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Oxfordshire County Council has launched a public consultation on options for saving money. It has already saved or has firm plans to save nearly £300m since 2010 but believes it needs to find another £50m of savings over the next four years. "The government is rightly reducing public spending to tackle the national budget deficit, which means we have to make some difficult decisions about council services," says council leader, Cllr Ian Hudspeth.

As well as receiving less money from government, the council faces rising demand for services – particularly for vulnerable adults and children at risk of abuse and neglect. Already about half its budget is spent on 2% of the population of Oxfordshire, and that proportion is set to rise to three-quarters of the total budget as a result of a growing aging population.

The council is consulting the public before taking the decisions and delivering a balanced budget on 16th February 2016. Talking Oxfordshire, the council's budget consultation, started on 20th October, when all the savings options were published on the council's website. It will close on 30th November.

There will be three public events with an independent chair alongside the leader and chief finance officer to provide residents with a chance to find out about the council's budget position and have their say. Comments will be collated as part of the feedback process.

The events are 7-8.30pm and remaining dates are:

- 2nd November – Banbury Town Hall
- 5th November – Regal Centre, Wallingford

People need to register in advance to attend the event so the council can manage numbers. To register for an event or take part in the consultation online, go to www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/talkingoxfordshire

Hard copies of the budget consultation documents will also be available in every library.

Crowmarsh Gifford Children's Christmas Party

On Saturday 5th December from 3 to 5pm there is a FREE Christmas party, for all children aged between 4 and 12 years who live in the village, hosted by the Village Hall Committee. There will be a visit by Father Christmas. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

If children would like to attend please return the completed invitation slip (available at the Village Store) to either Crowmarsh Village Store or Jan Pratt, 6 The Limes, by Monday 16th November.

Age UK - the Big Knit 2015

St Mary Magdalene Church are taking part in the Age UK 'The Big Knit' and need some knitters, even if you're only a beginner or learning to knit. Age UK have been tasked with knitting 800,000 hats which will adorn Innocent Smoothie bottles next February.

This is a joint campaign between Age UK and Innocent drinks to help vulnerable older people during the cold winter months. We knit the hats, Innocent drinks wear them and 25p from every 'hatted' drink sold will go to Age UK.

Our Big Knit will be on Saturday 28th November, 2 - 6pm, with tea and cakes, at Sarah Nesbitt's house, 112 The Street. Everyone is welcome - please bring needles (3&1/4 - 4mm) and wool that we can share if you have some (we have the knitting patterns), but please let me know if you are coming. (If you can't come but can knit some hats, let me know too). More information about the campaign is here: <http://www.ageuk.org.uk/get-involved/events-and-challenges/the-big-knit/>

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Crowmarsh Gifford School

We have had a fantastic start to the school year; summer seems a distant memory. We can't believe we are already thinking about Christmas!

We welcomed two dynamic headteachers from South Africa and a representative from World Vision into our school a few weeks ago. Elizabeth visited the school a number of years ago when Mrs O'Dwyer was headteacher, who was then able to reciprocate the visit to Masekane School, which is our partner school and has now been for a number of years.

They came to observe teaching practice and to see how teaching assistants work alongside pupils to help them make progress. They will be taking back their research and presenting to as many headteachers in South Africa as will listen. They are urging their government to help them bring additional adults into the classrooms and to provide them with the training to work alongside the teachers. It was absolutely amazing to be a part of this 'sharing of good practice'. We can learn so much from working together and we hope to deepen and broaden our partnership with them.

Our school was very excited to be a recipient of a National Lottery Award grant to help us replace our playground equipment. Our children now have a ship to enact scenes from *Peter Pan* and *Titanic*, fitted with its own wooden plank! Also, a new trim trail was installed closer to our tarmac area so that children can play on it no matter what the weather might be.

Children celebrated the Harvest Festival by sharing their prayers, artwork, poems and songs to explain what the true meaning of the season is. A huge thank you to our Crowmarsh School families for providing such an abundance of food, which our pupils have delivered to many families around our village. We hope those families that received a parcel enjoyed the 'fruits of the harvest' and know that our school is always here for them and is always thinking of them.

As usual, there are lots of things going on in school. We are getting ready for the bustle that

Christmas brings and hope that we are able to welcome many of you into our school for the various events that will be taking place. Please keep an eye out for our posters displaying information about our PTA event, Christmas Carols By Candlelight on the evening of December 16th.

