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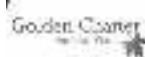
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# Letters to the Editor

## (1) Crowmarsh and the Developers

Six years ago in the High Court, our community defeated Bloor Homes' third successive bid to develop land east of Benson Lane. The first proposal, submitted by Bloor Homes / Hal-lam Land Management, was for 420 dwellings on the triangle of land belonging to Farmer Edwards, straddling Marsh Lane. Successive bids have been for smaller plots of this same land, with more modest numbers of dwellings, but all intended as phased developments of the whole plot.

A new surprise attack came to us in the Village Hall at a Bloor Homes exhibition on 18th October. This was again a poorly concealed plan to develop up to 450 houses on the same land, in a phased development; phase 1 consisting of 150 houses. Emotions were clearly running high at the exhibition, as many of us remembered the previous battle. But Bloor will not lie down and capitulate, so again we need to prepare for battle. Bloor's proposal comes hot on the heels of an unpopular move by Lightwood Strategic, to develop a site at Newnham Green on the other side of the village.

But this time we are not just trying to save these 'green lungs' of the village, we are trying to save the village itself. Why? Because now we are faced with development proposals from all sides: 80 houses at Newnham Manor (our approved site with the Planning Department); 85 at Newnham Green; the prospect of 80 or so houses on the SODC site; and CABI, who want to develop their land on the By Pass.

The total could amount to over 700 new houses, or 400 excluding further phases of the Bloor project. We do need some new houses though, and the 80 houses at Newnham Manor, and the likely 80 or so at the SODC site in Benson Lane will surely satisfy that need, without impacting on the community.

Currently, Crowmarsh Gifford is about 450 dwellings. Our roads can barely cope with the traffic generated by ourselves, the workers in Benson Lane and elsewhere in the village, and the Wallingford through traffic. Our excellent school is just coping with demand. Our sewer-

age system copes for some of the time. Yet we are a community with no easy access to shops, many of us finding better facilities in Didcot and Benson, rather than attempting to park in Wallingford. In the future, Wallingford Bridge may be closed to traffic during the day. Clearly, the various developers have preconceptions about our infrastructure which they must have inspected wearing rose-coloured spectacles.

We need to Save Crowmarsh. We have a preferred development site at Newnham Manor, and a large brownfield site at SODC. Housing development at Newnham Green, with entry and exit adjacent to the school, is nonsensical given the twice daily mayhem that already occurs in Old Reading Road. By the same token development east of Benson Lane, which is out of proportion with the capacity of the village, is unacceptable as it would change us from a village community into a small characterless town, albeit one with virtually no facilities and a serious traffic problem.

We must now fight to save these sites from the clutches of the developers, not as NIMBYs, but so that we Save Crowmarsh for ourselves and for our children. If you too would like to help achieve this goal, please contact CRAG, the Crowmarsh Action Group, on [facebook.com/savecrowmarsh/](https://facebook.com/savecrowmarsh/).

## (2) Community Development

It will soon be two years since the council offices burnt down. In that time the council have indicated that with the plans for some form of unitary council across the county they are very unlikely to re-occupy the site. In an effort to maximise their income it is probable that they intend to use it for housing. This is despite the fact that the land has never been designated for housing. With at least three developers considering applications for other sites within the village the last thing we need is more houses.

The likely growth of the village means that we all need to decide what our community development priorities are.

We currently have the village hall and the pavilion, both of which are single storey buildings. This limits the sporting activities that



they can accommodate. With this in mind I suggest that we need a sports/youth hall similar to the one in Cholsey. This has the size and height for a badminton court with additional meeting and storage rooms. It supports a multitude of activities.

I regard such a hall as a minimum requirement. When I was growing up in the village we had access to indoor swimming pools at Carmel College and Turners Court. Both are long closed. Anybody wanting to learn to swim or exercise now has to travel to Berinsfield, Didcot or Henley. The Crowmarsh and Wallingford area needs its own 25-metre indoor pool. The only plans South Oxfordshire District Council seems to have is for a new swimming pool at Didcot. They have no plans for new facilities for us.

Both of these buildings will be expensive to build and run. So where is the money going to come from? It may surprise people to know that as of the 31st March this year South Oxfordshire's accounts show that they had total reserves of £113 million and useable reserves of £89 million.

I respectfully suggest that some of that money should be used to make Crowmarsh fit for the future, however it is forced to develop in the coming years.

### **A Crowmarsh Resident**

## **Neighbourhood Planning**

Should Crowmarsh produce a neighbourhood development plan to help local people shape how their community will grow into the future? If so, will you help to make it happen?

