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The Crowmarsh News editorial team is still looking for new volunteers to share the work of publishing and distributing your monthly magazine. The more people we have, the fewer times each person has to do it.

So can you help with editing articles? Or perhaps page layout in Publisher? Or could you help to deliver copies door-to-door in your area? If you think you might be able to help, just email [crowmarsh.editor@gmail.com](mailto:crowmarsh.editor@gmail.com) for a chat.

## 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 we hope you will be very happy here and quickly become part of our local community.

## OX10 Community Centre

OX10 Community Centre will be at the Wallingford Carnival where they will have a Pop-up Community Art Gallery, Community Art Project & Workshop and a Camerados Public Living Room.

Come along to the Wallingford Carnival on the Kine Croft, on Saturday 17th June, 10am to 4pm.

## Riverside Repair Café Saturday 17th June, 10am-1pm

If you have something broken or needing repair and would like help learning how to repair it\*, you are welcome to bring it to the Riverside Repair Café, Saturday 17th June, 10am-1pm, in the garden of Eastgate House, 1 High Street, Wallingford. Access is via the Green Door opposite the Boat House pub, just next to Wallingford Bridge. Volunteer repairers will be there rain or shine to help you with your repairs: Woodwork, Sewing, Sharpening, Bicycles, Small Electricals, China, etc. Light refreshments available. The garden allows plenty of space for social distancing and gazebos let us get on with the repairs rain or shine.

Repair Cafés are held on the third Saturdays of even-numbered months in Wallingford, and during odd-numbered months in the Cholsey Pavilion (11am to 1.45pm).

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/RiversideRepairCafe>  
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\*Have something fixed that would otherwise go to landfill and learn a new skill at the same time. Please note all repairers/teachers are volunteers, so all repairs are free, but with no guarantees of success.

## Past Times from David Beasley

This month I have decided my article would not be a story about a person or occurrence in Crowmarsh. Instead, I will describe the upcoming exhibition of old Crowmarsh, Newnham Murren and Mongewell photographs. I hope it will encourage some of the magazine readers to come along to the Pavilion in the Recreation Ground to see them. The exhibition opens at 2pm on Friday 16th June and continues on Saturday the 17th from 10am to 4pm.

There will be over 100 photographs on display, covering the years from 1887 to 2015. Queen Victoria's Jubilee will be the oldest photos and the exhibition will finish with the burning down of the SODC offices in January 2015. Edward VII, George V and the late Queen's Coronations and Jubilees will be shown. You will be able to see shops, pubs and houses that have now long disappeared. A series of school photos from 1900 to 1986 will be on display.

The First and Second World Wars will be covered with a number of photos. The effects of the weather, snow and flooding will be featured. You can see the inside of Howbery Park and Mongewell House, as they were before First World War.

Meet some of the people who lived in Crowmarsh before 1940, some of them may be your grandparents or great grandparents. See how the decoration of the inside of St Mary's Church has changed over the years. Many of the houses that have gone or changed will be seen.

So, if you are interested, please come along, you could call in on your way to the Wallingford Carnival.

# Crowmarsh Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 18th May 2023

## Chairman's report

Thank you to all our parish councillors for their work over the past year. We have had 11 councillors for most of the year, all with a willingness to work for the community. Thanks to all those who stood down at the elections, notably Stuart Soames who had represented North Stoke single-handedly for many years.

We had 9 nominations for 9 seats in Crowmarsh Gifford so no election was required. We have since co-opted one member back onto the council, but we are very keen to have people from North Stoke and Mongewell to fill the two remaining vacancies.

We are very grateful to our parish clerk Sue Rance and our finance officer Yvonne Peet for their supportive and professional work and to Chris Strange for looking after the recreation ground so well.

The recreation ground is our greatest asset and we thank Chris and the committee for all their work to maintain the facilities and bring in income from users. Solar panels on the pavilion bring in a regular income and help to reduce our electricity bill.

Work will soon be complete on improvements to the pavilion – do come to the grand opening event on Saturday 17th June. Andrew Johnson, David Rowley and the team have done another great job seeing this project through, not least winning maximum grant funding to keep the cost to the parish down.

Once again the council has managed to increase the precept (the money we get from the council tax) without increasing the amount each householder pays, because of new houses being occupied since last year.