Until next time.....

Mrs Flora Barton
Headteacher

Applications for School Places in September 2016

Entry to primary or infant school in September 2016

Children born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012

The Admissions process for school places for September 2016 has now begun. The most important dates in the admissions process are as follows:

15 January 2016 – closing date for on time applications

Parents or Carers must apply by this date, on-line at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions or on paper (forms are available from the County Council website or local schools).

18 April 2016 – letters offering places will be (second class) posted. Those who applied on-line will receive an email and will be able to view the result of their application online.

A reference booklet called *Starting School* is published on the County Council website and printed copies are available in all primary and infant schools, and in libraries.

Carols by Candlelight

Crowmarsh School PTA invites you their Carols by Candlelight. Come and join us with your family and friends for singing with the Blewbury Brass Band, mulled wine, mince pies, donkeys and more.

This is early warning for the event that will take place on Wednesday 16th December at 6pm. Please bring a candle in a jar.

Crowmarsh Pre-school

This month our rising 5s are excited to start our weekly Forest School visits where they get to experience the joy of playing outside in our woodland area. We are also excited to welcome more new starters who have settled in wonderfully along with our new member of staff, Sarah.

Our next pre-school open morning is Monday 23rd November 9 to 10am.

Crowmarsh Pre-school 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 8.45/9am-12pm and an afternoon session 12-3pm. Lunch club is 12-1pm 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 07951599623 or e-mail Vikki at admissions@crowmarshpre-school.org.uk

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The Crowmarsh Riots of 1824

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Most of the prisoners were men from Crowmarsh. The young men (described as dissolute and depraved) had for some time each night visited Wallingford and caused a disturbance of the peace by the violence of their behaviour. After nearly two weeks of flouting the law, they were arrested, and all were found guilty.

Charles Crook and Richard Messenger were convicted of stealing money from the Wallingford Bridge Toll House. Crook was sentenced to seven years' transportation to Australia. Messenger was sentenced to three months' hard labour in Reading Gaol, also to be whipped once (it was his first offence). Crook was only 16 years of age, but a hardened criminal who had been convicted and imprisoned several times.

John Marks and John Prince were both convicted of stealing a sack of barley, from William Toovey, of Newnham Murren, to whom Marks was a servant. Marks was sentenced to six months' hard labour in Reading Gaol and Prince to three months' hard labour. John Cooper was charged with stealing John Child's hat, and sentenced to one month's hard labour.

Robert Francis, Charles Blissett, Caleb Wheeler, Richard Scudds and Gabriel

Seymour were all charged with assault and riotous behaviour. They received sentences ranging from six to three months, all with hard labour.

The riot committed by the above and over 100 other young men from Crowmarsh and surrounding villages occurred on the night of 5th November 1824. A Wallingford farmer and three of his servants were harvesting his haulm (bean or grass stalks) when they were assaulted with folds, stakes and stones and badly injured. A constable who tried to stop the riot was also injured. A number of windows were broken at the farmer's house by the mob.

The Mayor hoped by sentencing the ring leaders so severely it would deter the rest from causing trouble again. This seems to have been successful as there was little trouble over the next year.

Charles Crook (born 1809) was transported to Australia along with 147 others on the convict ship, *England*. He sailed on 26th April 1826 and reached New South Wales on 18th September. He was issued with his Certificate of Freedom in January 1832 before settling in a town called Bathurst, New South Wales. There he married Mary Ann Smith in June 1835.

The couple raised eight children, and it seems Charles never forgot his family in England, as all his children were named after his brothers and sisters. After finding work on a farm he made enough money to buy a farm of his own. He died in January 1883, in the Australian town of Orange, New South Wales, having never returned to the land of his birth.

Sue Ryder – Sale Dates

The dates for the next two Sales of Donated Goods are Saturdays 21st November and 12th December. 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.

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.

For further details of these sales, please call 01491 641384 ext 246.

Wallingford & District Art Club

Wallingford and District Art Club meets on Tuesdays, 7.30-9.30pm at Centre 70, Goldsmiths Lane. On Tuesday 17th November, artist John Heywood will demonstrate painting a landscape in acrylics. 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 on this or the other exciting demonstrations we shall be having each month.

