Moulsford News

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Moulsford Events

Dave Reynolds

Happy New Year

At this time of year it is good to reflect on our gatherings last year - perhaps my highlight was the Christmas social after the carol service. It was great to see so many in attendance and delightful to see so many smiling little faces when Father Christmas entered the room. Apologies if I booked him a little bit late!

So with the New Year comes a new programme of events - please do put dates in your diary. This year is especially important as we shall be aiming to help fund raise for the playground project.

Our winter socials continue from February and shall be held monthly until April – please do come along on **Friday 7th February**, **6th March** and **3rd April**. Marvellous food by Georges shall be available at the events in March and April. Our weekly summer socials shall start once again on Friday 24th April.

Before the summer socials start again we shall be holding another Fish and Chip Quiz Night on **Friday 20th March** with Jo Baker once again taking the reins as our quiz master – Tickets £10 (Please contact Twinks on 01491 651548 to book a ticket/table).

We look forward to seeing many of you throughout the year. If you have any questions or queries, please contact the Moulsford Events Committee Secretary, Bernadette Sachse on bmsachse@outlook.com. Also, keep an eye on the Moulsford Village Facebook page.

Parish Council Report

Over the festive period, Moulsford Parish Council (MPC) have been working on the village budget for 2020, researching the playground restoration and improvement, exploring the value of a local plan, reviewing planning applications.

Village Finances

MPC have asked SODC for a small rise in the precept of £250 (1.7%). This will help cover increased costs for general village maintenance, annual premiums and subscriptions. We had hoped to be able to absorb these rises but due to the significant election costs for 2019 just received, we are seeking a modest increase which equates to approximately £1 per household for the year.

Playground

After assessments of our damaged equipment by a couple of playground suppliers, we are looking into available support from SODC to pursue a claim on the original vendor for supplying equipment being unfit for purpose. Of course the outcome is by no means guaranteed so we will continue with our fundraising which has got off to a good start with generous support from our local schools and businesses.

In addition, we are keen to use this frustrating situation to bring about something positive for Moulsford so we are consulting with a landscape architect to understand how best to use our recreation space bearing in mind the feedback to our survey as well as current usage. We are seeking additional SODC support to help us with this project.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

Commonly known as Neighbourhood Plans, these are produced to help local communities influence the development in their areas. For a small community such as Moulsford the cost, both monetary and in terms of resources, can be prohibitive. We are currently considering the value of a neighbourhood plan looking at communities similar to Moulsford who have developed a plan or rejected doing so.

Underhill Sewage Plant Works

The Sewage Plant works are expected to start in spring 2020, although we are still waiting for final confirmation and a commencement date. The access to the site in Underhill is very tight for large, heavy vehicles, which means they often have to ride over the kerbs which are damaged as a consequence. As OCC Highways are unable to decrease the width of the kerb to make more room for road users this damage is likely to be exacerbated. We will be monitoring the situation by keeping a photographic record which, if necessary, can be used to support our claim to repair the damage after the works have finished.

Finally, MPC has made a couple of changes to the schedule of our council meetings. Firstly, we have moved the time of the meetings to commence at 7.30pm (instead of 8pm). Secondly, for February and March we have moved our meeting dates from the second Weds of the month. Our next meetings will be held on Weds 5th February and Weds 18th March, we hope to see you then!

We wish you all a healthy and happy 2020!

From the Vicar Andrew Petit

My dear friends,

The end of January and beginning of February often have the coldest and most miserable weather of the year. The fun and excitement of Christmas is over; Spring has not yet properly started and the days are still depressingly short. It is often a time when many are prone to *Seasonal affected disorder (SAD)*. If we are feeling blue, whether it is mild sadness or a much more serious depression, whatever the cause might be, the Bible offers some very helpful advice, which is to develop the habit of *thanksgiving*.

