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Moulsford Events

Nigel Baker

Good day everyone, well, here we are still in restrictions! As the newly appointed Chair of the Events Committee, I am very much hoping we can have a Covid regulation free summer post July 19th and get back to proper business. As you can imagine, it's been challenging for all concerned in starting up the running of Events, and many thanks to all the team that have helped get things going and also, many thanks to all those who've come along so far. Having to run outdoors, we are at the mercy of the elements, hence some cancellations - which is frustrating, but unavoidable at present. I would urge people to keep an eye on the village Facebook page for our updates; not only is it great if someone's lost a cat say, but we get the message out with our news to keep you posted about upcoming events.

On behalf of the Committee and the village, I would like to say thank you to the outgoing chair, David Reynolds, who has worked hard to keep the ship sailing over the past years. I've been a villager of Moulsford for quite a while, and reckon it's a lovely village with great people. Indeed, I would say we all have won the lottery of life living here. With that mind, it's vital that we have our Friday nights, which are attended by a great mix of people all ages, backgrounds and professions. So, if you're a first timer or just haven't been for a while, you are most welcome to come and be a part of this lovely weekly social occasion.

Most importantly as well as being part of the social glue of the village, the funds we raise this year will be going

to the Recreation Ground project and also to help ensure the upkeep of the Pavilion. We are working on a calendar of events, keeping an eye on national developments and also hopefully following home nations' progress in the Euros; our thanks to Jon Swain and the SPC Group team for the kind donation of screen and equipment to support our being able to show matches. Looking further ahead we hope to confirm details of a Christmas Gala Night soon, watch this space... In the meantime, on behalf of the Events Committee, we hope to see you soon!

2nd July - Camping on the green and hot chocolate delivered to your tents!

16th July - Rounders night. Pit your skills against the best in the village and bring home a prize!

23rd July - Bangers and Bubbles*. Come along for a BBQ and glass of bubbly and catch up with friends.

6th August* - Cream teas. Enjoy delicious cakes and scones at the pavilion. Grab your boater, blazer or tea dress, we may even have music!

10th Sept - Dog show for all our waggy friends.

17th Sept - Wildlife BBQ. A Moulsford classic!* subject to change should Covid restrictions not be removed.

Survival of the Moulsford News.....

You will have seen we have been trying for many months now to find a successor to take on the editing of the Moulsford News. There is going to become a point very soon where it will become nonviable should no one step forward to take over. Should you have the slightest thought that this may be something you could do, please get in touch for a no obligation informal chat where I can explain what is required. In short; a couple of hours a month, access to a PC, confident using basic computer software and a keen eye for detail.

Please contact Bernadette on 07812601975 or moulsfordnews@moulsford-pc.org.uk.

Parish Council Report

Well, we are now past mid-summer and while the nights are light, it seems the weather has some catching up to do. Nevertheless, another busy summer is anticipated by the riverside. With this in mind, it's timely to mention that the Parish Council has continued to liaise with residents, the team at the Beetle & Wedge, Oxfordshire County Council Highways, the Environment Agency and others regarding river access, parking concerns, the visibility of the Thames Path and other matters. Our new Councillor at OCC (representing Benson & Cholsey), Felix Bloomfield, also visited recently to take a look at the riverside and hear about things first hand.

For villagers planning to enjoy some river time this summer, river access and public parking remains unchanged. Parking spaces by Beetle & Wedge House are for public use, being on the highway. River access and public mooring are to the left of the outside seating area.

Elsewhere in the village, we have some good news on the Recreation Ground project: we are very pleased to have been granted a community tree pack by the Woodland Trust as part of their campaign to get trees planted for the Queen's Jubilee year. We'll be getting our 105 saplings in November, which will be planted to improve hedging and thicken up existing wooded areas, plus we'll pick some for stand-alone trees. We plan to arrange a planting day with the Events Committee so that everyone can come along and dig in.

It's been great to see the Pavilion open once again to hirers and village events back up and running thanks to the hard work of the Pavilion Management and Events Committee teams. We welcome Nigel Baker as the new Chair of the Events Committee and say thank you very much to the outgoing Chair, Dave Reynolds for all his efforts. Apart from getting folks back together again, Events this season will be fundraising towards the Rec Project, in particular for new benches so that we all have plenty of opportunities to sit and enjoy the views around our lovely Rec.

We wish you all a fantastic summer and hopefully when we write again in the autumn, restrictions will have been lifted at last and we'll have had the chance to get back together fully with family and friends. Perhaps some of us will even have managed a proper holiday.... Our fingers are firmly crossed!

