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If you would like to get involved or just find out more about how we operate, please email crowmarsh.editor@gmail.com or pop a note through the door at 57 The Street, Crowmarsh Gifford (Old Gardener's Arms), or speak to any member of the team (see front cover).

If you can help with distributing the *Crowmarsh News* in your local street or neighbourhood, particularly in the new developments, please email crowmarsh.editor@gmail.com or contact Frank Sadler, who coordinates the deliverers.

You don't need lots of experience to help, just to be enthusiastic and willing to spend a few hours every few months on what we hope is or will become your favourite village newsletter!

Help to run your Village Hall

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We would particularly welcome younger people or people who enjoy performing in whatever capacity to contribute to an expanding repertoire of activities in the future. There are only 5 or 6 meetings a year so the commitment is quite modest for what you can contribute.

If you think that you might be interested, please contact Mrs Sue Rance, the Parish Council Clerk, as she also provides secretarial services to the village hall committee, or call Stephen Sherbourne, who chairs the committee, on 07901 556395. Thank you.

Welcome to new residents

A warm welcome if you have moved into Crowmarsh Gifford, Mongewell or North Stoke recently, including all who have moved into homes on the new residential estates as they grow and become part of our community.

We hope you will be very happy here and quickly become part of the Crowmarsh community and join in local groups and activities as you are able.

If you would like to help with the monthly distribution of the *Crowmarsh News* in your local street or neighbourhood, please contact Frank Sadler or the editorial team — see the front page.

Alongside WhatsApp and Facebook neighbourhood groups, do use the pages of *Crowmarsh News* to make contact with your new neighbours. We are keen to see a wider range of articles and news from across the community: it is your *Crowmarsh News*.

Cholsey Repair Café

The next Cholsey Repair Café will be on Saturday 17th September at the Cholsey Pavilion, opening at 11.00, finishing at 13.45. Early customers will be able to enjoy light refreshments at the Cholsey Community Café in the foyer next door.

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Ian Wheeler, Co-ordinator



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St Mary Magdalene's Church, Crowmarsh Gifford

August services (at St Mary Magdalene unless otherwise stated):

Sunday 7th 11am Family Service with Christening of Percy Stephenson

Saturday 13th 10.30am-12.30pm Crowmarsh Community Café at the Village Hall

Sunday 14th 11am Parish Communion

Sunday 21st 11am Parish Communion

Sunday 28th 10am Team Confirmation Service at St Mary-le-More, Wallingford

Sunday 31st 11am Parish Communion

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The Vicar writes ...

I wonder how you reacted to the recent heatwave? Temperatures hit 40 degrees in England for the first time ever, spontaneous fires started in some compost heaps and forests and scrub land burned across Europe. Do we just accept this as the new normal, or worse, just another stage in an ever-upward trend?

For a hundred years and more now we have been living in a new era which scientists call the Anthropocene, in which one species, humankind, is shaping the earth and that shaping has become more for harm than for good. We see that in the pollution in the oceans; in the invisible blanket of greenhouse gases which is the cause of global warming; in pollution in cities which causes tens of thousands of premature deaths each year; in the extinction of whole species; in the rise of diseases which transfer from animals to humans and cause devastating pandemics.

We have only a limited time to take action. The world is not at present on course for net zero emissions by 2050 and limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees: that target is slipping away from us. It seems more likely that global warming will hit 2 degrees or higher by the second half of this century, and the effects will be devastating for life on earth.

It's easy to be trapped by our despair and to do nothing. The problems seem so big. However, change is possible. The Climate Change Committee in the UK estimate that more than 60% of the change required to get to net zero involves personal behavioural change by individuals and communities: change focused in the three areas of transport, home heating and diet. We are largely in control.

Humanity can do this and there is a strong and deep possibility of change. We know how to work with creation to do remarkable and beautiful things. The earth is the Lord's but part of our purpose is to shape the earth – but in good ways, in ways which preserve the diversity and wonder of creation, in ways which are fair to all the people of the earth, in ways which protect the earth, our fragile home, for future generations. All of God's children have a right to clean air, clean water and good access to nature. But will our actions follow these beliefs?

