

Moulsford Events

Nigel Baker

Last month our first ever Comedy Night was very successful, a fantastic time was had by all.

A big thank you to Tracey Lee, the Events team and John Swain for all their hard work in organising, supplying and setting up the atmosphere and the stage lights and tables. Also thanks to the busy bar team for their work in keeping everyone topped up. We had some great feedback and it's very likely that we will run a Comedy night again next year. I believe it was one of the most successful and enjoyable nights we have ever done.

We'll have a month off in November, but then of course Christmas will be on the way.

The big event is the village Christmas Gala at the Beetle & Wedge on Friday 15th December. Hotly anticipated as a fantastic event, at only £50 for this black tie do with disco, tickets will, we are sure, be in demand as they are such good value! They're already available; just contact the wonderful Tracey Lee (07866 625521) to book yours.

The traditional Gala raffle is one of our biggest annual fund raisers for the village; there are already some fantastic offers of prizes floating around, so if you have something special you'd like to contribute to the prizes, please do let Tracey or Nigel know, it all makes a big difference for our village.

Finally, we will be holding the village Christmas Social on Friday, 22nd December, with festivities for all the family, and we are hoping to book in an early visit from Santa... We are expecting some singing of Christmas carols, Christmas ales and other Christmas inspired drinks and festive nibbles and food. Contributions for the nibbles buffet will be most welcome; it all adds to the cheer.

The Events Elves are also planning the traditional Boxing Day walk to the Bell at Aldworth, provisionally meeting at the post box at Underhill 10am Boxing Day; get an early start on those New Year's fitness resolutions...

As ever, we will keep you posted on these pages, but watch out for Facebook updates as well.

Cheers!



Coffee Shop

Our thanks go to Gail Slinger, who after 15 years has decided to step down from the Chair of the Wed Coffee Shop. During Gail's time and supported by many villagers, the Coffee Shop has grown from strength to strength and the delicious cakes and great company are appreciated by many.

Linda Dixon and Alison Fagg have kindly agreed to take over from Gail and I am sure they will appreciate your ongoing support to help run the Coffee Shop going forward.

Village Allotments

As you may be aware, Moulsoford has 8 allotments available for use by villagers; these are accessed directly off Underhill and are behind the sewage treatment works.

The allotments are of varying size. Some of these are already in use but there are several available for rental from Moulsoford Parish Council. Note that should these additional allotments not be taken up by villagers, we may offer them on to people in the area; it is in everyone's interest that all plots are regularly maintained.

The land for the allotments is not owned by Moulsoford Parish Council but instead is leased directly from SODC. Moulsoford Parish Council incurs a charge for this which we pass on with a small uplift to cover water etc.; we can advise new charges shortly.

All allotment holders are asked to sign an agreement regarding the usage and upkeep of the plot they rent. Please contact Sue Powell (spowell@moulsoford-pc.org.uk) or Melanie Mousley Jones (mmousleyjones@moulsoford-pc.org.uk) if you are interested in finding out more.

Broadband at the Pavilion

The eagle eyed amongst you might have spotted we now have broadband available in the Pavilion. We are working with the Pavilion Management Committee to test our security procedures, then intend to make it available to all hirers.

At present we do not have plans to open it to all villagers since this might result in a capacity issue.

Cranford School

The council have had a couple of meetings with Cranford School, including discussing traffic congestion and future development plans. The meetings have been both informative and productive.

We are encouraging representatives from the school to attend a future Parish Council meeting, with the hope that you can come along and ask any questions of them that you may have. More information to follow.

Highway Speed Monitoring

As was featured in last month's Moulsoford News, Oxford County Council Highways undertook a 7 Day Speed Data survey for the period 8/9/23 to 20/9/23.

The Parish Council has been advised by OCC as follows:

"For a compliant 30mph we are looking for a mean speed of 30mph or less and an 85th percentile speed of 35mph or less. As I hope you can see, all locations are generally around this threshold with only site 3 Northbound being a marginal 0.15mph above this. So in summary, you've currently a 30mph speed limit that is generally compliant."