The accounts for 2022-23 will be published when they have been audited. They include income from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) received from developers, which will be spent on projects including the pavilion extension, pedestrian crossings, improving cycling and walking facilities, road safety and other strategic priorities. We have continued to give grants and donations to local voluntary groups and charities and to maintain public areas in the parish.

Traffic speed and noise remain major public concerns. Stephen Sherbourne and the traffic and transport committee have repeatedly requested speed surveys on the main road and we continue to lobby our MP and the Police & Crime Commissioner, working with neighbouring parish councils and strenuously following up on the public meeting last December, determined to tackle this anti-social behaviour.

We have applied to Oxfordshire County Council for 20mph speed limits in our residential streets, which should be implemented this year.

Planning continues to be a major part of our work and we comment on all applications in the parish, although SODC make the decisions. The Crowmarsh Neighbourhood Plan is now part of the local development plan and is taken into account in planning decisions, so we have a measure of protection against inappropriate developments. The new estates off Benson Lane and Nosworthy Way are now occupied and we welcome the new residents and hope they are quickly becoming part of the community.

More than eight years after the fire, we are still in discussion with SODC about what we hope to see done with the site in Benson Lane now the councils are not returning there. We require community facilities here and not just more houses.

We continue to improve the nature area for enjoyment and to encourage biodiversity, and have plans to plant several hundred trees later in the year as part of the Queen's Green Canopy and to mark King Charles's coronation. The Botany allotments are almost fully occupied.

We always need the help of residents and businesses to look after our environment and keep our villages clean and attractive against threats from anti-social litter, fly tipping and dog fouling. Thanks to all who pick up litter and look after their part of the parish, either day-to-day or when we have a community clean-up event.

Thanks again to councillors, staff and residents for all your work over the year and to all the individuals and voluntary groups who help our community thrive.

John Griffin, May 2023



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## St Mary Magdalene's Church, Crowmarsh Gifford

### June Services (at St Mary Magdalene unless otherwise stated):

Sun 4th June 11am Trinity Sunday Family Service

Sat 10th June 10.30am-Noon Crowmarsh Community Café at the Village Hall

Sun 11th June 11am Parish Communion

Sun 18th June 9.30am Team Communion at St Mary-le-More, Wallingford

Sun 25th June 11am Family Communion

Morning Prayer - every Friday at 9am

Evening Prayer – every Sunday at 6pm

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

## The Vicar writes ...

At our Annual Church meeting at the end of April we thanked Margaret Foster for her dedicated service of over twenty years as Church Warden. I am grateful that she will continue to do many of the additional tasks, including Sacristan, that she has taken on with her usual calm efficiency. Meanwhile, Linda Parker continues as Church Warden, taking a lead on the planning process for our new toilet and servery which is going through the final stages of specification ready for quotes so that we get a proper estimate.

Last year our finances stabilised after the pandemic, although we had no major expenditure. However, this year we have already had an extraordinary event as a panel of plaster fell from the ceiling. The cost of repair and checking the surrounding area has come in at nearly £10k, largely due to the huge scaffolding, replacing lathes (assumed to have suffered water damage from before the roof was replaced back in 1999) and then many separate visits required to build subsequent layers of lime plaster, and lime wash.

Who pays for this? Despite what many people think, we get no help from the government (except retrospective reclaim on some VAT). The Parish Church Council (PCC) is solely responsible for paying for all repairs, applying for charitable grants where suitable. Most of our funding comes from the generous giving of church members but this is not enough and I would hope that others in our community feel that they have a share in maintaining the only Grade I listed church within the wider Wallingford benefice. It is open daily to all and Crowmarsh can be proud of this wonderful heritage building.

Could you spare a few pounds per month or a one-off gift? If so, please do get in touch as Gift Aiding your donation could increase your donation by 20%, or 25% for higher rate tax-payers.

Blessings, Rev Kev

# Walled Gardens of Wallingford

Fancy a peek into some of Wallingford's most beautiful gardens?

For the first time for 12 years, you can. Many historical properties, some with Thames river frontage, will welcome everyone on Sunday 11th June.



In the centre of old Wallingford (including Thames Street, St Peter's Street and Wood Street) many walled gardens will be open, some for the first time. They provide a great day out for the family.