Blessings, Rev Kev

Exciting developments at Crowmarsh recreation ground

Please bear with us as the parish council begins redeveloping the pavilion and its environs. The plan is to create new public toilets, a new food servery with a hatch opening onto an outdoor mezzanine table area, and a new internal meeting room, which is also linked to the servery.

The project will help us better utilise the pavilion's existing area, which includes two unused changing areas, and increase the facilities offered. The new disabled public toilet will be served by a redesigned gently-sloped ramp. Additional items will include outdoor table tennis and additional planting.

This project is going ahead thanks to the Parish Council's Environment and Recreation Committee winning around £140,000 in external funding. This grant funding came from the South Oxfordshire District Council capital grants (where the project came first among all the grant applications) and the FCC Communities Foundation (£67,238), a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community projects through the Landfill

Communities Fund. Together with £75,000 from the Parish Council, this has meant that funding for the entire project has been achieved.

David Rowley led the bids with help from the Environment & Recreation Committee, with our clerk Sue Rance patiently negotiating the arduous online applications. The timings of the grants have helped take account of increasing material prices and allow for a new ramp for disabled access. These followed an almost two-year design and development period, supported by architect Michael Simpson.

This is probably the most complex project the Parish Council has undertaken in the past 30 years (remember we are all volunteers). It will build on the success of the new play area, to ensure the residents of Crowmarsh have facilities second to none. All being well, we will complete the work in November 2022.

