcofe)

### The Vicar writes...

November brings us to the end of the church year when we not only think back to all that has been in remembrance but also look forward with hope to the future in anticipation of taking our place with the saints who have gone before us to our heavenly home. Everyone is welcome to join us at any of our services, but here is a rough guide of what you may expect.

For anyone who has lost a close friend or relatives, perhaps during COVID when funerals were necessarily quite restricted, the **All Souls'** service gives a chance to honour them by name by lighting a candle in this reflective evening service. Many find this acts as a useful step in their ongoing bereavement process.

For our **Remembrance Sunday** Service this year we again welcome members of the Oxfordshire Home Guard who will parade in honour of all who gave their lives in wartime, and especially Tom Jewitt. He was one of the first Local Defence Volunteers to lose his life as a result of a tragic accident whilst guarding the Cholsey Railway bridge over the Thames. We will rededicate the WW2 memorial now that the spelling of his name has been corrected. Please join us for this and then in church where the service continues.

Our candlelit **Advent Carol Service** followed by mulled wine and mince pies at Newnham, falls on the last Sunday of November. As this church is small and there may be COVID restrictions, let me know if you wish to attend. There is a minimum donation of £3 this year to cover costs and raise money for the Churches Conservation Trust who maintain this lovely church building.

Our **Family Services** are not just for families with children but for singles, couples and people of all ages as we gather as the church family for an informal service of praise and worship. It was wonderful to celebrate a Christening last month and the first Sunday of each month is the ideal service for these. All who are baptised are welcome to receive Holy Communion at our other Sunday morning services, with a blessing available for all who come to Christ.

**Blessings, Rev Kev**

## Benson Garden Club

From mealy cabbage aphid on broccoli to slugworms on delphiniums and cutworms on raspberry plants, Ray Broughton gave us a live, close-up view at Benson Garden Club's October talk, "Pests and Diseases". Members had been invited to bring along a problem leaf or cutting for Ray's inspection under his microscope, and there was a stack of bags and containers awaiting his attention. He examined each sample in turn and, as his microscope was connected to a screen, the audience could see the enlarged images of the plant structures and the damage they had suffered.

Sometimes the insects were still present and Ray was able to identify these creatures readily (for example, a winged aphid made an appearance). However, what was particularly impressive was Ray's detective work to identify those culprits long gone who had caused plant damage by examining their frass (insect poo) or the shape of the hole they had left (for example, a straight-sided hole suggested a cutworm had been at work). It was not all about pests though – in some cases Ray pinpointed the issue as a root problem or fungus.

By the end of the meeting he had worked his way through our somewhat embarrassingly large collection of plant problems. More importantly, along with the diagnosis, members were given safe treatment suggestions. For example, applying non-toxic sprays, blasting with jets of water and taking preventative action such as feeding hungry plants to reduce their susceptibility to pests. And when it was necessary to cut out affected parts, he stressed the importance of keeping the secateurs clean to avoid cross-contamination (tomato sauce was the suggested cleaning agent).

Our next talk on Thursday 4th November will be given by Martin Cook (7.30pm for 7.45pm start at our temporary venue, the Mill Stream Day Centre in Benson). Titled, "Digging for Gold at the Chelsea Flower Show," medal winner Martin will share with us the processes, highs and lows when building the three

gardens he created at Chelsea.

We have a fantastic programme lined up for our members over the coming months and hope to encourage new members to join as well. As always, we welcome visitors to individual events as well. Further information about the club and how to join as a member can be found on our website <https://bensongardeningclub.weebly.com> or please feel free to email [bensongardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:bensongardeningclub@gmail.com)

## Henley and District Stamp Club

Philately (stamp collecting) is fun if you do it with other collectors and will certainly increase your knowledge of all kinds of things such as art, history, geography, design etc. If you collect on a theme or postcards, your interest in the subject will widen considerably, as you research into it, to write up your collection.

Do come and visit us one Wednesday evening at Bix and see for yourself the wide scope that this hobby has. Our programme is still in progress but we will be meeting on November 10th and 24th and the subjects will be on our website very soon.

Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th week of the month at Bix Village Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members are welcome. Further details can be obtained by phoning 681739 or on our website: [www.henleyphilatelic.org.uk](http://www.henleyphilatelic.org.uk)

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## Past Times

### The Bowdens of Crowmarsh

Charles Bowden came to Crowmarsh from Wallingford around 1868, when he took over the wheelwright business from Charles Clare, whose family had run a wheelwrights business in Crowmarsh since 1750s. John Clare ran the business until his death in 1839, followed by his son Joseph, he was succeeded by his grandson Charles, who bought what was part of Howbery Farm yard which is now occupied by Collier's. In about 1868 Charles Bowden moved to Crowmarsh from Wallingford and took over Clare's business. Clare moved to Marston and continued to have a carpentry business there, in Church Lane.

In October 1890 Charles Bowden was picking apples in his orchard when he lost his footing and fell heavily to the ground. He was a heavily built man and was totally disabled by the fall, he never recovered and he died in September 1891.



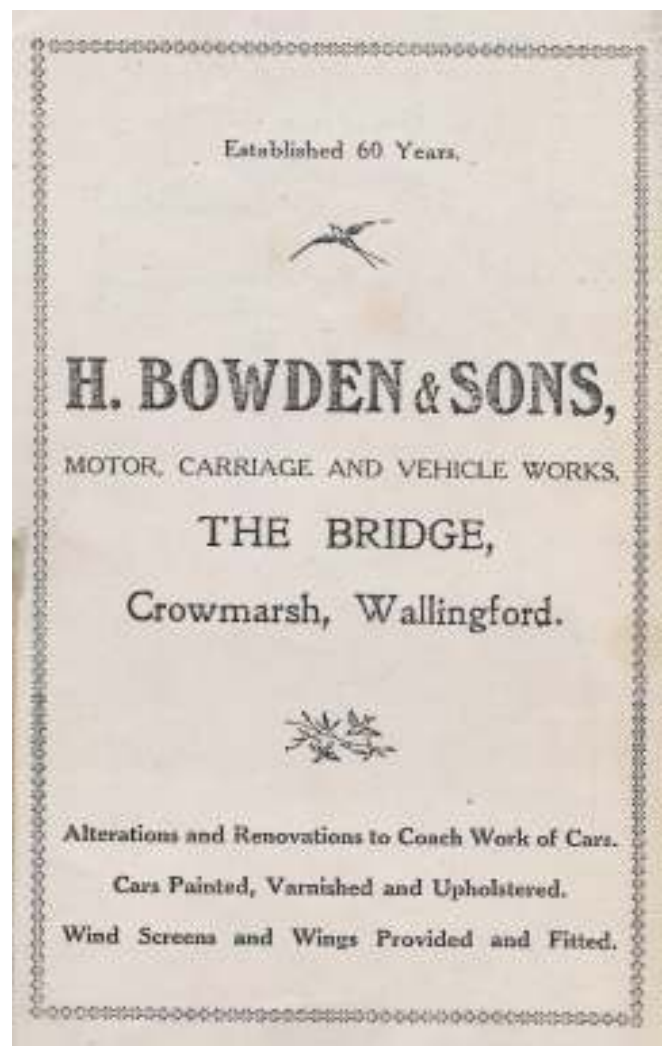
**Charles Bowden circa 1875**

At his father's death, Henry Bowden moved back to Crowmarsh from the High Street, Wallingford and took over, adding coach building to the business. Henry was born in Nettlebed in 1847 and was a keen rower, rowing in the fours for the old Albion Rowing Club in Wallingford. He was a member of the

Baptist Church in Wallingford, where he was superintendent of the Sunday School for almost 50 years. He was a member of Oddfellow's Lodge and was a former chairman of the Parish Council. He once allowed the Primitive Methodists to hold an open air prayer meeting in his yard.

During the 1st World War he applied for exemption from war service for his son Thomas, stating that in 1914 he had employed 20 men, but by 1916 he only had four workers left, and could not afford to lose one more. He was granted six months exemption for Thomas. Henry died in January 1939, aged 90 years. His son Edgar continued the business until his death in 1959.

The Collier brothers bought the premises in 1960 and have run it ever since.



**Bowden advert from 1929**

## Sponsored Walk

Just to let you know that the total net profit of September's sponsored walk is £2566.02 raised for the two charities, Floatability and the three churches, St Peters, St Johns and St Mary Newnham Murren.