Beautiful historic St Peter's Church and its churchyard in Thames Street will also be open. The church was built in 1769 and the handsome spire was added in 1777. There will be teas in some of the gardens, short electric boat trips, plant sales and stalls (including wine tasting and strawberries).

Car parking is available in the Cattlemarket car park (between Wood Street and New Road, with loos and EV charging) and in the Thames Street car park.

The event is to raise money for the charity Music for Autism, which, in conjunction with the Orchestra of St John's, provides accessible workshops for young people with autism.

We are grateful to our generous sponsors – Root One Garden Centre, PureBoating (for the boat trips) and PC Technicians (for all our computing support).

Visit [www.walledgardensofwallingford.co.uk](http://www.walledgardensofwallingford.co.uk) for details.

**Tickets**, including maps, descriptions and accessibility, are available in advance at £6 through the website and at Root One garden centre and KP Stationers. You can buy tickets on the day at £7.50 at 11 Wood Street (children free). We are sorry but no dogs please, except assistance.

## North Stoke open gardens

On Sunday 11th June, from 2.00pm to 6.00pm, several residents in North Stoke have kindly offered to open their gardens to the public.

They include some particularly large gardens with river frontages, two that border the spring-fed lake, and some interesting cottage or more modern gardens with delights to discover.

There will be an opportunity to meet the owners, to ask questions about plants, wildlife and the village, before relaxing with tea and cake in the Village Hall. There will be plants on sale, and if time permits, a visit to our historic village church may be an added interest.

Cost: £6 on the day, cash or card (children under 14 free), tea and cake £3. All proceeds will go to the upkeep of our beautiful, historic Village Hall, which dates from 1911.





## Wallingford Museum

### House Detectives: history behind the door

The houses in this exhibition have been chosen to reflect the changing development and use of houses in Wallingford, from the medieval period to the 20th century.

On your journey through the museum you will discover how we became house detectives and how you could become one too!

Imagine a scene, somewhere near Wallingford, in about 1344 when King Edward III ruled England, a tree was felled that was to be used in the building of a house in Wallingford High Street. Fact or fiction?

Thanks to a small inconspicuous, slender piece of wood, a “core sample” from a house on the High Street, experts can tell through tree ring dating just when that tree was felled. The ring patterns reveal the growth of the original trees from which the beams were made. Each ring represents a year’s growth which varies dependent on weather conditions etc. You can discover the story of this house and others in this new exhibition.

Summer at the museum this year will kick off with the museum’s ever popular Family Archaeology Day on Saturday 22 July.  
<https://www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk/events>

### Guided Walks

Wallingford’s Guided Historic Town Walks are running again. The walkers meet under the town hall, no booking required, just turn up for 11am start. The cost is £10 per head, for a tour lasting between 90 and 120 minutes and includes a season ticket to Wallingford Museum.

### Museum Bookshop

We have an excellent selection of good second-hand books (both fiction and non-fiction) at sensible prices. We look forward to seeing you - it's free to browse!

## The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society

Visit <https://www.twhas.org.uk/meetings-programme.html> for the full 2023 talks programme.

Wednesday 14th June

Paul Booth: 'Evolving ideas on Roman and early post-Roman Dorchester-on-Thames'

Dorchester-on-Thames is well known as an important regional focus of Roman and Anglo-Saxon settlement, despite which the overall extent of excavation is still small. Ongoing analysis of the results of work in the allotments carried out from 2008 to 2018 informs and is informed by other evidence old and new and contributes significantly to revised understanding of the development of Dorchester through the first millennium AD. Although officially retired from Oxford Archaeology, Paul is leading the post-excavation programme for the publication of the joint Oxford University Institute of Archaeology/Oxford Archaeology training excavation undertaken at Dorchester from 2008-2018.

Sue Wright  
Wallingford Museum



## PACT’s adoption services rated outstanding for third time

Adoption and support services for adoptive families run by Parents And Children Together (PACT) have been rated outstanding by Ofsted for the third successive inspection. At an inspection in March 2023, PACT was found to be outstanding across all areas and provided “highly effective services”. The inspectors said that the actions of PACT, a voluntary adoption charity operating in Oxfordshire, “contribute to significantly improved outcomes and positive experiences for children, young people and adults.”

The full report is published on the Ofsted website.