Stephanie Toole
825042 / toole.stephanie@yahoo.co.uk

Wallingford Gardening Club Grow Organic

At the November meeting of the Wallingford Gardening Club, Christie Leary will make a presentation on "Grow Organic".

Christie lives locally in Goring, and was a founder member of the Village Greenfingers gardening club. She is a keen amateur photographer and a member of the Garden Organic (Henry Doubleday Research Association), The Hebe Society and the Reading & District Fuschia Society.

The talk will be held at Ridgeway Community Church, Wallingford at 7.30pm on Thursday 12th November. Visitors very welcome £2.

Isabelle Darby
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This talk will be held on Friday 13th November, 8pm at Wallingford Town Hall. Visitors (£3) are most welcome. For further information, please visit www.twhas.org.uk



Your very last chance to see...

There is a last chance to see this year's special exhibition 'Wallingford's Royal Castle Revealed' at Wallingford Museum, as the Museum closes for the winter on the 28th November, to prepare for new major presentations in 2016.

Alongside, to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the signing of Magna Carta there is the additional display 'Magna Carta and All That!' highlighting Wallingford's role in the events of 1215, and why it is one of only four towns mentioned in Magna Carta. King John was at Wallingford Castle on several occasions during his falling out with the barons which led to Magna Carta.

There is also the 'Midsomer Murders' display

and the growing 'At home with the Queen of Crime: Agatha Christie' where information has been presented that has been learned from several people in the town who came into contact with the famous crime writer.

The Museum is open until 28th November on Tuesdays - Fridays 2 - 5pm, and Saturdays 10.30am - 5.00pm. For more information, please visit www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk

Cranford Choral Society

Come and try us for a free trial, say Cranford's choristers.

It's a new era for Cranford Choral Society. And the Moultsford based choir is celebrating a new Music Director and an exciting new winter programme with a special free trial for new members.

"Lots of people love singing, but might not be sure whether joining a choir would suit them," explains the Society's chairman, Anthony Finn. "Many of our members felt just the same, but found that our choir mixes singing fun with serious standards of performance. We don't audition, so there is no fear of being rejected. Just come to three of our friendly rehearsals on a Monday evening for free, and see what you think!"

Matching its ambitions, Cranford Choral Society's new Music Director, Chris de Souza, is a renowned conductor, composer, teacher, and BBC Proms Producer. The choir's winter programme comprises Mendelssohn's major work *Elijah*, to be performed in February next year, and an imaginative Christmas Concert at St Mary's Church, Cholsey on 12th December, which includes Vaughan Williams's beautiful *Fantasia on Christmas Carols* and some favourite highlights from Handel's *Messiah*.

Cranford Choral Society rehearses at 8pm each Monday (except during school half term and other holidays) in the Barn in Cranford House School in Moultsford, OX10 9HT.

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Particular mention must go to the Parish Council and Kevin Higgs from Refresh Pro for their immediate help.

We are now all back in our premises and moving on to the future.

We are proud to be sponsoring one of our employees, Ryan Morris, who is taking part in the Florida Ironman on 7th November. He will be raising money for the local children's bereavement charity See Saw, www.seesaw.org.uk.



Below is some information from Ryan's *Just Giving* page.

"In November I will be taking part in IRONMAN Florida, which consists of a 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike and a 26 mile run.

"Together with your help I would like to raise as much money as possible for this worthy cause. Obviously our profession we see first-hand the sadness of the children who have recently been bereaved. Having lost my mother at a young age, I know how traumatic

this can be.

For children who have recently lost one or both parents, a sibling or close relative, it is not easy for them to talk to someone; that is when the help at SeeSaw becomes invaluable.

SeeSaw Oxford, celebrate their 15th Anniversary this year. There is a need for specialist help for these children, when their lives have been turned upside down. Help is given in various ways, with advice, support and contacts, to help them look forward with hope.

"I would like to raise as much as I can, to fund this help. Please help us make a difference, and donate to this valuable Charity."

Donations can be made at our office in Benson Lane or via Ryan's Just Giving page: www.justgiving.com/Ryan-morris1

Thank you,

Howard, Sandra & Alistair
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Wallingford U3A

Our October speaker, Chris Nichols, spoke on the Development of the Bodleian Library. It began as early as 1167, when English students, expelled from Paris, moved to monastic schools already established in Oxenford. The arrival of 1000-odd students created problems in a town with a population of 3500, and "Town and Gown" riots led to the students decamping to Cambridge.