A huge sum, together with the wonderful sponsorship from Stone Construction Ltd, it is really amazing. We cannot thank everyone enough, for giving of your time, cakes, effort and support without which we would not have done anything like as well. For a first event of its kind, you should all be proud of what we have achieved. Really, really wonderful!!!

For Floatability it means so much for the people with mental and physical disabilities, and for the three churches, it means that there is more money to help maintain the beautiful buildings for posterity. Most important is the collaboration between two local charities, making it possible with support from the local community.

We may do another event next year, but we would need again to call for support - based on what we have learnt this year. Perhaps additional ferry crossings, more fun events at the teas, and certainly more sponsorship. Thank goodness we have a year to think about it.

With very many thank yous for everything.

Susie Ibbotson and Mike Chamberlain (volunteers for St Mary Newnham Murren) and Will and Laura Howard (for Floatability)



## Wallingford Country Market

Wallingford Country Market is open each Friday morning in St Mary-le-More Church, Market Place, between 9.30am and 12noon.

With Christmas on the horizon, why not let Wallingford Market help take the strain?

Christmas orders can be placed for seasonal and other home baked goods from November onwards. In addition, as well as our regular seasonal plants and produce items, fresh Christmas decorations and wreaths will be available from December. Our Crafters are busy making small hand-crafted gifts and cards. Do pop in one morning - you may be surprised at what you will find.



Our last market for 2021 will be on Friday 17th December, but orders can be placed for delivery the following week by arrangement with the producer. We return after the Christmas break on Friday 14th January.

Country Markets BAKE, CRAFT, GROW are currently looking for new producers. If you would like to join our team, we would love to hear from you.

For further enquiries, please contact Alison Broadbridge, our Market Manager, (email: [alison.broadbridge@gmail.com](mailto:alison.broadbridge@gmail.com)), or come in and speak with her, or any of us, one Friday morning. We wish all our customers an enjoyable Christmas and a very happy and peaceful New Year!



## Coping with Universal Credit shortfall

This year, the month of September ushered in more ominous portents than chilly winds and dark nights: the Government reduced Universal Credit payments by £20 a week. This move could put many floundering people in a critical situation. Rising prices and the coming end of the pandemic furlough have joined other negative trends to put millions in serious debt, unable to pay vital bills and about to see life get even worse.

But, if you are in this position, remember that support and help are available and you need not suffer alone.

Take charge of your situation. Start by making a list of what you owe and add up what you need to pay out each month. This list puts your financial position clearly in front of you in black and white. Next, prioritise your debts. There is advice on the Citizens Advice website to help you do this: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money> Some bills are more urgent than others. Rent or mortgage arrears, gas and electricity bills and Council Tax count as priority debts as there could be serious consequences if you don't pay them.

Get in touch with the companies to whom you owe money. Not everybody feels confident about doing this but the organisations expect such calls and they might be able to help by letting you pay smaller amounts over a longer period or even take a temporary payment break.

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## Wallingford Theatre Club

Do you love live theatre? Would you like to share your passion with other like-minded folk? Then you may be just the person to help Wallingford Theatre Club get going again after lockdown.

Wallingford Theatre Club, which has members across the whole Wallingford area, including Didcot, is keen to get started again after its enforced inactivity because of Covid. The Club exists to organise coach trips to various theatres to watch live performances and share the experience with others. Favourite theatres Club members have visited include the Richmond Theatre and the Orange Tree in Richmond. Following lockdown, the Theatre Club finds itself without someone to organise the purchase of group tickets from various theatres; keep an eye out for and select plays and theatres that would be suitable for members and liaise with the box offices. The reward? The satisfaction of enabling fellow drama enthusiasts to visit theatres and see plays that they might not see otherwise. There is also a modest honorarium to cover out of pocket expenses.

If you are interested and think you could help, please get in touch with the Theatre Club chairperson, Sue White ([sueandterrywhite@ntlworld.com](mailto:sueandterrywhite@ntlworld.com)) or telephone Sue on 200978, to find more details of what is involved.

## Parish Council notes

Crowmarsh Parish Council met at North Stoke on Thursday 7th October.

### Present

Cllrs Stephen Sherbourne (Chair), Liz Ryall, Julian Park, Stuart Soames, David Rowley and Robin Smith, Yvonne Peet (Finance Officer) and Sue Rance (Clerk).