# The Corn Exchange events

## Cinema

All regular performances normally start at 7:30pm unless stated otherwise. Please note that we will start on time and that latecomers will only be allowed in after the start of the film where there is no disruption to sitting patrons. This means that we may have to reseat some latecomers. For Live Screenings we reserve the right to seat latecomers in the Curtis Room where there is a large screen relay. The bar and auditorium will open from 7pm so there's plenty of time to collect drinks beforehand.

We are also showing films on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons at 2:30pm. Please look at the website for updates.

Tickets £10 for Adults and £5 for under 15s unless otherwise stated.

## June Cinema

Saturday 3rd 2:30pm & 7:30pm, Sunday 4th & Monday 5th 7:30pm Book Club: The Next Chapter (12A)

Wednesday 7th, 2:30pm & 7:30pm One Fine Morning (15)

Friday 9th 7:30pm & Saturday 10th 2:30pm My Fairy Troublemaker (U)

Sunday, 11th & Monday 12th 7:30pm & Wednesday 14th 2:30pm Are you there God, it's me Margaret (12A)

Friday 16th Vermeer, the Greatest Exhibition

Saturday 24th 7:30pm & Sunday 25th 2:30pm & 7:30pm Mad about the Boy: The Noel Coward Story (12A)

## Live Screenings

**Tuesday 13th June, 7:15pm**

**Il Trovatore Live from the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden**

A co-production with Opernhaus Zurich. Passions run high as Manrico and the Count di Luna compete for the affections of Leonora. Little do they know, Manrico's mother Azucena has been keeping a terrible secret for decades. Soon a curse from the past will rise up from the ashes with devastating implications for them all. Antonio Pappano

conducts Verdi's dramatic score, which features the famous 'Anvil' chorus. Sung in Italian with English subtitles.

**Tickets: £18 (adults), £15 (seniors), £10 (under 18s)**

## Live on Stage

**Tuesday 6th June, 6pm, doors open at 5pm, last entry at 5:45pm**

**Recording of BBC's Gardener's Question Time**

Tickets can be booked online at [www.cornexchange.org.uk](http://www.cornexchange.org.uk). All children between 10 and 18 must be accompanied by an adult. No admission under 10. The box office will be open all day from 10am on Tuesday 6th June for ticket holders who wish to come in to write a question for submission to the panel. There are to be 2 recordings. No admittance after 5.45pm. The finish time is expected to be by 8pm.

**All tickets: £4.50**

**Monday 19th June to Friday 23rd June, 7:30pm**

**32nd Corn Exchange Drama Festival**

This festival is back again. Ten plays from eight groups (Branching Out Drama Society, Compton Players, Didcot Phoenix Drama Group, Drayton Players, HAODS, Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group, Newbury Dramatic Society and Sinodun Players) have been entered, making for a full week of performances.

Each group has one hour to build their set, run the play and remove everything, leaving a clear stage. So it's not just a judgement of the play, its actors, but the set and the expertise of the back-stage crew. And the direction as well of course. All this will be adjudicated by Cherry Stephenson, a member of GoDA (Guild of Drama Adjudicators) and a verdict delivered on the night. And the winners declared on the Friday night. There is an opportunity for audience members to make an award if they have seen every performance.

It's an excellent way to learn about drama and see how different ideas are put into practice. And see different styles of plays. It's a common misnomer that the only way to enjoy plays is to visit a professional theatre in London. They're very good of course but there's a wealth of drama available in the shires and this is a way of experiencing many of these local groups.

**Tickets: £6 each night, £20 for all four nights**

Coming Soon

**Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th July, 7:45pm and Sunday 16th July, 2:45pm**

**The Sinodun Players present**

***A Bunch of Amateurs* by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman**

When a Hollywood action movie superstar comes to your village theatre to take the lead role in a production of King Lear, Hollywood Happens. This cannot be a good thing! Or can it? The Stratford Players, from a small, but charming village in Suffolk are frantically fundraising trying to keep their theatre alive and the developers from the door. In desperation they come up with a publicity plan to gain sponsorships and save their theatre. Enter stage left Jefferson Steel striding in to play Lear in Stratford. Imagine his surprise as it slowly dawns on him the reality that he is not in Stratford upon Avon!! Hilarity ensues as cultures collide, politely on one side of the equation, and he faces the reality of his vanity and insecurity. This culturally and very human observant comedy drama comes from the pens of two of the UK's greatest satirical writers.

