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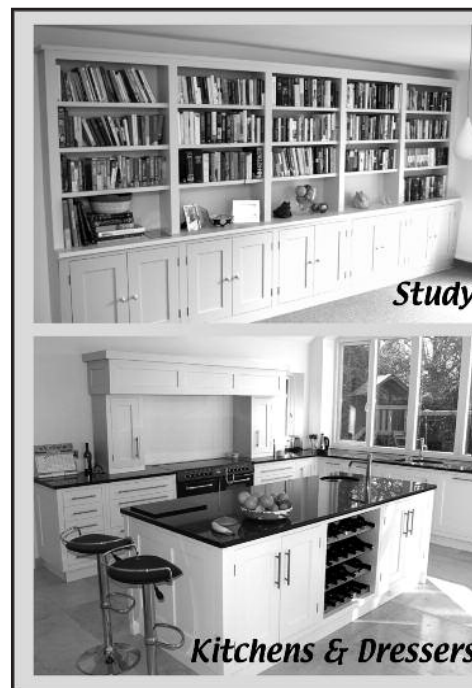
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In April the Surgery began to offer further booster vaccinations to those most at risk from COVID. Eligible people include those aged 75 and over (by June 30); those aged 5 and over with weakened immune systems; and residents of care homes for older adults.

For more information, please visit Morland House website: www.morland-house.co.uk

Also, the website provides a wealth of information and guidance on managing a vast number of health conditions, symptoms, and treatment e.g.

1. Up-to-date information about surgery opening hours and the wide range of services provided, including new dispensary hours.
2. A link to the electronic consulting service eConsult. Use eConsult to ask about your health symptoms, conditions, or treatment. You can even request things like sick notes and GP letters. From the home page click on 'Contact your GP practice Online'.
3. A link to the NHS App. Download the App, or open the NHS website in a web browser, to set up and log in to your NHS Account. Owned and run by the NHS, your NHS Account is a simple and secure way to access a range of NHS services online.
4. Up to date information on current news items including:

Oxford Community Diagnostic Centre – X-Rays, blood tests, ultrasounds, CTs and more

Information on the NHS 111 online service which is available 24/7

Advice on how to stay healthy and well

COVID-19 and flu vaccine updates

Looking after your mental health

Electronic Prescribing Service (EPS)

Group A strep and scarlet fever, advice for parents and guardians

Discontinuation of blister pack recycling

24/7 breastfeeding support

Expansion of bowel cancer screening programme

ANSWERS from p15

1. Opportunity.
2. They can all make longer words when preceding the word 'dream'
3. Oakham. Rutland County.
4. H I B I S C O S . O R e G a N O . P a N S Y . V I O L a .
5. Teddy Bears.
6. To stop saying "I wish." Start saying "I will".
7. Croatia.
8. A scientific calculation reveals 27,154 gallons.
9. It means 'STOP' and is the most important sign for road safety.
10. 106. Triple the second digit and add to the previous number.

WORDBOX

9 letter word is JOYRIDING

6	8	2	7	4	3	9	5	1
5	7	4	9	1	2	6	3	8
9	3	1	6	8	5	7	2	4
1	6	8	3	7	9	2	4	5
3	2	7	4	5	1	8	9	6
4	9	5	8	2	6	3	1	7
7	1	9	2	6	4	5	8	3
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VIEW FROM VIEWS

Last month I commented on the old weather sayings March "In Like a Lion out Like a Lamb" or "In like a Lamb out like a Lion", I think that the former would be about correct although the wind was not that strong on the 31st March it rained as though it had never done before. This late March and early April rain was a start to replace the deficit in February being the wettest March for some time. Then we had those wonderful days for the start of Easter weekend which was a wonderful respite, and must have helped the crops. All have come through winter well, except perhaps the rape having suffered from pigeon damage. It is interesting that certain crops have suffered badly and others that can be in the next field seem untouched. We seem to be unfortunate in that we seem to be the wrong side of the fence. Just hope it can recover now.

It has been noticeable after the deluges of early April how dry the surface of the land is, I would like to think that this is due to a change in our policy of not cultivating and not moving the soil so much, leaving the natural structure, which in turn allows for better drainage. Modern agriculture is often criticised for the use of artificial fertiliser (bag muck), which when applied only affects the top few inches. If this is the case how is it that this is the cause of nutrients in rivers through leaching? Given that we now have a better soil structure, this should encourage a better root system, which as a result should reduce this leaching. As an additional aid to enhancing the soil structure we have just had some 800 tonnes of compost delivered, this is from the brown bin collection. Material we previously had to stop delivery of due to it being contaminated with plastic. On first inspection this seemed to be almost free of such contamination. Having spread some we find there is still some, so maybe we will have to stop this product again. Pity, as it is all part of the story. Interestingly this material is closely regulated with every load that is delivered weighed. Each spreader load is also weighed so that the exact amount is applied to a specific area of land. Pity the plastic is not monitored as well. It illustrates how careful we should be when we dispose of our waste, as when it gets into garden waste it is almost impossible to remove.

This spring seems all at sixes and sevens this year. The blackthorn is late and, blackthorn winter seemed only to be the odd day. It seems some blackthorn was still in bud at the same time as the May (Hawthorne) which comes out the 2nd or 3rd week in April. This indicates that spring is both late and early, all very confusing. Still it is spring and the birds are doing their thing despite of other conditions, and whenever we walk through a field we are deafened by larks arising, as well as ground nesting birds, so all aspects drive us to believe summer and nice warm balmy days are just around the corner, let's hope so!

I hope my colleagues who grow turnips have some good crops in order to stop us all starving. Our Secretary of State's disdainful attitude towards, not only UK's farming industry's challenges, but also the very real and present issue of the nation's food security, should have come as a surprise. But alas, I am not at all surprised nor, I doubt anyone else in our industry. Sadly we have come to expect this sort of lack of understanding from career politicians, a point very well made recently by an agricultural correspondent. They seem to have completely ignored our concern over this security when making trade deals with other countries. Also they ignore the restrictions they have imposed, (note my comments on compost application) sometimes correctly, on how we produce our food.