In 1590 Queen Elizabeth I appointed Thomas Bodley as Head. In 1602, the much improved Library re-opened in its existing building. It now holds over 12 million books, and is one of our greatest institutions.

Our meetings are held in Crowmarsh Village Hall at 2pm on the first Wednesday of the month. Visitors are always made welcome. For more information about November's events, including a talk by Tony King called "The Bright Lights of London" (4 November) and a visit to RAF Hendon Museum (10 November), please visit our website: www.u3asites.org.uk/wallingford, or phone Jill on 835994.

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Services for November

Sunday 1st	All Saints Day	10am	Team Communion Service, St Mary's Wallingford
		6pm	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
Sunday 8th		10am	Remembrance Service
		11am	Act of Remembrance and laying of Poppy wreaths at the Lych Gate
Sunday 15th	2nd Before Advent	11am	Parish Communion
Sunday 22nd	Christ The King	11am	All Age Communion
Sunday 29th	Advent Sunday	11am	Parish Communion
		4pm	Evening Prayer, Newnham Church

The nights are beginning to get dark so much earlier now, we have put the clock back, and we have just had half term. It appears that we are racing towards the winter season. Already there are items in the shops that we wish we didn't need to see yet, and I'm sure that Mums and Dads know exactly what I am talking about.

We have just about got our breath back from the summer, and we are charging head first into the next season. We seem to be constantly making arrangements for weeks if not months into the future, and we don't seem to have time to enjoy the present.

As you can see from the list of services at the head of this column, we have been planning things for November. Although these events come around every year, they still need care and attention to the arrangements, especially when we have visiting Clergy, who are not sure of how we do things in Crowmarsh.

You are all welcome to attend St Mary's Wallingford on 1st November when we have a Service for All Saints Day. In the evening, we shall hold a special service here in St Mary Magdalene's for those who would like to remember someone special who has died, and would like to spend some time in

remembering the good times they had together. It is a quiet service, with a time set apart for you to light a candle in remembrance.

Sunday 8th will be the National Day of Remembrance, and we shall have our usual service and the Act of Remembrance at the Lych Gate.

Sunday 29th is Advent Sunday, and we shall have the last of our Services in Newnham Church. We'll wrap up warm, and sing our hearts out with candles to light the church and warm our hands. And then begins the wait for Christmas, Advent – the time of waiting.

So we have lots going on, and we should love to see some of you coming along to help cheer us on our way. We are also looking towards the selection of the short list of Candidates for a new Team Vicar.

We are so very grateful for those members of the retired fraternity of Clergymen, who answer to our call to come and visit with us. We are so much enjoying the variety of presentations, and to having a new person to speak with.

To end, the Ride and Stride which I wrote

about last month was very successful, and earned the goodly sum of £677 to be shared between the Historic Church Trust and St Mary Magdalene's.

The Quiz 'Chips was a really good night for one and all, though at the time of writing, I do not have the final financial result. Many thanks go to Nigel Hannigan for being our Quiz Master for the evening.

God Bless

Margaret Foster
Churchwarden

Remembrance Sunday – 8th November

The Crowmarsh Cubs will be selling Remembrance poppies door-to-door in the village on Monday 2nd November.

The Scout Group are organising a community lunch of soup and cakes to be served after the 11am Remembrance silence. This will be held at the Pavilion. Although, please note that if a football cup match is being held at the Recreation Ground the Pavilion will be unavailable. Unfortunately the Village Hall is not available as an alternative.

Potential Closure of Crowmarsh Gifford Beaver Colony

It is with great sadness that I must let you know that our Beaver Group will potentially be closing at Easter 2016, unless we are able to find a new group of adults prepared to lead and assist the group.

Crowmarsh Beavers has been running at North Stoke Village Hall for over four years, and the current leaders will be leaving at Easter.

As a group we are willing to think outside the box to keep the colony running and this could mean joint leaders, a leader rota, a different venue, a different day and/or time or any other variation you can think of. Any working adults prepared to join the leadership team may find a Saturday morning easier to manage.

We are open to all suggestions and ideas. Scouting can be as flexible as you need and part-time leaders who are unable to commit to every week will not be a problem providing there are enough volunteers to cover the meetings. Any volunteers will receive as much training and support as they need to take on these roles. We can provide session plans, ideas and administration support as well as a mentor and in the short term a Cub or Beaver Leader at each meeting to help you.