Moulsford Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) Broadband

This is a follow-up on my previous communication where I explained that we had supplied Openreach with a list of sample Moulsford addresses and asked them to survey and then estimate what the cost of building the necessary infrastructure would be.

openreach

I have now had the survey costs through from **Openreach** which shows an infrastructure build cost of around £830 per premises. That cost is dependent on all properties in the village signing up.

If only half the premises signed up that cost would rise proportionately to £1660.

Obviously, the expectation is that these costs are not sustainable as we entered into research on FTTP on the basis that villagers could receive vouchers to offset all or the bulk of the capital costs. As you may recall we were thwarted on this by a change in government rules earlier this year that removed Moulsford's eligibility to benefit from them.

I was also hoping to get more positive news about the other potential supplier, Airband. They are supposed to be building in June for properties previously commissioned but have been vague about supporting a village-wide solution on the basis that they are already pretty busy on building infrastructure in various other points around Oxfordshire and elsewhere.



However, that has given our friends in the Oxfordshire County Council Digital Infrastructure Programme scope to appeal against the decision not to award us voucher eligibility on the basis that there is no real competition to provide FTTP in our village which was one of the reasons used to rule us out.

I will keep everyone posted on developments.

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From the Vicar Andrew Petit

My Dear Friends,

At present my wife and I are going through the joys of selling one house in Salisbury, and buying another in Nettlebed for when we retire early next year. They say that buying and selling a house is one of the most stressful things you can go through in life and no doubt every transaction has its own particular challenges. For us, it is trying to get everything completed by the end of June, so that we can take advantage of Rishi Sunak's stamp duty holiday, and then discovering that half the roof will need to be replaced plus various other costly major works, to ensure that the house is wind and waterproof.

It would be very easy to get highly stressed by such challenges and I must confess that when the surveyor's report first arrived, I did find myself waking up in the small hours and fretting for a while. It has been very timely therefore that our current church preaching and home-group programme has required me to preach on the subject of inner peace, which the Bible calls one of the *"fruit of the Spirit"*.

When I'm anxious, I don't find it particularly helpful for people to give me unfounded optimistic aphorisms like "everything happens for a reason", although I appreciate that it is kindly meant. However, the Bible does give some very helpful and practical advice.

First, look squarely in the face at the worst that could happen. Sometimes it is not as terrible as you might first think; but even if it is, this helps you to count the cost, which in turn helps you to decide what needs to be done.

Secondly, keep things in perspective. Often even the very worst that we might be facing is so small compared to the problems that so many in our world are facing today. This links with the next thing, which is:

Thirdly, count your blessings and be grateful for all the good things both in your life generally, but also in the particular situation. There may well be many ways in which it could be so much worse and often even in the worst of situations there are good things or good people helping and supporting, to be grateful for.

Finally, Jesus reminds us that we have a heavenly Father, who loves us and cares for us and is with us at all times. This means we can in our hearts turn to him to share our worries and fears and to ask for all the wisdom, stamina, and peace of mind that we need. As St Paul puts it: *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.*

I have to say that for me personally, all of this really helps.

So, whatever you are going through at the moment, I wish you a very peaceful summer.

With warmest regards,

Andrew Petit, Vicar of Moulsford

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Church Services Jul/Aug 2021

4 th July	5 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Parish Communion	In church
11 th July	6 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Parish Communion Faith explored	In church
18 th July	7 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Parish Communion	In church
25 th July	8 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Morning Praise	In church
1 st August	9 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Parish Communion	In church

8 th August	10 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Parish Communion Faith explored	In church
15 th August	11 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Parish Communion	In church
22 nd August	12 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Morning Praise	In church
29 th August	13 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Joint Parish Communion with Cholsey	In church
2 nd September	14 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Parish Communion	In church

For those who cannot attend church services in person, there will continue to be services broadcast by Zoom at 9.45am each Sunday. For details of how to attend these services online please contact the Vicar, andrewpetit@virginmedia.com

Planning Applications & Decisions

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

here: http://www.moulsford-pc.org.uk/community/moulsford-15214/planning-tracker/			
P21/S2552/HH Garden Lodge, Halfpenny Lane, Cholsey, OX10 9JN	Extension to side and front elevations of dwelling house.	MPC Considering. SODC Considering.	
P21/S2314/O Beetle And Wedge House, Ferry Lane, Moulsford, OX10 9JF	Erection of new dwelling & demolition of existing extension comprising a study	MPC Considering. SODC Considering. NB - Deadline for responses extended to 6th July.	
P21/S1636/HH 24 Underhill, Moulsford, OX10 9JH	Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of single storey extension to side of house.	MPC Considering. SODC Considering.	

