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Along with the recent pavilion improvements, this crossing has been paid for to a large extent out of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) that the parish council receives from every new house built in the parish.

New 20mph speed limit

You will have noticed “20” signs appearing in Crowmarsh Gifford and North Stoke. Where the speed limit used to be 30 it is now 20mph.

This is being implemented by Oxfordshire County Highways at the parish council’s request on all the residential streets in Crowmarsh Gifford and North Stoke and is another measure to improve safety, but we are also looking into more physical measures.

Community Speed Watch

There is now a Crowmarsh Community Speed Watch group. The intention is to monitor the speeds of traffic at set locations within the parish, with particular focus on motorcycles and other noisy high performance vehicles.

People driving at excessive speeds or behaving in a dangerous and anti-social manner will have their vehicle details recorded and submitted to Thames Valley Police, who will decide the most appropriate way to deal with those responsible.

There are currently three approved sites where the CSW team will operate. All are on main roads where there is a 30mph speed limit. One is on the A4130 Henley Road and two are on the A4074 Portway. Additional sites can be added with the police’s approval.

If you are interested in joining the CSW team we would welcome more volunteers. Please contact the Parish Clerk (email crowmarshparishclerk@gmail.com) if you are interested, or if you can suggest additional sites within the Parish where there are particular problems with speeding vehicles.





News

BunkFest weekend, 1st to 3rd September

Museum opening hours have been extended during the BunkFest, and on Sunday 3rd September the museum is offering a free special guided walk around the town, starting at 11am from the Museum. No booking is necessary but donations are welcome.

Agatha Christie weekend, 8th to 10th September

Wallingford Museum is fully involved in the Agatha Christie weekend and has a special exhibition 'At Home with the Queen of Crime' that takes you behind the scenes to Agatha's home life, featuring photographs of her at Winterbrook House and memories of local people who met her. Read her handwritten letters revealing her love of pantomimes and her gradual frustration as her health declined.

Special opening hours for the weekend:
Friday 8th 2– 5pm, Saturday 9th 10.30–12.30 invited guests only, 12.30– 5pm open to all.
Sunday 10th: 9.30 –10.00 for guided walk sales. Open to the public 10am– 5pm.

On Saturday at 2.30pm and on Sunday at 10am and 2pm there will be a guided walk of Christie's Wallingford lasting about 1½ hours. The expert guides will help you discover the

town as it would have been when 'Mrs Mallowan' lived and shopped here between 1934 and 1976, and how it later became the 'Causton' of Midsomer Murders. Beginning at the Museum in the High Street it leads through the town as far as Winterbrook House to glimpse Agatha's home from outside. (Anyone wishing to continue the Agatha Christie trail to Cholsey will be given directions). The walk returns to the Market Place, detouring along the Saxon fortifications for those who wish to explore a little farther. £10 per person. Booking advised at www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk but pay at the museum on the day (card or cash).

On Saturday 9th at 19.30 in the 'Who Dunit' challenge you can use clues to find your way around the museum's nooks, crannies and exhibits, and learn more about Agatha Christie while detecting the answers that will solve the murder! Booking essential on the museum website: £5 for adults and children over 12.

House detectives: history behind the door

The museum's 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!

Fabulous fossils

We are now taking bookings on the web site for a family fun activity offered by the Oxford Geology Trust at the museum on Saturday 23rd September, 11am–1pm or 2–4pm. Handle fossils from Oxfordshire and around

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Guided walks

Wallingford's guided historic town walks are happening every Saturday until mid-September. Meet under the town hall, no booking required, just turn up for 11am start. The cost is £10 per head for a tour lasting 90 to 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

On Wednesday 13 September at 8pm John Naylor of the Ashmolean Museum on Oxford will talk about 'The Viking-Age world of the Watlington Hoard'.

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

Past Times from David Beasley

The Tale of the Sleepy Dog

On the night of 13th December 1852, Crowmarsh suffered from a mini crime wave.

