

## Parish Council Matters

Sarah Elvy

### Parish Council Report

MPC thoughts have turned to the May elections when a new parish council will be voted in along with our local district councillors. Of the current parish only two councillors are committed to standing for a second term, which means Moulsford will need three more councillors. If you are aged 18+ and interested in the opportunity to give some time and representation to your community but would like more insight to what it actually involves, please get in touch with any of the councillors or the clerk. All our contact details are on the back of Moulsford News.

In January we finalised our budget for 2023-24. This is later and took longer than previous years due to a number of issues. Firstly, the cost-of-living crisis with inflation currently running at over 10%, impacting us all and for MPC specifically the services we use. Secondly, we have had to dip into our reserves for some essential pavilion maintenance this year as the Pavilion usage and income has not yet returned to pre-pandemic levels. Also, the cost of running elections (parish and district) adds a significant cost to our budget, but is essential to ensure our parish keeps its independent voice. Finally, increased popularity of dog walking in Moulsford, particularly along the Thames Path, means we want to fund another bin for dog waste, but the cost for the collection has been increasing way more than inflation over the last couple of years.

All this means that, for the first time in 3 years, we have asked for an increase to our precept which will equate to an average of £10 per household per annum. It may be of interest to note that our precept will still be low in comparison to similar local parishes as Moulsford has always been able to rely on help from our many volunteers and local schools.

We have had positive responses to our proposal for a Moulsford Hundred Club (MHC) which will specifically raise funds for village projects whilst also providing some regular fun at Friday Night Socials and Wednesday Coffee Shops as we intend to split the draws between these two staples of village life. If you would like to be part of setting up the MHC please get in touch with the clerk or any of the councillors.

Wishing you all the best for 2023 and hope to see some of you – particularly if you are thinking of standing for the PC at the next election – at our remaining council meetings.

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### Becoming a councillor

The Oxford Association of Local Councils (OALC) has put together a one hour session which sets out the basics of being a councillor with the opportunity to ask questions as well.

**The sessions are one hour long, no need to book, on:**

**13th February 10-11am**

**15th March 2-3pm**

Zoom joining details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87125012109?pwd=VzZkYzkwajlqTTJSWEdrbmVxTUUs2QT09>

Meeting ID: 871 2501 2109

# Parish Council Matters continued

## What is a Parish Councillor - Sue Powell

I joined the Parish Council autumn 2021, being co-opted on when another member stepped down. I was already familiar with some of the work in the Parish Council, as my husband, Miles was involved with it for many years, and I was a bit apprehensive as to how I would get on. However, I was motivated to stand, like many Parish Councillors, to represent a specific issue – being a firm believer in if you don't agree with something, get involved to help resolve it! In my case, this was maintaining river access for everyone at the end of Ferry Lane.

Just over a year on, I have realised how slowly some things move in local government compared with business and have not yet achieved all that I would have liked to. However, I also have a better understanding of just how important the council is to the running of this village and what can be achieved with enthusiastic and committed councillors.

I have felt supported and encouraged by the other members of the Parish Council and am lucky enough to have been involved in all sorts of things during my time on the council, including most recently the Village Neighbourhood Planning statement (yes, it was me who sent out all the questionnaires) and the website (still in progress). It's a chance to be involved in village life and a way to keep Moulsoford special.

Without people stepping forward to take part in the council, we would be amalgamated with Cholsey ward and lose control over much of our autonomy, including planning, the Pavilion, and social events. So, as we near the end of the term for the current council, with many of the council stepping down, I would urge you to consider getting involved to ensure Moulsoford continues to thrive.

## Neighbourhood Planning Statement

After a busy Christmas, work has resumed on the Neighbourhood Planning Statement and we hope to be able to present our recommendations to the village late Feb/early March. More details to follow; so please keep an eye on the notice board by the recreation ground, our Moulsoford Facebook page, and next months Moulsoford News for more details.