The parish council wants to know if residents will support a Crowmarsh neighbourhood plan and if you will be committed to carry it through.

A neighbourhood plan is written by local people and expresses what the community wants as the right type of development in the right place, according to local needs. It requires a lot of volunteer effort for up to two years and it must conform to national and district planning policy.

Contact the parish council chairman (details

on page 12) if you are prepared to take part in a neighbourhood plan group, or if you have any views on this.

## **You could help the Crowmarsh News!**

The *Crowmarsh News* team are looking for people to job-share the page layout duties. Two volunteers have already come forward to help out on the editorial side.

Some experience of magazine or newsletter production would be an advantage, but is not essential. Experience of layout software is desirable – or a willingness to learn quickly.

We are a friendly group and hold meetings every couple of months. If you would like to learn more, please e-mail James and Toni on [crowmarsh.editor@gmail.com](mailto:crowmarsh.editor@gmail.com).

## **Langtree Sinfonia Autumn Concert**

The Autumn concert of the Langtree Sinfonia will be held in St Mary's Church, Wallingford on Saturday 12th November at 7.30pm.

The evening's programme features: a Concert Overture composed in the Viennese style by A J Illingworth; Mendelssohn's First Piano Concerto, the soloist is Anita D'Attellis, who is based in Henley-on-Thames and studied music at Birmingham University and piano at Birmingham Conservatoire. Next comes a piece from one of our own, 'High Flight' is a short orchestral piece inspired by the poem of the same name by the Canadian Air Force pilot, John Gillespie Magee. The piece was written by our principal second violin, Tim Cook, and has been arranged for a variety of forces. Rounding off the evening will be Haydn's Symphony No 99, in Eb. Paul Cox conducts.

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It has been another phenomenal start to the new academic year. Already we have welcomed many visitors into our school to inspire creativity and excitement amongst the children. Year five enjoyed a one-man circus, and if you visited our school field at the moment, you would still see the circus tent where children across the school have enjoyed lessons, especially to inspire writing.

The children took part in a wonderful Harvest Festival with Rev Kev (as the children call him!) and we had a bounty of food that was donated, so much so, that not only were packages delivered to families in our community, but we were also able to donate some of it to the local food bank in Wallingford.

We are also excited that this November we will be holding Grandparents' afternoons again, from Tuesday 8th to Friday 11th. We look forward to welcoming many of the children's grandparents into school to visit classrooms from 2pm and to see what the children have been up to.

We extend a very warm welcome to anyone in the village who would like to attend, especially for those children who may not have grandparents able to visit, but we please ask that you call Mrs Rance in the office to let her know which afternoon you would like to attend.

During this week, we will also have David Bowers, a local artist, in school to help our children to create a mosaic for our Reflection and Remembrance Garden in time for Remembrance Day. There will be further information regarding the official opening for this garden shortly.

As always, we hope you are able to come and enjoy a visit with our children soon. There are many opportunities for people in our community to volunteer in school, and if this is something that interests you, please do get in touch.

Until next time...

Kindest Regards,  
**Mrs Barton**  
**Headteacher**

## Crowmarsh Pre-school

We can see all around us that autumn is in full swing and the children at Crowmarsh Pre-school have been taking full advantage of this by exploring the colour orange. They have been mixing paints, making jelly and putting together autumnal collages. The children have also been celebrating Harvest Festival by filling the Pre-School with the lovely smells of bread rolls, apple and butternut squash soup and French baguettes.

### Vacancy

A position has arisen to join our experienced and friendly team at Crowmarsh Pre-school. We are looking for an enthusiastic, passionate and motivated individual who has a passion for childcare and a desire to take on specific roles and responsibilities.

The role is part-time (Monday and Thursday with a half day Friday am). If you are interested in applying for the role please visit our website ([www.crowmarshpre-school.org.uk](http://www.crowmarshpre-school.org.uk)) or contact Dilys Beaumont on 07951 599623, or via e-mail: [manager@crowmarshpre-school.org.uk](mailto:manager@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 07951 599623 or e-mail Vikki at [admin@crowmarshpre-school.org.uk](mailto:admin@crowmarshpre-school.org.uk)

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The Vicar (Revd. Ennor) offered to host the Rummage on the Vicarage lawn and the date chosen was Thursday 27th September. A Committee consisting of Mrs William-Wynn, Misses Hedges, Misses Trollope, Mrs Greene, Mrs Fuller and Mrs Ennor was formed to receive the contributions.