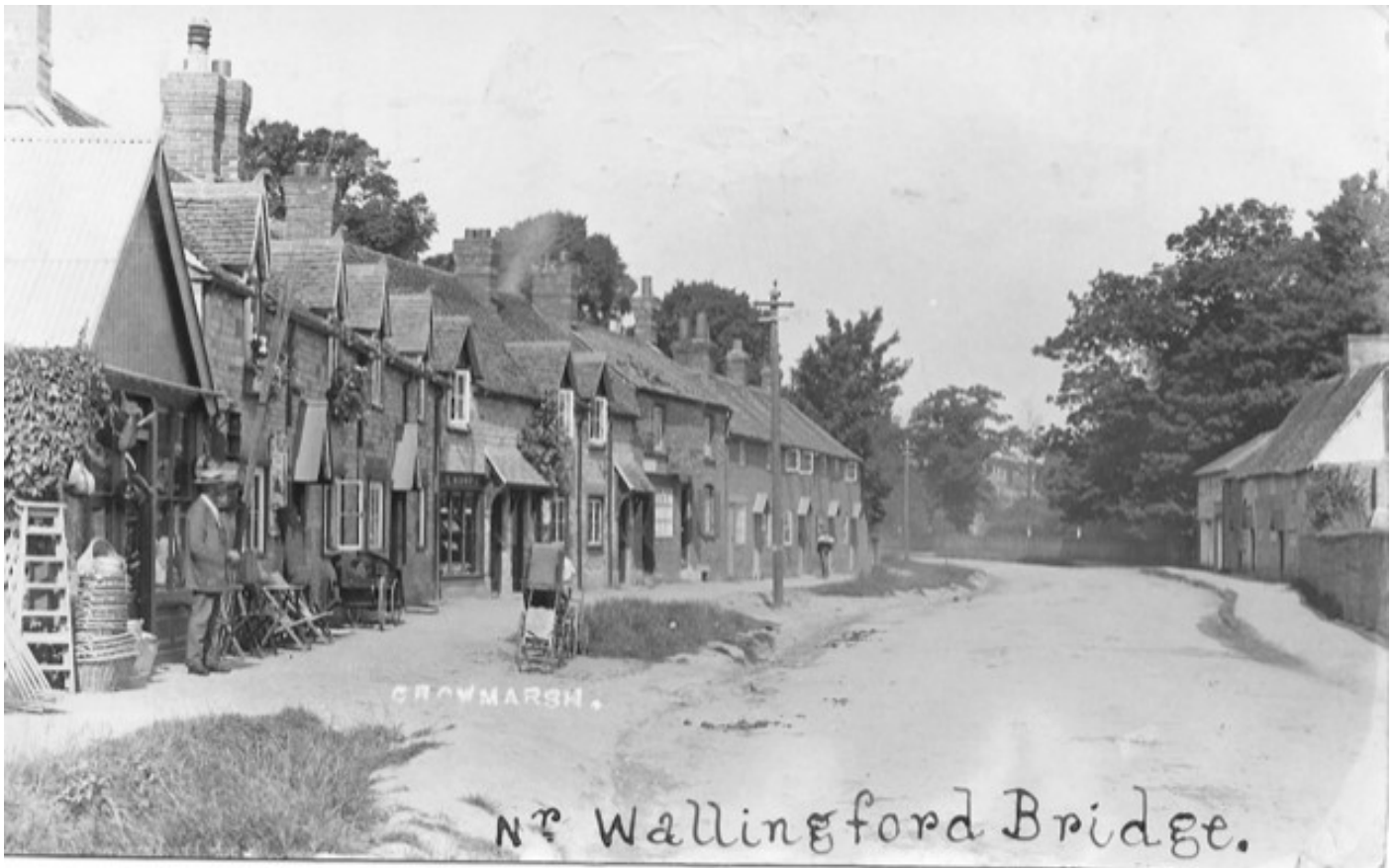
Andrew Johnson

Chair, Environment and Recreation Committee, Crowmarsh Parish Council



Past Times: Changes in The Street, Crowmarsh Gifford

By David Beasley



This photograph was taken in 1905, looking towards Wallingford Bridge.

The first building on the left is George Phillips, cabinetmaker: at the back of this property he had a coffin-maker's business.

Next door to Phillips lived Mr William Bowden, a 27-year-old coach painter from Oxford. Edmund Ponking lived next door: he was employed as a bank clerk. Edmund Norris ran his boot and shoe repair shop nextdoor.

The Game Cock Inn was nextdoor. The licensing laws were different in Oxfordshire and Berkshire, which meant the pubs in Wallingford closed half an hour earlier (10.00 o'clock) than in Crowmarsh (10.30), so there was rush of drinkers from Wallingford to Crowmarsh for the extra half hour drinking! The extra half-hour's drinking was stopped during the First World War. The landlord at the time of this photograph Mark Wickens, a former policeman from Kingsclere: his two daughters worked behind the bar.

Percy Wilder lived next door with Albert Newport, a 27-year-old wheelwright.

The next four houses, which were removed in the 1970s and new houses built, were occupied by Sophia Gamman, who took in washing, George Wadley, a widower who lived next to her, Charles Wheeler, a retired coach painter, and Frank Wilder in the last house.

During the flood of 1894, most the houses in the photograph were flooded when the Thames burst its banks.

David adds that he and Ann would like to thank everyone for all their kindness, cards and good wishes during his recent illness.

Could you be a Crowmarsh school governor?

The Governors of Crowmarsh Gifford CE Primary and Pre-School are looking for a new school governor who can help us build on our strength and expertise in three areas: HR, Information Technology (IT) and Finance.

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We invite applications from those who would like to join us in contributing to the welfare and education of our young people during their formative years. So if you feel you have the time and desire to make a difference, and relevant experience in the areas needed, we would be very keen to hear from you.

The closing date for applications is 12th August 2022.

To find out more, please contact Angus Brettell and Tim Crossingham via email: office.3200@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk. You might also like to visit the school's website at crowmarshgiffordprimary.com.

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Tuesday 2nd, *Brian and Charles* (PG)

Wednesday 3rd, *The Railway Children*, the original version (U)

Thursday 4th, *Brian and Charles*

Friday 5th to Tuesday 9th inclusive, *The Railway Children Return*

Wednesday 10th, *Top Gun* (12A) 2-for-1 offer

Thursday 11th, *Top Gun Maverick* (12A) 2-for-1 offer

Friday 12th to Monday 15th inclusive, *Where the Crawdads Sing* (15)

Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th, *Notre Dame on Fire* (12A)

Thursday 18th, *Drawn to War* (PG)

Friday 19th, *Eiffel* (15)

Live screenings

Saturday 6th August, 8:30pm, Westlife from Wembley.