A summary of the relevant data will be available on the Home Section of the Village website or can be requested from Andrew Harris, parishclerk@moulsoford-pc.org.uk.

20 mph speed limit on A329 through Moulsoford

The majority of towns and villages in Oxfordshire are considering whether to move to a 20mph speed limit, or have already done so.

As advised in last month's Moulsoford News, the Parish Council have expressed interest to Oxfordshire County Council to reduce the 30mph speed limit on the A329 through Moulsoford to 20mph.

However, we recognise that there are differences of opinion within the village on this subject so to gauge the level of support for a 20mph limit, we will be conducting an informal survey. This will shortly be available online via the Village website, with a hard copy version in next month's MN; we would encourage as many of you as possible to complete this.

It is important to emphasise that this will not be the only consultation that takes place. Once an actual scheme has been proposed, OCC will itself conduct a further, more formal survey.

Hence if a 20mph for Moulsoford is approved, it will be some months before it is introduced.

Recreation Ground

We're looking for more volunteers (thank you to those of you who have already come forward) to help with the initial clear up being planned for the recreation ground.

The date will be tied in with some tree work if possible, so we're yet to confirm exactly when it will be scheduled. However, if you're interested in getting involved, please contact Melanie Mousley Jones mmousleyjones@moulsoford-pc.org.uk.

Meanwhile, there's some scaffolding - at least 10 scaffolding poles + 3 connector joints - in the wooded area at the west end of the recreation ground (where the umpire/cricket shed used to be) that need to be cleared away:

3 x poles @ c. 6230mm (21')

7 x poles @ c. 3200mm (10'7")

3 x 3 way through 90 degree corner joints

If anyone has a use for any of these, please let Melanie know mmousleyjones@moulsoford-pc.org.uk - they will be free to collect by arrangement, on a first come first served basis.

Parish Council Meeting

9th November 2023, @ 7.30 pm

Pavilion

Agenda will be published shortly on Village Website and
Village Noticeboard.

Please advise one of the councillors asap if you have anything
you would like included on the agenda.

From Your Parish Council continued

Planning Applications and Decisions

Moulsford 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.moulsford-pc.org.uk/community/moulsford-on-thames-15214/planning-applications/>

Reference	Description	Status
P23/S2380/HH Breach House Halfpenny Lane Cholsey OX10 9JN	Enlargement of the existing access, the construction of a new gate and a boundary wall.	Advisory
P23/S2223/HH Greenhill Cottage The Street Moulsford OX10 9JD	Ground and first floor extensions and internal alterations to existing dwelling.	Decision date to be advised.

MPC100Club

The October draw was held at the Comedy Night in the Moulsford Pavilion.

October 7th

	Ball Number	Price Money
1st	21	£69.00
2nd	23	£34.50
3rd	60	£17.25

November's draw will be at the Moulsford Pavilion Coffee Shop on Weds 8th.



Light the Way to Christmas Day

How the magic happens!

On this Christmas Eve we can all play a part in turning Moultsford into a magical candlelit village. So how will this happen? From November onwards you will be able to obtain 3 free LED tealights, pictured below, from the Light the Way Team.



These battery operated tealights are safe, don't blow out in the wind, last for ages and are a great way to create a super effect.

At 4.30pm on Christmas Eve we are asking those who can, to place their special tealights outside their house. The more of us who do this, the more spectacular the effect will be. If you already have tealights, those of course can be used.

To receive your tealights just complete the tear off slip below, drop off at The Clock House, opposite the rec and we'll deliver the lights to you.

Or mail Moultsfordxmas@outlook.com stating how many tealights you would like and when they can be delivered.

Or just call in at The Clock House when you are passing.

On Christmas Eve at 5.00pm villagers will make their way through this Christmassy scene to the Church where there will be carols, the Christmas Story and performances from talented villagers, plus a tippie and mince pies. Don't forget, children and indeed grown ups, can dress for the Christmas Story.