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## Henley and District Stamp Club

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The Henley stamp club is a friendly group and we would be delighted to see new visitors or members. If you are interested in facts concerning stamps or postal history, why not come along and find out how you can promote your interest.

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 14<sup>th</sup> June – We have guest speakers from Camberwell Philatelic Society

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June – We have a guest speaker, Julian Bagwell on the subject "British Levant"

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## Parish council notes

Crowmarsh Parish Council met at North Stoke Village Hall on Thursday 11th May. Present: Councillors John Griffin, Stephen Sherbourne, David Rowley, Julia Streete, Andrew Johnson, Fleur Stevenson, Andrew Nesbitt plus Parish Clerk Sue Rance and District Councillor Sue Cooper and two members of the public.

John Griffin was re-elected as Chairman and Stephen Sherbourne as Vice-Chairman. Andrew Nesbitt was welcomed to his first meeting as a councillor.

It was unanimously agreed to co-opt David Topliss as a councillor. There are now no parish councillors in North Stoke or Mongewell, so there is a need for residents of those villages to fill the two vacant seats.

Members of the Environment and Recreation Ground Management Committee were elected: Cllrs Johnson (chair), Rowley, Park, Streete and Nesbitt plus Mrs Linda Parker and Mr Chris Strange.

Members of the Traffic and Transport Committee were elected: Cllrs Sherbourne (chair), Streete and Ryall plus Mr Nick McGregor, Mr Nicholas Sumner, Mrs Denise Hall and Mr Duncan Reed.

### Matters from the last meeting

Thames Path closure: the Environment Agency has reported that repairs to the pedestrian bridge across the Thames at Benson weir will not be completed before 2026. However the minutes of the recent River Users' Group 3 reported that Bygone boating are running a passenger ferry service across the river between the Riverside Café and Benson lock.

District Cllr Andrea Powell is following up parish council representation on the management committee for the Newnham Manor development.

### Finance

Payments agreed included monthly salaries and expenses, dog bin emptying, refuse collection, repairs and servicing of equipment at the recreation ground, £2,160 to Tom Cottrell Landscapes for tree and hedge work at the recreation ground, £300 to April Skies Accounting for the internal audit 2022-23, £720 to Ashburton for grass cutting in April and £945 to Scofell for specialist grass cutting at the nature area.

Grants were agreed of £200 to Clean Slate and £300 to Home-Start.

The internal audit report had been completed and the recommendations were noted and will be followed up. The Finance Officer was thanked for her hard work on the audit and congratulated on the positive outcome.

The annual governance statement was reviewed and completed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk. The accounting statements for the annual return were approved. The balance to carry forward at the year-end was £246,150.02. This figure was higher than the previous year due to Community Infrastructure Levy money and grants received for the pavilion project.

Two quotes had been received for the crossing at the Bell, and it was agreed to accept the lower of the two quotes but the Finance Officer will contact the Highways department to ask for a contribution to the parts that involve repair of the road.

Allotment invoices have been sent to tenants and there is only one vacant plot. The Clerk will send tenancy agreements to new tenants for signing.

Proposals were discussed for new dog bins and re-siting of an existing bin.

### Planning

#### *Decisions by SODC*

P23/S1121/DIS Avalon Kennels, Icknield Way, OX10 6PP. Discharge of condition 9, surface water drainage works, under application P22/S3789/FUL (Change of existing residential unit to specialised veterinary clinic; construction of replacement dwelling, relocation of parking areas). Details agreed.

P23/S0871/HH Lalique, Mongewell OX10 8BP. Two-storey rear extension, thermal upgrade, replacement windows and new entrance canopy. Alterations to existing extension. Minor changes to approved application P22/S0930/HH to alter the Solar PV and position of the Air Source Heat Pump. Planning permission.

P23/S0926/AG Black Barn Farm, Church Road, Ipsden OX10 6AE. Proposed grain tipping bunker. Agricultural development: planning permission not required.

P23/S0713/HH 5 Jethro Tull Gardens Crowmarsh Gifford OX10 8DS. Single storey rear extension and garden office. Planning permission.

## **Consultations**

P23/S1387/FUL Land adjacent to the Old Walled Garden (Plot 5), Mongewell OX10 8DA. Proposed detached new dwelling (to be known as The Lake House and temporary stationing of a mobile home). No objection – infill and a house was planned here initially so the principle has been agreed.

