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The Street – new crossing

The Parish Council has accepted a quote to build a pedestrian crossing in The Street, near The Bell, and works started on 24th July, with one-way traffic controlled by lights. The contractors and the County Council expect the work to be completed by 20th August. The detailed plans are available on the village website <https://crowmarshgifford.org.uk/> and any further information made available after the Crowmarsh News' deadline will also be published there.

If you have any questions about the plans, please contact the parish clerk – email: crowmarshparishclerk@gmail.com

Clearing Crowmarsh footpath

Following a successful site meeting with a member of the County Council's countryside and rights of way team, the Parish Council resolved to send a letter to all the residents whose properties border the footpath that runs east-west from Lane End to Benson Lane, to the north of The Street (FP2). The intention is to deliver the letter in August. It will request that all residents take action to remove any trees or other vegetation that is obstructing or otherwise overgrowing the footpath. The County Council officers and the Parish Council will then work together to decide what is the most appropriate action to deal with any remaining trees or vegetation that have not been cleared by residents.

The Crowmarsh News still needs volunteers!

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 with 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 for a chat.

Nettlebed Art and Craft Show 2023

Nettlebed Art and Craft Show in Nettlebed School Community Hall is open for two days: Saturday 5th August 12 noon to 6pm and Sunday 6th August 10am to 5pm. If you would like to show your work, please email: nettlebedas@gmail.com or phone 641138 to get on our mailing list. Entry forms will be issued with full instructions.

Come and support us over the weekend. There is free parking and free entry. Teas are available on both days. This show has something affordable for everyone including wonderful paintings and various crafts including sculpture, woodturning, cards, glass mosaics, textiles and jewellery. Our profits are donated to local charities.

Sue Ryder coffee morning

National healthcare charity Sue Ryder, which runs Sue Ryder Palliative Care Hub South Oxfordshire, is hosting a coffee morning at The Dolphin in Wallingford on Wednesday 2nd August at 9.30am.

Members of the fundraising team will be on hand to answer any questions about the services Sue Ryder provides in the local community and discuss how people can support its expert palliative care and bereavement support through fundraising.

To confirm attendance, please email Taylor Bailey, Community Fundraiser, at: taylor.bailey@sueryder.org by Monday 24th July.



CROW JAZZ

23 Sept: Nigel Price Trio
28 Oct: Fleur Stevenson Quartet
9 Dec: All Stars Christmas Special

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Wallingford Museum news

Every Wednesday from 2 to 4pm during the school holidays we are offering families a pop-in crafty activity, from weaving houses to making a mediaeval-style tile, suitable for ages 5 plus. Normal admission charges apply.

House detectives: history behind the door

Our 2023 exhibition is proving popular. The houses in this exhibition have been chosen to reflect the changing development and use of houses in Wallingford, from the mediaeval 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!

Sue Wright
Wallingford Museum
www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk/events

The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society

For details of the the 2023 talks programme see www.twhas.org.uk/meetings-programme.

Henley and District Stamp Club

The club has a break over the summer and will start meeting again in September. We are a friendly group and we would be delighted to see visitors or new members. Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month in Bix Village Hall at 7.30pm.

For further details call Brian on 01491 681739 or see www.henleyphilatelic.org.uk

Hiring the Pavilion

Thanks to the new pavilion upgrade, we can offer a small new meeting room for hire at Crowmarsh Gifford recreation ground.

The room can fit up to 18 people. It includes white board, flip chart, and TV monitor (with HDMI cable). A coffee machine and tea-making facilities are available in room. There is an additional charge to include access to the servery with fridge/freezer, oven, and hot plates. To provide some light relief during your meeting we can provide table tennis bat/balls to use with our outdoor table tennis and outdoor games like Jenga and three-in-a-row.

Hiring rates

Meeting room alone (commercial) £15/hr
Meeting room and servery together (commercial) £18/hr
Meeting room alone (local residents) £12/hr
Meeting room and servery together (local residents) £14/hr

In addition, we have a servery available for those who wish to cater to the general public, or even for a family event available to hire. The servery is configured so that a serving hatch opens out to serve customers on the new patio area. The servery has a tea urn, cupboard spaces, dishwasher, fridge/freezer with some hot plates and a small oven.