On the day, the weather was fine, and during the afternoon and evening large numbers visited the Vicarage and it was thought that there were many bargains to be purchased. There were five stalls: the first sold only new articles, a second sold furniture, on the third all articles were a penny, the fourth sold hats and caps, and the fifth was the refreshment stall run by Mrs George Phillips, Mrs Dearlove and Mrs Gutteridge. Each stall was inside an opened sided tent and after dusk the tents were lit by Chinese lanterns. To provide shelter from the sun, large and colourful Japanese umbrellas were scattered around the grounds.

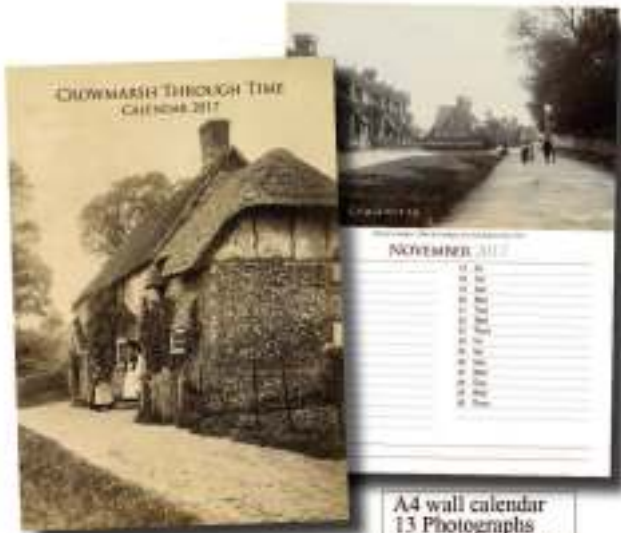
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During the afternoon, the Berrick Brass Band played a fine selection of music. Amongst those who gave articles were Mrs Williams-Wynn, Mrs Ennor, Mrs Platt, Mrs J Phillips,

Mrs Parker, Miss Ellen Hedges, Miss Ada Hedges, Miss Alice Hedges, Miss Lucy Trollope, Miss Alice Trollope, Miss Newton, Miss Nora Marshall and Miss Mackay.

The School Managers were also present: Mr de Mornay, Mr Manley, Mr Dearlove and the Revd Ennor. In the evening, any remaining articles were up for auction by the Revd Farrar, and most of them were sold. Messrs Fry and Co donated a large case of chocolates, which arrived too late to be auctioned on the day but was sold privately on Saturday. The sale was a great success as the sum raised amounted to £35, enabling the debt to be paid off with a little left over.

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This spectacular private collection of cartoons has been brought together by Dr Steve Head, to show wonderful examples of the development of the use of cartoons in the last three centuries. Featuring about a hundred cartoons of all kinds, the exhibition allows you simply to look at the cartoons and enjoy them for themselves, or to take time to read a little about each one and learn a great deal – a very special experience.

## William came to Wallingford

Katharine Keats-Rohan writes .....

1066 commemorations are coming to a close. However, the English did not submit after their defeat at the Battle of Hastings in October 1066! A highly organised Norman campaign of intimidation and attrition saw one town yield after another, with the most important being Dover, Canterbury, Winchester, and finally Wallingford.

The Norman army probably arrived in Wallingford in late November/early December. They crossed the Thames outside the South Gate, approximately at Bradford's Brook, and pitched camp on the Crowmarsh side of the river.

Over the next few days the details of the eventual surrender of the English were negotiated with Archbishop Stigand, who had a residence inside the town. After concluding successfully, the army moved north to Great Berkhamsted where Prince Edgar, other nobles and the Archbishop of York formally surrendered to William.

Wallingford Museum's special exhibition '1066 – William comes to Wallingford!' will close on

30th November. It features William the Conqueror's impact on Wallingford - including his crossing of the Thames here with his army, 950 years ago after the Battle of Hastings.

There is still just time to visit the Museum this year!

For more details, please visit  
[www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk](http://www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk)



## Becoming Roman in Oxfordshire: excavations at Marcham and Frilford

Gary Lock returns to present a talk to The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society (TWHAS) about the excavations at Marcham and Frilford.

Gary is Emeritus Professor of Archaeology at the Institute of Archaeology, Oxford University. Extensive excavations at Marcham and Frilford have exposed a complex of Iron Age and Romano-British evidence in the form of structures, features and material culture. It seems that during both periods this site was a focus for religious and ritual activities, suggesting strong elements of continuity and change in the ways people worshipped over approximately 1000 years.

This talk will be held on Wednesday 9th November, 7.45 for 8pm, at St Mary's Church, Wallingford. Visitors (£4) are most welcome.