P23/S1105/HH 10 Carmel Terrace, Mongewell OX10 8BX. Erection of two-storey side extension. No objection.

P23/S1343/DIS The Thatched Cottage, Old Reading Road, Crowmarsh Gifford OX10 8BW. Discharge of condition 3 (Schedule of Materials) on application P22/S3672/HH (refurbishment of existing dwelling, alterations to external materials). No comment – just for information.

P23/S1200/S73 Avalon Kennels, Icknield Way, OX10 6PP Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) on application P22/S3789/FUL - 1) extend end of north-facing two-storey part of house; 2) extend eastern end of single storey part; 3) alterations to fenestration; 4) amendment to roof over garage and 5) metal chimney flue to single storey roof (Change of existing residential unit to specialised veterinary clinic; replacement dwelling, relocation of parking). No comment – just for information.

P23/S1519/HH 10 Park View, Crowmarsh Gifford OX10 8BJ Single storey rear extension and internal alterations. No objection.

## **District Council report**

The District Councillors were congratulated on their re-election. The full District Council meeting will be held on Thursday 18th May. The District Council head of service had left in April and their replacement is due to start shortly. The next consultation exercise on the joint local plan (South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse) is scheduled for the near future.

No decision has yet been made on the future of the former SODC offices but Cllr Cooper hopes to see a mixture of facilities including some to benefit our community. Parish councillors asked that when the new head of service is in post we can have a meeting to discuss this site.

There was no report from the county councillor.

## **Environment and recreation**

Cllr Johnson reported that regular meetings have been held with the builder and progress is being made on completing the pavilion improvement project. Replacement of roof tiles has now been completed.

The opening ceremony will take place at 10.30am on Saturday 17th June. The church will be in charge of refreshments but the cubs are unable to run a barbecue. A vote of thanks was made to Cllrs Johnson, Rowley and Streete and their committee, as well as Chris Strange, for all their hard work on this project.

Future grass cutting regimes will be considered when the pavilion project has been completed.

## **Traffic and transport**

A Community Speedwatch scheme is being set up and training will be arranged for the volunteers.

It is hoped to arrange a meeting with Thames Valley Police during the week commencing 12th June. When a date is agreed, the neighbouring parishes will be invited. They have been sent copies of the correspondence between the parish council and the police.

The County Council's detailed proposals for 20mph speed limits in the parish were discussed. Additional areas to be included include Wallingford Bridge and the new estates. The chairman will respond to the County Council. Some additional traffic calming measures will be needed in the new 20mph areas and the Speed Indication Devices will need adjusting.

Pedestrian access to the Bloor estate was discussed. Members of the OCC countryside access team have met on site and agreed that Footpath 2 from the estate to Benson Lane needs resurfacing with tarmac and linking up with the estate path. This will be discussed with the OCC Highways department, as well as the location of a pedestrian crossing in Benson Lane and related matters.

## **Next meeting**

The next parish council meeting will be held on Thursday 8th June 2023 at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

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## Women and War: From the Fringes to the Front Line - New exhibition to tell the stories of women in the armed forces

- Exhibition opening on 3 June and running until 10 September 2023
- Charting the evolution of women's roles in the armed forces from the Second World War to today
- Personal accounts of women's experiences in the armed forces, from those recruited to help 'set Europe ablaze' in the Second World War SOE to those who now take on front line combat roles.

*Women & War* will explore the diverse experiences of women who have been involved with all aspects of military life, from the 'fringes' of history to those now taking on front line roles in the armed forces today. Using unique, personal stories, pen portraits of women in historical and modern roles feature throughout.



WAAF women with barrage balloon

From 1941, women were called up for war work, in roles such as mechanics, engineers, munitions workers, air raid wardens, bus and fire engine drivers. Away from these vital roles more than 80,000 women joined the Women's Land Army, the 'Land Girls' endured tough conditions and long hours in isolated rural outposts in order to prevent Britain from being 'starved out'. Others would join women's auxiliary units of the Armed Forces, such as the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, Women's

Royal Naval Service and Auxiliary Territorial Service.