Apologies for absence were received from John Griffin, Andrew Johnson, Fleur Stevenson, David Topliss, District Councillors Sue Cooper and Andrea Powell and County Councillor Felix Bloomfield.

### Matters brought forward

Noise from motorcycles: With neighbouring parishes, we are asking John Howell MP to arrange a meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner, Matthew Barber, who has not replied to our letter, although the MP and the Police Community Support Officer have acknowledged the copies sent to them.

The traffic speed survey close to the crossroads in North Stoke has been completed. The Clerk will send the results to OCC Highways.

Cllr Soames will contact BT to ask that they arrange to repaint the North Stoke telephone box, which is listed and in the conservation area.

Cllrs Griffin and Sherbourne had a site meeting on 16th September with the OCC rights of way officer and the Ridgeway National Trail officer to discuss improvements to Watery Lane. Signs are suggested in and near Wallingford to highlight Watery Lane as the link between the town and the Ridgeway.

### County Council matters

County Councillor Felix Bloomfield was absent, but had sent a report.

OCC take over responsibility for civil on-street parking enforcement from the police from 1st November 2021. They have appointed

Conduent Parking Solutions to provide the Civil Enforcement Officers and the message is 'Observe the lines and avoid the fines'.

Five trials of 20mph zones are under way across Oxfordshire. Communities will be looked at on a case-by-case basis, but the parish council was invited to put forward areas within our parish where we would like to see the new lower speed limit to benefit highway safety.

Councillors agreed that a 20mph speed limit in North Stoke village and in residential roads in Crowmarsh Gifford would be beneficial. It was also considered that The Street in Crowmarsh should be restricted to 20 mph.

Cllr Griffin will be meeting OCC leaders with other parish councils online to discuss their strategic plans as they affect communities like ours.

### District Council matters

As part of the council's Active Communities strategy, the Move Together team has been busy since the project launched in July, helping residents who haven't left their homes during the pandemic, accompanying them on walks and talking about the support available to help them get active again.

The cabinet has approved a policy for planting trees on South Oxfordshire District Council land (see <https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/planning-and-development/wildlife-trees-and-landscape/trees>). There is also information on tree preservation orders and a guide to planting trees for community groups. Following investigation, tree preservation orders (TPOs) have been reinstated at Lane End. Trees in a conservation area (most of North Stoke village) are also protected, even if not subject to a TPO.

### Planning

#### **Decisions by SODC**

[P21/S3227/HH](#) 6 Shuttleworth Close, Mongewell OX10 8FS. Single storey

Edwardian design conservatory to the rear – Planning permission

[P21/S3395/HH](#) Archgate, The Street, North Stoke OX10 6BL. Removal of windows and blocking in with brickwork and flint stonewalling to match the adjacent farm buildings to improve the facade – Planning permission

### Consultation responses

[P21/S3932/HH](#) 1 Winterbrook, Wallingford OX10 9DX, New carport and modifications to front entrance gates – No strong views: no impact on Crowmarsh parish.

[P21/S3906/FUL](#) The Old Court, Winterbrook, Wallingford OX10 9DX, Variation of condition 2 Approved Plans on planning application P20/S2920/FUL for a smaller property and repositioning on site. Replacement dwelling – No strong views: no impact on Crowmarsh parish.

[P21/S3847/HH](#) 4 Halifax Road, Mongewell OX10 8FP. Side Extension – No objection.

[P21/S3961/CM](#) Land at White Cross Farm, Wallingford (Cholsey parish). Extraction and processing of sand and gravel including the construction of new site access roads, landscaping and screening bunds, minerals washing plant and other associated infrastructure with restoration to agriculture and nature conservation areas, using inert fill – Recommend refusal: intrusive development having a harmful impact on the River Thames, setting of the listed boathouse and gallery at the former Carmel College, the Chilterns AONB, and the Thames Path national trail, including loss of amenity for users of the river and the Thames Path. Possible hydrological impact on the river and its baseflow, so the Environment Agency must be consulted. This is a repeat of an application already refused by OCC for the same extraction plus a marina.

### Neighbourhood plan

The Neighbourhood Plan was 'made' at the Referendum on 2nd September. From that date we became eligible for 25% of all CIL



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funding from new housing developments. Full Council of SODC voted to keep our Neighbourhood Plan as part of their Local Plan at their meeting on 7th October.