All our leaders agree they have a great time with the Beavers and Cubs and it is very rewarding. It is also very enjoyable to be in a team of likeminded adults who plan fun activities and believe that Scouting is of immense benefit to our young people.

Please consider if you can help the young people in the Beaver colony to continue scouting in 2016.

If you would like to help or discuss this with me you can call me on 07968 480294.

Yours in Scouting

Christine
Group Scout Leader

Henley Philatelic Society

Calling all collectors of stamps, postcards and other post related items – come and join us and find more enjoyment from your hobby. We are delighted to see newcomers, and if wanted, advice is willingly given. There is always time for a chat over coffee during the evening.

Our meetings in November will be as follows:

11th November – Postcard Evening – members' displays, up to nine pages, any subject

25th November – Stephen Marks from Oxford displays Albania to 1945

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.org.uk

District Councillor's Report

Our Country Pubs

Many of our village pubs have closed in recent years for a variety of reasons. The village pub is more than just a boozer - it's an important part of the community; it's a meeting place for neighbours, our local restaurant or shop and some have even served as a Post Office.

We need to protect our rural pubs. Recently, we've had a number of planning applications to turn village pubs into other things, like houses or flats. Where appropriate we have refused those applications. Three applicants have recently appealed against our decisions to refuse their applications at The Lamb at Satwell, The Crown at Nuffield and The White Lion at Crays Pond. I'm happy to report that each time, the government's planning inspector has backed our original decision to refuse the application.

We support the need for more houses in the district, but we're very clear that this should not come at the expense of the community facilities that make our villages home.

Capital Grants

You can apply to us for a minimum of £1,000 and up to 50 per cent of the cost of a project for non-profit organisations or if you have a project that is going to benefit our residents.

We have a guide to help you work out if your project is capital or not, but as a general rule if it's to improve, completely replace or create a new facility it's probably capital. However, we don't fund vehicle purchases.

We're open for applications until 27th November 2015. For more information please call 01235 540525 or email - grants@southandvale.gov.uk

Elderly and Vulnerable Neighbours

Winter is fast approaching and cold weather on its way so please check on elderly relatives and those living alone. Find out if they are keeping warm and ask if they need anything, especially when it's difficult to get out in

adverse weather. If you have a little spare time perhaps you can volunteer to help one of our local centres for the elderly and disabled?

Mill Stream Day Centre in Benson is a registered charity and its objectives are to give relief to elderly and handicapped people within the areas of Benson, Ewelme, Berrick Salome, Roke and Crowmarsh. It provides general charitable services and is run by a friendly team of volunteers. Tea, coffee, lunch and activities including exercise classes, card playing, bingo, and fortnightly films are all provided and free (except lunch which is £4). Do you know someone who would enjoy a visit perhaps once or twice a week? Or maybe you would like to find out more about helping with volunteering or fund raising. You will be very welcome.

Funding Available For Rural Businesses

In just four years Southern Oxfordshire LEADER Project handed out more than £1.2 million to projects aimed at supporting the rural economy. We've now set up an Oxfordshire wide LEADER Scheme with £1.5 million on offer for rural projects until 2020. We're looking for rural businesses, farmers, foresters or communities with projects that fit one or more of these themes: growing, selling, eating more local food; vibrant villages; reviving the River Thames and associated waterways; unlocking the potential of woodland.

If you know a project that could benefit from some funding please encourage those involved to visit The Oxfordshire Leader website to see if they are eligible.

Cllr Felix Bloomfield
Benson & Crowmarsh Ward
South Oxfordshire District Council

Stoke Row Market

The Stoke Row Market reopened for business in October; as before, all proceeds go to the Nuffield church windows fund.

For further details or to book a stall please call Sue on 07782 187866 or Mary on 01491 641434. The next market dates are 21st November and 19th December, from 10am to 2pm, at Stoke Row Village Hall.