A number of objects, on loan from individuals and organisations that have also shared their stories for the exhibition, will go on show at the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum for the first time. These include an Air Transport Auxiliary jacket which belonged to Mary Watkins of Leafield, Oxfordshire who took her flying lessons in Witney. She was the youngest pilot in the county when she began in 1937. Her story will be told with thanks to Maidenhead Heritage Centre and ATA Museum.



Mary Watkins, courtesy of the ATA Museum

A series of letters and a pair of officer's gloves belonging to Rev. Elsie Chamberlain, on loan from the Royal Army Chaplains' Museum help illustrate the story of the first female Chaplain in the RAF, whose appointment sparked protest from both the RAF and the Church of England in 1946. Her name was originally excluded from RAF lists and her service concealed.

In the Special Operations Executive (SOE) Churchill recruited around 60 women "to set Europe ablaze". They were deployed behind enemy lines, usually by parachute or fishing boats, to help form a 'secret army' of resistance fighters preparing the way for the Allied invasion. Objects used during the war by women recruited by SOE will also once again go on display at the museum, having last been on show during the popular *Spy Oxfordshire* exhibition in 2021, including a radio receiver concealed inside a biscuit tin.

Women continued to play a vital role after the war and over the last two decades, women have taken on more jobs in the British Army. Since 2018, all Army roles have been open to them. This includes combat roles in the infantry and special forces units.

But even before that, many female soldiers had been serving on the front line and in war zones across the world. Away from the front line, women have taken on positions and broken down the barriers in what were once male-dominated roles in MI5 and MI6; the UK's Security Service and Secret Service.

Members of the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (FANY), founded in 1907, most famously played significant roles in the SOE during the Second World War, but remain active today. Members of the FANY have seen service in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as providing vital support during disasters, terrorist attacks and crises at home in the UK.



Image courtesy of Jessica Lakin, FANY

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## Pavilion grand opening

The grand opening of Crowmarsh recreation ground pavilion's new facilities will take place on Saturday 17th June at 10.30am.

The Parish Council's Environment and Recreation Committee has been working for 12 months with builders SCM and project architect Michael Simpson to redevelop the north-eastern part of the Pavilion.

The improvements include new public toilets, accessible from outside, a small drinks and food servery opening onto a paved and landscaped outdoor dining terrace with new benches, an outdoor table tennis table and, inside the pavilion, a new small meeting room.

We are particularly proud of the disabled toilet and baby-changing facility, which can be accessed from the new outdoor terrace via a gently sloping ramp. See the graphic below.

The project received an award of £73,016 from SODC's capital grants programme and £67,238 from the FCC Communities Foundation, which gives grants for community projects through the Landfill Communities Fund, as well as £75,000 plus contingency from Crowmarsh Parish Council.

At the grand opening on 17th June, there will also be a special exhibition of historic village photographs in the main hall, kindly brought together by local historian David Beasley, author of our regular Past Times column.



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## John Howell MP writes ...

This month with the local elections we have seen people come and people go as councillors. Firstly my thanks to all those who have worked as local councillors, at parish and district in the last four years or more. Having been a councillor myself I know very well the work that is involved and that sometimes it can be a thankless task. You can never please everyone and there are always more people ready to complain than to compliment. Welcome too to new councillors. I look forward to working with you in the future.

Turnout figures show that local elections pass many people by or that many are simply not interested. I think this may be that they do not appreciate the work that is done at a local level and the decisions that local councils have responsibility for. Issues are often raised with me that I have to defer to local councils as the councils are fully autonomous and responsible for their own decisions. So perhaps it is timely to remind people what the different councils do and how elected representatives can help on the relevant issues.

Let me start with the most local level of democracy, the parish council. This the elected body closest to the community. Parish councils make all kinds of decisions on issues that affect the local community. Probably the most common topics that parish councils get involved with are planning matters (as statutory consultees), and campaigning and delivering better services and facilities for the community. They often provide allotment space, manage community centres, play areas and equipment, and deal with issues such as litter, graffiti, dog offences and fly posting. As a formal body parish councils have the ability to influence other organisations that make decisions affecting the community such as the district and county councils, health authorities, police. As such parish councils have an important role in local democracy and can be a great resource to support a thriving community.

Some smaller communities do not have a parish council but instead have a parish meeting. These have fewer powers and are not required to meet as frequently as a parish council. However they are still formal bodies with a representative role for the community and can often help with relevant issues in the same way that a parish council can.