When we are down it is very easy to focus on our problems or all the ways in which we wish our life were different, which generally drives us into a deeper and deeper depression. To counter-act this, it is always good to focus on the good things that we do have and our blessings, however small they might seem to be. It is helpful not only to reflect on what these are but specifically to give thanks for them. There might be an individual in our life that we can thank for particular blessings, or if not, we can always thank God, who is the source of all good things — sometimes directly and sometimes through the other people that He has placed in our lives. St Paul wrote: *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* Remarkably Paul was writing these words not from some ivory tower, but chained up in prison having been falsely accused on trumped up charges. And he practised what he preached. Often he was writing to communities of believers who had come to faith through his ministry but who were giving him all sorts of head-aches and concerns; yet invariably he would begin by saying words to the effect of whenever I think about you, I thank God for you because...

So if you are feeling down, why not spend a couple of minutes each day — maybe before you go to sleep or on your way to work - thinking about the things you can thankful for and actually saying, in your heart or even out loud, "Thank you". You may find it a bit difficult or unfamiliar at first, but the more you do it, the better you will become at finding things for which you can be grateful. In fact, even if you are not feeling down, it's a great habit to cultivate.

If you do try this and you find it helps, do let me know. I'd love to hear from you.

Wishing you a thankful and happier February,

with warmest regards,

Jakens

Andrew Petit, Vicar of Moulsford <u>andrewpetit@virginmedia.com</u>

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Church Services, Moulsford - Feb 20

2 nd February	Candlemas	9.30am Parish Communion	Church
9 th February	3 rd Sunday before Lent	9.30am Faith explored service 4.30pm Messy Church	Church
16 th February	2 nd Sunday before Lent	9.30am Parish Communion	Church
23 rd February	The Sunday before Lent	9.30am Morning Praise	Church
1st March	1 st Sunday of Lent	9.30am Parish Communion	Church

From the 26th February, Ash Wednesday and every Wednesday in Lent there will be a short informal service of Holy Communion with a Lent reflection, in church at 8.30am

On Thursday 30th January, at 7.30pm, the benefice of Cholsey and Moulsford is holding a special guest supper St Mary's Cholsey for anyone interested in finding out more about that most extraordinary person:

Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

It will also be an opportunity for us to tell you about the Alpha course*, which we will be running over 7 weeks in February and March.

R.S.V.P. Andrew Petit Tel: 01491 651216

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Thank you

As we are now well into 2020, Christmas events are well behind us. However it's never too late to say how wonderful it was to see the church full to bursting for the Village Carols. I'm sure you will agree that our young people demonstrated their numerous musical and reading skills brilliantly to really get everyone present in the mood for the Christmas festivities that followed.

We own our thanks to tolerant parents coping with practices and encouraging their off- spring to be ready for their big moments! Also our special thanks to Jill and Twinks for all their hard work co-ordinating the event and Stephanie in

Breyan Knowles



her role as compere for the church section of the evening (and later her time manning the bar!).

As always in our community it was a wonderful example of working together for the benefit of us all, and all achieved through time and commitment freely given. So it is appropriate to record our thanks to the many volunteers who generously offer their time and talents in many and varied ways to provide us all with such a wide variety of events, occasions to meet, worship or relax together. Have a great 2020.

Further thanks, from Jill and Twinks

If you can still remember it now - - -Twinks and Jill thank everyone who made the Christmas carols and festive social such a great village evening, especially all the young people who sang, played and read so brilliantly. A big thank you to Jemima for playing and accompanying beautifully and to Stephanie for being front of house. Twinks says 'working with such willing children and parents was a pleasure'. Until December

Monthly Coffee Shop

Gail Slinger

Stroll up the road and meet fellow villagers for a coffee, tea and a friendly chat.

Every month, Second Wednesday, there is a coffee morning in the pavilion from 10:30 - 12:00. Unlimited coffee, tea, biscuits and cake all for £1.50.



If you are a mum or dad with young children, bring them along. Perhaps if you are new to the village and would like to meet new friends? You may have lived in Moulsford for some time, so if you are free during the morning, why not join us. It is suitable for everyone and your friends are welcome to come along too!

A group of regulars take it in turn to set up and 'put the kettle on' with real Coffee and a selection of Tea's too.