Thieves entered the premises of George Absolon, a farmer, living at The Old Gardener's Arms (now a private house) on the corner of Benson Lane and The Street and had stolen two shirts, two chemises and five pairs of stockings which had been left on the line in the enclosed court at the back of the premises. What was strange was that Mr Absolon's dog, a very large, fierce one, was sleeping in the yard, but he did not bark at any time. It was thought that the thieves were

known to the dog: in fact they left a candle and matches next to the dog without waking him and were therefore thought to be familiar with the premises.

About an hour later the same gang broke into the cottage where one of Mr Charles Hedges' servants lived and stole a pair of shoes (nearly new) and 3lb (1.5 Kg) of cheese.

After a delay of two days, Superintendent Moran from Wallingford Police Force was finally informed. He had a reputation of being the Sherlock Holmes of his day and had a fine record of arrests. He rushed over to Crowmarsh and visited both crime scenes, but for once his powers of deduction deserted him and he was unable to solve these two dastardly crimes. But he did suggest that Mr Absolon replace his dog, which was duly done.

What happened to the somnolent dog is not recorded!

The Corn Exchange events

Cinema

All performances 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. Films with subtitles will be shown on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons at 2:30pm.

Films this month are: *Haunted Mansion*, *Sound of Freedom*, *Gran Turismo* and *And Then Came the Nightjars*. Please look at the website for details: www.cornexchange.org.uk Tickets £10 for Adults and £5 for under 15s unless otherwise stated.

Live on stage

Friday 1st to 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 free.

Friday 8th September, 7:30pm
Mark Aldridge, "*Hercule Poirot, a life in crime*"
All tickets £15.

Saturday 9th September, 3:30pm
Lucy Worsley "*Agatha Christie – a very elusive woman*" All tickets £25

Saturday 30th September, 7:45pm
Short Drag Roger All tickets £10

Live screening

Wednesday 20th September, 7:15pm
Wagner's *Das Rheingold*, live from the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. £18 (adults), £15 (seniors), £10 (under 18s).

Thursday 5th October, 7:15pm
L'Elisir d'Amour, live from the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. £18 (adults), £15 (seniors), £10 (under 18s)

Coming soon

Wednesday 18th to Saturday 21st October, 7:30pm
Sinodun Players present *The Welkin* on stage
All tickets £12

Monday 30th October, 7:30pm
Peter Knight's Gigspanner Big Band. Tickets £25, bookable from Nettlebed Folk Club on 01628 636620 or 01628 603670

Church Services at St Mary the Virgin, North Stoke

Sunday 6 Aug 11am Holy Communion

Sunday 20 Aug 11am Holy Communion

Sunday 27 Aug 11am Morning Prayer

Henley Stamp Club

Summer is now coming to an end and we are re-commencing our meetings in Bix Village Hall. Have you thought of resurrecting a hobby from your past like stamp collecting? You will find it is more than just collecting little bits of sticky paper. If you look into the history and background of the stamps and postal history, there is a lot to learn.

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 about how you can promote your interest?



Have you seen the new stamps? Please do not remove the digital code strip from the stamp.

To learn more about stamps and postal history why not visit us one Wednesday evening? Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month in Bix Village Hall at 7.30pm. You can meet people who find postal history and the story of stamps fascinating too.

Wednesday 13th September is a members' evening displaying "New Acquisitions".

On Wednesday 27th. September we have a guest speaker, Kim Stuckey, with an excellent display on the subject "Falklands War"

Visitors and new members are very welcome. For further details phone Brian on 681739 or see our website: www.henleyphilatelic.org.uk.

Thames Path closure

The District Council has written to the Environment Agency expressing concern that repairs to the pedestrian bridge across the Thames at Benson weir will not be completed before 2026.

Diversion signs and maps are in place during the closure, but Bygone Boating based at the Benson marina are running a passenger ferry service across the river daily between the Riverside Café and Benson lock while the bridge is closed. This will normally run from 9.30am to 6pm, but it is a good idea to call 07375 677823 before setting off on your walk to check that the ferry will be running.