Servery hiring rates

Hiring by the hour (commercial) £10/hr
Hiring for the day (commercial) £40/day
Hiring by the hour (parish residents) £5/hr
Hiring for the day (parish residents) £20/day

To make a booking
Call Chris Strange on 07711 904252
email: chrisstrange47@gmail.com

Also on the website:
<https://crowmarshgifford.org.uk/pavilion-meeting-room-hire/>

The Corn Exchange events

Note: there will be a protracted closure from 6th to 20th August for our annual maintenance and replacement of the stage floor.

Please look at the website for any updates to the programme: www.cornexchange.org.uk.

Cinema

All performances start at 7.30pm unless stated otherwise. Note that we will start on time and latecomers will only be allowed in where there is no disruption to sitting patrons, so 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. These showings will have subtitles. Tickets are £10 for Adults and £5 for under-15s unless otherwise stated.

Friday 28th July to Saturday 5th August (all days & times) Oppenheimer (12A)
Monday 21st, 22nd, 24th August Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning Part 1 (12A)

Wednesday, 23rd August, Don Quixote with Rudolf Nureyev (U)

Friday, 25th August, to Sunday 27th August Barbie (12A)

Coming soon

Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd September Bunkfest — There will be events during the day in the auditorium and foyer and the bar will be open all day. Please feel free to pop in and enjoy the music. Bunkfest events are of course free.

Friday, 8th September, 7:30pm
Mark Aldridge, "Hercule Poirot, A Life in Crime"

Saturday 9th September, 3.30pm
Lucy Worsley "Agatha Christie- a very elusive woman"

As part of this weekend event to unveil the statue of Agatha Christie, there will be several events in the Corn Exchange remembering our notable president. .

Wednesday, 20th September, 7:15pm
Das Rheingold

Saturday, 30th September, 7:45pm
Short Drag Roger

Thursday, 5th October, 7:15pm
L'Elisir d'Amour

Wednesday, 18th October to Saturday 21st October, 7:30pm
Sinodun Players: The Welkin

Monday, 30th October, 7:30pm
Peter Knight's Gigspanner Big Band

River Raft Race Sunday 27 August Riverside Meadows, Crowmarsh Gifford

A free to watch, family day out. Enjoy and celebrate our beautiful stretch of the River Thames. The River Raft Race is open to anyone who can construct a craft capable of carrying its crew (teams of 4—8) from the start to the finish line 150m downstream and back again.

Avoid buying anything new—use only recycled and re-purposed materials to build rafts!



Join in the fun from noon at the Riverside Meadows.
Bring a picnic (but no fires or barbecues please).

For further details about the day see the OX10 Community Centre website: www.ox10.org.uk

Past Times from David Beasley

The incident of the exploding motor boat

Those who believed that steam launches were safer than electric launches, were vindicated by an incident that occurred on the Thames in July 1906. Mr. John Wormald of The Springs, North Stoke, had a launch named "Arethusa," an electric boat which had been converted to petrol two years before. Mrs. Wormald, their two daughters Doris and Vera, and Mrs. Barrett were on board, when the boatman Mr. Kirby started the engine. Instantly there was a violent explosion, and the whole boat was enveloped in flame. Mrs. Wormald, Mrs. Barrett and Miss Vera Wormald jumped overboard, luckily into about 18 inches of water. Mr Wormald and a doctor were nearby and able to assist them to the bank. Miss Doris Wormald remained on board and was uninjured – she had a lucky escape as her dress was ruined by the flames. The boatman Mr. Kirby also escaped injury, but his famous moustache and eyebrows were badly singed. The explosion was thought to have been caused by a build up of petrol vapour. There was a great danger that the eight gallons of spirit in the tank at the stern of the boat would become ignited, but luckily this didn't happen, although the ladies had quite a shock.

Thames Path update

The Environment Agency has reported that repairs to the pedestrian bridge across the Thames at Benson weir will not be completed before 2026 and diversion signs are in place.