Coming soon

Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd September Bunkfest comes to the Corn Exchange, in the foyer and auditorium.

Thursday 8th September, 7pm, *Much Ado about Nothing*, live from the National Theatre

Saturday 10th September, 7:45pm, *The Simon and Garfunkel Story*, live on stage at the Corn Exchange, All tickets £17.50

Thursday 13th September, 7pm, *La Bohème*, recorded live at Glyndebourne.

Wednesday 28th September to Saturday 1st October, The Sinodun Players present *Twelfth Night* live on stage. Shakespeare's classic comedy of love and deception is transported to the Art Deco period of the 1920s in the sumptuous Hotel Illyria on the Italian Riviera. Tickets £9 (first night), £12 (all other performances).

We still ask patrons to sanitise their hands and wear a face covering inside the building. Please see updates for the programme on the website www.cornexchange.org.uk. The theatre will be closed for annual maintenance from Saturday 20th to Sunday 28th August.

Parish Council notes

Crowmarsh Parish Council met at North Stoke Village Hall on Thursday 7th July. Present were Councillors Stephen Sherbourne (Chair), Andrew Johnson, Stuart Soames, David Rowley and Liz Ryall, Parish Clerk Sue Rance, Finance Officer Yvonne Peet and District Councillor Sue Cooper plus one member of the public.

Finance

The council agreed a donation of £300 to Oxfordshire Association for the Blind, and to give £222.22 towards the North Stoke Jubilee Party and £58.36 to the Mongewell Jubilee Party (see the previous Crowmarsh News).

Payments agreed included £7,228.16 as required third-party contribution to the grant-givers FCC and £1,777.93 architect's fees (both for the pavilion project), £1,708 consultation fees and £1,027.20 for lighting assessment and design for the proposed zebra crossing at The Bell, £510 for drain clearing at the pavilion, £336 for mower repairs and £75 for repairs to the bus shelter at North Stoke.

Planning

Decisions by SODC

P22/S1705/FUL: Change of Use of Former SODC office site for a grounds maintenance depot consisting of 5 shipping containers for storage, welfare unit, fuel storage and skip area. Permission granted for two years from start of activity.

Consultations

P22/S21176/HH Detached garage at North Stoke Farm, The Street, North Stoke. No strong views.

P22/S2233/FUL Proposed two-storey single dwelling. Demolish rear single storey extension. Existing garage and dwelling retained. Recommend refusal due to over-development of the site and its proximity to the A4074 Portway.

P22/S2320/FUL Erection of a two-storey, detached dwelling with garden and attached garage at land adjacent to Jasmin Mews, The Street, Crowmarsh. Noted that a similar application had already been approved, but

object due to over-intensive development of the site which would restrict access by emergency vehicles.

District Council report

District Cllr Cooper reported that improvements to the riverside pools and campsite are under way and there are plans to introduce swimming lessons for children and aqua classes. The temperature of the swimming pool has been reduced by two degrees and it is planned to cover the pool when not in use to retain the heat. The splash park is to be improved for the benefit of small children. A special effort is being made to improve the cleanliness of the facilities and it is hoped to provide a kiosk café near the splash park.

Cllr Ryall reported that work on the pumping station at Newnham Farm has been paused, awaiting Thames Water being available to connect it. Cllr Cooper reported on a proposal to ensure that Thames Water has capacity to deal with the requirements of all the new housing.

County Council report

A report had been received from County Cllr Bloomfield. The old access road to the Riverside Park has now been closed.

Environment and recreation

SCM has started work on the pavilion improvement project and this is going well. FCC has agreed to award the full amount of the grant requested (£67,238.74). A meeting has been held to discuss the management of the project. It was unanimously agreed to construct the extended patio and improved wheelchair ramp. The cost of the whole project will amount to approximately £235,500.

Traffic and transport

A total of 23 residents had responded in favour of the 20mph speed limit on residential streets, following the article in the previous Crowmarsh News and no objections had been received.