To book North Stoke Village Hall

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St Mary Magdalene's Church, Crowmarsh Gifford

September Services (at St Mary Magdalene unless otherwise stated)

Sunday 3rd	11am	Family Service
Saturday 9th	10.30am-12.30pm	Crowmarsh Community Café at the Village Hall
Sunday 10th	11am	Parish Communion
	4pm	Evening Service at St Mary's, Newnham Murren
Sunday 17th	10am	Team Communion at St Mary-le-More, Wallingford
Sunday 24th	11am	Family Communion
Sunday 1st October	11am	Harvest Festival Family Service

Morning Prayer— every Friday at 9am

Evening Prayer— every Sunday at 6pm (except 10th September)

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

The Vicar writes ...

This year we are launching a new Harvest Art Competition, with the winners announced at our Harvest Festival on 1st October. The theme is "Harvest: Past, Present or Future". Entries can be left in church clearly marked with name, age and contact details. There will be suitable prizes for different age groups, including adults. All entries will be on display on Harvest Sunday so come along and see the church decorated for this joyful occasion.

To help get us started, the September Community Café on 9th will have a Harvest theme with art and craft activities for children, so come and paint or make your entry.

For those who are more active, the same day also brings the annual sponsored "Ride & Stride" event, where we encourage people to visit as many churches as possible on foot or by bike in aid of the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust, one of the charities that will be helping us with our building project. See www.ohct.org.uk for more information and how to take part.

You can also visit the little church at Newnham Murren again the following day for our very popular late summer Evening Service at 4pm on 10th September – all welcome!

Blessings, Rev Kev



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Parish council notes

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Crowmarsh Parish Council met on Thursday 3rd August 2023 at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall. Those present were Councillors John Griffin, Stephen Sherbourne, Julia Streete, Andrew Johnson and Julian Park, District Councillor Andrea Powell and four members of the public. Cllr Andrew Nesbitt has resigned from the council.

Councillor Julian Park took notes as Parish Clerk Sue Rance, Finance Officer Yvonne Peet had sent apologies for absence.

Public comment

A resident noted that closure of the village shop had been a loss to the community and proposed that a community larder be started, using food sourced by the SOFEA organisation in Didcot, who distribute surplus food from supermarkets. There is a similar scheme already in Cholsey. A meeting has taken place and a parish councillor will be asked to join the group to work up a detailed proposal for consideration.

A resident asked for her letter of objection to the development proposal at 6 The Limes, already sent to SODC, to be noted.

Matters from the previous meeting

A reply from Bloor Homes about locating a new dog waste bin at French Gardens was awaited.

Cllr Bloomfield had been asked for a contribution from his County Councillor Priority Fund towards resurfacing of The Street as that was being done alongside the new crossing that the parish council was paying for. The chairman has contacted him again.

Oxfordshire Highways are investigating the removal of the misleading 30mph signs on the A4074 that were erected because of the construction access to the French Gardens development.

Finance

Payments were agreed including £722.66 for mower repairs, £30 for Chiltern Society membership and £369.60 for new pads for defibrillators.

Planning

Decisions by SODC

P23/S1960/DIS 6 Wallingford Road, North Stoke OX10 6BD. Discharge of condition 4 (Tree Protection) under application reference number P22/S4382/HH (Proposed cart shed). Discharge of conditions: details agreed

P22/S4164/FUL Land east of Reading Road Wallingford OX10 9HG (Cholsey parish). Change of use of land to informal private leisure use; to include an area allocated to the open storage of non-motorised boats and the siting of a trailer storage shed (Retrospective). Refusal of planning permission

P23/S1668/N4C Blackburn Farm, Church Lane, near Ipsden OX10 6AE. Re-use of 340sqm of farm buildings for Class E purposes. Prior approval agreed.