A copy of the made version of the Neighbourhood Plan will be available on both the SODC and Crowmarsh Parish Council web sites once the final editorial checks are agreed and signed off. A hard copy of the made plan will be lodged for public inspection at a location yet to be announced.

### **Finance**

A donation of £250 was agreed to Home Start South Oxfordshire, who support local families.

Payments in October included purchase of a new cooker for the pavilion, £480 for the internal audit, £1680 for remedial work on the horse chestnut tree at the entrance to Thames Mead, £3255 consultation fee for double yellow lines at Stephens Field and £4259.52 for new LED floodlights for the tennis courts.

### **Environment and recreation**

CCTV installation has been completed at the pavilion. Installation of the final camera had been delayed while an asbestos survey was carried out but no asbestos had been found. The new LED lighting on the hard court area is a great improvement.

The horse chestnut tree at the end of Thames Mead has been pruned and stabilised as agreed. Cllr Sherbourne will obtain a sack of daffodil bulbs from Grundons as in previous years. Tree planting on the riverside meadows should go ahead this year and a meeting is planned with the Earth Trust and the Wallingford Wildlife Group.

Details were discussed of the proposed community lunch on Sunday 5th June 2022 to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

### **Traffic and transport**

Two residents will be joining the Traffic and Transport Committee, which is currently working mainly on motorcycle noise, speed

management and pedestrian safety.

Civil parking enforcement will be introduced from 1st November (see County Council section). The double yellow lines will be removed from the lay-by opposite The Bell at the request of the residents so it can be used for parking.

### **Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall on Thursday 4th November, starting at 7.30pm. Please contact the parish clerk if you would like to attend.

### **Vacancies**

The parish council still has two vacancies and would welcome expressions of interest or inquiries about what we do: please contact the parish clerk or any councillor.

Parish Clerk: Mrs Sue Rance, 2 Home Farm, Crowmarsh Gifford OX10 8EL, email [crowmarshparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:crowmarshparishclerk@gmail.com).

Chairman: John Griffin, 29 Thames Mead, email [johngriffin@phonecoop.coop](mailto:johngriffin@phonecoop.coop)

## **The Corn Exchange**

Highlights for November at the Corn Exchange include No Time to Die; The Last Duel; Quant; Under Milk Wood solo; and, Anything Goes.

The Sinodun Players will also be returning to pantoland in January with Sleeping Beauty.

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## WHAT'S ON — NOVEMBER 2021

### Regular events and meetings

Every Thursday	19.45–22.00	Wallingford Photographic Club	Crowmarsh Pavilion
Every Friday	09.30–12.00	Wallingford Country Market	St Mary-le-More Church
Every Saturday	10.00–12.00	WAGS Store open	Centre 70, Wallingford
Most Saturdays	10.00–12.00	Local Producers' Market	St Mary-le-More Church
Every Sunday	11.00 onwards	Parish Communion (Family service on the first Sunday of the month)	St Mary Magdalene's Church, Crowmarsh
Thursdays	16.30 start	Cycling UK rides — see <a href="http://www.ctcwallingford.org.uk">www.ctcwallingford.org.uk</a>	Wallingford Market Place

### This month

Wednesday 3rd	14.00 onwards	U3A: The music of Jimmy van Heuson	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Thursday 4th	19.30 onwards	Crowmarsh Parish Council Meeting	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Saturday 6th	19.30 onwards	Benson Choral Society Winter Concert, Rossini Petite Messe Solennelle	Dorchester Abbey
Saturday 6th	18.00 onwards	Wallingford Fireworks Display	Kinecroft, Wallingford
Wednesday 10th	20.00 onwards	Five Indian Pilots of the Great War	St Mary le More Wallingford
Friday 12th	19.30 onwards	South Stoke Bonfire Night	South Stoke Rec Ground
Saturday 13th	10.30–12.30	Crowmarsh Community Café	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Saturday 27th	All day	The Polar Express Train Rides	Cholsey and Wallingford Railway

### December

Wednesday 1st	14.00 onwards	U3A: Christmas Party	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Thursday 2nd	19.30 onwards	Crowmarsh Parish Council Meeting	Crowmarsh Village Hall

For details of walks with Didcot & Wallingford Ramblers, please see [www.ramblers.org.uk/didcot-wallingford](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/didcot-wallingford)