## Planning Applications and Decisions

Moulsoford News and Planning deadlines invariably mean that the planning information below is out of date by the time of reading. For a current view of planning, please visit the online planning portal here:

<http://www.moulsoford-pc.org.uk/community/moulsoford-on-thames-15214/planning-applications/>

P22/S4359/HH P22/S4362/LB Hillside Moulsoford OX10 9JG	Proposed single storey extension and associated alterations.	
P22/S4300/FUL Land north of No 1 Cranford Cottages Moulsoford	New access road on land north of No 1 Cranford Cottages (additional highways information received 10 January 2023).	
P23/S0110/HH P23/S0112/LB Breach House Halfpenny Lane Cholsey OX10 9JN	Proposed alterations and extensions to the dwelling. Erection of a garage.	

Delayed new year greetings for this first events update of 2023!

It seems a long time since our Christmas Gala and Social, which were both a great festive success. A very big thank you to Jo Haywood, Indie Blackwell, and all their team of events elves for setting up the Gala, and to all the team (Santa's helpers little and large) for setting up the Christmas Social. A truly lovely time. I would also like to thank local artist Martin Hayward-Harris for contributing some special pieces for the auction at the Gala.

All the hard work of organisers, volunteer helpers and indeed the support of all attending not just these wonderful events, but all throughout 2022, has meant that our community events have made a significant financial contribution to the Parish Council, which is particularly important after a tough couple of years for our Pavilion with the pandemic. Your support helps keep the village wheels turning, thank you.

We have to strike a balance of costs with attendance though; we need people to come along and enjoy some drinks from time to time. We held a January winter social, with those that came having a lovely evening with a delivery of fish & chips as well as the usual bar, but with attendance overall being low, we have decided sadly not to run winter socials in February and March.

This means our next event will be the ever popular Quiz night on Friday 24th March, from 7.30pm for 8pm start. It's bring your own drinks, but fish and chips served on the night. Call Twinks on 651548 to book your team a table.

Another traditional favourite, the kids' Easter Egg Hunt will be on Easter Sunday on 9th April; meet by the Pavilion 10.30am.

Our Friday socials season will launch on 21st April with the Bangers & Bubbles night, and we'll be there every Friday from then on.

Not long after, we have a historic special occasion taking place with the King's Coronation and celebrations. Now we know the format and calendar, the Events team as you read this are planning how we'll mark this occasion in Moulsford. Please do keep Sunday 7th of May free and watch out for our updates.

Other events to look forwards to are the return of the Thames boat trip, probably 16th June, and we're also aiming to hold a comedy night in the autumn, something we've never done before.

It's a varied year ahead, we're excited about it and hope you all are too! Keep an eye on our updates right here in Moulsford News, or on the Village Facebook page, and we look forwards to welcoming you!



## Corporate Plan Performance Report

[Second Quarter](#)

## Climate Action Plan Performance Report

[Second Quarter](#)

## Cost of Living

The Council has produced a useful guide to help residents struggling with the rising cost of living. Please could you circulate this among your residents and make it available in public places:

<https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/cost-of-living-crisis-advice-and-support/>

And as ever, please direct residents to our Community Hub where officers can guide residents to the support that is available: 01235 422 600 or [communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk)

## Household Support Fund 3 opens in January

The council is opening a third round of the Household Support Fund in January to support households who can't afford essentials over the winter months. Support will be tailored to individual needs but will focus on food and fuel vouchers. Details of eligibility will be published on our Cost-of-Living website pages. Please direct people to our [South website](#) for details, [email our Community Hub](#) or call them on 01235 422600.

## Rough Sleeping and Housing Support

The Council is receiving growing numbers of reports of people rough sleeping in the District and we can expect these numbers to increase further. Our Housing Team are expert at supporting people who are homeless or are at risk of homelessness and our Council follows the Housing First approach: first provide people with a roof over their heads and additional support follows. [About Housing First | Housing First England \(homeless.org.uk\)](#)

Please contact: [housing@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:housing@southandvale.gov.uk) or call 01235 422 452 or let us know if you would like to discuss a housing issue or have concerns about a resident who is homeless or about to be.

## Homes for Ukraine: discretionary £500 payment for hosts

A one-off emergency discretionary support payment of £500 will be offered to hosts under the Homes for Ukraine scheme where we identify a significant and urgent need. The payments will be made directly to guests through our Community Hub in the form of a cash or retail voucher depending on their needs and circumstances.

This is not an automatic additional payment to all guests, and it won't be made where other schemes/funds are available to assist the guest e.g. housing deposits. If you come across anyone who needs help, please direct them to [email our Community Hub](#) or call them on 01235 422600.