For more details, please visit  
[www.twahas.org.uk](http://www.twahas.org.uk)

**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](mailto:cvhbookings@gmail.com).





## Herbaceous Borders

At the November meeting of the Wallingford Gardening Club, Geoff Hawkins returns to give a talk about how to design, plant, and look after herbaceous borders.

Geoff worked as Head Gardener at the Mill Court private estate in Hampshire, and retired from there after 35 years. As a head gardener he ran the small estate of 30 acres working in greenhouses, vegetable and fruit gardens, herbaceous and shrub borders as well as looking after the trees, ponds and natural features on the estate.

The talk will be held at Ridgeway Community Church, Wallingford at 7.30pm on Thursday 10th November.

Visitors very welcome, £2.

**Isabelle Darby**  
836867

## Wallingford Flower Club

Wallingford Flower Club has an Open Meeting on Wednesday 9th November at 7pm for 7.45.

There will be a floral demonstration, "Forever Festive", by Tracey Griffin (Chelsea Gold Medallist and Florist of the Year).

The meeting will be at the Corn Exchange in Wallingford, and all are welcome. Tickets £10. For further information, please call 834303.

## Wallingford Country Market

Wallingford Country Market is now preparing for Christmas. Seasonal Baking, Crafts, Cards and Plants, (including wreaths), will be on sale from the beginning of November, as well as all our usual products.

Our last Market for 2016 will be held on Friday 23rd December. We re-open after Christmas on Friday 13th January.



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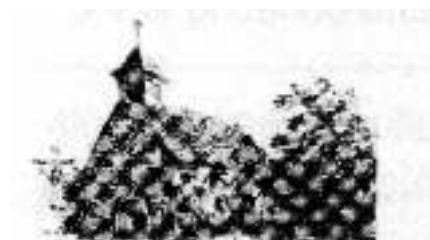
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### Services for November

Sunday 6th	11am	Parish Communion
Sunday 13th	11am	All Age Worship
Sunday 27th	11am	All Age Communion

There will be no service on the morning of Sunday 20th November as we will be worshipping together in St Mary's, Wallingford at 10am.

November has always been a season of remembrance as we begin the month with All Saints Day (1st November) followed by All Souls Day when we remember the faithful departed (which we marked at St Mary Magdalene on the last Sunday in October).

These chances to remember should be taken with gladness – they need never be seen as a morbid obsession with those who have died, but a chance to say thank you for their lives, and perhaps even to acknowledge that they are still part of us and have made us the people that we are today.

This year's Remembrance Sunday will again be especially poignant, 100 years after the horrors of the Battle of the Somme. By this time, any ideas of a noble, chivalrous or glorious war had been replaced with the pure evil of having to go over the top into walls of barbed wire and machine gun fire, or the silent killers such as mustard gas hanging low in the mud of the trenches.

Such was the experience of the local lads of this area, each a real person, mourned by a local family. Men such as Alfred George

Skeates, Private 17020 in the Princess Charlotte of Wales' Royal Berks Regiment (1st Battalion) whose family lived at Newnham Farm, who was killed in action on 14th November 1916. The family had already lost another son, Albert William Skeates, a 19 year old stoker serving on HMS *Formidable* which was sunk by a U-boat on New Year's Day of 1915. These are just two of the seven who died in WW1. Even more sad is that another five names would be added within a generation, and a reminder that we have a duty to work for peace, beginning with prayer.

I do hope you will be able to join us on Remembrance Sunday, 13th November (exact arrangements are still being finalised and will publicised nearer the time). Or, perhaps, just to take your own "time-out" when you walk past the lych gate, remembering those who gave their lives. The church will be open for you where another memorial can be found to these men, in the presence of God who knows all about giving his life to save others...

May they rest in peace and rise in glory!

**Kevin**

## Vacancy for a Lollipop Person for Crowmarsh School

There is a vacancy for a school crossing patrol officer to assist children and parents to cross the road at the end of Old Reading Road and The Street. The hours would be 45 minutes before school and 45 minutes after school (7.5 hours per week) and the rate of pay is £7.56 per hour. Full training, uniform and equipment would be given. Please contact the school office on 836785 for further details and an application form, or email [office.3200@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3200@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk)

## Quiz'n'Chips at St Mary Magdalene

The trophy is up for grabs again and we have a new quiz master in Rev Kev. Doors open on Friday 11th November at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. There will be a licensed bar with wine, beer and soft drinks; fish and chips will arrive around 8pm.

To book your team, please collect an entry form from Crowmarsh Stores or the church, or contact Sarah Nesbitt at [sn62@icloud.com](mailto:sn62@icloud.com) or 825903. It's £10 per head with food, £7.50 without. Ideally teams are 6-8 people, but if you don't have a team, come anyway and we'll create one. Please get your entries in by Sunday 6th November. We look forward to a full house.