I am constantly commenting on rights of way and the effects on nature, so have a few more points to make on the subject, as a result of a few points that have been made by others recently. For a start a comparison has been made as to why we cannot adopt a similar view as Norway on the right to roam anywhere. Well, Norway has about 12 people per square kilometer whereas we have something like 40. That I think says it all. The RSPCA has confirmed a point that I have made many times before, this being that we should not assume it ok to let our dogs roam off the lead, however good or harmless they may be, because they are doing no harm, or would not chase animals. That is not the point as they would and will, given the chance. It is in their nature and, any roaming will disturb nature especially at this time of year. Also indiscriminate walking will also harm plant life. All the things we are desperately trying to preserve. We need to keep to footpaths wherever possible.

Please don't forget May 21st is the day of our tractor run in aid of the Thames Valley Air Ambulance, who rely on events like this and public generosity for all their finances my Just Giving page is <https://justgiving.com/fundraising/charles-peers5>. I am somewhat confused by this as it does not always go straight to my website but it is there you may have to scroll down to find me.

Charles Peers

TONS TOGETHER (LITTLE MILTON) WI

In April, we were treated to a wonderful array of quilts with local textile artist, Christine Green. She took us through her journey from her first quilt as a child, through lockdown to the present day. Throughout she's championed sustainable materials, preferring second-hand and reuse, to shop bought fabrics. She offers talks, courses and commission work, see www.christinegreencrafts.co.uk.

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The trail takes in eleven notable trees, each of which is described on the map. The pack will include crayons and paper for tree rubbings, and there will be mini hole punchers by each tree to stamp the map. At the end of the trail, children can collect a small reward from the café, and are welcome to play on the picturesque Manor House lawn. Young children will need to be accompanied on the trail, as there are some roads and slow moving vehicles on the park, and beehives on one edge of the lawn.

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Untouchable Things by Tara Guha

Seth Gardner's life is a multi-layered performance that appears to bridge the ages with many costume changes – he's a latter day Oedipus masquerading as a bacchanalian poet while directing this modern day Greek tragedy with the scruples of a neurotic Sigmund Freud

Superficially he's an amateur inpressario who brings together a diverse artistic group, named the Friday Follies, to play out a form of intellectual charades at his Notting Hill salon. But it is these contrived parlour games that

unwittingly reveal the long suppressed traumas of the key players and by exposing their vulnerabilities the Machiavellian Gardener appears to be manipulating their loyalties for his own ultimately selfish goals.

The cast of the Follies are a cosmopolitan mix of sexuality, character and background but all with an unthinking devotion to the charismatic Gardner. The starring role in this supporting cast of characters and the subject of most of his attention is the flame haired Rebecca whose infatuation with Gardner becomes all consuming just as the oedipal sub-plot reveals the strength of his unhealthy feelings towards his mother; a mirror image of Rebecca.

In this, Tara Guha's first novel she delivers a relatively complex plot in the format of a play with acts and scenes from the past contextualised by the dialogue of a series of recent police interviews. As the amateur dramatics turns into the real life drama of a murder inquiry the finger of suspicion moves inexorably towards Gardener whose sudden disappearance leads to the systematic unravelling of his previously hidden private past.

The Follies have interests ranging from the musical to the epicurean but when their artistic dream turns into the preverbal nightmare they begin to resemble a group of addicts suddenly having a moment of rare clarity and realising the supplier of their social highs is probably nothing more than an unscrupulous dealer and their search for the truth leaves them feeling emotionally clean and free from his psychological hold on them.

The author develops these flawed characters sympathetically and gives the plot shades of colour by alluding to Gardner's dark past while maintaining the vibrancy of the exchanges between the other characters. Gardner's ability to permeate the lives of all he touches gives him an almost supernatural air of invincibility and we are left wondering when not if he will return in his latest incarnation.

Rich Jones





John Howell MP writes

I would like to begin this month with a personal note which some readers may already be aware of from media reports. After 15 years as the MP for the Henley Constituency I have decided that I will not seeking to be a candidate in the next General Election. I have served this constituency since 2008 and by the time of the end of the next parliament I will be coming up towards my mid-70's. I do not want to be in parliament until that time as I would like to pursue other avenues. Until such time as the next General Election is called and Parliament dissolved I remain your MP and will continue to represent concerns and assist constituents whilst also leading the UK Parliamentary Delegation to the Council of Europe on behalf of the Government.

Now let me turn to issues that I know to be of concern to constituents. Firstly this month I was pleased to see the publication of the Government's Plan for Water. This seeks to address concerns about the health of our rivers, lakes and seas and aims to deliver clean and plentiful supply of water for nature, people, and businesses. I am sure that constituents will be pleased to know that the Government is investing around £1.6 billion to reduce sewage discharges, reduce nutrient pollution, and increase the supply of water. The Plan will also strengthen powers, including those of regulators, to hold water companies and other responsible parties to account.

Another piece of good news on funding is the Spring Budget announcement of additional funding to repair our roads. I think most people agree that the state of our roads is unacceptable in many places, a view which the Government shares. As a result the Chancellor announced an additional £200 million for highways maintenance for the financial year 2023-2024. The amount apportioned to Oxfordshire is £3,706,000 which is passed to the County Council to decide how best to spend it. When I recently raised concerns over potholes with the Director responsible for this work I was advised that they are currently receiving unprecedented numbers of reports of potholes that have become deep in a very short timescale due to the usual weather patterns of heavy rain followed by freezing conditions. He added that they have limited resource to investigate the level of enquiries received and to maintain roads, paths and cycle paths. I trust that the injection of this large sum of additional cash will help speed up this work.