## New measures to tackle Bird Flu

The government has introduced [mandatory measures to help prevent the spread of Bird Flu this winter](#). Bird keepers are now required to keep all poultry and captive birds indoors and to follow stringent biosecurity measures, regardless of type or size. People are advised to follow [this guidance](#) and [latest information](#) to ensure birds are being housed indoors safely.

## Draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

Just before Christmas the government published its long-awaited prospectus for revising the NPPF for consultation and the [link is here](#).

The consultation ends on 2 March 2023. The government says it will respond to this consultation by Spring 2023, publishing the framework revisions as part of this, with a view to making policy changes take effect as soon as possible.

## Time to plan the right future for our districts

South Oxfordshire and Vale of the White Horse District Councils have agreed a revised timetable for the creation of their Joint Local Plan, which seeks to deliver the councils' ambitions for zero-carbon, sustainable development and genuinely affordable homes in the districts up to the year 2041.

The plan's timetable had previously been scheduled around the creation of the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 – a county-wide plan being produced by all of Oxfordshire's planning authorities, which would have set housing numbers and decided the broad locations for larger-scale developments. The five Oxfordshire councils were unable to reach agreement on the approach to planning for future housing needs and so they mutually agreed that it was best to end work on the county-wide plan. While continuing to cooperate the councils will tackle all these issues locally through their own Local Plans.

The Cabinets at South and Vale have therefore both agreed to adjust the timetable for their Joint Local Plan work, to allow time to carry out local versions of the work that would have been carried out as part of the Oxfordshire Plan 2050. The new timetable for the Joint Local Plan allows South and Vale to assess the need for housing at a local level. It also allows both councils to shape and develop even stronger policies on climate and ecological action that could lead the way nationally.

Work to understand local views on the future of the districts has already begun. In May 2022, both councils launched a [joint consultation using interactive maps](#) and an easy-to-use survey that was met with a great response. This innovative approach has been praised by government as an exemplar for other authorities to use.

The new timetable is a renewed focus on housing that is appropriate for our district and the councils will work with communities and leave space in the planning policy framework for neighbourhood plans to make decisions that are right for their areas recognising that it is important for our residents that their communities come first. It also gives councils more time to be much more robust when talking important issues like the climate emergency. The Councils will still be able to use much of the collaborative work produced as part of the Oxfordshire Plan 2050, as well as the Oxfordshire Strategic Vision that sets a series of guiding principles for 'good growth'.

Both councils agreed the revised timeline for the Joint Local Plan at Cabinet meetings in December as part of an item to update the Local Development Scheme (LDS), which sets out what the development plan consists of and contains the timetable for the production of the new Joint Local Plan. The full LDS is available on the South [Oxfordshire District Council website](#).

## Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule

South Oxfordshire District Council has formally adopted its revised [Community Infrastructure Levy](#) (CIL) Charging Schedule, which came into effect on 3 January 2023. The updated schedule will increase the amount of CIL developers are required to pay on new development and introduces a levy for developments including student housing, build to rent housing and elderly person's accommodation which are currently exempt from charges.

The revised Developer Contributions [Supplementary Planning Document](#) (SPD) will also come into effect on 3 January to support the updated CIL Charging Schedule and provide further guidance on how the Council will secure developer contributions through section 106 agreements.

If you'd like any further information, please contact the Planning Policy Team on 01235 422600 or email [planning.policy@southoxon.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@southoxon.gov.uk).

## Nearly £900,000 given to local communities for local improvements

South Oxfordshire District Council has released almost £900,000 to help pay for local community improvements in the district in the six months April-October 2022. The funds came from a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – money that's collected from developers as a condition of their planning permission to build new homes in the area.

Since April, the district council has paid out £870,440 to local councils that have new developments built in their parishes. £847,945 of CIL funding was identified in the district council's performance report for their first financial quarter, and since its publication, a further £22,495 has been given to Warborough Parish Council after new homes were built in the village. Read more: <https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/uncategorised/nearly-900000-given-to-local-communities-for-local-improvements/>

## New Housing Delivery Strategy and Plan for More Affordable Homes

This is an exciting one for our administration and will see us building momentum behind council and community housing schemes.