## Go Active Gold Senior Circuits for the over 50s

Senior Circuits will be taking place in Crowmarsh Gifford Pavilion. The class caters for all people, whether active or inactive. It will focus on improving strength, balance, co-ordination and mobility which will support maintaining your independence. The class will also include socialising during the session.

Starts: Tuesday 15th November  
Time: 1.30pm – 2.30pm  
Price: £5  
Where: Crowmarsh Gifford Pavilion

*Ongoing Session*  
Walking Football for the over 50s

When: Mondays  
Time: 11am – 12pm  
Price: £2  
Where: Crowmarsh Gifford Pavilion

If you would like to register your interest or book on to a class, please e-mail [Conor.Grogan@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:Conor.Grogan@southandvale.gov.uk) or call him on 07717 326660.

**You can hire** the Dance Studio, Sports Hall or the Astroturf at Wallingford School. Call Emma Freeman on 829762, or e-mail [FREEMANE@wallingfordschool.com](mailto:FREEMANE@wallingfordschool.com)

## Crowmarsh Children's Christmas Party

On Saturday 3rd December from 3 to 5pm the Village Hall committee are hosting a Christmas party for all children aged between 4 and 12 years old who live in the village. There will be a visit by Father Christmas.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

If you would like to attend, please collect an invitation form from Crowmarsh Gifford School or Crowmarsh Stores. Go Active Gold

## Wallingford U3A

Our October speaker was local historian Mrs Judy Dewey who spoke on the Civil War in Wallingford. Mrs Dewey is a very popular speaker and her audience was enthralled by the breadth and detail of her talk.

Our November speaker, on 2nd November, is Tony Hadland, who will tell us about William Gill, Victorian Explorer and Spy.

Our Meetings are held at 2pm in Crowmarsh Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month. Visitors are always made welcome. Talk, Tea and Biscuits.

We are forming a new group, 'iPads and Tablets for beginners'. Phone Christine on 834598 for more information.

The U3A is for people over 50, no longer in full time work, who want to follow up interests, make new friends, go out and about and enjoy life. Come and join us.

For more information about what we do, please visit our website [Google u3awallingford](http://Google.u3awallingford) or phone Hermione on 01865 858024.

### To book North Stoke Village Hall

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(836058, or  
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# District Councillor's Report

## Scrutiny

We recently looked at the emerging Strategic Economic Plan for Oxfordshire with colleagues from the Vale at Joint Scrutiny Committee.

We share concerns over the way that the Plan as it stands is very Oxford-centric and focuses on the 'science and technology spine' from Bicester through to Harwell. Both councils have concerns that this focus means that areas like ours, and the need for infrastructure, both physical and technological, and premises for small businesses to grow into have not been addressed. A document containing our concerns has been drawn up with a recommendation that Cabinet refer the Plan to full Council for debate.

## Public consultation on changes to local health services

Public opinion and feedback on proposed changes to health care provision in the district is being requested as part of a public consultation starting in January 2017.

Earlier this year, the local NHS ran a series of county-wide events, seeking the public's views on the options developed by Oxfordshire's healthcare leaders, to make care clinically and financially sustainable for the future. Health services affected include maternity and children's services, mental health and primary care.

Proposed changes will be significant and include how care is delivered, and the number and location of sites from which it is provided. No decisions have been made about proposed changes, and no actions will be taken until the public consultation is complete, so the consultation feedback will help shape the transformation of healthcare services in Oxfordshire for the future. Information on the programme can be found at [www.oxonhealthcaretransformation.nhs.uk](http://www.oxonhealthcaretransformation.nhs.uk).

## Sign up for the SODC newsletter

We are now publishing South News as a separate newsletter which includes information of interest to residents in the district. Please sign

up for the newsletters which will be published every two months. *South News* keeps residents in touch with news from the council, including the latest on planning and housing, news on recycling collections and events at our leisure centres and Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot. To receive *South News*, visit [www.southoxon.gov.uk/southnews](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/southnews).

## Waste Recycling – South Oxfordshire top again

According to provisional rates published by [Letsrecycle.com](http://Letsrecycle.com), we look set to retain our place as the country's top recycling authority. So far, South Oxfordshire is top of the Let's Recycle league table, with residents recycling 66.5 per cent, with the Vale of White Horse second at 64.8 per cent.

Recent issues with contamination have resulted in a decrease of 0.8 per cent from last year for both districts. This is being tackled this Autumn with a ban on black sacks. However, with nine out of the top ten districts experiencing a drop in recycling over the last year, we are not the only ones with this issue. DEFRA will announce the official result later in the year.