However Bygone Boating based at the Benson marina have started running a passenger ferry service across the river between the Riverside Café and Benson lock while the bridge is closed. This will depend on them having enough staff to operate it, so it is best to call 07375 677823 before setting off on your walk to check that the ferry will be running.

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Scouts 7.30 - 9 pm (age 10 1/2 - 14)

This year we have had an amazing time doing activities such as making fires, toasting marshmallows, camping, and rigging shelters in the woods. We also joined Wallingford Cubs to parade in the carnival, went boating on the river, and joined a national Scout adventure at UK Scout HQ Gilwell Park. These are only a fraction of the fun things we do.

We are youth-led so we ask young people what they want to do and then make it happen! The best is yet to come.

Get in touch if you want to join us - we operate a waiting list if we can't give you a place straight away. We will also consider opening a Squirrel section for those aged 4 -6 if there is enough interest and support in the village.

Scouting is inclusive run by volunteers.

To join us please email
Akela1stcrowmarsh@gmail.com

***Please see the parish website for the latest on many local matters:
www.crowmarshgifford.org.uk***



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St Mary Magdalene's Church, Crowmarsh Gifford

August Services (at St Mary Magdalene unless otherwise stated)

Sun 6th 11.00 Family Service, with Blessing of Pets
Sat 12th No Crowmarsh Community Café in August
Sun 13th 11.00 Parish Communion
Sun 20th 11.00 Parish Communion
Sun 27th 11.00 Family Communion

Morning Prayer— every Friday at 9am
Evening Prayer—every Sunday at 6pm
Full details at www.wallingfordcofe.org.uk/calendar

The Vicar writes ...

There are discussions with the Church of England about our role within communities. The traditional parish-based system still means that everyone in the country has a parish priest (with a job title such as Vicar or Rector) and a dedicated church building to serve them, e.g. for weddings and funerals. You can find yours just by entering your postcode on this website: www.achurchnearyou.com

Where a parish cannot support the ministry costs, they are merged with others nearby, so my own responsibility is for Crowmarsh and Brightwell-cum-Sotwell; in more rural areas, it is not uncommon to have clergy who are divided between around ten or more parishes, so much more remote. It costs approximately £60k per annum for each person in post. I should quickly point out that less than half of this sum is payable to the vicar, as the rest is used for housing, training the future clergy and the pensions of those predecessors in retirement. However, it remains a challenge for Crowmarsh to cover even half the cost of having a team vicar, despite the generous giving of our congregation.

So, this is an appeal to you, having read thus far, to invite you to consider a contribution. Do you value having a local church, not least a Grade I listed Norman church of great antiquity, which is open daily for anyone to spend a quiet time of prayer or reflection, as well as weddings and funerals? Do you value having a locally based vicar, who is also a school governor and trustee of the village hardship charity? If so, your gift could also make all the difference between having a neglected building in the middle of the village or an active vibrant church with new accessible facilities of which we can all be proud.

We all know that these are difficult times financially, and the church is not immune. So any monthly gift you could make would be appreciated. Please ask about our Parish Giving Scheme (see www.parishgiving.org.uk) or perhaps leaving a legacy in your will (free of inheritance tax!).

P.S. All are welcome to our August Family Service, so we particularly invite children to bring any pets

Blessings, Rev Kev



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Parish council notes

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Crowmarsh Parish Council met on Thursday 6th July 2023 at North Stoke Village Hall. Those present were Councillors John Griffin, Stephen Sherbourne, David Rowley, Julia Streete, Andrew Johnson and Andrew Nesbitt, Parish Clerk Sue Rance, Finance Officer Yvonne Peet and District Councillor Sue Cooper. Councillor Julian Park joined the meeting online.

Matters from the last meeting

The opening of the new facilities at the Pavilion on 17th June was a successful event, reported in the last edition of Crowmarsh News. Thanks were recorded to all who participated.

Cllr Park reported on options for tree supports and shelters for the new trees to be planted at the recreation ground in the autumn. He recommended robust 1.2 metre shelters that can be recycled once the trees have grown. A budget of £1500 was agreed. Cllr Park will seek the Woodland Trust's advice before ordering them.