DID YOU KNOW...? You can find out about local planning applications and decisions as soon as they arise by setting up email alerts via SODC's website. You can set up the alerts here or search on www.southoxon.gov.uk for planning alerts and click on the link.

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 email:

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For advertising contact Emma Reynolds at: reynolds743@btinternet.com

Deadline for September edition Weds 25th August 2021

The residents of Ferry Lane along with Ben from The Beetle & Wedge are working together with Jane Murphy of SODC and Felix Bloomfield County Councillor with a view to addressing indiscriminate car parking. With the Fire Service we are already addressing the safety aspects of Emergency Vehicle access and additionally we would welcome residents and readers views with any solutions to ease this problem.

On behalf of all these bodies we would welcome your suggestions via tombune@btinternet.com or telephone 01491 651801.

Monthly Coffee Shop

Gail Slinger



The next **Village Coffee** is on **Wednesday** 14th **July 2021 in the Pavilion from 10:30am to 12 noon.** This will be a real treat for us all and it will be **FREE** but it is most important that we abide by the COVID rules. **FACE MASKS AND RULE OF 6.**



We shall arrange to have tables outside if the weather is warm enough in groups of max 6 persons. We shall provide table service (another treat for you) with some individual goodies to eat. We ask that you do not change tables once you are seated.

So do please join us in July for our first Pavilion Coffee Shop.

Should anything happen between now and then with regard to the Covid rules, we will go back to Zoom, I will send out the link in plenty of time for you all to join in.

Future Dates: 14th July & 11th August

Update from Moulsford Prep School: New Pre-Prep Opening September 2022

Moulsford village residents will no doubt have seen the diggers recently moving in to Bonfire Field opposite the entrance to Moulsford Prep School. Further to our notice on the village Facebook page on 4th May 2021, we would also like to provide an update for readers of this Newsletter.

Following a planning consultation process which began in 2018, when Moulsford village residents were invited to attend an Open Meeting at the school on 8th June 2018 as part of its planning application, Moulsford Prep School was granted permission in August 2019 to construct a new purpose-built Pre-Prep on the Bonfire Field site opposite the school entrance. The school has liaised with the village parish council at every step, and they are fully aware of the plans and timings.

As part of the planning application, we commissioned traffic surveys from Mode Transport, a traffic planning consultant, during which data was gathered and traffic filmed in support of the planning application. The school is aware of the traffic issues, particularly at drop off and pick up times, and is implementing a new protocol for pressure points to help improve traffic flow at both the existing school entrance and the new Pre-Prep entrance after it opens.

Construction of the new building was due to start last year, with opening due in September 2021, but owing to the pandemic plans were delayed by 12 months. The building is now due for completion and opening in September 2022.

The new Pre-Prep will be home to a Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The Pre-School is a new venture for the school, and will be for boys and girls who have turned 3 years old. There are no plans for any other year groups in the school to be co-educational, and from Reception onwards (as now) Moulsford will focus on delivering an outstanding education for boys.

In terms of the design itself, the building has been carefully planned by the school architect to incorporate ecofriendly systems such as solar panels and air source heat pumps to provide underfloor heating, and there will be natural ventilation through roof turrets. Green roofs will cover flat roof areas, and extensive planting and landscaping with wild flower meadows will enhance the external areas and shield the building from the road. The traditional black painted wood-framed structure with a pitch-tiled roof is in keeping with the Chiltern farmyard barn style of the surrounding area.

The U-shaped layout allows for separate outdoor playing areas for the children, accessed direct from classrooms, with a central courtyard play area and soft all-weather flooring. The surrounding field will provide plenty of space for outdoor learning, and the Pre-Prep will have its own entrance and drop-off zone.

For a virtual tour of the new building and further details, please visit:

www.moulsford.com/school-life/pre-prep-ages-4-7-/new-pre-prep-building-for-2022

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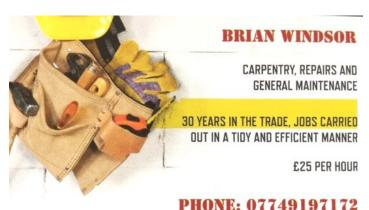
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