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The underlying aim is to teach repair skills that reduce demands on the world's reserves of energy and materials — and perhaps save you needless expense. More information can be found at www.cholseyrepaircafe.com. or email repaircafe@cholsey.com.

Volunteer skills available this month, subject to availability, will include bicycles, electrical items, specialist gluing, laptops/computers, clothing and textiles, tool & knife sharpening, furniture, portable appliance testing, ultrasonic cleaning and mechanical problems.

Welcome to new residents

A warm welcome if you have just moved into Crowmarsh Gifford, Mongewell or North Stoke, 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 enjoy becoming part of the local community.

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.

Crowmarsh Stores Closure

It was with very great regret that the village shop has been forced to close as it was one of a few still existing.

Its demise really goes back to quite a long way when the Post Office section was forced to close. It had been a busy Post Office and attracted therefore many customers buying other goods. John Ham who owned the house and shop as one property, soon realized his business was less viable and wanted to pack

up. The property was put on the market but no serious offer was made in over a year when potential buyers studied the books.

When John retired we were already half owners and Karin Selwood took over the running.

Unfortunately due to covid and the lockdown the shop closed and when we reopened months later, trade was noticeably down. Many suppliers no longer delivered and it became much harder to restock.

Also, the main goods we were selling, newspapers, tobacco, milk and lottery, have low profit margins and an 11-hour day is required to break even.

Then along came the Russia/Ukraine crisis which led to a very large hike in electricity prices for us which was a big blow as we were running fridges and freezers 24/7.

It all became untenable and we would be running at a loss.

Supermarkets and supermarket deliveries had long since taken over anyway but we know the shop will be sadly missed by a few loyal customers who liked the atmosphere, company and convenience.

Unfortunately life changes. We would like to thank those people who have supported us over the years. It was much appreciated,

Corina, Lindsay and Debbie

What next?

The Parish Council agreed at its meeting on 3rd November that the closure of the shop was a significant loss to the village and noted that some villages maintained a shop run by the community itself. A local resident Maureen Norton has offered to start an interested group to look into the possibility of starting a community shop.

Will anyone interested in exploring this idea please contact the Parish Clerk or email Maureen at Maureennorton@hotmail.com and we will endeavour to organise a meeting in the New Year

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St Mary Magdalene's Church, Crowmarsh Gifford

January services and events (at St Mary Magdalene unless otherwise stated):

Sunday 1 st		Team Communion Service
Sunday 8 th	11am	Epiphany Communion Service
Saturday 14 th	10.30am-12.30pm	Community Café at the Village Hall
Sunday 15 th	11am	Parish Communion
Sunday 22 nd	11am	Team Communion at St Mary-le-More, Wallingford
Sunday 29 th	11am	Family Communion

Morning Prayer - every Friday at 9am

Evening Prayer – every Sunday at 4pm

Full details at www.wallingfordcofe.org.uk/calendar

The Vicar writes ...

Happy New Year!

Although I no longer keep a paper diary, there is something refreshing about looking forward to placing significant dates in the calendar, whatever the format. My own daughter announced her engagement over Christmas, so I look forward to being the father of the bride for a change! I have also been strongly advised to reserve my holidays and my day off (Mondays) to protect them for family time and R&R (Rest & Recuperation), as burn out can be a real danger to clergy who always seem to be on call.

I wonder what dates and events are significant for you? What takes priority? Do you have a regular rhythm to a week which balances work, rest and play? If you have made a new year's resolution, is it sustainable? If not, why not?

The Sabbath rest or equivalent is essential for recharging our batteries, but is at odds with our 24x7 culture. The church may have lost the campaign to "Keep Sunday Special" to the prevailing interests of consumerism and retail, but for our own health and wellbeing, there needs to be a time for laying down tools, demands and responsibilities. Then we can reconnect with God's creation and find our place within it and the community in which we are placed and to appreciate that there is more to life than just earning a living – that life needs to be lived! Unlike the worldly forces that steal our time and life in unhealthy ways, Jesus offers life in all its fullness (John 10:10). That life is offered freely to each of us, and his is the life that we come to church to receive a little more of week by week.

Rev Kev

Past Times from David Beasley Crowmarsh's New Year Party

Tuesday evening, the 2nd January 1923, Crowmarsh Parish Church Congregation held a New Year party at Wallingford Pavilion (the pavilion was in St John's Road, Wallingford, now Trenchard Close). The Revd TWL Caspersz and his wife welcomed guests as they arrived.