A new housing delivery strategy and action plan was agreed by Cabinet Members at South Oxfordshire District Council at a meeting earlier this month. As part of the plans, the council hopes to deliver some of their own social housing in the future to help residents on lower incomes access safe and secure affordable housing.

The delivery strategy will also help the council's aims to tackle the climate emergency to reduce carbon emissions by encouraging developers to use sustainable materials while building well-designed energy efficient housing. It also aims to encourage housing providers and residents to access grant funding to help retrofit their homes to reduce their carbon footprint.

The action plan will look at how the council can help community led housing initiatives to build new homes and, where appropriate, provide grant funding and developer contributions to help make the schemes financially viable.

This builds on the work the council has already done to provide funds to support new homes. Earlier this year the council gave £1.2 million towards the cost of creating new affordable housing in Henley and Thame. In Wheatley, 12 zero carbon affordable homes are set to be built with help from the council. Along with the strategy a further £2m in capital funds was approved to go towards council housing. Read the new Housing Delivery Strategy and Action Plan [click here](#).

### **New approach for community health and well-being**

A new strategy has been adopted introducing a new approach to health and wellbeing developed by both South Oxfordshire and Vale of the White Horse District Councils, to help their residents come together to take part in sport, health and recreational activities that improve their physical and mental wellbeing, while forging stronger social links within the local communities.

To read more about the Active Communities Strategy [follow the link](#) to the council's webpage.

### **"Park and Charge" scheme wins an award!**

We are pleased to report that the Park and Charge scheme that put 124 electric vehicle chargers in 10 of the council-run car parks across both districts has won an excellence award, called an "Evie". Evidence is showing that the charging bays are being used more and more; our foresight in installing infrastructure before demand outstrips supply has been widely praised.

### **New tree roles for the councils**

We have collaborated with the other Oxfordshire local authorities to create two new community tree and woodland planting roles. The two new recruits will work to increase tree cover across the county through training volunteers and community woodland creation activities.

**For Council news webpage with links to news pages, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and register for email alerts [click here](#)**

**To sign up for Planning news alerts [click here](#)**



We are now into a new year full of opportunities and no doubt a challenge or two along the way. Almost a month has passed since we all marked Christmastide with our own differing traditions of celebrations. A very special thanks to our young people who excelled themselves at the Carols for the Village gathering in church just before Christmas. Over the past few years we have observed and applauded their growing skills and confidence as they sang, danced, read poems or bible passages to us in the church with the backdrop of glowing candles adding to that extra special occasion. Thank you also to all the Mums and Dads who no doubt had to cope with all the frustrations of practices both at home and in church along the way. It was good to be able to celebrate the young people's achievements and acknowledge all their hard work that enabled us all to enjoy the evening as part of our preparations for that holy season. Our thanks also to Twinks and Jill for coordinating the event.

It is almost exactly a year since we said goodbye to Andrew and Lynda Petit and wished them a fulfilling and happy retirement after his long ministry with the Benefice. We are very much looking forward to a welcoming Rev'd Rebecca Peters, husband Daniel and daughters Ruth and Hannah into our midst very soon now. We are rapidly approaching **Rebecca's licensing to be held at St Mary's Church Cholsey on Monday 20th February at 7:30 p.m.** If you plan to come along to this important service please contact the Cholsey Parish office (01491 651812 or [mail@cholseychurch.plus.com](mailto:mail@cholseychurch.plus.com)) to let them know that you will be attending as the deadline for confirming attendance is Monday 6th February. We hope during the coming weeks to see more of the Peters family as they explore their new surroundings and get to know us all. As the year progresses and as their time permits we hope they will be able to join in some of our village activities. So a busy and exciting change for us all.

At church we are approaching Shrove Tuesday pancakes (21st February) and then quickly passing on to Ash Wednesday (22nd February) that marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is the period of reflection and preparations culminating in the ultimate sacrifice of Christ's crucifixion and of course the glories of Easter. We will be having a short midweek communion service on Wednesday mornings throughout Lent beginning at 8:15am for all those not rushing off to work or other activities so do join us if you are free. The service is followed by a communal breakfast if that's a little softener for the early start!

Last year we explored the idea of making a collage of village events to mark 2022. We saw dramatic changes nationally alongside some of our traditional village events. If you would like to help with this village project do please get in touch so we can truly remember what a significant year it was for us all and have a permanent summary of all that makes our community special. I know some people are already hard at work doing their sections but it would be really great if we were able to encourage more people to join us either to help with design or even sew, so don't be shy (651401).