Consultations

P23/S2464/HH 6 Elizabeth Road, Mongewell OX10 8FQ. Single-storey rear extension. No objection, but SODC was asked to consider the impact on the immediate neighbours at 4 and 8 Elizabeth Road and potential loss of rear garden space, which tapers away from the house.

P23/S2439/FUL Jasmin, Horbury, Dunworth, Mary's & Guys Mews, The Street Crowmarsh OX10 8EJ. Installation of five air source heat pumps, each serving one dwelling. There was some question about noise from units as properties are very close together. No objection: this is in line with the council's climate policy.

P23/S2179/HH 6 The Limes, Crowmarsh Gifford. The consultation has been extended. A letter of objection to the front extension has been received from a former occupier of this property referring to the impact on the street scene and the history of the Limes. After discussion, it was agreed to add to our earlier comments by urging the planning authority to consider these points seriously when coming to their decision.

District Councillors' report

The report had been circulated and was discussed. £4 million had been received from the government to help house refugees. The council had written to the Environment Agency

and the government to protest that the closure of the Benson lock footbridge, part of the Thames Path national trail, was expected to last until 2026.

Parish councillors were encouraged to respond to the OCC Strategic Active Travel Network consultation for cycle and pedestrian routes/infrastructure by 6th August.

The district councillors' grant fund is open for applications via an online form.

A planning application has been submitted for new council offices opposite Didcot station, but there was still no update on the former council offices site in Benson Lane. It was suggested that the council should put forward again their desired outcomes for the site as comments on the joint district local plan.

There was no report from the County Councillor.

Environment and recreation

There was an update on the final stages of the pavilion improvements, which need to be finished before we can receive the last tranche of SODC grant funding. It is hoped to complete all the outstanding items quickly so the payment can be received and the project finalised.

The area for tree planting on the recreation ground needs to be decided. It was agreed to consult Matt Gulliford, the tree officer at SODC, about protection for the saplings.

It was agreed to obtain a parish noticeboard for the Cala Homes estate (CABI) and it is hoped to purchase a similar one to the other noticeboards in the parish, the location to be agreed with Cala Homes.

Traffic and transport

The Community Speedwatch trial on 1st August went well and it is hoped to repeat the exercise each Monday with a team of three. Initial indications are positive. Cllr Sherbourne will write an article for Crowmarsh News and ask for volunteers.

A meeting with Superintendent Lewis Prescott -Mayling of Thames Valley Police to discuss speeding issues and other concerns had been held on Monday 17th July. Neighbouring parish councils and other interested parties

attended and a number of follow-up actions were agreed.

It was noted that the Rights of Way officer is pursuing the request for tarmac to be laid by OCC Highways on the lower end of footpath No. 2 between Benson Lane and the French Gardens estate.

Strategic priorities

Construction of the new pedestrian crossing in The Street started on 24th July and is progressing, due to be completed in August. The council agreed to consult parishioners again in the autumn about our next set of strategic priorities.

Next meeting

The next parish council meeting will be at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall on Thursday 7th September 2023, starting at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Parish Clerk: Mrs Sue Rance, 2 Home Farm, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8EL email: crowmarshparishclerk@gmail.com

Chairman: John Griffin, 29 Thames Mead email: johngriffin@phonecoop.coop

Welcome to new residents

A warm welcome if you have just moved into Crowmarsh Gifford, Mongewell or North Stoke, and we hope you will be very happy here and quickly become part of our local community.

Cholsey Repair Café

Saturday 16 September will see another busy session for Cholsey Repair Café in Cholsey Pavilion, which will be open between 11.00 and 13.45. As usual, skilled volunteers will do their best to help you repair your damaged household items, reducing both waste and expense. Most types of repair can be considered, including light electrical work (with PAT testing), sharpening of knives and tools, bicycles, textiles and even small items of furniture. Repair help is free, but a donation to help cover costs is appreciated. Look at www.cholseyrepaircafe.com for more information, or email repaircafe@cholsey.com

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Tuesday 5th September 2023

Professor Tom Oliver (University of Reading): The 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'.