Mr Jack Dean was the MC and he made sure everything ran smoothly all evening. Among those present were, Frank Ponking and daughter, Mrs Hughes and daughter from St Martin's Priory, Mr Jack Wilder, Mr Percy and Mrs Wilder, Mrs EO Payne and daughters, Percy Turner and party and practically all the parishioners of Crowmarsh, numbering over 260 members.

The programme for the evening opened with a Whist Drive, there being 29 tables in use. After the Whist Drive the chairs were rearranged and the tables removed and a short concert was given, which consisted of folk songs, folk dancing by the Crowmarsh children. Mrs Caspersz and Miss Dearlove were the accompanists.

During an interval Revd Caspersz gave an amusing speech, in which he claimed Crowmarsh was older than Wallingford and that William the Conqueror after the Battle of Hastings came to Crowmarsh and went into the Queen's Head for a drink. Revd Caspersz said he hoped the beer was better in those days, than it was in most places now. He also said he was sorry that Miss Goswell was unable to attend, she had spent a lot of time teaching the children the old English Folk dances and songs.

After the speech dancing commenced for young and old, the music being provided by "The Four Optimists". Supper was served between the dances by Mrs WJ Korbetov, the landlady of the Red Lion, Wallingford. Games were also provided for those who did not dance. The New Year party finished at 2am and had been enjoyed by all.

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Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum

Online talk by Brigadier (Retired) David Innes, museum trustee, to tell the story of Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire men that went 'a bridge too far' followed by a live Q&A

Free to view on the museum's website, with donations welcome: <https://www.sofo.org.uk/whats-on/oxnbucksarnhem/>

The next in Soldiers of Oxfordshire (SOFO) Museum's series of online talks, *Arnhem and the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry* will be streamed on the museum website from 7pm, on 19th January.

"A tale you will tell your grandchildren.....", this talk will tell the story of the men of the county regiment who fought and died at Arnhem in September 1944. Though the Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry's 2nd Battalion, the airborne unit that famously captured Pegasus Bridge in the early hours of D-Day were not as a whole involved in Operation Market Garden, many of the 1st Airborne officers that were at Arnhem had a past in the county's regiment.

As well as this, the 1st Airborne Divisional Defence Platoon incorporated members of 2nd Battalion when it flew to Arnhem.

Speaker and museum trustee, David Innes, explains "there is a Victoria Cross in this story, and we shall meet the officer you will remember from the film 'A Bridge too Far' who was armed with an umbrella at Arnhem as well as other tales of courage, fortitude and sheer luck".

The officer with the umbrella in the film was inspired by Major Allison Digby Tatham-Warter, formerly of the Oxf. & Bucks, then serving with 2nd Parachute Battalion. He was well known for carrying the item with him, reportedly disabling an armoured vehicle at one stage by poking the driver in the eye after pushing his umbrella through the vehicle's observation slit, and aiding a Chaplain pinned down by enemy fire with the line "don't worry, I've got an umbrella".

Lieutenant John Grayburn, another former officer of the county regiment serving with 2nd

Parachute Battalion at Arnhem, was posthumously awarded the VC, the highest award for gallantry. Despite having been wounded multiple times, for nearly four days, despite this and a lack of food or sleep, he refused to be evacuated and stayed to lead his company. His citation for the award states that without his 'inspiring leadership the Arnhem bridge could not have been held for so long'.

The online event will also salute the skill and daring of the men of the Glider Pilot Regiment, and the outstanding bravery of the local Dutch population who found themselves caught up in the aftermath of this infamous battle.

An archived feed will remain available using the same link, shortly after the live event ends. Free to view, like all the museum's online events, donations will be encouraged from those that wish to support SOFO Museum's work in preserving the county's military heritage and collections.

Henley and District Stamp Club

Christmas is over and we are now heading into the New Year hopefully full of new optimism.

Have you made any new resolutions? Maybe you can think about starting or renewing a hobby. Some years ago, I started collecting stamps, but never thought I would be hooked. Looking at the history behind a stamp or a letter's envelope with various post marks, or why it was sent has got my interest. Maybe you would find the same.

To learn more about stamps and postal history why not visit us at Bix one Wednesday evening? You can then meet people who find postal history and the story of stamps fascinating too.

Wednesday 11th January – Members will display material of their choice and
Wednesday 25th January – Members will display a selection of their Postcards.

Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at Bix Village Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members are very welcome. Further details can be obtained by phoning Brian on 681739 or on our website: www.henleyphilatelic.org.uk

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Wallingford Photographic Club

As winter progresses, Wallingford Photographic Club continues to enjoy a mix of online and in-person meetings (the latter at Crowmarsh Pavilion). Our inclusive club allows people of all ages and levels of experience to learn how to improve their photography through conversations with other members, presentations by visiting speakers, practical evenings and competitions. The club meets every Thursday at 7.30pm for an 8pm start (7.45 start on competition evenings and online sessions).