## Changing sacks to boost recycling

Reminder: from 3rd November, we'll only empty green wheelie bins if the recycling in them is loose or in clear sacks.

Despite a recent campaign to raise awareness about the problem of contamination, some continue to contaminate recycling with food waste and dirty nappies, resulting in whole truckloads of recycling being rejected at recycling centres.

So, we are insisting on clear sacks or no sacks to help identify contaminated bins. Until 3rd November we'll leave a bin hanger on any bins containing black or coloured sacks explaining the problem. We'll empty the bin on that occasion, but if it happens after 3rd November we won't empty the bin but will leave a note to explain why.

For more information about these new guidelines, please contact the waste team on 01235 422406.



## **Corporate plan 2016-20 has been published**

The corporate plans setting out the councils' strategic objectives and priorities are now available online at [www.southoxon.gov.uk/about-us/how-we-work/corporate-plan](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/about-us/how-we-work/corporate-plan).

## **Devolution update**

In a statement sent out this week, the city and district councils reiterated their position that three unitary councils is the best option for the future of Oxfordshire. They believe that this model retains local democratic accountability, while best serving the needs of all residents, businesses and solving the challenges that lie ahead. You can read the full statement at [www.southoxon.gov.uk/about-us/devolution](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/about-us/devolution).

## **Keeping safe against cybercrime**

With increasing numbers of people from any background, age or income caught out by on-line scams, cybercrime is a real concern for many of our residents.

If you know someone who is unsure of what they can do to stay safe online, then our Community Safety team can help. For more information about cybercrime, see TVP's cybercrime page at [www.thamesvalley.police.uk/cybercrime](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/cybercrime).

There is also valuable information available at Cyber Streetwise [www.cyberaware.gov.uk/](http://www.cyberaware.gov.uk/).

**Cllr Felix Bloomfield**  
**South Oxfordshire District Council**

## **Science Exchange Wallingford Uncovering the Building Blocks of the Universe**

Science Exchange Wallingford's next meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22nd November in Wallingford School Library, St George's Road, Wallingford. Professor Alan Barr of the Department of Physics at the University of Oxford will give a talk entitled 'Uncovering the Building Blocks of the Universe'.

The search to understand the basic constituents of matter has led scientists to

build international collaborations and some of the largest scientific projects in the world. This talk will describe work at the Large Hadron Collider, and discuss what it has already told us and what it might tell us in the future about the world around us.

Professor Barr is active in communicating physics to the public. As well as television interviews with Sky, ITV and Channel 4 News, he presented a documentary on Large Hadron Collider physics that was broadcast by the National Geographic Channel. He has been involved in a number of school events, including organising visits to the LHC, and has been awarded the Institute of Physics 'High Energy Particle Physics Group' Science in Society Award.

Science Exchange meetings are very informal. Speakers talk for about half an hour, then we break for refreshments and return for a lively question and answer session. We are grateful that the support of local company Triaster, Wallingford School and the generosity of our speakers ensures that each event is free to attend. We are also privileged to be a Café Scientifique. (<http://www.cafescientifique.org/>).

## **Run as Santa in the Wallingford Santa Dash!**

Get in the festive mood, put on the famous red suit and run or walk a 3k fun run in Wallingford's first ever Santa Dash!

Taking place on Sunday 4th December and hosted by local charity Style Acre, which supports adults with learning disabilities, this will be a festive family event not to be missed! The Dash starts at Wallingford School and will run through the local parks – finishing in Market Square in time for the opening of the town's Christmas Shopping Extravaganza, where you can shop for festive goodies and enjoy the Christmas lights switch-on!

Please join us for a fantastic morning of festivity! Sign-up now at: [www.styleacre.org.uk/santadash](http://www.styleacre.org.uk/santadash) call Chris on 827593 or visit our Wallingford Charity Shop. All proceeds from this event will go to Style Acre. Ticket price includes Santa costume, medal, hot drink and snack (kindly donated by the Old Post Office, Wallingford).

# 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 at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall on Thursday 6th October 2016

*Present: Councillors John Griffin (Chair), Nigel Hannigan, Andrew Johnson, Francesca Jones, Ann Sharp, Stephen Sherbourne, David Mannering and Stuart Soames; Sue Rance (Clerk) and County Councillor Mark Gray.*

*Apologies were received from Councillors Andrew Hermsen and Fleur Stevenson.*

*Kieran Moloney (recently appointed Finance Officer) was welcomed. He has worked in finance throughout his career and is a Fellow of the Institute of Management Accountants. Four members of the public attended part of the meeting.*

### Matters from previous meeting

Cllr Sherbourne reported that roadside vegetation at the Crowmarsh roundabout has now been cut back, partly by the county council's contractors and partly by Mr Sherbourne himself. He will photograph the roundabout as a record of how it should look so that this can be kept under review.