The clerk showed councillors the framed certificate presented to former resident Mr James Painting in 1919, which was recently donated to the council. This will be displayed at the pavilion.

District Cllr Cooper confirmed that there will be a parish council representative on the management committee for the Newnham Manor development.

The Chairman had been unable to attend a meeting convened to address the lack of youth provision in Wallingford and the surrounding villages, but the parish council agreed to support this initiative, share ideas and information, and follow up at a future meeting.

Finance

Payments were agreed including monthly salaries and regular expenses such as grass cutting and dog bin emptying, plus £23,299 to SCM for replacement gutters and downpipes and hip tiles on the pavilion.

The Finance Officer will present a financial report on the pavilion project at the August meeting once all the payments and receipts are completed.

Oxfordshire Museums Service had reported a find of potential treasure in Crowmarsh in the form of a pair of silver tweezers, dating back to the 13th or 14th century. A donation of £100 was agreed to secure this unusual object for the County Museum.

Drayton Construction's quote of £105,563 to construct the pedestrian crossing in The Street near the Bell has been accepted and work is due to begin on 24th July, due to be completed by 20th August. Oxfordshire Highways has recommended planning for a 20% contingency and there will be a fixed charge for traffic management, traffic lights, etc. of £11,500.

Planning

Decisions by SODC

P23/S1736/HH 151 The Street, Crowmarsh Gifford OX10 8EQ. Construct porch to front elevation. Planning Permission

P23/S1519/HH 10 Park View, Crowmarsh Gifford OX10 8BJ. Single storey rear extension and internal alterations. Planning Permission.

P23/S1387/FUL Land adjacent to the Old Walled Garden (Plot 5), Mongewell Park, Mongewell OX10 8DA. Proposed detached new dwelling. Planning Permission.

P23/S1105/HH 10 Carmel Terrace, Mongewell OX10 8BX. Erection of two-storey side extension. Planning Permission

P23/S1666/AG Black Barn Farm, Church Road, Ipsden OX10 6AE. Proposed grain tipping bunker building. Agricultural development: planning permission not required.

Consultations

P23/S2127/FUL Nosworthy Way, Mongewell. Change of use of land to EV charging facilities. This is the triangle of land off the bypass where the previous owner felled several mature trees. This proposes public EV charging points on a small piece of land. Objection: This is a remote site in the countryside with difficult and dangerous access straight off a fast A-road. There are no facilities nearby. The project would not benefit local residents. There is underused charging provision in Wallingford. The site should be restored to nature and trees should be planted to replace the ones cut down illegally.

P23/S2179/HH 6 The Limes, Crowmarsh Gifford OX10 8HF. Proposed first floor front extension above existing single-storey projection. Removal of existing conservatory and erection of single-storey rear extension. It adjoins a listed building and is screened from the road by mature trees. No objection: This is one of three similar attached houses, and the two-storey front extension would make this one stand out from the others, but it doesn't seem to obstruct light to the neighbours.

P23/S2125/HH 15 Thames Mead, Crowmarsh Gifford OX10 8EU. Single-storey front extension. New roof over proposed and part existing. This seems a modest proposal that improves on the flat-roofed element. No objection.

Enforcement cases

SE22/352 - The Cherry Orchard, Little Grebe Cottage, Mongewell (original permission ref: P16/S3801/FUL). SODC has now taken formal enforcement action to seek to remedy the breach of the condition to construct hard standing and landscaping prior to occupation of the main house.

The use of Carmel College for commercial filming appears to have intensified and complaints have been received from residents about nuisance from large vehicles, bright lights, and smoke. SODC has opened an enforcement case to investigate this.

District Council report

The District Councillors' report had been circulated and was discussed. The riverside splash park is opening on 8th July and the new swimming pool cover is proving to be a great success in saving heat loss overnight.

Consultation on the waste service continues to 10th July, and on the air quality action plan until 27th July.

The District Councillors' grant scheme will be open from July until October or November. The planning department is to offer planning training for parish councillors in the autumn.

There was no report from the county councillor.

Environment and recreation

Cllrs Nesbitt and Johnson have been assisting Chris Strange with mowing and other tasks since he suffered an accident to his hand.