2023 kicks off with a members' evening, called '8x10' where eight members talk for ten minutes about some images, a technique, or a genre or some kit close to their hearts. Then on 12th we head online to learn how to publish a photo book, with Joe Houghton. Back to the Pavilion on the 19th when Julian Elliott will show us the people and architecture of Uzbekistan, and the month ends with another competition (with 'no set subject').

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Parish Council notes

Crowmarsh Parish Council met at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall on Thursday 8th November. Present were Councillors John Griffin (Chair), Stephen Sherbourne, Julian Park, Andrew Johnson, David Rowley, Liz Ryall, David Topliss, plus Parish Clerk Sue Rance, Finance Officer Yvonne Peet and District Councillor Andrea Powell and two members of the public.

Matters arising from the previous meeting

First Class Tree Surgeons have pruned the hedge at Home Farm.

Crowmarsh Stores has closed permanently in its current location.

Finance

The draft budget was approved, but will be reviewed in February/March. £105K is projected for strategic priorities, including pedestrian crossings and improvements to the surface of Watery Lane. The tax base has changed because of the new houses, and it was agreed that the precept for 2023/24 will be £46,633.60, so there will again be no increase in the parish council.

The council agreed to consider grant applications at the February meeting.

Payments approved included £166.39 for dog bin emptying, £113.66 for refuse collection, £114.17 for allotment insurance, £233.82 for trees and stakes, £102.00 for graphics for the pavilion refurbishment, £2,362.48 for service and emergency drain clearance at the pavilion and £540.00 for hedge cutting at Home Farm. Total payments were £6,401.84

Planning

Decision by SODC

P22/S2176/HH North Stoke Farm, The Street, North Stoke OX10 6BL. Detached garage (as amended by drawing received on 1 August 2022 and plan received 8 August 2022).

Consultation

P22/S4100/S73 Crowmarsh Pavilion, Bellamy Way, Crowmarsh Gifford OX10 8FN. Retrospective application S73 application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) on application P20/S2748/FUL (Internal alterations, new window/door opening,

extension of external walkway and paved areas) - to reconstruct the ramp to the rear of the pavilion to current Building Regulations standards. Recommend approval.

P22/S3794/HH Maple Croft, Mongewell OX10 8BP. Two bedrooms added to new first floor. Recommend approval.

P22/S4370/HH 6 Little Hitchen, Crowmarsh Gifford OX10 8FW Single storey side extension with Ultraframe 380 replica roof tiling system and two double glazed roof panels. Recommend approval.

Major application

Arron Twamley, planning agent for Avant Homes, has written rejecting the proposal for the parish council to manage the open spaces on the Newnham Manor site. We have told the planning officers and our district councillors that we are disappointed and wish to discuss it with them.

County Council report

Cllr Felix Bloomfield was not present but had submitted a report.(see next page)

District Council report

The District Councillors were at the annual District Council meeting but had submitted a report.

Environment and recreation

Many thanks to Cllr Streete, who has planted trees at the nature area to replace those that died during the summer drought.

The pavilion project is expected to be completed in the new year. There are some ongoing snagging issues. It was agreed to delegate authority to the Environment and Recreation Ground Committee to purchase fixtures and fittings, tables and chairs.

Traffic and transport

The meeting was adjourned to address the Parish Council's concerns about speeding and motorcycle noise. The Police and Crime Commissioner, Matthew Barber, and representatives of Thames Valley Roads Policing attended to give an update on the problem and answered questions from local residents, parish councillors and

representatives from neighbouring parishes. The County Council and our MP had been invited but did not attend. A report will appear in the next Crowmarsh News.

The chairman and district and county councillors will also attend a meeting next week (12 Dec) to discuss a draft OCC strategy for the whole A4074 corridor and raise feedback from residents.

Next meeting

The next parish council meeting will be held at Crowmarsh Village Hall on Thursday 2nd February 2023. Dates for meetings throughout the year (normally at 7.30pm) are

2nd February	Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall
2nd March	Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall
6th April	Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall
11th May	North Stoke Village Hall (Local elections on 4th)
25th May	Annual Parish Meeting 7.00pm at Crowmarsh Pavilion
8th June	Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall
6th July	North Stoke Village Hall
3rd August	Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall
7th September	Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall

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Oxfordshire County Council Report

The Queen's Green Canopy

250 Jubilee Citizen trees were planted at Wittenham Clumps on Friday 2nd December as part of the Queen's Green Canopy Oxfordshire.