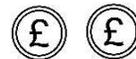
Please indicate the number of tealights you would like. There is a small charge for 6 or more, please Sellotape your money to this slip.

3 Free tealights

Total 6 tealights £1



Total 9 tealights £2



Please deliver to:

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Dear Friends,

Since starting as vicar I've become more aware of how important it is to be present as part of the community, in order to enable a community to grow and flourish. As Christians we are called to walk the journey of faith together, to go deeper in our faith, to find encouragement, support - prayerful and practical, joyful companionship and community. There are a number of different communities across the Benefice (Cholsey and Moulsoford), those attending different services, Home groups, Forest church community, the Old Vicarage Moulsoford, youth group to name just a few!

Being able to be present is important, so in order to enable myself to be present more regularly (more than once a month) at St John the Baptist Moulsoford services and to be present at St Mary's Cholsey services, I would like to change the service times across the Benefice.

This would mean that St John the Baptist Moulsoford would change service start times from 9:30am to 9am and St Mary's Cholsey service start times from 9:45am to 10:30am (see table below). As a United Benefice we would therefore also have the opportunity to attend each other's churches more regularly.

St John the Baptist PCC have discussed this proposal and have agreed to change the service times, please see table below. We hope to implement these changes at the beginning of January 2024, with a review after 6 months. These proposed changes are to enable the growth and flourishing of the church across the Benefice. If you have any feedback or comments or questions, please do talk to myself, the Churchwarden or PCC members.

As you may know Breyan and Janet Knowles are hoping to retire and are stepping down from some of their roles, treasurer and churchwarden (Easter/next APCM), which will mean that we need new people to step into leadership roles and to explore different ways of working as a church.

If anyone is able to play the piano or organ or Keyboard, or any instrument, for church services, once a month, please do get in touch with myself.

We are hugely grateful to Janet and Breyan and are glad that they will continue to support the church, and also the way they are facilitating the transition of responsibilities to different people.

Over the next 6 months it will be a time of change and transition, please bear with us and support us over this time.

God Bless, Rebecca Peters - Vicar

rev.cholseyandmoulsoford@gmail.com

Below is a table of the suggested changes:

	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
Moulsoford, currently	9:30am HC 10:30am Finish	9:30am Faith Explored 10:30am Finish	9:30am HC 10:30am Finish	9:30am HC 10:30am Finish	Benefice HC
Cholsey, currently	Family Feast 9:30am Coffee 10am Start 11am Finish	9:45am Family HC 11am Finish	8am BCP HC 9:45am Morning Worship 11am Finish 9:30am Forest Church	9:45am Family HC 11am Finish	Benefice HC
Moulsoford, new times	9:00am HC 10:00am Finish	9:00am HC 10:00am Finish	9:00am Faith Explored	9:00am HC 10:00am Finish	Benefice HC
Cholsey, new times	Family Feast 10:00am Coffee 10:30am Start 11:20am Finish	10:30am Family HC 11:30am Finish	8am BCP HC 10:30am Morning Worship 11:30am Finish 9:30am Forest Church	10:30am Family HC 11:30am Finish	Benefice HC

What's on in Moulsoford and Surrounding Areas

Monthly Coffee Shop

Gail Slinger



The next **Village Coffee Shop** will be on
Wed, 8th November 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 and it's a good way to meet people and have a chat.

The October Coffee Shop was another great turnout for everyone, and a very BIG THANK YOU to Carol for helping put the kettle on and make some fab coffee, we certainly made a fair few.

The **November Coffee Shop** will be hosted by our fab village boys, Gary and Trevor, I do love it when we see you both making our coffees, teas and providing some great treats. Thank you.

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

Future Dates

13th December - Gail & Christmas Helpers

Moulsoford Parish Council (MPC) Meeting

Thursday, 9th Nov 2023
19:30 in the Pavilion
Everyone welcome!