The next tier of local government in this area is

the district council. The constituency is served by two district councils, Cherwell District Council and South Oxfordshire District Council. They are responsible for local services, including planning, housing and associated benefits, rubbish collection, environmental services, leisure services, some car parks and council tax collection. This is the level which has been the subject of much discussion on its continuance or whether it should be merged with the County Council to create a Unitary Council.

Finally we have the County Council. This is a much larger council which is responsible for services across the whole of a county. This Council is responsible for local services, including education, social services, transport, roads (except trunk roads and motorways), public rights of way, libraries, the fire service, culture, trading standards, bus subsidies, minerals, waste and recycling (disposal) and the environment.

Each of these councils has elected representatives who take decisions on the relevant issues and are there to help residents in the areas of their responsibility. These people should be the first port of call to raise concerns with as they have direct access to information and, in the case of the larger councils, the officers employed to assist. Contact details for local councils and councillors are usually widely published. However if anyone has difficulty in locating the details for our County or District Councils details are available on my website under the tab labelled 'The Constituency'.

From my own experience as a local councillor, and working alongside many other councillors, I know that most people who put themselves forward for these roles do it because they want to help and support their community. I would therefore encourage residents to take an interest in what they do and seek their support if necessary. In the same way that I have been elected to be part of the parliamentary decision-making process, so they are elected as part of the local decision-making process. Similarly as I can sometimes help with issues relating to central government departments, so local councillors can help with issues relating to their councils' areas of responsibility.

As always, if there is a particular 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.

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Every Saturday	10.00-12.00	WAGS Store open	Centre 70, Wallingford
Every Thursday	19.30 onwards	Wallingford Photographic Club	Crowmarsh Pavilion
Most Saturdays	10.00-12.30	Local Producers' Market	St Mary le More Church or Wallingford Market Place
Various days	Differing times	Didcot and Wallingford Ramblers	<a href="http://www.ramblers.org.uk/didcot-wallingford">www.ramblers.org.uk/didcot-wallingford</a>
Every Sunday	11.00 onwards	Parish Communion. Family service first Sunday of month	St Mary Magdalene's Church, Crowmarsh Gifford
Various days	Differing times	CTC Wallingford cycle rides	<a href="http://www.ctcwallingford.org.uk/">www.ctcwallingford.org.uk/</a>
Various days	Differing times	Cholsey and Wallingford Heritage Railway	<a href="http://www.cholsey-wallingford-railway.com">www.cholsey-wallingford-railway.com</a>

### This month

Saturday 3rd June	19.00-21.00	Brahms Double Concerto	Dorchester Abbey
Wednesday 7th	14.00 onwards	U3A: Tim Bryce on Wonderful Wales	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Thursday 8th	19.30 onwards	Crowmarsh Parish Council Meeting	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Saturday 10th	10.30-12.30	Crowmarsh Community Cafe	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Saturday 10th	11.00-14.00	Sustainable Travel and Transport Event	Wallingford Town Hall and Market Place
Saturday 10th	14.00– 16.00	Sponsored circular riverside walk	Starting from St Mary's Church., with ferry crossing
Sunday 11th	14.00– 18.00	North Stoke Open Gardens	Starting from North Stoke Village Hall
Sunday 11th	13.30-17.30	Walled Gardens of Wallingford	<a href="http://www.walledgardensofwallingford.co.uk">www.walledgardensofwallingford.co.uk</a>
Wednesday 14th	19.45 onwards	TWHAS: Evolving ideas on Roman Dorchester	St Mary le More Church Wallingford
Saturday 17th	19.30 onwards	Benson Choral Society Summer Concert	Dorchester Abbey
Saturday 17th	10.30 onwards	Grand Opening Event	Crowmarsh Pavilion
Saturday 18th	10.00 onwards	Riverside Repair Cafe	near Wallingford Bridge
Sunday 18th	All day	Cream Tea Specials	Cholsey and Wallingford Railway
Sunday 25th	15.00-17.00	Live Music with Cholsey Silver Band	Castle Gardens in Wallingford

### July

Wednesday 5th July	14.00 onwards	U3A: Reminiscences of a School Master	Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall
Thursday 6th July	19.30 onwards	Crowmarsh Parish Council Meeting	North Stoke Village Hall