I am delighted too that there is further investment of £1.2 million in the area through the Rural Prosperity Fund to support local businesses and create jobs to grow the rural economy. This will be administered via our District Councils, South Oxfordshire and Cherwell, which will received £733,241 and £526,831 respectively.

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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MAY



Several people have suggested that we include the new timetable for the city11 bus. So it's on the middle page if you wish to cut out and keep it.

The Big Help Out (TheBigHelpOut.org.uk) is the May 8th, King's coronation initiative to get us all volunteering. It's an attempt to reverse the downward trend in available volunteers that has hit since lockdown. It hasn't really taken off, partly because it's already a bank holiday, but it does highlight the need for all of us to think what we could help out with by volunteering on more normal days.

The Stadhampton coronation event was on 17th April. The Chairman of Stadhampton Parish Council, Stuart Wells, dedicated the new groves of trees at Hampton Meadow for the Coronation. They will be The Coronation Glades!

Best wishes, Liz

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Talking point by The Revd Paul Wignall.....

The last Sunday in May is called, in the church's year, the Festival of Pentecost, when we celebrate God's gift of life. The Bible tells it as the story of Jesus' followers being overwhelmed by an empowering, burning fire that turned their world upside down.

But has the fire gone out? The church certainly seems to struggle to keep it lit, let alone attract others to come and warm themselves by it, or use it as a light to guide our path through life. The exuberance, the energy, that drove the apostles out across the whole known world – around the Mediterranean, into North Africa, the Middle East, probably even as far as India – and over many centuries across the globe; this fire doesn't burn like it did, certainly not in our neck of the woods.

It's not, it's precisely not, about numbers in church. It's about the deeply, joyfully serious business of finding and offering "life in all its fullness" – as the fourth gospel sums up Jesus' gift to the world. Where life is, there God is, but God is a strange comforter. What those first people of Pentecost discovered was that life isn't about comfort or self-satisfaction, not about keeping rules or keeping safe, not about staying out of harm's way or just doing enough to pay the bills. Life is for living in all its messiness, uncertainty, commitment, joy, sorrow and the elation – in the end – of being alive in our incomprehensibly wonderful universe. So Pentecost is God's final demand (like the giving of the law to Moses): be alive or else you will have forfeited your chance to share in the glory of creation.

On the first Easter morning, the followers of Jesus were huddled together in despair. The fire of life had gone out of their eyes. With nothing to hope for they were getting ready to drag themselves back to their old lives, dreams shattered. Then, from nowhere, came life – life that had defeated death. New life for them, new hope, a new chapter, a new journey.

Pentecost is the great explosion: not just life for me, not just for those who are content to huddle together in fear that the accounts won't balance, that numbers will fall away further and that the roof will collapse. Pentecost is the gift of life, beyond the bank balance, the head-count and the building – out into the world where true life is to be found in all its chaos, glory and challenge. Pentecost is the moment when the church is told to get out there and join in what the world is doing. Because that's where God is.

On a more personal note: many people will know that Carlynn and I will be leaving Long Wittenham vicarage at the end of May as I retire and leave active ministry. We arrived in the midst of the great Covid pandemic and it has certainly been a strange time to have been working amongst you. But it has been a delight to get to know these villages and their communities. Thank you for your kindness and hospitality. My last Sunday will be 28 May when all the churches of the Team come together at Dorchester Abbey. Yes, we will almost certainly pop up from time to time in the future – promising not to get in the way, but looking forward to hearing of all the good things that are happening.

Team Service- Sun 28th May 10.30 Dorchester Abbey

Fri 19th May 7.30pm- Chiltern Arts Festival

Part of Chiltern Arts Week Long Festival – 'Love, Loss and the Passage of Time' The Choir of



Thame & Wheatley

WALKS PROGRAMME MAY AND JUNE 2023

Date	Start Place	Dist Miles	Notes
May			
Thursday 4 th	Bledlow	8	Bring a picnic to eat in Radnage.
Friday 12 th	Piddington (on A40 between Stokenchurch and West Wycombe)	6	Undulating Chilterns walk through spectacular blue-bell woods.
Thursday 18 th	Waterperry Garden Centre	6	Optional tea and cakes at the end
Friday 26 th 6pm	Wheatley	4	Leisurely. Optional pub supper at the end.
Sunday 28 th	Frieth, by the church	4	Leisurely. Chiltern woodlands.
June			
Thursday 1 st	Watlington, recreation ground CP	10	Scenic Chilterns walk. Bring a picnic.
Sunday 4 th	Thame Upper High St. car park	4	Leisurely introductory walk. Coffee and cakes in Christchurch Hall at finish.
		6	Medium introductory walk. Soup lunch and cakes in Christchurch Hall at finish.
Monday 5 th	Studley Green Garden Centre	5½	Undulating walk via Yoesden Nature Reserve. Café at end if open.
Wednesday 7 th	Sydenham	6	Round local villages
Friday 16 th	Nether Winchendon	8½	Lovely views and pretty villages. Bring a picnic.
Sunday 25 th	Wheatley	7½	Bring a picnic to eat in Shotover Park, cakes provided by Oxford Ramblers
Wednesday 28 th	Islip	6	Easy walk with good views.

Parish Council Election 4th May 2023

The following candidates have been duly elected as a Parish Councillor without contest for Stadhampton:

Omar Bayoumi

Bob Campbell

Neil Fitzgerald

Catherine Odell

There will be two vacancies which can be filled by co-option. Residents are warmly encouraged to consider co-option to the Parish Council and can contact the Parish Clerk, Bev Field, for further information.

Looking ahead, on May 15th the first meeting of the Parish Council will be held, when the newly elected Parish Council will elect a Chairperson for the coming year. Co-options can be considered at this meeting

clerk@stadhampton.org or 07717 134606

Thame & Wheatley Ramblers Introductory Walks



Thame & Wheatley Ramblers group will be offering walks to introduce people to walking with the Ramblers. They will start at **10am on Sunday June 4th in Thame Upper High Street car park**: a 4 mile leisurely walk finishing with complimentary coffee and cake in Christchurch hall and a longer 6 mile one finishing with a complimentary soup lunch. In the hall there will be information about activities of the Ramblers and walking locally.