Moulsoford Events Committee (MEC) Meeting

Wednesday, 29th Nov 2023
19:30 in the Pavilion
Everyone welcome!

Wallingford Country Market



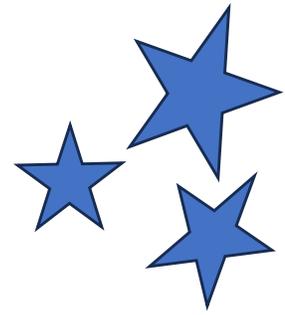
Open each Friday morning in
St. Mary-le-More Church,
(situated just behind the Town Hall),
between 9.30 am - 12 noon.

Selling delicious homemade baked goods and preserves, home grown plants, fruit and vegetables and many crafts.

Cholsey Community Library

Monday to Friday	2 - 4.30pm
Friday (Evening)	6 - 8pm
Saturday (Morning)	9.30 - 12.30pm

Moulsford's Got Talent



A Call For Performers!

We know that there must be Moulsfordians, young and older, who have a talent they would be willing to share! On Christmas Eve Twinks and Jill are assembling a small group of performers to dance, sing or play at the

Light the Way event

There are spaces still available so if you and/or your friends would like to participate, each act will be just a few minutes long, please contact

Twinks on 01491 651548 or email moulsfordxmas@outlook.com

You don't have to be perfect; enthusiastic, fun and Christmassy is what Twinks is looking for. Of course, if you are perfect, we would welcome that too!

So, do you play drums, guitar, recorder, violin? Can you read poetry, sing opera or rap, tap dance or street dance, or something else?



Twinks would love to hear from you!

This is your opportunity to shine!



What's on in Moulsoford and Surrounding Areas continued

133 Goring - Wallingford via Streatley & Moulsoford

**Including revised service from Monday 4th
September 2023**

	Until 1st September 2023		From 4th September 2023			
Days of Operation	Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays		Mondays and Wednesdays		Fridays	
<i>Days of Operation</i>	<i>M,W,F</i>	<i>M,W,F</i>	<i>M,W</i>	<i>M,W</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>F</i>
GORING, Railway Stn Forecourt	09:10	11:25	09:00	11:25	09:00	11:35
Goring Surgery/Library	09:11	11:26	09:01	11:26	09:01	11:36
Swan Hotel/Streatley Traffic Lights	09:12	11:27	09:02	11:27	09:02	11:37
Moulsoford Beetle & Wedge turn	09:17	11:32	09:07	11:32	09:07	11:42
Moulsoford, Old Vicarage	09:18		09:08		09:08	
Wallingford Hospital	R	R	R	R	R	R
Wallingford LiDL	R	R	R	R	R	R
WALLINGFORD Market Place	09:30	11:45	09:20	11:50	09:20	12:00
<i>Continues to</i>	<i>DIDCOT*</i>	<i>DIDCOT*</i>	<i>DIDCOT</i>	<i>DIDCOT</i>	<i>DFL</i>	<i>DFL</i>

	Until 1st September 2023		From 4th September 2023			
Days of Operation	Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays		Mondays and Wednesdays		Fridays	
<i>Days of Operation</i>	<i>M,W,F</i>	<i>M,W,F</i>	<i>M,W</i>	<i>M,W</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>F</i>
<i>Starts from</i>		<i>DIDCOT*</i>		<i>DIDCOT</i>		
WALLINGFORD Market Place	11:05	15:13	11:05	15:15	11:15	15:15
Wallingford LiDL	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
Wallingford Hospital	11:06	15:14	11:06	15:16	11:16	15:16
The Meadows	11:08	15:16	11:08	15:18	11:18	15:18
Moulsoford, Old Vicarage	R	R	R	R	R	R
Moulsoford Beetle & Wedge turn	11:11	15:19	11:11	15:21	11:21	15:21
Streatley Primary School	R	R	R	R	R	R
Streatley, The Coombe	R	R	11:14	15:24	11:24	15:24
Streatley Traffic Lights/Swan Hotel	11:14	15:22	R	R	R	R
GORING, Railway Stn Forecourt	11:25	15:33	11:25	15:35	11:35	15:35