Cllr Jones will report the large pothole at the entrance to the Riverside Park to the Highways Authority via 'Fix my Street'.

Cllr Sharp will meet with a resident in Jethro Tull Gardens to discuss concerns about the ash tree.

In addition to three grit bins needed at Park View, Cllr Sherbourne reported that an additional bin is needed at the entrance to Crowmarsh Hill from the Henley Road.

### Finance

A schedule of payments made in September was approved, including £714.00 to Scofell for grass cutting and £186.94 to Grundon for refuse collection from the pavilion.

A report on receipts and payments at 31st August showed the bank balance on the current account was £48,375.83. Funds on deposit were £91,286.97 and there was £2850.50 in the Unity Trust Account.

### Grass cutting

Cllr Sharp recommended that for next season two cuts of the verges and open spaces should be carried out in April, May and June and one cut in July, August, September and October, a total of ten cuts (which could be adjusted if necessary, depending on weather conditions). The Crowmarsh Gifford Recreation Ground will still need to be cut on a weekly basis.

It was agreed that ten cuts would be needed next year for the North Stoke Recreation Ground, but first it would require remedial work to prepare the ground for ongoing maintenance. Cllr Soames thanked the scouts for clearing the path to the recreation ground.

Cllr Sharp will seek quotes for all these areas for next year's grass cutting.

### Report of County Councillor

County Councillor Gray reported that the county council favours a single unitary authority for the whole county of Oxfordshire, with locality meetings in each of the five Districts. Oxfordshire would then be the third largest authority in the country after Birmingham and Leeds. This arrangement is expected to save £20-30 million per year. The district councils disagree: they favour three unitary councils.

A large majority of councillors voted to oppose introduction of grammar schools.

Cllr Griffin has spoken to Cllr David Nimmo-Smith (cabinet member at OCC) about the delay in opening the new access road to the Riverside Park from Stephen's Field. Cllr Gray will chase this up with Cllr Nimmo-Smith.

It is hoped that grants for community projects will continue. It is also planned to offer training for volunteers.

## Planning

### *Neighbourhood planning*

The Chairman has contacted Nettebed Parish Council about neighbourhood plans and will discuss this further with them. No decision has been made.

### *SODC decisions:*

P16/S2357/HH (Householder): Loft conversion with Velux roof windows to both side elevations. 15 Jethro Tull Gardens, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8DS.  
PERMISSION GRANTED.

P16/S2500/LB (Listed Building): To remove all ceilings upstairs, insulate between rafters with 50mm Celotex insulation, counter batten all areas and apply tri-iso multi layer foil insulation, counter batten again and re-board complete area with 12.5mm plasterboard and apply plaster finish. 1 Church Cottages, Church Lane, North Stoke, OX10 6BH.  
PERMISSION GRANTED.

P16/S2659/HH: Proposed loft conversion. 35 Howbery Farm, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8NR.  
PERMISSION GRANTED.

### *Parish Council responses to SODC:*

P16/S2961/FUL (Full Application): Erection of two detached houses with new (shared) highway access. Land fronting Wallingford Road, North Stoke (in the parish of Crowmarsh), OX10 6BD.

RECOMMEND REFUSAL for the following reasons:

1. Crowmarsh Parish Council considers this is over-development of the site.
2. The shared access arrangement and limited on-site parking for two four-bedroomed properties have the potential to create a dangerous situation on the B4009, taking into account the close proximity to the bus stop.
3. The size, design and positioning of the proposed development will have a significant

impact on the neighbouring properties with the scale and bulk resulting in overlooking and potential loss of light.

P16/S3040/HH: Single storey front, side and rear extensions. 15 Newnham Green, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8EW.  
RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

P16/S3175/HH & P16/S3176/LB: Demolition and replacement of existing lean-to boiler housing, replacement of timber boards forming the roof the front porch and alterations to the front door. 1 Church Cottages, Church Lane, North Stoke, OX10 6BH.  
RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

P16/S3186/HH: Garage conversion to habitable accommodation and second-storey extension above. 27 Howbery Farm, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8NR.  
RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

## Environment and recreation ground

The half-court for basketball practice will be a facility available to all residents. Consideration is being given to refurbishment of the children's play area. Grants are available for projects of this type and applications will be made to SODC. It has been agreed to accept the cheapest of three quotes for the basketball court, which is £5,400 plus VAT. We plan to delay installation until we have applied to SODC for a grant: the scheme opens on 31st October.