No action has yet been taken on a dropped kerb crossing at North Stoke but plans are in hand to repeat the speed surveys in two locations along the Wallingford Road.

Cllr Sherbourne has emailed the roads policing department about the council's request for

additional speed surveys at Portway and on the A4130. The police have confirmed that they ceased carrying out speed checks at Portway in 2019.

A resident who was present at the meeting reported that he had recorded motorbike noise of 115 decibels at Crowmarsh Hill. There are bikes reaching 85mph in the 30mph limit. Cllr Johnson suggested filming on the A4074 Portway and District Cllr Powell has a media contact who might assist with this. It was agreed to give Thames Valley Police a chance to take action first.

No response has yet been received from OCC to the emailed list of highways issues to be addressed: the Clerk will chase this up.

Reports

Cllr Sherbourne reported on a meeting he had attended at Wallingford Town Hall, organised by the Town Council, to plan for Wallingford in ten years' time. Items discussed included improved cycle/footpath routes, smaller buses and an eco swimming pool.

Cllr Johnson reported that the Emery-Owen Trust is keen to hear from local organisations who might benefit from financial support. Interested parties were advised to write to him at 9 Thames Mead and request a grant.

Next meeting

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

There is still a vacancy on the council: if you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk or speak to any councillor.

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

Chairman: John Griffin, 29 Thames Mead, email: johngriffin@phonecoop.coop

***Please see the parish website for the latest on many local matters:
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Cholsey Village Show

The Cholsey Show will be held on Saturday 27th August 2022, 12 - 5pm on the Cholsey Recreation Ground

There are loads of classes to enter including Vegetables, Flowers, Domestic Produce, Handicrafts, Photography and Children's Classes, all with free entry.

Refreshments, local ales and BBQ plus entertainment including dog show and music from Cholsey Silver Band.

Show schedules are now available from the Cholsey HortSoc Store, Park's Butchers, Cholsey Library and online at www.cholseyhortsoc.co.uk

Concerts@Cholsey

Anyone who came to our first concert in October 2019 will remember Sandy Stanage, who generously filled a support spot and entranced our audience with his guitar playing and good humour. It was a foregone conclusion that he would be invited back—but we have managed to do even better than that, because Sandy will be performing alongside the legendary Sylvia Barnes at the Cholsey Pavilion on Saturday 10th September.

Sandy and Sylvia were both members of ground-breaking Scottish band Kentigern before pursuing different musical paths. Sylvia and her late husband Jim played in The Battlefield Band and were hugely popular in their own right until Jim's untimely death in 2004. In 2006, Sylvia was voted Scottish Singer of the Year.

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John Howell MP writes...

I write my newsletter in the middle of the month. Although I usually try to avoid comment on party political issues, this time around I can hardly avoid this as I am caught up in the midst of the elections for a new leader for the Conservative Party (and hence the new Prime Minister to succeed Boris Johnson).

Some people have wanted me to comment on every twist and turn of events, that eventually led to the Boris Johnson announcing his intention to stand down as Prime Minister. To the frustration of many I refused to do so.

Whilst in the end I joined those who felt that it was time for him to step down for the sake of the country and for a successful Government, I do deplore the way in which it came about.

Similarly, as far as I am able, I am keeping out of the fray in the election of our new leader. Of course, I will have to make my choice, but I will not join in seeking to discredit candidates. Each must be considered on their merit for the role rather than against negative aspects of others. I do not underestimate the importance of who is our next Prime Minister and the integrity with which a campaign is carried out says much about the person.

I am also looking to see that the Conservative Manifesto on which I was elected at the last General Election is honoured and as such, can reassure those who have written to me on individual manifesto issues that they would like to see remain as live issues.

Now on to other things. In the constituency there are many families who choose to home school their children. The Schools Bill raises some concerns for them which I appreciate. Following a mass meeting in Westminster of MPs and constituents from across the country, I was asked to take the lead in presenting a parliamentary petition to the House on their behalf. I will publish the Minister's response on my website when it is received.