New British citizens living in Oxfordshire were offered the opportunity to donate a tree for planting on their behalf. This was part of the Queen's Green Canopy Platinum Jubilee earlier in the year. Since the start of the programme in February 825 trees have been donated.

Following the wishes of His Majesty the King upon the passing of Her Majesty, the initiative has been extended until the end of March 2023 to allow more people to plant trees in memoriam.

Council Renews its Commitment to the Armed Forces

As a Military Champion for Oxfordshire I am delighted OCC have renewed their commitment to our armed forces as a new law comes into place. The Armed Forces Covenant, which I signed in 2011 is a voluntary 'promise from the nation' that those serving or who have served in the armed forces (and their families) should be treated fairly and not disadvantaged in their day-to-day lives.

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Pedestrian Crossings in Crowmarsh

I understand the crossings at the Bell and near to the church are awaiting confirmation from the highways team and I will let you know as soon as I have an update.

Cllr Felix Bloomfield
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Friday 13th January to Saturday 28th January

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday evenings at 7:30pm, Saturday evening at 6:30pm with a Saturday matinee at 2:30pm

Dame Dotty Dimple and her two sons (not forgetting Buttermilk the cow) will entertain you while they try to save their home from the Broker's Men. And of course there's that pesky Giant, Buster Gut Bucket making the poor villagers of Windy Bottom very scared – keep disappearing to feed that ogre. But hopefully Fairy Sugardust will make everything alright in the end and the wicked Witch Piccalli will be defeated.

Tickets: £15 (adults - Friday, Saturday), £13 (adults – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday), £8 (under 16s)

Live Screenings

Like Water for Chocolate with the Royal Ballet recorded in 2022

Monday, 30th January, 7:15pm

Christopher Wheeldon's new full-length ballet brings the magic of Laura Esquivel's modern Mexican novel to The Royal Ballet. A co-production between The Royal Ballet and American Ballet Theatre. The ballet reunites Artistic Associate Christopher Wheeldon with the creative team behind Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and The Winter's Tale, composer Joby Talbot and designer Bob Crowley.

Inspired by Laura Esquivel's captivating family saga, where the central character's emotions spill out through cooking to influence everyone around her in startling and dramatic ways. Mexican conductor Alondra de la Parra acts as musical consultant for Talbot's newly commissioned score and Wheeldon has worked closely with Esquivel to reshape her richly-layered story into an entertaining and engrossing ballet.

Tickets: £18 (adults), £15 (senior citizens), £10 (under 18s)

The Crucible from the National Theatre recorded in 2022

Thursday 2nd February, 7pm

A thunderous new imagining of Arthur Miller's parable of power and its abuse, with Erin Doherty (The Crown) and Brendan Cowell (Yerma) as John Proctor and Abigail Williams. A witch hunt is beginning. Raised to be seen but not heard, a group of young women in Salem suddenly find their words have an almighty power. As a climate of fear, vendetta, and accusation spreads through the community, no one is safe from trial. Lyndsey Turner (Hamlet) directs this contemporary new staging, designed by Tony Award-winner Es Devlin (The Lehman Trilogy).

Tickets: £18 (adults), £15 (senior citizens), £10 (under 18s)

The Barber of Seville live from the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden
Wednesday 15th February, 7pm

Sung in Italian with English subtitles. With vocal fireworks, scheming lovers and one very busy barber, Rossini's comic opera is packed with fun and mischief. From the barber's famous opening number 'Largo al factotum' with its cry of 'Figaro! Figaro!' to Rosina's feisty aria 'Una voce poco fa' Gioachino Rossini's opera is a riotously entertaining affair. Rafael Payare makes his Royal Opera House debut conducting an outstanding international cast that includes Andrzej Filonczyk, Aigul Akhmetshina, Lawrence Brownlee and Bryn Terfel.

Tickets: £18 (adults), £15 (senior citizens), £10 (under 18s)

Cinema

Films return in February and highlights are:

I Wanna Dance with Somebody (12A), Avatar, The Way of Water (12A) and A Man called Otto (12A).

On Friday 3rd February, there is a Special celebration of 25 years of Midsomer Murders with an episode filmed in the Corn Exchange in 1997, Death of a Hollow Man (12A) . This is a Free Film courtesy of the President of the Sinodun Players, John Warburton.

John Howell MP writes...

Whatever your personal beliefs Christmas brings with it a spirit of goodwill. As always I am writing my newsletter in the middle of the month and there are just a couple of weeks until Christmas. However due to publication lead times for some this will be included in a January magazine. As a new year dawns I hope that something of the Christmas spirit of goodwill might linger on.