Putting the kettle on for the **February** Coffee Shop will be **Pat & Veronica**. February is Valentine's month so we shall have some Valentine Chocolate & Heart Treats to enjoy.

A big thank you to Liz & Gary for putting the kettle on at the January Coffee Shop.

We look forward to seeing you all in February.

Next Date: 12th February 2020

Future Date: 11th March 2020



Update on the proposed development at the Old Vicarage

Following the Friends of the Elderly Nursing and Care Home consultation meeting in October, which outlined plans for thirty-four new homes on the boundary of the recreation ground behind the Pavilion.

Moulsford residents who attended the consultation were extremely concerned about the size and the resulting impact of this development on the central village recreation area. These individuals formed a group, (Moulsford Residents Group), to co-ordinate communication to the Friends of the Elderly and their advisors. The Group decided that given that this proposed development increases the number of homes in Moulsford by 13%, the wider community should be aware of the Group's activities and the status of communication between Moulsford Residents Group and the developers.

To this end, here is a short summary of activities and actions to date, along with any relevant update.

11th November - Moulsford Residents Group sent twenty-four questions to the Friends of the Elderly's advisors. These questions addressed environmental, wildlife and planning matters.

6th December - A very well attended village meeting reviewed the proposed development. There was universal concern.

11th December - Response received to questions submitted on 11th November. Copies of the response can be sent to you, please request from moulsfordresidents@gmail.com.

Although we've requested copies of Bat and Tree survey reports, these are being withheld on the premise that they are confidential.

18th December - Moulsford Residents Group sent supplementary questions requesting transparent sharing of information. Copies of our questions can be requested from moulsfordresidents@gmail.com. To date no responses have been received.

To be clear, at the time of writing, no planning application has yet been made, therefore there are limited details.

Over the coming weeks Moulsford Residents Group will be pursing responses to our questions and gathering as much information as possible on the nature and impact of the proposed development. We will ensure through Moulsford News, Facebook and flyers that as a resident of the village you are aware of what is being proposed and have the information to act upon, should you choose to do so.

Moulsford Residents Group

Patients urged to help the NHS help them this winter

Winter is traditionally the busiest time of year for the NHS, and so patients are being reminded to only use Emergency Departments in Reading, Oxford and Banbury in an emergency.

There are a range of alternative options available for nonemergency situations to ensure you get the appropriate care you need, and save an unnecessary trip to the Emergency Department.

What's available:

- Self-care is the best choice for minor illnesses and injuries – a range of common winter ailments can be treated at home with a well-stocked medicine cabinet. Having a winter plan – such as keeping stocked up on medicines, keeping your home warm, and looking out for neighbours – can also be beneficial.
- Local pharmacies can give advice on several conditions, such as coughs, headaches, upset stomachs and skin conditions, as well as advise on stopping coughs and colds from getting worse.
- NHS 111 has call handlers who can help you choose
 the right health services for your needs, as well as a website. NHS 111 can put you in touch with a clinician,
 a GP, book you an appointment at your nearest minor injuries unit. You can also use NHS 111
 online 111.nhs.uk
- Minor injuries units can treat deep cuts, small burns, sprains, sports injuries, and infected wounds. To find out your nearest MIU please visit the Oxford Health website
- Your local GP may offer extended opening hours into the evening or at the weekend.

Most importantly, only attend Emergency Departments when there is a genuine emergency, such as loss of consciousness, suspected heart attack or stroke, severe breathing difficulties, or severe bleeding that cannot be stopped.



What's on in Moulsford and surrounding areas

Moulsford Men's Night



Every Tuesday evening 8pm onwards the men of Moulsford gather at the Beetle & Wedge for an evening of socialising, intelligent conversation and a few beers. For apfaga@gmail.com.

info email gpfagg@gmail.com.

Moulsford Ladies' Night



We meet on the first Thursday of the month from 8pm onwards at The Beetle and Wedge for a glass of wine and a chat. A very good way of getting to know other ladies in the village, especially if you are new to Moulsford.

Please call me on 652099 or my email is carol.bemis@hotmail.com ...or just turn up!