Another new venture starting on Wednesday 1st February. There will be an opportunity for Coffee and Chat at the Old Vicarage from 10:30 - 12:00. This will hopefully be a weekly event except on 2nd Wednesdays of the month when the Coffee Shop is available at the Pavilion. So if you would like to join us for a chat in the warm and would like help to get there please contact 651401 and we will arrange to collect you. Why not give a go...!

Hopefully next month you will be reading a message from Rebecca - another additional activity yet to be explored with her - so my thanks for coping with my chat each month and hope to see you all around and about in the days and weeks ahead.

Janet



# St. John the Baptist, Moulsoford, Feb / Mar

## February

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1 10:30 Coffee & Chat Old Vicarage; 14:30 House Groups contact 651401	2 19:00 House Groups contact 077 65 440014	3	4	5 09:30 Common Worship Order 2 Traditional Fr Martyn Griffiths
6 11:00 Keep Fit Cholsey Meadows Contact 599 433	7	8 10:30 Coffee Shop Pavilion 14:30 House Groups contact 651401	9 19:00 House Groups contact 077 65 440014	10	11	12 09:30 Rev'd Chris Stott/Laity Rev'd Hannah Reynolds 18:30 Youth Club Laurence Hall, Cholsey
13 11:00 Keep Fit Cholsey Meadows Contact 599 433	14	15 10:30 Coffee & Chat Old Vicarage; 14:30 House Groups contact 651401	16 19:00 House Groups contact 077 65 440014	17	18	19 09:30 Common Worship (Contemporary) Rev'd Alan Gates
20 11:00 Keep Fit Cholsey Meadows Contact 599 433. 21:30 Licensing Service, Cholsey Church	21 08:50 Cranford HS Yr 5&6	1 Ash Wednesday 08:15 Service; 10:30 Coffee & Chat Old Vicarage. 14:30 House Groups contact 651401	2 19:00 House Groups contact 077 65 440014	3 09:30 L Team Glebe Close	4	5 09:30 Common Worship (Contemporary) Rev'd Chris Stott
27 08:40 Cranford HS Yr9 09:05 Cranford HS Yr 3&4 11:00 Keep Fit Cholsey Meadows Contact 599 433	28 08:40 Cranford HS Yr7					

## March

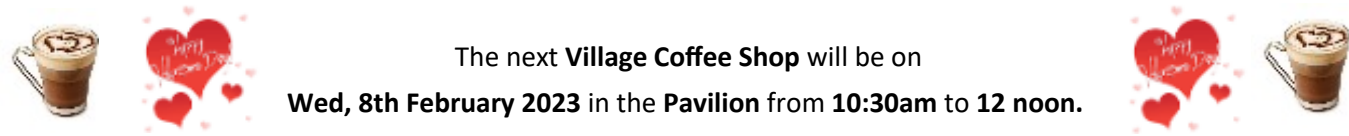
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A short morning service is available each day in conjunction with our Partnership Parish of St. Phillip the Apostle, Huhudi, SA by Zoom, WhatsApp and e-mail. Contact Janet Knowles 651401 for further details.

# What's on in Moulsoford and Surrounding Areas

## Monthly Coffee Shop

Gail Slinger



The next **Village Coffee Shop** will be on  
**Wed, 8th February 2023** in the **Pavilion** from **10:30am** to **12 noon**.

Please come and join us, bring a friend, neighbour or family member, we would love to see you all and have a chat. Please put your name on our Calendar Rota for 'Putting the Kettle on'; there is always help on hand if you need it.

February is the month which is all about Chocolate, Love, Hearts and Valentines. So expect chocolate treats with your lovely Coffee and Teas.

Putting the kettle on in February will be two of our wonderful men, **Gary & Trevor**. I recall a **FABULOUS** coffee service from them both at a previous coffee shop last year.

Well, what can I say about the January Coffee Shop, once again **AMAZING**, we had 30 great people to serve, well not me, but the **AMAZING Janet and Twinks** and the cakes served were **Melt in your Mouth delicious**.  
**WELL DONE LADIES.**

So lovely Moulsoford residents, friends and family we look forward to seeing you in February at the pavilion.