Just turn up on the day, or if you would like more details please phone 01844 213608 or visit the website www.ramblers-oxon.org.uk/thame-wheatley.html

The Ramblers is Britain's biggest walking charity. Since 1935, it has been campaigning to keep the countryside open for all, particularly by preserving and improving the hundreds of thousands of miles of well-loved paths, tracks and trails across England, Scotland, and Wales. These paths were especially appreciated during lockdown, with many people discovering the physical and mental benefits of walking in the countryside.

King's College, London: Rachmaninov All Night Vigil (Vespers) with Joseph Fort conductor comes to Dorchester Abbey. The Choir of King's College, London performs Rachmaninov's breathtaking All Night Vigil alongside works by Tavener and the world premiere of a new work by John Strut, setting text by Anne Brontë. A truly special evening to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Rachmaninov's birth. Advanced tickets and refreshments available. £15- £35 from www.chilternarts.com/whats-on

Fri 26th – Mon 29th May-The English Music Festival- The Festival will be held in Oxfordshire, with events held in the glorious surroundings of Dorchester Abbey as well as at the Silk Hall at Radley College and the historic All Saints' Church at Sutton Courtenay. www.englishmusicfestival.org.uk/2023-may-festival/box-office/box-office-front-page.php

SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY MAY 7th 2023



Thanksgiving and Celebration of
The Coronation
Family Service and Village Breakfast
9.30 am.



St John the Baptist Stadhampton



May Services at St John's Stadhampton

7th May, 5th Sunday of Easter

9.30am Family Service

14th May, 6th Sunday of Easter

9.30am Holy Communion

21st May, 7th Sunday of Easter

9.30am Family Eucharist

28th May, Pentecost

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Team Service at Dorchester Abbey

STADHAMPTON & CHISELHAMPTON 200 CLUB

APRIL 2023

78.	1st prize	£50	Su Stoodley
180.	2nd prize	£20	Sarah O'Hara
75.	3rd prize	£15	Carly Mason-Fowler
159.	4th prize	£10	Hall Children
7.	5th prize	£5	Grant Brown

Cheryl Wilson

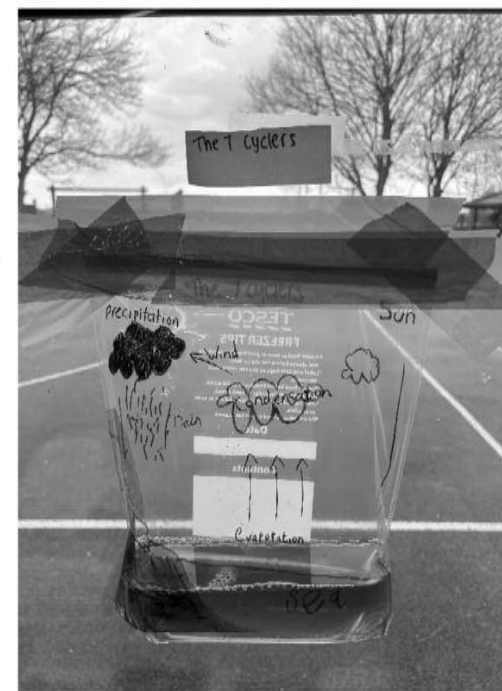
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The children in Dragonfly Class have enjoyed learning about the continents and the oceans that surround them. They used atlases to find out where they are located and learnt about the features of different oceans. Even Big Teddy had a go at looking through an atlas!

In RE, the children have been learning about what a ceremony is and what types of ceremonies they have attended. We had a range from weddings to gender reveal parties and christenings to school celebration assemblies.

Hedgehog class

We have been learning all about states of matter this term in Hedgehog class, our final lesson was on the water cycle. We had lots of fun making our water cycle bags and being able to watch condensation build up inside. We are looking forward to learning all about living things and their habitats next term!



Ladybird Class

We are looking forward to the term ahead as reception head towards the end of their first year at school. During the coming term we will be finding out about plants and learning the names of some of the plants and trees we see around us. We will also be learning to recite some poems and write some of our own lines to the poem – we look forward to sharing some of our learning with you in the next edition.



The final weeks of term were busy with a variety of Easter activities and a fantastic music concert where children from the Rock Steady Music lessons performed in their bands along with our school choir. Thank you to Hollee for all the hard work in organising this event which was well attended by parents.

In the coming weeks we will be busy learning our Maypole dances in preparation for the Coronation Picnic. It is

hard to believe how quickly this school year is going... summer term already!

Otter Class

During the last couple of weeks before the Easter break, Otter Class were busy finishing their Greek History topic. They were able to consider reasons why Greece would make a great holiday destination and wrote some brilliant persuasive pieces encouraging others to visit. Based on the recent dreadful weather, it certainly seemed appealing to jet off to sunnier lands.

Thank you to Mrs Manzie for organising the Chess Club sessions and congratulations to Jake for his victory. The club has proved very popular and the children have really enjoyed learning the game.

Our next topic 'Around the World in 1000 Years' begins after the break. The children will be learning about a variety of key historical events and how they have had an impact on modern life. The topic will conclude with our end of year production and an exhibition of learning, so plenty to look forward to.

Dragonflies Class



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In ten minutes, find as many words as possible using only the letters in the box. Each word must use the centre letter with at least three others, and letters can be used only once.

Plurals, foreign words or proper nouns are not allowed, but verb forms ending with 's' are permitted.

There is one nine-letter word in the box.