Your Local Choir

We are a friendly choir which rehearses 8:00pm every Monday at Cranford House School. For details, ring Anthony Finn on 01491 835540, email



members@cranfordchoral.org.uk, or see our web site:

Spinning Club: Social Craft

Third Thursday in the month at the Pavilion, 6.00—10.00pm, £2 per session. Come and join a group of local craft people for an evening of relaxation. For more information, call Linda Scurr on 652916.

THE COFFEE SHOP



WEDS 12th FEB 10.30AM-12NOON

If you fancy a couple of hours of chatting, relaxing and drinking coffee or tea, do join us, £1.50 donation.

Please do come along, everyone from the village is welcome. For more information call Gail Slinger on 01491 651931 or email gailslinger2601@gmail.com.

Moulsford Village Meeting Dates

Parish Council Meeting

Weds 5th February 7.30pm

Events Committee Meeting

Weds 11th March 7.30pm

Pavilion Management Committee Meeting

Weds 22nd April 7.45pm

All meetings are held at the Pavilion and everyone is welcome to attend.



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The return service departs Tesco at **12 noon** returning to Moulsford at approximately **12.45pm**.



Toddler Group at Cranford House Nursery

Held on Tuesday mornings in term time between 10.00am-11.30am at the Nursery in Cholsey, the Toddler Group is completely free of charge and open to all. Come along and join us for a fun filled session in a beautiful setting.

Keep in touch!

If you're planning local events, doing something for charity, or simply have something to say, Moulsford News wants to hear from you.

You can reach the editor, Bernadette Sachse by

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'The re-use of castles'- a TWHAS talk

Dr Elaine Jamieson (Reading University) will present 'The re-use of castles' at this TWHAS meeting.

Elaine's talk is about the research project funded by the Leverhulme Trust which aims to explore the date, form and palaeo-environmental context of large mounds in England in order to test the hypothesis that some medieval castle mottes are reused monuments from earlier periods.

This talk to The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society (TWHAS) will be held on Wednesday 12th Feb, 7.45 for 8pm, at St Mary's Church, Wallingford. Visitors (£4) are most welcome.

Katharine Keats-Rohan www.twhas.org.uk



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Discounted rates are available for regular weekday evening bookings (Monday-Thursday). Special rates apply to weddings. The full list of rates can be obtained from the Bookings Secretary or can be seen on the Pavilion notice board.

To book call Karen Gilmore, Pavilion Bookings Secretary 07707 068151 or email

Boxing Day Walk 2019



Boxing Day 2019 dawned with low cloud and drizzle and by the walk start at 10:30 it had settled in. But 14 people met at the Post Box in Underhill and at 10:30 prompt we set Cow Lane which runs up to Greenlands farm gets more rutted and overgrown each year but looking where you're going is part of walking. Once the farm's commercial centre is reached the going underfoot is asphalt and with the exception of crossing the Blewbury road allows walkers to appreciate the long distance views over the surroundings of the Well Barn Estate from the

Public Footpath. The woodland stage was fairly dry underfoot as was the Ridgeway and the lanes to The Bell at Aldworth. There were a couple of heavier showers but after 3½ miles and 1¼ hours walking the Pub was warm and welcoming.

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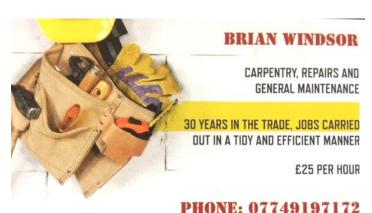
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Here. http://www.modisiord-pc.org.uk/community/modisiord-13214/planning-tracker/						
P19/S4368/FUL Beetle & Wedge Boathouse, Ferry Lane, OX10 9JF	Corridor and cellar extensions.	MPC – No strong views but concerns about use of public highway, and restricted access to other premises via a shared right of way. SODC – Considering.				
P20/S0173/FUL Moulsford Preparatory School, Moulsford, OX10 9HR	New pre-prep school. Amendment to already approved plans, raising the ground level by 600mm.	MPC – Considering. SODC – Considering.				
P20/S0150/FUL&152/LB Cranford House School, Moulsford, OX10 9HT	Single storey extension to the Early Years Foundation Stage. Demolition of 3 existing workshops and stores and replace with a single storey workshop. Enhanced boundary treatments to Willow Court Lane.	MPC – Considering. SODC – Considering.				