- Future Dates**  
8th March - Liz & Gary  
12th April - Volunteer Please

### Wallingford Country Market



It's Seville Orange Marmalade time at Wallingford Country Market, one of our bestselling preserves, which will be on sale from February along with all our other regular products. Orders can be placed for most items sold.

If you haven't already done so, please come and visit us one Friday morning between 9.30 a.m. – 12 noon in St. Mary-le-More Church situated behind the Town Hall. You may be surprised at what you will find.

We are always looking for new producers to enhance the variety of what we have to offer. If you have any of the above skills and would like to join our team we would love to hear from you. Bakers and Gardeners in particular would be much welcomed.

Please contact our Market Manager, Alison Broadbridge, (01491-681596) for further information, or pop into market one Friday morning and speak with her, or any of the producers. We look forward to seeing you.

WALLINGFORD COUNTRY MARKET COMMITTEE

## Cholsey Repair Café

Our repair café scheme continues to grow in capability, numbers of helpers, and the variety of projects we can attempt. Our underlying aims are to pass on repair skills, advise, and reduce the amount of waste going to our council dumps.

On the other hand, our success has led to repair sessions being very busy indeed, sometimes leading to unavoidably long waits for attention and we won't be advertising quite as widely for the foreseeable future — although if you're reading this it means that we're still happy to see you.

We regularly attract customers from communities that ought to be capable of starting repair cafés of their own and we would like to see new schemes, however small, opening throughout South Oxfordshire. If anyone reading this would like to learn how we go about operating Cholsey Repair Café (CRC), I would be delighted to share our knowledge and experiences.

The next CRC session will be held at the Cholsey Pavilion between 11.00 and 13.45 on Saturday 18th March 2023.

Ian Wheeler  
Co-ordinator

## Spinning Club - Social Craft

Moulsford craft group meets on the 2nd Thursday of the Month and would like to invite anyone who already does crafting or would like to start crafting to join us.

It is a very sociable and informal meeting and everyone is made to feel welcome.

We meet between 6.30 and 10pm.

For more information, call  
Linda Scurr on 652916.

## **GOING FORWARD BUSES**

Including revised service from 28th November 2022

### **133 Goring - Wallingford via Streatley & Moulsford**

		<b>Until 25th November 2022</b>				<b>From 28th November 2022</b>	
<b>Days of Operation</b>		<b>Tues</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Fridays</b>	<b>Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays</b>	
<b>Starts from</b>		<b>R'DING</b>	<b>CLEEVE</b>	<b>HENLEY</b>			
GORING, Railway Stn Forecourt		10:25	09:00	11:08	10:25	09:18	11:40
Goring Surgery/Library		10:26	09:01	11:09	10:26	09:19	11:41
Swan Hotel/Streatley Traffic Lights		10:28	09:03	11:11	10:28	09:21	11:43
Moulsford Beetle & Wedge turn		10:31	09:07	11:15	10:31	09:24	11:46
Moulsford, Old Vicarage		10:32	R	R	10:32	09:25	R
Wallingford Hospital		R	09:12	11:20	R	R	11:50
Wallingford LIDL						R	
WALLINGFORD Market Place		10:45	09:20	11:30	10:45	09:39	11:58
<b>Continues to</b>			<b>DIDCOT</b>		<b>WTON</b>		
<b>Starts from</b>			<b>DIDCOT</b>			<b>DIDCOT*</b>	
WALLINGFORD Market Place		12:00	10:40	13:05	12:00	11:15	14:05
Wallingford LIDL						Q	Q
Wallingford Hospital		12:01	10:41	13:06	12:01	Q	Q
The Meadows		12:04	10:44	13:09	12:04	11:19	14:09
Moulsford, Old Vicarage		R	R	R	R	R	R
Moulsford Beetle & Wedge turn		12:07	10:46	13:11	12:07	11:22	14:12
Streatley Primary School		R	R	R	R	R	R
Streatley, The Coombe		R	R	R	R	R	R
Streatley Traffic Lights/Swan Hotel		12:10	10:49	R	12:10	11:25	14:15
GORING, Railway Stn Forecourt		12:20	11:00	R	12:20	11:35	14:25
<b>Continues to</b>		<b>W'FORD</b>	<b>CLEEVE</b>	<b>HENLEY</b>			