Your rating: - 8 words average
12 words good. 16 words very good. 18 words or more excellent

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QUIZ

1. Teaser! What has no hands but might knock on your door, and if it does you better open up?
2. In what way might these three words be connected 'pipe' 'day' 'bad'?
3. Where will you be geographically, if you are in the administration centre for the smallest Historic County in England?
4. Select chemical symbols from the following elements to name four popular garden flowers. Boron, Carbon, Gallium, Hydrogen, Iodine, Lanthanum, Nitrogen, Oxygen, Protactinium, Rhenium, Scandium, Sulphur, Vanadium and Yttrium.
5. What is the unique subject featured in a display compiled by broadcaster Gyles Brandreth for visitors to the museum at Newby Hall nr. Ripon, Yorkshire?
6. What did Charles Dickens once say was "the most important thing in life"?
7. Zagreb is the Capital of which European country?
8. If one inch of rain falls on one acre of ground what might that equate to in gallons?
22000 - 24000. 24000 - 26000. 26000 - 28000.
9. Why is the only eight sided road sign in the UK so significant?
10. What is the next number in the series 19 46 64 76 94?

Answers on p34



The official opening of The Coronation Glades in Stadhampton took place on 17th April, as villagers welcomed Parish Council Chairman, Stuart Wells, who revealed and placed the plaque. There was a toast and celebration cakes as people enjoyed the festive event!



The background to this is the legal requirement for neighbouring housing authorities to help address the need for social housing where one cannot identify enough land for their own residents. It was this "Duty to Cooperate" which led SODC to include an additional 4,000 houses to help Oxford meet their residents' need in the current South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2035.

Work is underway in SODC to create policies to tackle homes left empty in this district, and to bring them into habitation. SODC's budget includes £1 million to purchase emergency accommodation. Two of the three homes this will fund have now been secured. A further £2 million was allocated to buy 5 homes for social housing.

SODC has decided to accept funding from the Dept for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (the "Local Authority Housing Fund"), grant funding to support the purchase of homes for use by Afghan or Ukrainian families. Officers are now investigating how this might be delivered in this district.

The council spent in full its Homelessness Prevention Grant and the top-up from government.

Nature

The Environment Act 2021 mandates the creation of spatial strategies to restore nature. In this area, ours will be known as the Oxfordshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy. It will be established in April, and led by the Oxfordshire Local Nature Partnership on which SODC is represented.

In order to support pollinators and other wildlife, the council is following "No Mow May" and "Let it Bee June" - letting the grass grow at certain sites in those two months to increase biodiversity.

Grant Schemes

The Councillor Community Grant Scheme (£5000 for this ward) will open to bids 19 June - 6 Oct. The Capital Grant Scheme will open 11 Sept - 10 November

Electric Vehicles

EV infrastructure: Oxfordshire (OCC) has been awarded over £4,000,000 to provide charging infrastructure, and a county-wide approach will be submitted to central government by May. It's critical that this funding is not just used in the cities and large funds, but spread amongst the villages where many residents don't have dedicated parking spaces/EV charging points.

EV Car Pool Club: A year-long trial of three EV cars has started - in Thame, Henley and Wallingford.

Waste

DEFRA figures indicate that South Oxfordshire had the second highest recycling rate in the country, with 62.7%

I will not be seeking re-selection in May, so will cease to be your councillor on Monday 8 May. It has been a privilege to represent Haseley Brook at SODC for the last 6 years.

Cllr Caroline Newton

SODC, Haseley Brook Ward

SODC Monthly Report - Cllr Caroline Newton

Council elections

Elections to SODC take place on Thursday 4 May. Please remember to take photo ID with you to the polling station in order to vote. Applications for postal votes are open until 5pm on Tuesday 18 April.

Planning

Chalgrove: at a meeting with local councillors in March, Homes England (HE) confirmed they are still determined to push ahead with the development of Chalgrove Airfield. However, in light of opposition from the Civil Aviation Authority, HE seem to have gone back to the drawing board. They gave very little indication of their outline strategy, mitigation of traffic etc

Joint Local Plan: Work continues on the SODC and Vale of the White Horse Joint Local Plan (JLP) 2041. SODC Full Council in March passed a motion (tabled by me) to require officers to devise policies for the JLP to prevent villages and rural areas being overwhelmed by a concentration of solar farms.

5 Year Housing Land Supply: During the determination of a planning appeal (in Moreton), the planning inspector found SODC's HLS to be 4.74 years (as opposed to SODC's calculation of 5.3). the inspector didn't consider the shortfall grave enough to override other planning considerations. The determination of an appeal on an application in Chalgrove is expected shortly. One of the main issues under scrutiny was the district's 5YHLS.

In this ward, there are a few applications which have been called in for consideration by the Planning Committee. Waiting times are long, however: there are currently about 40 planning applications that may need to be scheduled for Planning Committee hearings - with only 3 or 4 being considered at each committee meeting. Planning officers typically have case loads in the mid to high 30s.

Housing

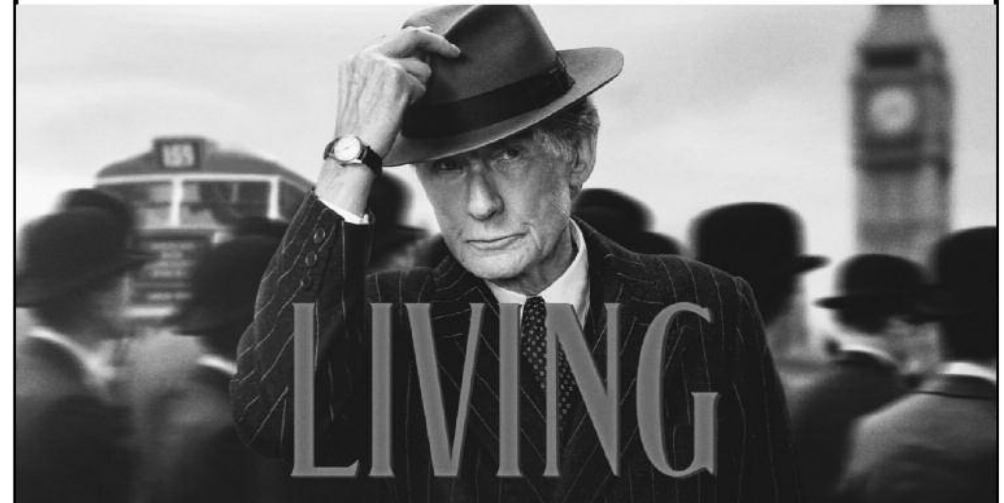
SODC has described the pressure on our housing services as a 'perfect storm' - with cost of living combining with a contraction in the private rental market, and the arrival of refugees from the Ukraine war to increase the competition for homes.