Music at the Barn in Ipsden

The rescheduled date for this ever popular event is now Saturday 16th September, at the Long Barn, Ipsden Farm. Gates open at 6.30pm with a wide range of music from local performers beginning at 7pm. Entrance is £7.50 per adult, payable at the gate – cash only please – under 16s free.

Please bring your own picnic, tables, chairs, rugs but no barbecues or candles please. There will also be an exciting raffle. Another magical evening in a beautiful setting with wonderful music and company!

Mrs Bun the Baker's bakery cookery school

Our thanks to Mrs Bun the Baker for sharing her recipes with us during the summer holidays. We hope you enjoyed making them.

You can find more details about Mrs Bun's cooking school at www.mrsbunthebaker.net or via Facebook at www.facebook.com/mrsbunthebaker.

Mrs Bun the Baker is a mum, entrepreneur, blogger and author, whose cookery school has been inspiring the next generation since 2014

with award winning hands-on-fun classes, and also provides parties for those aged 2 upwards – Young Buns to Older Buns.

We hope to have more recipes from Mrs Bun in the future. If you have misplaced your July or August issues of the Crowmarsh News, don't forget that every edition is also published on the website <https://crowmarshgifford.org.uk> – select Crowmarsh News from the News tab and then click on the edition.

Wallingford Photographic Club

Wallingford Photographic Club (wallingfordphoto.club) returns for a new season in September. Come along and join our informal and inclusive group of enthusiasts and amateurs as we start our new weekly programme of talks, presentations, competitions and practical sessions.

We discuss a wide range of topics – not just technical – including getting feedback on your photos if you're keen to show them. We meet on Thursdays from 7.30pm at Crowmarsh Pavilion, and we'll have a handful of sessions online (later in the season) where we make the most of speakers from far away.

We start with our annual exhibition on Saturday 2nd September (Bunkfest weekend) from 10am to 5pm in St Mary-le-More Church in Wallingford town centre. We will display some of our best work, and will be keen to introduce the club to any visitors or curious passers-by and discuss local photography spots, equipment; anything really!

On 21st September our welcome evening includes an introduction to the club, programme, committee and membership, and we have a local guest photographer Matt Emmett 'Rediscovering our lost heritage', featuring photography of abandoned places. Then on 28th a members' evening includes presentation and discussion of our summer projects and highlights.

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



Citizens Advice needs volunteers

Are you looking for a new challenge? Do you want to contribute to your community? Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice is looking for volunteer advisers and IT specialists to work in our friendly offices in Abingdon, Didcot, Henley or Thame.

Citizens Advice gives people the knowledge and confidence they need to find their way forward - whoever they are and whatever their problem. In a typical year our 127 volunteers support over 9,000 people.

We are currently looking for:

- **Advisers:** After comprehensive training you will be giving advice to clients in person or via the telephone or webchat. We advise on a broad range of topics including debt management, benefits, employment, housing and relationship issues. You will need good IT skills and a desire to help people in your community. A new adviser training course begins in early October 2023, so apply now!
- **IT specialists** to help to maintain our IT systems and support the service. Help staff and volunteers with day-to-day IT issues, for example with trouble logging on, connecting to Wi-Fi and locating files. We also would welcome support to maintain our local Citizens Advice website.

We would like you to be available for two sessions per week if possible, either mornings or afternoons or for a whole day. We offer a rewarding, flexible and supportive working environment. You'll also learn new skills and meet new people as a volunteer.

Apply via www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale/volunteer/ Or, if you would like to discuss these volunteering roles, please email recruitment@osavcab.org.uk and one of our team will contact you.

DraughtBusters

One lasting effect of the pandemic is the feeling that we need to look after each other and our community a bit more. Sustainable Wallingford's response to that is to work with Cholsey Environment Champions on a new project for the winter months called DraughtBusters. Key objectives are reducing energy use, bills and CO₂ emissions.