133/M1 Goring - Wallingford via Moulsford

Revised Service Mondays to Fridays from 29th July 2019

Starts as	M1	134X	H1/147	Service number	133	133	133	133	133
Notes	Mon to Fri	Mon & Fri	Thurs	Notes	Mon & Fri	Tues	Thurs	Mon & Fri	Wed
WALLINGFORD, Market Place		11:15		WALLINGFORD Market Place	09:00	09:00	09:00	14:10	15:05
HENLEY Market Place			15:10	Wallingford station (LiDL)	09:03	09:03	09:03		
Continues as		133		Cholsey, The Meadows	09:07	09:07	09:07	14:14	15:09
GORING, Railway Station	07:57	11:33	15:50	Moulsford, Old Vicarage	09:10	09:10	09:10	R	R
Cleeve Scout Hut	08:00			Moulsford Beetle & Wedge	09:11	09:11	09:11	14:17	15:12
Swan Hotel/The Bull	08:04	11:35	R	Streatley, Primary School	09:16	09:16	09:16	14:22	15:17
Streatley, Primary School		11:37	R	Streatley, The Coombe (Top)				R	R
Streatley, The Coombe (Top)		R	R	Swan Hotel	09:18	09:18	09:18	14:24	15:19
Moulsford Beetle & Wedge	08:09	11:42	R	GORING Railway Station	09:23	09:23	09:23	14:30	15:25
Moulsford Old Vicarage		R	R	Continues as	134X		147/H1		
Cholsey, The Forty	08:16			HENLEY Market Place			10:10		
Wallingford station (LiDL)	08:23	11:51		WALLINGFORD Market Place	09:45				
WALLINGFORD Market Place	08:28	11:55		Please note the 09.00 from Wallingford does not run on Wednesdays			s		

NEW Service SATURDAYS from 7th September 2019 Starts as 134 134 Service number 133

Starts as	134	134	Service number	133		
WALLINGFORD, Market Place	12:05	15:50	WALLINGFORD Market Place	09:30		
Continues as	133	133	Wallingford station (LiDL)	09:33		
GORING, Railway Station	12:30	16:15	Cholsey, The Meadows	09:38		
Swan Hotel/The Bull	12:32	R	Moulsford, Old Vicarage	09:41		
Streatley, Primary School	R	R	Moulsford Beetle & Wedge	09:42		
Streatley, The Coombe (Top)	R	R	Streatley, Primary School	09:47		
Moulsford Beetle & Wedge	12:36	R	Swan Hotel	09:49		
Moulsford Old Vicarage	R	R	GORING Railway Station	09:55		
Cholsey, Papist Way (A329)	12:38		Continues as	134		
Wallingford station (LiDL)	12:43		WALLINGFORD Market Place	10:22		
WALLINGFORD Market Place	12:51					

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Fri Runs on certain days only - as shown in 'notes'

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Diary of Events—in Moulsford							
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	Event	<u>Venue</u>	More Info			
Weds 5th Feb	7.30pm	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	Pavilion	Everyone welcome.			
Fri 7th Feb	6.30pm	FRIDAY SOCIAL	Pavilion				
Weds 12th Feb	10.30am	COFFEE SHOP	Pavilion	For more information call Gail Slinger. 01491 651931 or gailslinger2601@gmail.com.			
Fri 6th Mar	6.30pm	FRIDAY SOCIAL	Pavilion				
Weds 11th Mar	7.30pm	EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING	Pavilion	Everyone welcome.			
Fri 20th Mar	7.30pm	QUIZ NIGHT	Pavilion	£10 per ticket to include Fish and Chip Supper. BYO drink and nibbles. Contact Twinks on 01491 651548 or twinkskerr5@gmail.com to book your place.			
Fri 3rd Apr	6.30pm	FRIDAY SOCIAL	Pavilion				

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