Crowmarsh Parish Council News

Chairman: John Griffin, 29 Thames Mead, Crowmarsh Gifford, tel. 838523,

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Parish Clerk: Sue Rance, 2 Home Farm, Crowmarsh Gifford

Website: <http://www.crowmarshgifford.org.uk/index.php>

Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held at North Stoke Village Hall on Thursday 1st October 2015

Present: Councillors John Griffin (Chair), Nigel Hannigan, Stephen Sherbourne, Andrew Johnson, Andrew Hermesen, Ann Sharp, David Mannering and Stuart Soames; Sue Rance (Clerk), Melanie Malcolm (Finance Officer) and a member of the public.

Apologies: from Councillors Francesca Jones, Mo Fillmore and Fleur Stevenson.

There was no County Council or District Council report

Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting

Access path from The Street to Bellamy Way: After a check of the County Council Rights of Way map and further checks and discussion with the freeholder it was agreed that there is a public right of access to neighbouring properties.

Grass Cutting: the Crowmarsh Hill end of the footpath to Park View is still not being cut. Scofell will be reminded that this should have been added to the specification in July. The Cubs will help to plant flower tubs and Grundons will supply a sack of bulbs.

We are still awaiting a response from the SODC Waste Team about proposed new dog waste and litter bins.

Finance

Payments were approved. Income and expenditure were slightly lower than the budget. The fact that SODC is no longer in the village has contributed to a slight drop in pavilion and recreation ground income. The Tennis Club

has moved to Benson.

The Parish Council's financial regulations were reviewed and approved with minor amendments. The Financial Risk Assessment was reviewed and approved. The council's insurance policy has been renewed. Insurance will be reviewed at the November meeting.

Grants of £100 each were agreed to

- Sue Ryder Nettlebed Hospice
- Oxfordshire Association for the Blind
- South and Vale Carers' Centre

Roles and responsibilities

The Parish Council currently has two sub-committees: Recreation & Environment (chaired by Cllr Johnson) and Traffic & Transport (led by Cllr Jones as our Parish Transport Rep).

Cllr Mannering will join Cllrs Johnson, Soames and Griffin on the Recreation Ground & Environment Committee. Cllrs Sherbourne and Sharp will join the Traffic & Transport committee.

Cllr Mannering is our representative on the Thames River Users Group (RUG3).

Cllr Soames is the representative on the North Stoke Village Hall committee and Cllr Sherbourne on the Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall committee.

Cllr Johnson and Mr John Bellamy are the Parish Council representatives on the Emery Owen Charity. Sean Clayton-Chance is the contact for the Emery Owen Trust allotments. Mr Bellamy also represents Crowmarsh Parish Council on the Wallingford Bridge Estate Charity.

Cllr Jones leads on our emergency plan, which needs a review now that SODC is not available as a place of refuge. Cllr Hermesen will take over from Cllr Jones as our rural broadband champion.

Planning

SODC decisions:

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

P15/S2274/HH: Two-storey and single-storey extensions and alterations (amended to alter the depths and widths of the extensions), 2 Jethro Tull Gardens, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8DS:
PERMISSION GRANTED.

P15/S2342/FUL: Security gate and 2.4 m high safety hoarding around fire-damaged former Council Offices, as advised by insurance company, Benson Lane, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8ED:
PERMISSION GRANTED.

P15/S2542/HH: Erection of a flank one-and-a-half-storey extension and internal remodelling of existing residential dwelling. 3 Murren Croft, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8EZ:
PERMISSION GRANTED.

P15/S2898/DIS: Discharge of condition 8(i) of planning permission P12/S2542/EX. Conversion and alteration of external appearance of existing building to two 2-bedroom dwellings, new vehicle access and parking. White Store, Old Reading Road, Crowmarsh, OX10 8BW:
PERMISSION GRANTED.

Parish Council responses to SODC:

P14/S2860/O (Outline): Amendment to road access to major residential development comprising 555 dwellings, primary school, etc., west of Wallingford (Site B), (Neighbouring parish consultation):
NO STRONG VIEWS.

P15/S2987/HH: Two single-storey timber buildings to be used as garden rooms. 26 Wallingford Road, North Stoke), OX10 6BB:
RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

P15/3026/DIS: Discharge of condition 3 of planning permission P14/S3445/HH. Demolish existing derelict outbuilding, construct new outbuilding incorporating a double garage,

storage and functions ancillary to the main house. Walled Garden, The Street, Crowmarsh Gifford OX10 8EJ:
NO STRONG VIEWS.