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GIN CURED SALMON, CELERIAC & GRAIN MUSTARD REMOULADE, CUCUMBER RELISH *GFO/DFO*

BLUE CHEESE MOUSSE, RED WINE POACHED PEAR, BITTER LEAVES, WALNUT, MOLASSES *GFO*



MAINS

ROAST TURKEY, CHESTNUT & SAGE STUFFING, GOOSE FAT POTATOES, SPROUTS,
PIGS IN BLANKETS, RED WINE JUS *GFO/DFO*

PAN FRIED SEA BASS, MUSSEL, LEMON GRASS & CHILLI BROTH, FENNEL CRUSHED POTATOES *GFO/DF*

BUTTERNUT SQUASH, PINE NUT & GOATS' CHEESE PITHIVIER, WILTED SPINACH, TOMATO VELOUTÉ

FEATHER BLADE OF BEEF, HORSERADISH POMME PUREE, BOURGUIGNON JUS *GF/DFO*



DESSERTS

CINNAMON POACHED APPLE, CRANBERRY COMPOTE, OAT CRUMBLE, HONEYCOMB ICE CREAM *V/GF/DF*

PEANUT BUTTER & FRANGELICO PARFAIT, HOBNOB CRUMB, PASSIONFRUIT CURD

XMAS PUDDING, GRAND MARNIER ANGLAISE, GINGERBREAD *GF*

CLEMENTINE & DARK CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE, MARMALADE CHANTILLY CREAM



PARADISO COFFEE AND TWINNING TEA TO FINISH



What's on in Moulsoford and Surrounding Areas *continued*

THE COFFEE SHOP



WEDS 8th November

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.

Spinning Club - Social Craft

Moulsoford 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.

**Last session
of 2023!**



CHOLSEY REPAIR CAFE

Sat. 18th Nov. 2023

11 am to 1.45 pm at Cholsey Pavilion.

Bring along your broken item and a team of volunteers will try to help you mend it

Subject to availability of volunteer specialists or equipment on the day, we may be able to offer help with: -

- ✓ bicycles
- ✓ electricals
- ✓ laptops/computers
- ✓ clocks
- ✓ mechanical problems
- ✓ clothing and textiles
- ✓ specialist gluing
- ✓ tool & knife sharpening
- ✓ PAT testing
- ✓ gardening equipment

www.cholseyrepaircafe.com

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

November Calendar

1st - Klimt & the Kiss - 2.30pm (**Matinee**)

1st - Klimt & the Kiss - 7.30pm

2nd - Map of Midsummer - 8pm - FREE

3rd - 6th - The Great Escaper - 7.30pm - 9.15pm

4th - The Great Escaper - 2.30pm to 4.15pm (**Matinee**)

7th - The Royal Ballet Don Quixote - 7.15pm - 10.45pm

8th - Fanny - The Other Mendelssohn - 2.30pm - 4.06pm (**Matinee**)

9th & 10th - Dumb Money - 7.30pm - 9.15pm

11th - 14th - A Forgotten Man - 7.30pm - 8.55pm

15th - Killers of the Flower Moon - 7.30pm - 11pm

16th - NT Live - Skylight - 7pm - 9.45pm

17th - 19th - Trolls Band Together - 7.30pm - 9pm

18th - Trolls Band Together - 2.30pm - 4pm (**Matinee**)

20th, 21st & 23rd - Beyond Utopia - 7.30pm to 9.30pm

24th, 27th & 28th - How to Have Sex - 7.30pm - 9.15pm

25th - Moonage - 7.45pm - 10pm

26th - Cliff Richard - Blue Sapphire Tour - 3pm (**Matinee**)

29th & 30th - On The Adamant - 7.30pm - 9.30pm

<https://www.cornexchange.org.uk/whats-on>



The Big Quiz Night 2023

Tickets £12

Saturday, 18th November

7.30pm for 8.0pm
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What's on in Moulsoford and Surrounding Areas continued

HENLEY AND DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

We have just had Halloween; the leaves have fallen and the hedgehogs are hibernating.