\* To or from Didcot on Mondays and Wednesdays only  
**DFL** Dorchester Flyer: to or from Dorchester village **WTON** To Watlington via Home Park, RAF Benson & Ewelme  
 Q Picks up here on request only by prior arrangement with the driver on the outward journey  
 R Sets down only at these points on request to the driver by passengers already on board at previous timing point

### **Sorry, no services on other days or on Public Holidays**

**All times subject to change at short notice. Please check our website before you travel. Times shown on Traveline or other websites may not be up to date.**

**CONCESSIONARY PASS HOLDERS**  
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## Cholsey Community Library

Monday to Friday 2pm to 4.30pm

Friday Evening 6pm to 8pm

Saturday Morning 9.30pm-12.30pm

## Wallingford Local Producers Market



Held every Saturday  
from 10am to 12.30pm in St Mary's Church

WLPM hosts the best of locally-produced food and crafts that are grown, harvested and made within 30 miles of Wallingford. We champion local farmers and vegetable growers, cheese-makers, bakers, and makers of honey and preserves. Every market has a range of craft stalls including textiles, jewellery, ceramics, art and photography, all hand-made by local people.

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## Repair more in 2023!



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### Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023

11 am to 1.45 pm at Cholsey Pavilion.

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Which volunteer skills are ✓ available\* this month?

- |                       |                           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
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| ✓ ultrasonic cleaning | ✓ mechanical problems     |

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**[www.cholseyrepaircafe.com](http://www.cholseyrepaircafe.com)**

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## THE COFFEE SHOP



**WEDS 8th February**

**10.30AM-12NOON**

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## What's On at the Corn Exchange in Wallingford, Cinema/Theatre:

### February Calendar

Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance with Somebody  
31st Jan - 1st Feb (7.30 - 9.45pm)  
1st Feb (Matinee 2.30 - 4.45pm)

NT Live - The Crucible  
2nd Feb (7.00 - 10.30pm)

Midsomer Murders: Death of a Hollow Man  
3rd Feb (7.30 - 9.30pm) FREE

Avatar, The Way of Water  
4th Feb (Matinee 2.30 - 5.45pm), (7.30 - 10.45pm)

A Man called Otto  
5th - 7th Feb (7.30 - 9.45pm)  
8th (Matinee 2.30 - 4.45pm)

Enys Men  
8th Feb (7.30 - 9.15pm)

Empire of the Light  
10th Feb (7.30 - 9.45pm)  
12th, 13th Feb (7.30 - 9.45pm)

Tar  
11th, 14th Feb (7.30 - 10.15pm)  
15th (Matinee 2.30 - 5.15pm)

The Royal Opera: The Barber of Seville  
15th Feb (7pm - 10.45pm) LIVE

The Fablemans  
17th - 20th Feb (7.30 - 10.15pm)

Blue Jean  
21st, 22nd, 24th Feb (7.30 - 9.15pm)

Othello  
23rd Feb (7.00 - 10.30pm) NT LIVE

### March Calendar

Sinodun Players - Chess The Musical  
7th - 11th Mar (7.45 - 10.30pm)

## HENLEY AND DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

Spring is starting and the days are getting longer.

At the Henley stamp club, we are preparing for our annual auction where you will be able to obtain fantastic material. This year we can proudly announce that we have over 800 lots of excellent quality. Come along to our preview meeting on February 22nd 2023 for what will be auctioned on March 8th.



To learn more about stamps and postal history why not visit us at Bix one Wednesday evening? You can then meet people who find postal history and the story of stamps fascinating too.

Wednesday 8th February – We have a guest speaker to show aspects of “Tasmania”

Wednesday 22nd February – Pre-view evening for the auction on the 8th. March evening.

Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at Bix Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Visitors and new members are very welcome.

Further details can be obtained by phoning Brian on 01491 681739 or on our website: -

[www.henleyphilatelic.org.uk](http://www.henleyphilatelic.org.uk)

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## Time to get walking again!

With Spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Oxfordshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/oxfordshire> has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said ‘There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Oxfordshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you’.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!