We are proceeding to recruit an assistant caretaker with some urgency and wish Chris a speedy recovery.

Charges were agreed for hiring the new facilities at the pavilion, (details on p6 of the Crowmarsh News), hire charges will be reviewed in January. It was agreed that a regular booking for community use may be considered by the committee, subject to any prior commercial bookings.

Cllr Johnson has done litter picking in the lower part of Clacks Lane where the verges are wide. The Chairman will again request professional litter clearance by the District Council's contractors Biffa along the whole of Clacks Lane and the B4009 from Mongewell to North Stoke, which are not safe areas for volunteers to work.

Traffic and transport

The Community Speedwatch scheme will start with a trial run for the volunteers once the large sign has been delivered.

The meeting with Superintendent Lewis Prescott-Mayling of Thames Valley Police to discuss speeding issues and other concerns has been re-arranged for Monday 17th July at 7.00pm at Crowmarsh Pavilion. Neighbouring parish councils and other interested parties have been invited to attend as before.

Following discussion with Jackie Smith of the County Council countryside and rights of way team, the parish council agreed to send a letter to residents adjoining Footpath 2 to clear any vegetation or encroachment on the line of the path. An article appears in Crowmarsh News see page 4.

A local resident has asked that the misleading temporary speed limit signs on the A4074 are removed so the correct indications are displayed now that the Bloor building works are complete. The clerk will contact Oxfordshire Highways.

Next meeting

The next parish council meeting will be at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall on Thursday 3rd August 2023, starting at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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Tuesday 15th August 2023

Michelle Charlesworth, Co-Founder, One Planet Abingdon Climate Emergency Centre

Tuesday 5th September 2023

Professor Tom Oliver, University of Reading
Self Delusion: The Surprising Science of Our Connection to Each Other and the Natural World'

Tuesday 12th September 2023

Professor Seirian Sumner, University College London—Endless Forms: Why We should Love Wasps



OX10 Community Centre Ltd is a not-for-profit organisation set up with the intention to create a new community space in Wallingford Town Centre. We are a 'Community Benefit Society'



Mrs Bun The Baker's...

Lemon Biscuits

This biscuit recipe is one my favourites, every-one seems to love them and you can change the flavour to suit what you'd like and even make them vegan or gluten free, so a biscuit for everyone.

Just see the variations at the end for making them your flavour/style.

Lemon Biscuits (makes 20-24 biscuits)

Ingredients

75g margarine
100g granulated sugar
zest of a lemon
150g plain flour
1 egg yolk
icing: 100g Icing Sugar, Lemon Juice

How to make...

Preheat the oven to Gas 4/180/160 (fan). Place the margarine in a bowl and soften with a spoon. Pour in the sugar and mix well. It shouldn't fall out of the bowl when you turn it upside down!

Add the egg yolk, mix well.

Sprinkle in the lemon zest, mix.

Pour in half of the plain flour, mix it in, so you can't see any more flour, then pour in the remaining half, bring it together to form a ball. (You may need to get your hands in to squeeze it together, and if it is a little dry add a drop of milk... it all depends on the size of the egg yolk.)

Cut the ball of dough in half. Roll each one into a log 3cm in diameter around 12cm long.

Cut them both into circles around 8mm in thickness. Place them on a baking tray and bake in the preheated oven for 12-18 minutes.

Make the icing (if using).

Add 4-6 teaspoons of lemon juice to the icing sugar. Drizzle over the cooled biscuits.

VARIATIONS:

Swap lemon zest for orange zest.

If you have no lemons or oranges, use a teaspoon of the essence.

For spiced biscuits add a teaspoon of ginger, cinnamon, or mixed spice.

Fancy a chocolate biscuit? Add a teaspoon of cocoa powder.

Gluten free biscuits will require 1/2tsp Xanthan gum with the gluten free plain flour.

Vegan/Dairy free, use a dairy free margarine & 15-25ml plant 'milk' instead of the egg yolk.

John Howell MP writes ...