Telecommunications (for information only)

Two new Telecommunications Cabinets are planned, adjacent to No. 1 Thames Mead, Crowmarsh Gifford and The Street, and adjacent to No. 1 Old Reading Road, Crowmarsh Gifford, as part of BT Openreach's expansion of broadband accessibility and the government's Digital Britain policy.

Recreation Ground & Environment committee

The committee met on 28th September. A report on the play area has been submitted by RoSPA: the necessary action has been completed.

Following a complaint made by a resident, an extra fence will be erected behind the cricket net. Two lights in the car park have been replaced.

A tree survey has been carried out on the riverside trees and the results are awaited. It is hoped that some tree planting can be carried out in the nature area. Scofell are willing to do this and have also sprayed the nettles.

The committee is considering provision of a basketball practice area: this is being researched. Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association guidance states that the basketball net must be at least 20 metres from the nearest house.

Excavation has taken place on the south side of Wallingford Bridge as flood compensation for the new access road from Stephen's Field to the riverside park. Work has not yet started on the road.

The deadline for participating in the OCC consultation on the household waste and recycling centres is 5th October. The proposals are to cut sites from the current seven to three or four. The Oakley Wood site is vulnerable to being cut. Councillors were encouraged to respond and an article has

been published in *Crowmarsh News*.

Traffic and Transport committee

Cllr Jones has responded to the consultation on bus subsidies. Cllr Gray is looking into a possible replacement for the Dial a Ride service. This will be discussed further at a future meeting. The Chairman has written to the police about traffic problems and a reply is awaited.

Additional items to be discussed at the next meeting

- Concern was expressed about possible asbestos exposure at the SODC offices and a possible increase in vermin. The Clerk will email District Councillor Pullen and enquire whether there is any further news about the future of the building.
- Cllr Hermsen suggested that space could be made available on the website or Facebook page for residents to report incidents of burglary. He will speak to Cllr Stevenson about this.
- A tree survey is needed of the ash tree at Howbery Farm. Cllr Johnson will inform Cllr Griffin of the cost of the recent tree survey.

Next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Thursday 5th November at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall is ideal for children's parties and can be booked for £10.00 per hour (minimum 2 hours).

Please note that bouncy castles or other inflatables cannot be used inside the Hall, and that evening bookings from 7.00pm are subject to the full rate.

To book the Hall, call Chris Strange on 07711 904252, or e-mail cvhbookings@gmail.com.

Short Mat Bowls

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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.

Wallingford Photography Club

Our programme for November:

- 5th: Print Competition No 1 - no set subject – Judge Chris Palmer
- 12th: Digital Competition No 1 - no set subject – Judge Paul Franklin
- 19th: Stock photography - Is it dead? – Speaker Alan Capel, Head of content, Alamy
- 26th: Members' evening

If you are interested in photography we welcome new members so why not come say hello and see what we do? We are located at Crowmarsh Pavilion, and meetings are held from 7.30pm until 10pm every Thursday.

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WHAT'S ON – NOVEMBER 2015

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
Wednesday 2nd	19.00-20.00	OCC budget consultation	Banbury Town Hall
Sunday 1st	All day	Halloween Specials	Cholsey and Wallingford Railway
Sunday 1st	13.30	CTC 22 mile road ride	Meet Wallingford Market Place
Thursday 5th	19.00-20.00	OCC budget consultation	Regal Centre, Wallingford
Thursday 5th	19.30	Parish Council	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Saturday 7th	18.00	Fireworks	Kinecroft
Sunday 8th	10.30	Remembrance Sunday	Wallingford Town Square
Wednesday 11th	19.30	Henley Philatelic: Postcard evening	Bix Village Hall
Friday 13th	19.45	TWHAS: Ian Wheeler – Fair Mile Hospital, Cholsey	Wallingford Town Hall
Sunday 15th	13.30	CTC 30-something mile road ride	Meet Wallingford Market Place
Tuesday 17th	08.30- 13.30	Farmers' Market	Wallingford Town Square
Saturday 21st	10.30	Sue Ryder Sale	Nettlebed
Wednesday 25th	19.30	Henley Philatelic: Stephen Marks "Albania up to 1945"	Bix Village Hall
Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th	All day	Armed Forces Santa Specials	Cholsey and Wallingford Railway
Sunday 29th	All day	Wallingford RC Head of River	Thames and environs

December

Sunday 6th	All day	Family Christmas Festival	Wallingford Square and environs
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