I know that for many life is not easy and personal and global struggles can weigh us down. I share the concern for all those who struggle and who worry about making ends meet. I know that cost of living issues are a very real fear for many, especially in relation to heating and power. There is real hardship, and while the Government has helped, the actions of others outside of the UK, such as Russia, take their toll on us all. It is not just in the UK. Inflation is increasing across the world and there is great need to bring it under control. I know that the Government will continue to do all that it can to assist, and I will wholeheartedly support them.

Social media and the internet are very welcome in many ways. However they also bring another very real fear when misused. We cannot ignore the very real harms people face online every day and this is one area where the Government can and has acted. The Online Safety Bill, which is currently going through parliament, introduces new laws to protect children online and tackle the worst abuses on social media, including racist hate crimes. As it has progressed through the House the Bill has been strengthened to address some concerns and at the same time seeks to protect freedom of speech which has been a concern expressed by some. In order to address the latter Ministers agreed to amendments that will get freedom to adults to express views online that can legally be expressed elsewhere and replace it with a fairer, simpler and more effective mechanism which will focus on user choice, consumer rights and accountability whilst protecting freedom of expression. The Bill still has stages to go through for scrutiny and I look forward to this becoming law in due course so that the vulnerable are protected.

Both here at home and across the world there are many deserving of our thoughts and concern.

The media will put an issue at the forefront but once something else comes forward it is easy for us to forget the plight of many. This year the war in Ukraine shocked us. The aggression of Russia continues to create so many problems and heartaches. Our thoughts go to all those weighed down by oppressive regimes and war. Through my work in the Council of Europe I have been privileged to speak directly with President Zelensky and parliamentarians in Kyiv and look forward to being able to do so again next year to offer continued support. I do sincerely hope that the New Year may bring some peace and joy.

In seeking to work together we need to get beyond the headlines. Sometimes we can do something to support a large number of people. At other times work is focussed on an individual as opportunity is afforded to us in our particular work. For me one such opportunity came along in my role as Rapporteur on Turkey for the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. In this role I have been working for justice for arrested philanthropist and businessman, Osman Kavala. Together with my fellow Rapporteur from Latvia I have been granted the chance to visit Osman personally in January. This is a breakthrough as the visit was previously rejected. We hope that this is a sign of a softening attitude by the authorities on human rights issues.

As we begin 2023 and the year progresses I hope that we will all do what we can to ease the burdens of others. Any action however small carries on the spirit of goodwill. There will, of course, always be differing views on important issues and often some conflicting approaches to similar ends. There is rarely, if ever, a perfect answer. It is good to discuss issues, and sometimes discussion may be heated, but when disagreement turns to abuse, and protest causes genuine difficulty to others we have lost our democratic compass. If there is an issue that concerns you, please do share your thoughts. If you would like to know more about my work on behalf of the Government, and in the Constituency, please do look at my website. www.johnhowell.org.uk.

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WHAT'S ON — JANUARY 2023

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	St Mary-le-More Church, Wallingford
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.	St Mary Magdalene's Church, Crowmarsh Gifford
Every Thursday	19.30 onwards	Wallingford Photographic Club	Crowmarsh Gifford Pavilion or on Zoom
Various days	Differing times	CTC Wallingford cycle rides	www.ctcwallingford.org.uk
Various days	Differing times	Cholsey and Wallingford Heritage Railway	www.cholsey-wallingford-railway.com

This month

Wednesday 4th January	14.00 onwards	U3A: Dr Martin Holmes Talks on "Jim Callaghan"	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Sunday 8th January	10.15 onwards	Woodcote 10k	Woodcote Village Hall for start
Wednesday 11th January	19.45 onwards	TWHAS: Broadcasting Britain, 100 Years of the BBC	St Mary le More Church, Wallingford
Saturday 14th January	10.30-12.30	Crowmarsh Community Café	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Sunday 15th January	13.00 onwards	CTC Wallingford 22 mile road ride Wittenhams - Ewelme	Please pre-register for this ride
Tuesday 17th January	19.00 onwards	The History of the Wallingford and Watlington Railway	Didcot Civic Hall
Saturday 21st January	19.30 onwards	Goldberg Variations with Pianist Anita D'Attellis	St Mary le More Church, Wallingford
Sunday 29th January	13.00 onwards	CTC Wallingford 30 mile road ride Ipsden - Cookley Green	Please pre-register for this ride

February

Wednesday 1st February	14.00 onwards	U3A: The poison Umbrella Murders	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Thursday 2nd February	19.00-21.30	Crowmarsh Parish Council meeting	Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall
Saturday 11th February	10.30-12.30	Crowmarsh Community Café	Crowmarsh Village Hall