The most recent survey indicated there were 3 rough sleepers in South Oxfordshire, with new homelessness cases (or at risk of homelessness) rising to 40 households. 17 households were in emergency accommodation at the end of March. Of those 4 were Ukrainian households who could no longer be accommodated by their local hosts. To date, the SODC housing team have supported 139 Ukrainian families at risk of homelessness.

The most recent figures suggested there are currently 1283 households on our register.

In the meantime, discussions have begun with Oxford City Council about how residents on their housing register can apply for homes here in SODC. Oxford City residents can already apply to join the Vale of the White Horse District Council housing register.

Stadhampton Cinema Night



A London shattered by WWII is still recovering. Williams (Bill Nighy), a veteran civil servant, is an important cog within the city's bureaucracy as it struggles to rebuild. Buried under paperwork at the office, lonely at home, his life has long felt empty and meaningless. Then a shattering medical diagnosis forces him to take stock – and to try and grasp fulfilment before it goes beyond reach.

Not knowing what to do with the time he has left, he finds himself drawn to the natural vitality of Margaret (Aimee Lou Wood), a young woman determined to spread her wings and with a new energy, he sets about creating a legacy for the next generation.

Showing Friday 26th May
film starts at 8:00pm
in the Stadhampton Village Hall



Doors open at 7:00pm for those who would like to eat together beforehand.

This month's menu is Lasagne
to book, please contact Linda King by 20th May at
linda@whereer.com

Stadhampton Parish Council

Chairman's Report for the 2022-23 year

Team Changes

We welcomed Omar Bayoumi by co-option to the council in March 2022. Omar's background in property development and his wide-ranging experience in relation to planning and legal issues.

Doug Struthers stepped down from the council after several years of service to the council. The council are very grateful for Doug's contribution over the years, his keen interest on affairs relating to the village green have resulted in many improvements, not least the annual Village Green Fete/Party which Doug continues to organise.

We also said farewell to Michael Pawley as he stepped down from the role of Parish Clerk. Michael's contribution has been immense. His wise counsel and encyclopaedic knowledge of local authority and council regulations, combined with a sharp legal and financial mind, supported the council ably through difficult times from 2018 to 2022.

Community Projects

D'Oyleys pond and Manor pond works have been funded by s106 infrastructure funds to make them safer, renew the handrails, posts, and improve the retaining bank. Further work due in the summer on Manor pond.

Tree planting on the north side of the Green has been undertaken by Councillors Odell and Campbell to improve the biodiversity and the aesthetics of the green through the planting of a new avenue of trees on the North Green, and a wilding area. As the years pass, the new avenue and the footpath through them will bring enjoyment to many.

Traffic calming project: Councillor Fitzgerald has completed a thorough and balanced review of the village from the perspective of traffic calming and managing speed and his work has resulted in a series of recommendations to put to Oxfordshire Highways, the recommendations are evidence-based and pragmatic. We greatly appreciate the work and effort that Councillor Fitzgerald has put into this project, and the support that he has shown in order to get the Speedwatch project off the ground in Chiselhampton.

Rainwater capture project: The new allotments on Copson Lane have proved to be a great success and very popular. There is no mains fed water available on the allotments, to address this the council investigated the implementation of a stand pipe but ruled this out due to concerns over cost, and future costs, of metered water and the environmental impact. Instead, a rainwater capture scheme will be implemented to allow those working their allotments to have access to an environmentally sound source of water to cultivate their produce.

Bus shelter project: This was finally approved, resulting in a budget being agreed to spend on the implementation of a wooden bus stop on the Stadhampton-Watlington route at the top of school lane, accompanied by a scheme to improve the aesthetics of the triangle. Planning advice is being sought for the bus stop, now that OCC have agreed to the design and positioning of it on Highways controlled land.

Play area project: The subcommittee - that had been formed before the pandemic by members of the parish to make recommendations to the council for the replacement of the play area - effectively disbanded and the project stalled. The parish council sought quotes independently to understand the costs of replacing the play area. It became apparent that CIL funds alone would not be sufficient to fund the replacement of the existing play area and existing external funding will need to be sought to replace it. In the interim we will work to repair and fix the existing play area until external funding can be secured.

County Councillor Report – Cllr Robin Bennett

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Flooding in our area

As we are in the spring flood season, a reminder that advice can be found both from the Environment Agency and the County Council, especially when the Environment Agency issues flood alerts or the more serious flood warnings. As we can all see, consistent rainfall throughout March has led to high river levels on many watercourses in Oxfordshire.

Latest flood alerts from the Environment Agency:

<https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk>

What to do in the event of a flood, from the County Council:-

<https://www.oxfordshirefloodtoolkit.com>

In an emergency, please contact Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service on **999**.

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service's main responsibility is saving lives, property and the environment. During a flooding incident you should focus on the safety of yourself and others and stay out of floodwater, as it is often not clean and can lead to infections and illness.