Also, with children in mind, I know that many share the concerns over the harm that young people can face online. This is, of course, an issue which affects adults too. The Online Safety Bill is welcome in its work to make the UK the safest place to be online, whilst also

defending free expression. This will be regulated by Ofcom who will have the power to levy fines of £18m or 10% of a company's annual global turnover.

There is also local interest in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill especially aspects relating to planning. The Bill is currently at Committee Stage where each line of the Bill is scrutinised. We will soon come to the parliamentary recess, during which time committees do not sit and so no further progress will be made on Bills currently before Parliament until the House returns in September.

Although during recess the House does not sit, Ministers continue the work of their Departments and MPs continue with their work with more of a constituency focus. My office will remain open to assist with personal issues where possible although some of my team will be taking a well-earned break.

If there is an issue that concerns you please do share your thoughts. Email is the easiest way in you have access to that. My email address is john.howell.mp@parliament.uk

Alternatively, you can write to me at the House of Commons (House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA) or my constituency office (PO Box 84, Watlington, OX49 5XD). Correspondence sent through the post takes longer to reach me as it has to go through offsite security scanning. If you would like to know more about my work on behalf of the Government and the Constituency, please do look at my website which is regularly updated. The address is www.johnhowellmp.com. Further details of the work of Parliament is at www.parliament.uk.

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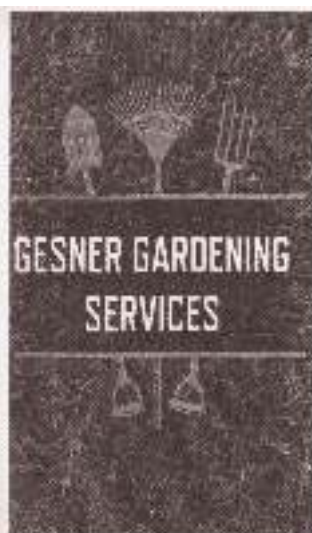
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WHAT'S ON — AUGUST 2022

Regular events and meetings

Every Friday	9.30-12.00	Wallingford Country Market	St Mary-le-More Church, Wallingford
Every Saturday	10.00-12.00	WAGS Store open	Centre 70, Wallingford
Most Saturdays	10.00-13.00	Local Producers' Market	Centre 70 (in the Market Place on the first Saturday of the month)
Various days	Differing times	Didcot and Wallingford Ramblers	www.ramblers.org.uk/didcot-wallingford
Every Sunday	11.00 onwards	Parish Communion. Family service first Sunday of month. See page 4	St Mary Magdalene's Church, Crowmarsh Gifford
Mainly Thursdays	Varying times	CTC Wallingford cycle rides	www.ctcwallingford.org.uk
Various days	Various times	Cholsey and Wallingford Heritage Railway	www.cholsey-wallingford-railway.com

This month

Wednesday 3rd	14.00 onwards	U3A: The Wildlife on your Doorstep	Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall
Thursday 4th	19.30 onwards	Crowmarsh Parish Council Meeting	Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall
Saturday 13th	10.30-12.30	Crowmarsh Community Café	Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall
Saturday 20th	20.00 onwards	Concert: The Band of Music, specialists in Baroque music	St Mary-le-More Church, Wallingford
Saturday 20th	11.00—16.00	Big Art Day	Wallingford Museum
Saturday 20th	19.00 onwards	The Wallingford Fryer	Cholsey and Wallingford Heritage Railway
Saturday 27th	12.00 - 17.00	Cholsey Village Show (see p. 13)	Cholsey Recreation Ground
Monday 29th	Afternoon / evening	Bank Holiday Cream Teas	Cholsey and Wallingford Heritage Railway

September

Thursday 1st	19.30 onwards	Crowmarsh Parish Council Meeting	Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall
Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th	Most of the time	Bunkfest Music Festival including railway operation	Kinicroft and throughout Wallingford
Wednesday 7th	14.00 onwards	U3A: The Watlington Viking Hoard	Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall
Saturday 10th	19.00 for 19.45	Concerts@Cholsey: Sandy Stange and Sylvia Barnes (see p. 13)	Cholsey Pavilion
Saturday 17th	11.00—13.45	Cholsey Repair Café (see p. 3)	Cholsey Pavilion