What is a draught buster? It is someone who has been trained to identify and fix draughts in a home. We have training organised for 7th September at 7.30pm in Cholsey Pavilion. Further training dates will be organised.

Most common draughts will arise from badly fitting windows and doors, rectified in the main by applying suitable draught excluder, plus for doors and letterboxes, brush strips. If you are interested in helping your community and are handy with a screwdriver, volunteers are needed to take this project forward. Volunteers will work in pairs. There is no cold-calling involved in this project. Home owners / occupiers will come to us, responding to information sent out to local agencies, community groups and magazines.

Volunteers will need to have a basic DBS check, currently costing £18 from the government's website <https://tinyurl.com/5n79x667>. Pending a successful funding application, we will be able to reimburse this cost.

Also needed is an administrator to be the liaison between those wishing to have their homes draught proofed and the teams carrying out the work. Pending a successful funding application, this post could be paid.

We would love to hear from you if you are interested in taking part in this community project, spread across Wallingford, Benson, Crowmarsh, Cholsey and Ewelme. Contact us by phone on 201229 or email sw@sustainablewallingford.org.

To book the pavilion or hardcourt on the Recreation ground in Crowmarsh Gifford

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Every Saturday	10.00-12.00	WAGS Store open	Centre 70, Wallingford
Most Saturdays (not 2nd)	10.00-12.30	Local Producers' Market	St Mary-le-More Church or Wallingford Market Place
Thursdays	19.30 onwards	Wallingford Photographic Club	Crowmarsh Gifford Pavilion
Various days	Differing times	Didcot and Wallingford Ramblers	www.ramblers.org.uk/didcot-wallingford
Every Sunday	11.00 onwards	Parish Communion. Family service on the first Sunday of the 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

Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd	All weekend	The Wallingford Bunkfest 2023	See https://bunkfest.co.uk/
Tuesday 5th	19.30 onwards	Sustainable Wallingford Meeting	Quaker Meeting House, 13 Castle Street, Wallingford
Tuesday 5th	19.00- 21.00	Wallingford Café Scientifique: The self delusion – Prof. Tom Oliver	Bull Croft, Wallingford (see p.13)
Wednesday 6th	14.00 onwards	U3A: World War 2 rationing and cooking for victory	Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall
Thursday 7th	19.30 onwards	Crowmarsh Parish Council Meeting	Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall
Saturday 9th	10.30-12.30	Crowmarsh Community Café	Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall
Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th	All weekend	Murder Mystery Extravaganza celebrating Agatha Christie	Cholsey and Wallingford: see Town Council website for details
Sunday 10th	16.00 onwards	Evening service	St Mary's Newnham Murren
Sunday 10th	18.00 onwards	An evening with Ukrainian Friends, sharing music & food together	Dorchester Abbey
Tuesday 12th	19.00- 21.00	Wallingford Café Scientifique: Why we should love wasps	Bull Croft, Wallingford (see p.13)
Wednesday 13th	19.45 onwards	TWHAS: The Viking-Age world of the Watlington Hoard	St Mary-le-More Church, Wallingford
Sunday 16th	18.30 for 19.00	Music at the Barn	The Long Barn, Ipsden (p.13)
Saturday 23rd	19.00-21.30	Orchestra of St John's – Bach	Dorchester Abbey
Wednesday 27th	18.00 onwards	Connecting Wallingford: We need you	Wallingford Town Hall: see Town Council website for details
Saturday 30th	All day	Back to the Forties	Cholsey and Wallingford Railway

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Sunday 1st	All day	Back to the Forties	Cholsey and Wallingford Railway
Wednesday 4th	14.00 onwards	U3A: The Life of a Lady (Sue) Ryder 'A life lived for others'	Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall
Thursday 5th	19.30 onwards	Crowmarsh Parish Council Meeting	North Stoke Village Hall
Wednesday 11th	20.00 onwards	TWHAS: Anthony Wilder: 'Victorian Artists'	St Mary-le-More Church, Wallingford