# Elli the Gardener



## Gardening Diary

Hello! I haven't done much for the last few months, but here is my plan for the next few months. At the start of February I think it would be nice to plant some snowdrops. In February/March I'll go for broad beans and Shallots. In early spring I would love to have some salad stuff like rocket, mizuna and pak choi, as they are great snacks in the summer. I also got a lovely new gardening log book for Christmas (See image), where I am recording everything I plan. Carry on reading for the quiz!



## Gardening Quiz

1. True or false: All plants need the same type of nutrient rich soil.
2. What is not a type of soil? Peaty, sandy, dirty or silty?
3. Is spinach annual or perennial?
4. Which plants need more sun, bigger leaves or smaller leaves?
5. Are moths pollinating insects?

### Gardening Tip

Put water out for the birds, as other sources have frozen over.

### Fun Fact!

I have introduced a new category, Fun Fact, so now I will alternate between gardening tip and challenge every month. This week's fun fact is incredible. Did you know that in the 1600s, tulip bulbs in Holland were worth more than gold? Isn't that absolutely crazy?

## Answers for the last quiz

1. Roses like rich, loam based compost.
2. Peas are annual plants.
3. Almonds are in the family rosaceae.
4. Yes, broccoli and brussel sprouts are both in the family Brassicaceae.
5. Saffron comes from the saffron crocus.



## February Set Menu

**Monday to Thursday – Lunch & Dinner**

**2 courses £20 / 3 courses £25**

**Add a 175ml glass of house wine £30**

### Starters

Roast cauliflower soup, chive oil, thyme focaccia *gfo/dfo*

Chicken Caesar salad, soft boiled egg, truffle croutons *gfo/dfo*

Potted duck & chicken, pickled heritage veg, apricot *gfo*

### Mains

Cornish crab & chilli linguine, lemon & Parmesan sauce, crispy kale *dfo*

Pulled pork stew, sour cream mash, sauteed hispi & bacon *gf/dfo*

Crispy beetroot gnocchi, broccoli & hazelnut, harrissa cream *gfo*

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# Tree Time

Hello all and welcome back to another Tree Time Interview.

I am MEGA excited about this article, because I am doing the Giant Redwood tree!

This tree, (In Latin it is *Sequoiadendron Giganteum*) is humongous, and known to be the biggest tree in the world out of trees already discovered. So let's get started! Bottom to top this time.

So starting with its huge trunk; the bark can be very thick, up to 30 cm, so roughly 1 foot, and quite soft and fibrous. It has an unusual bright red-brown color when freshly exposed. Hence the name 'Redwood'.

1)



2)



Up we go!

We will move straight onto the crown of the tree as I would like to do a little quiz at the end of the Tree Time.

It is formed in a conical shape, covered in slightly drooping branches. The leaves of the Redwood aren't leaves, but actually needles.

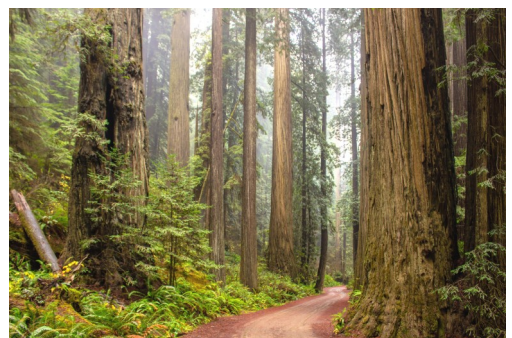
Let's pop in a few fun facts here and there...

The largest Redwood tree recorded was a whopping 84 meters tall and 11.1 meters wide!

And also the oldest living Redwood tree lived for more than 3,200 years.

Insane right?

3)



4)



Alright, now for the quiz I promised earlier:

What is another name for a Mountain Ash?

What is the crown of a tree?

Why is the London Plane called a London Plane?

True or False: 'Hornbeam' in old English stands for 'Hard Tree'.

Name me 10 different Trees.

## Moulsford News Contributions

Planning a local event?

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Date	Event	Location
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24th March	19:30 Quiz Night	Moulsford Pavilion
9th April	10:30 Easter Egg Hunt	Moulsford Pavilion
12th April	10:30 Coffee Shop	Moulsford Pavilion
21st April	18:30 First Friday Social (Bangers and Bubbles)	Moulsford Pavilion
7th May	King's Coronation and Celebration	TBC
16th June	TBC - Thames Boat Trip	TBC