Weight restrictions for HGVs

Oxfordshire County Council are currently conducting a study to investigate the feasibility of area based weight restrictions. OCC are inviting local people to share their views on where there are problems with inappropriate Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) movements to help inform the study. This is a particular issue in our area on some of the historic bridges and villages, so do take part if you can in the survey:

<https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/area-weight-restrictions>

Spare seats and school buses

I have engaged with a recent working group looking at school transport issues. This has resulted in recommendations to cabinet to improve the policy, and also to help parents who are currently at risk of losing their spare seats bus places. I have been talking to colleagues, parents and council staff to try to ensure that the challenges facing parents and children in our area are taken seriously and addressed. As well as spare seats, the review is looking at over-16 school travel, safe walking/cycling routes, and better support for community travel solutions. The decisions on the recommendations will come to a Cabinet meeting in the next few months.

Motion on Future Generations at OCC

To improve decision-making at the council, and following the success of similar policies in Wales and Scotland, I co-wrote a council motion at the March full council meeting of OCC - passed unanimously - which asked the council's Cabinet to:

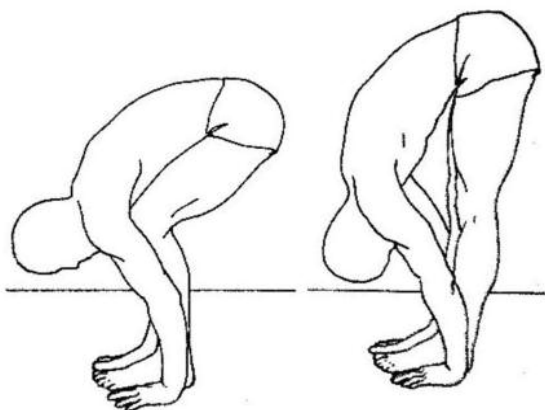
- Review how all decision-making and commissioning of services will consider the wellbeing of future generations
- Implement a 'Future Generations impact assessment' section in all officer reports for elected decision-makers, and
- Set up an Oxfordshire Youth and Future Generations Advisory Council

A new way of thinking for hamstring stretches

Most people will be familiar with the traditional, static, ways of stretching the hamstring muscle (located on the back of the upper leg). However, there is a new school of thought that is gaining some ground on how to, most effectively, stretch these muscles.

It involves a dynamic standing stretch.

Starting position is feet shoulder width apart. Bend the knees and hips/back until the finger tips can touch the toes. Depending how tight the hamstrings are will depend how much you have to bend the knees to achieve this. From this position straighten both knees until you can feel the stretch in the back of the upper legs, pause and then return to the starting position.



Repeat this 9 more times. It does not matter if the legs are fully straightened as long as the stretch is felt in the back of the upper leg. The timing for this movement should be approx. 1 second to straighten the legs, 1 second hold and then 2 seconds to relax back to the starting position. This can be repeated for multiple sets as required. One of the things I like most about this stretch is it can be done anywhere. However, my children tell me it looks like twerking, whatever that is!

If you suffer from lower back pain you can still try this stretch as it may help. But I would recommend doing it cautiously keeping the back straight bending at the hips and knees and stopping if you have any concerns.

Happy stretching.

If you have any questions about this or any other fitness related topic please contact **Nige Wright** nige.fitnessoxford@outlook.com

Grants

Despite financial pressures on the parish council arising over the past 12 months we have been pleased to be able to continue our s137 grant support for Chalgrove and Watlington First Steps Family Hub and for Stadhampton Primary School.

Legal Work

The development of two new homes on Cat Lane gave rise to a series of concerns from residents and the parish council, as the construction appeared to deviate from the construction management plan resulting in disruption to residents and damage to the Green. SODC officers visited the site and received assurances that the Green would be restored and disruption for residents would cease. The parish council continues to engage with the developers to resolve unanswered questions related to access to the new developments.

The question of Allotment 13 was resolved to the satisfaction of both parties resulting in the improvement of the setting of the allotment in a wonderful private corner of the village, and secured the use of the allotment for generations to come. The process that led us here has been costly and arduous for all concerned. We must remain hopeful that in future any such situations arising can be resolved swiftly, amicably and reasonably.

Illegal encampments

Two illegal encampments on the Village Green resulted in considerable expenditure to remove them, and repair the damage to trees and the playground. However, we are assured by both OCC and the wider community that our zero-tolerance stance on illegal encampments has resulted in fewer encampments and less damage, and is now being used as a template for other parishes to follow.

Other Issues

Other work the Parish council has been involved with is responding to all Planning Applications on behalf of the residents of the Parish. The Parish Council also sent a letter of condolence to His Majesty King Charles III on the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II on behalf of residents, which was acknowledged. The Council has signed a Civility and Respect pledge to support civility and respect in all communications and call out bullying or harassing behaviour. The Chiselhampton defibrillator was recalled, and has been updated and is in "active" service based at the Coach and Horses, Chiselhampton.

Finance

Accounts and governance were all managed with a good audit for 2021/22, and the accounting documents can be viewed on the website. The budget deliberations for 2023/24 were challenging to meet a balanced budget, and we worked to identify small savings wherever possible. However, the Parish Council has benefitted in recent years from windfall income from easement payments. These have been used to subsidise the precept and are now exhausted. The general reserves are now very low; the majority of the money held is Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding earmarked for infrastructure works as a result of development and cannot be used for operating income. It is important to say that the budget is for operational spending and does not include large projects which all require external funding sources. The budget supports looking after the green and public spaces, tree work, the playground, dog bin emptying, the church clock, running the sports pavilion and supporting staff.

Parish Clerk Note: **April was the final meeting in office for Cllrs Stuart Wells and Stephen Dawson and they are both warmly thanked for their dedicated service to the community.**

What's on in May 2023

Regular Events

MONDAYS			
TUESDAYS			
WEDNESDAYS			
THURSDAYS	Tons Together WI (2nd of month)	19:30	Pine Lodge
FRIDAY	Pilates (beckyalanfitness.com) Cinema Club (usually 4th of month)	10:15 20:00	Village Hall Village Hall
SATURDAYS			

Sunday 7th, 09.30, St John the Baptist. Coronation Thanksgiving Service and Village Breakfast

Thursday 11th, 7.30pm, Pine Lodge, Little Milton, WI, "Tea, Coffee & Chocolate - How we fell in love with caffeine".