Cllr Johnson is in the process of completing a Centenary Fields application for the Crowmarsh Recreation Ground to dedicate the space to all in perpetuity in remembrance of the First World War.

Some of the saplings planted at the nature area by Scofell are now becoming established, including a number of black poplars. Cllr Johnson will arrange for Scofell to spray the nettles and lay bark chippings to improve the path.

It was agreed to investigate improving the water supply for allotment holders, maybe covering the water troughs to prevent the water from becoming stagnant or installing a tap with an automatic shut-off.



## **Traffic and transport**

Cllr Jones will circulate minutes of the recent county-wide Parish Transport Reps' meeting.

The design work on the A4074 Portway pedestrian crossing has been received. It was agreed to proceed with a formal request to OCC and to obtain costings for the project.

Footway improvements have been carried out in The Street in Crowmarsh Gifford from the roundabout to Newnham Manor.

There has been some traffic speed monitoring on the A4074 recently. Cllr Sherbourne will ask the police to carry out more speed checks on the A4074.

The county council has cancelled the Go Ride contract for the school run to Wallingford School and is now using a taxi service. This will be taken up with County Councillor Gray.

Benson Parish Council does not consider there is a need for a shelter at the bus stop on the A4074 opposite the end of Benson Lane. This will be kept under review. A shelter is to be erected in Benson Lane opposite the village hall.

## **Correspondence**

- Letter from a resident about the proposals for a new housing development behind the Newnham Green estate.
- Email from Mr Rupert Shute regarding a planning application he plans to submit shortly. The Clerk will respond.
- Letter from a resident expressing concern about possible flooding in The Street which could result when the spring is running as the ditch has been filled in. It was noted that ditches are the responsibility of the riparian landowner. The Clerk will reply.

## **Other business**

- Cllr Sharp raised the question of footpath improvements needed in Crowmarsh. This will be discussed at a future meeting.
- Computer equipment needed for parish council officers will be discussed at the next meeting.
- A draft letter from Cllr Sherbourne

regarding possible future use of the SODC site will be circulated (now submitted to *Crowmarsh News*).

- Strategic spending priorities will be reviewed at the November meeting.
- Storage of sandbags will be discussed at the November meeting.

## **Next meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd November at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

There are still two vacancies on the Parish Council. If you think you might like to join the Council please talk to the chairman, the parish clerk or any councillor.

## **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 Nigel Hessey on 01491 651114 and we'll be pleased to talk to you.

## **Sue Ryder – Sale Dates**

The dates for the next Sales of Donated Goods are Saturdays 19th November and 10th December. The sales will run from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Saleable donated goods are welcomed on week days between 9am and 4.30pm, but 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.

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# WHAT'S ON – NOVEMBER 2016

## Regular events and meetings

1st & 3rd Mon	19.00	Knitting Circle	Queen's Head, Crowmarsh
Every Tuesday	19.00-21.30	Short Mat Bowls	Crowmarsh Pavilion
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

Saturday 2nd	14.00	U3A: William Gill, Victorian Explorer and Spy	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Thursday 3rd	19.30	Parish Council Meeting	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Saturday 5th	Dusk	Wallingford 1155 fireworks and bonfire display	Kinecroft, Wallingford
Sunday 6th	13.30	CTC 21-mile road ride	Meet Wallingford Market Place
Wednesday 9th	19.45	Henley Philatelic: The Cape to Cairo Railway	Bix Village Hall
Wednesday 9th	19.45	TWHAS: Becoming Roman in Oxfordshire	St Mary's Church, Wallingford
Friday 11th	19.00	Quiz and Chips	St Mary Magdalene Church, Crowmarsh
Saturday 12th	19.30	Langtree Sinfonia Autumn Concert	St Mary's Church, Wallingford
Saturday 19th	10.30	Sue Ryder Sale	Nettlebed
Sunday 20th	13.30	CTC 30-mile road ride	Meet Wallingford Market Place
Tuesday 22nd	19.30	Science Exchange: Uncovering the Building Blocks of the Universe	Library, Wallingford School
Wednesday 23rd	19.45	Henley Philatelic: Dealers' night	Bix Village Hall
Saturday 26th	09.00-12.30	Christmas Bazaar	St Mary's Church, Wallingford
Saturday 26th	19.30	Verdi's Requiem. Benson Choral Society	Dorchester Abbey
Sunday 27th	16.00	Advent Service	St Mary's Church, Newnham Murren

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