Population growth and new housing bring many changes and challenges to our communities. One recent change is the review of representation in Parliament. Under the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, the Boundary Commission is required to review the parliamentary constituencies in England every 5 years, to ensure that MPs represent roughly the same number of people and therefore have around the same number of people eligible to vote for them. Another key factor of a review is that boundaries respect local links between areas. I am writing about this as there will be changes which will affect this constituency, including the name change from the Henley Constituency to the Henley and Thame Constituency. This reflects the growth of Thame and the fact that it is now a larger town than Henley, and indeed the largest in the constituency. It is also geographically more central to the constituency. There will be more significant change for residents to the north and west of the constituency as they will be moved to a different constituency altogether.

All the villages which come under Cherwell District Council will come out of this constituency and be part of a new constituency which will be known as the Bicester and Woodstock Constituency. This will affect residents in Bletchington, Charlton-on-Otmoor, Fencott & Murcott, Hampton Gay & Poyle, Heathfield, Horton-cum-Studley, Kirtlington, Islip, Merton, Noke, Oddington, Shipton-on-Cherwell & Thrupp, and Weston-on-the-Green. To the West of the constituency all of those currently in the Sandford and Wittenhams Ward will move to the renamed Didcot and Wantage Constituency. This affects residents in Clifton Hampden, Culham, Marsh Baldon, Nuneham Courtenay, Sandford on Thames, and Toot Baldon.

And now for more local news, I'm sure that the news that the upper limits for Fixed Penalty Notices for littering and fly tipping have been increased will be welcome. I hope that we can get wide publicity of the increased fines to deter more people from such damage. The increases come into effect from the end of this month. The upper limit of fixed penalty notices for littering, graffiti and fly-posting offences will increase from £150 to £500; for household waste duty of care offences from £400 to £600; and for fly-tipping offences from £400 to

£1,000. This is part of the Prime Minister's Antisocial Behaviour Action Plan which was launched in March. The Government is also looking at ringfencing the money raised from these fines for enforcement and clean up activity.

Parliament will soon be going into the summer recess, but work continues. If there is a particular issue that concerns you, please do share your thoughts. My contact details are on my website - www.johnhowell.org.uk.

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To apply, please follow this link:

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WHAT'S ON — AUGUST 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	10.00-12.30	Local Producers' Market	St Mary le More Church or Wallingford Market Place
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
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 2nd	9.30 onwards	Sue Ryder coffee morning	The Dolphin Pub, Wallingford
Wednesday 2nd	14.00 onwards	U3A: The music of Lionel Bart	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Thursday 3rd	19.30 onwards	Crowmarsh Parish Council Meeting	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Various dates in August including 3,5,6,10,13,17 and 27th	Various	The Bunk Line Heritage Trains	Cholsey and Wallingford Railway
Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th	12.00-18.00 10.00-17.00	Nettlebed Art & Craft Show 2023	Nettlebed Community School Hall
Sunday 6th	15.00—17.00	Live music with Drew Bryant	Castle Gardens in Wallingford
Sunday 13th	15.00—17.00	Live Music with the Coverbuoys	Castle Gardens in Wallingford
Tuesday 15th	19.00—21.00	Wallingford Café Scientifique "What do we owe future generations?"	Bull Croft Wallingford
Saturday 19th	12.00-17.00	Cholsey 80th Village Show	Cholsey recreation ground
Sunday 20th	15.00—17.00	Live Music with Short Notice Jazz	Castle Gardens in Wallingford
Monday 21st	19.30—20.45	Spooky Men's Chorale	Dorchester Abbey
Sunday 27th	Noon onwards	River Raft Race	Riverside Meadows

September

Friday 1st— Sunday 3rd	Various times and locations	The Wallingford Bunkfest	See Wallingford Bunkfest— Bunkfest 2023
Tuesday 5th	19.30 onwards	Sustainable Wallingford Meeting	The Dolphin Pub, Wallingford
Wednesday 6th	14.00 onwards	U3A: WW2 Rationing and Cooking for Victory	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Thursday 7th	19.30 onwards	Crowmarsh Parish Council Meeting	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Wednesday 13th	19.45 onwards	THWAS: The Viking-Age World of the Watlington Hoard	St Mary le More Church