Monday 15th, 7.30. Village Hall, Stadhampton Parish Council Meeting

Friday 26th, 8.00pm, Village Hall, Stadhampton Cinema Club. "Living"

SATURDAY 8TH JULY. STADHAMPTON SUMMER ON THE GREEN. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Contact Hilary Struthers on 07771 811334

MAY WASTE COLLECTIONS

GREY BINS - Wednesday 10th and Tuesday 23rd May

Grey weeks - food waste, rubbish, small electrical items in a carrier bag next to bin

GREEN BINS - Wednesday 3rd, Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 31st May

Green weeks - food waste, recycling, batteries, garden waste, textiles in a tied carrier bag next to bin.

Plastic bags can now be used for food waste. **Cooking oil** can be recycled in the food caddy (use a plastic bottle if you like)



towards **Watlington**
via Garsington, Stadhampton & Chalgrove

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Mondays to Fridays (except Public Holidays)

Oxford St Aldates stop G4	0715	0820	0955	1055	1210	1310	1400	1545	1725	1845
Cowley Road Shelley Road	0724	0832	1005	1105	1220	1320	1418	1603	1740	1855
Cowley Templars Square stop C	0735	0841	1012	1112	1227	1327	1430	1615	1750	1902
Cowley Lidl	0625	0742	0850	1020	1120	1235	1335	1437	1622	1757
Garsington Village Hall	0630	0747	0855	1025	1125	1240	1340	1442	1628	1803
Chiselhampton The Coach and Horses	0636	0753	0901	1031	1131	1246	1346	1448	1635	1810
Stadhampton School Lane	0638	0755	0903	1033	1133	1248	1348	1450	1637	1812
Chalgrove The Red Lion	0644	0801	0910	1040	1140	1255	1355	1457	1645	1818
Chalgrove Fairfax Road	0645	0802	0912	1042	1142	1257	1357	1459	1647	1820
Watlington Library	0655	0814	0923	1053	1153		1408	1511	1659	1832

Saturdays

Oxford St Aldates stop G4	0915	1045	1145	1315	1415	1545	1645	1800	0925	1145	1455	1705
Cowley Road Shelley Road	0925	1055	1155	1325	1425	1555	1655	1810	0935	1155	1505	1715
Cowley Templars Square stop C	0830	0932	1102	1202	1332	1432	1602	1702	0941	1201	1511	1721
Cowley Lidl	0720	0840	0940	1110	1210	1340	1440	1610	0946	1206	1516	1726
Garsington Village Hall	0725	0845	0945	1115	1215	1345	1445	1615	0951	1211	1521	1731
Chiselhampton The Coach and Horses	0731	0851	0951	1121	1221	1351	1451	1621	0957	1217	1527	1737
Stadhampton School Lane	0733	0853	0953	1123	1223	1353	1453	1623	0959	1219	1529	1739
Chalgrove The Red Lion	0740	0900	1000	1130	1230	1400	1500	1630	1005	1225	1535	1745
Chalgrove Fairfax Road	0741	0902	1002	1132	1232	1402	1502	1632	1007	1227	1537	1747
Watlington Library	0751	0913	1013	1143	1243	1413	1513	1633	1016	1236	1546	1756

Sundays & Public Holidays

towards **Oxford City**
via Chalgrove, Stadhampton & Garsington

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Mondays to Fridays (except Public Holidays)

Watlington Library	0600	0700	0825	0930	1100	1200		1415	1525	1710	1840
Chalgrove Fairfax Road	0609	0709	0835	0940	1110	1210	1300	1425	1535	1720	1849
Chalgrove The Red Lion	0610	0711	0837	0942	1112	1212	1302	1427	1537	1722	1850
Stadhampton School Lane	0616	0717	0844	0949	1119	1219	1309	1434	1544	1730	1856
Chiselhampton The Coach and Horses	0618	0720	0846	0951	1121	1221	1311	1436	1546	1732	1858
Garsington Village Hall	0625	0728	0853	0958	1128	1228	1318	1443	1553	1739	1904
Cowley Lidl	0631	0734	0859	1005	1135	1235	1325	1450	1600	1746	1909
Cowley Templars Square stop A	0640	0745	0910	1015	1145	1245	1335	1500	1610	1800	1915
Cowley Road Shelley Road	0645	0756	0921	1019	1149	1249	1339	1509	1619	1809	
Oxford Speedwell Street	0658	0810	0940	1030	1200	1300	1350	1525	1635	1824	

Saturdays

Watlington Library	0755	0920	1020	1150	1250	1420	1520	1640	1750	1900	0828	1025	1245	1555	1800
Chalgrove Fairfax Road	0805	0930	1030	1200	1300	1430	1530	1650	1800	1910	0837	1034	1254	1604	1809
Chalgrove The Red Lion	0807	0932	1032	1202	1302	1432	1532	1652	1802	1911	0839	1036	1256	1606	1811
Stadhampton School Lane	0813	0939	1039	1209	1309	1439	1539	1659	1809	1917	0845	1043	1303	1613	1817
Chiselhampton The Coach and Horses	0815	0941	1041	1211	1311	1441	1541	1701	1811	1919	0847	1045	1305	1615	1819
Garsington Village Hall	0821	0948	1048	1218	1318	1448	1548	1708	1818	1925	0853	1051	1311	1621	1825
Cowley Lidl	0827	0955	1055	1225	1325	1455	1555	1715	1825	1930	0858	1056	1316	1626	1830
Cowley Templars Square stop A	0835	1005	1105	1235	1335	1505	1605	1725	1835	1938	0903	1102	1322	1632	1835
Cowley Road Shelley Road	0839	1009	1109	1239	1339	1509	1609	1729	1839		0907	1106		1636	
Oxford Speedwell Street	0848	1020	1120	1250	1350	1520	1620	1742	1850		0917	1116		1646	

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