We have re-commenced our meetings in Bix Village Hall and we have already had some very interesting meetings.

One comment you can give about the Bix Village Hall, is that the heating is very good and you don't get cold.

One of the things you are enabled to do when you collect stamps, is that you can select a subject you are interested in. It is not just one country or another; it can be a theme such as animals.

The Henley Stamp Club is a friendly group and we would be delighted to see new visitors or members. If you are interested in facts concerning stamps or postal history, why not come along and explore how you can promote your interest?



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.

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

Wed, 8th Nov – Is a Members Evening where Dave Armit will give a talk on GB postage Dues on Covers

Wed, 29th Nov – We have guest speakers via Zoom; Janet and Nick Nelsen with a display on the subject "Brazil"

Visitors and new members are very welcome.

Further details can be obtained by phoning Steve on 07767 251670 or on our website www.henleyphilatelic.org.uk

Wallingford Local Producers Market

Wallingford Local Producers Market (WLPM) is held every Saturday morning from 10am to 12:30pm.

Markets are held in St Mary's Church in the centre of Wallingford. Usually, our food stalls can be found outside with our craft stalls inside.



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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What's on in Moulsoford and Surrounding Areas continued

Bonfire & Fireworks Night, Thursday 2nd November 2023

ADVANCE NOTICE

Moulsoford Prep School would like to offer advance notice that their annual Bonfire and Fireworks Night will be held on Thursday 2nd November from 5.45pm.

Members of the school's staff and parent volunteers will be on hand to keep disruption to a minimum and ensure that traffic can be free flowing.

If you have pets at home, you may wish to keep them inside until the fireworks end at approximately 7pm.

The Moulsoford School Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 9th December from 10am until 1pm.

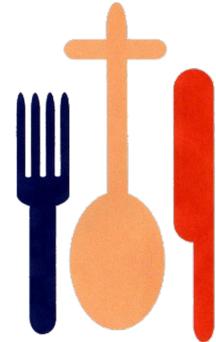
All residents are welcome to join us in the Sports Hall for some last minute Christmas shopping and to enjoy refreshments and the entertainment on offer from the school's choirs and musical ensembles.

Wallingford Emergency Food Bank

We are a registered charity operating a food bank based in the centre of Wallingford with the aim of providing emergency food packages to those who need them. Wallingford Emergency Food Bank was set up by Churches Together in the Wallingford Area and we began serving the community in 2011.

Our address is
Wallingford Emergency Foodbank
Ridgeway Community Church
21b/22 St Mary's St
Wallingford
OX10 0EW

In the first year, we provided food for approximately 400 people. The current annual demand is approximately 3000 people. We rely entirely on unpaid volunteers and donations of food and money from the public, churches, and other local organisations.



If you need food please [click here](#) to find out more.

If you are interested in volunteering please [click here](#).

If you would like to donate to the food bank please [click here](#).

Although we are essentially a Christian run organisation, we are by no means exclusive; we welcome volunteers of any faith or none, and we give food to anyone in real need.

Local News

Wallingford Accessible Boat Club announces amazing performance results for 2023 season

Over 250 disabled people, their family and friends, enjoy the delights of the river!

Wallingford Accessible Boat Club (WABC), the local charity which enables disabled and generally immobile people to get out and about on the River Thames completely free of charge, today released positively astounding performance figures for the April-September season.

Over 250 disabled people with a wide range of disabilities, together with their friends and families, took advantage of the Club's wheelyboat service to enable them to enjoy the delights of boating on the river - to enjoy an experience that they thought was totally out of reach for them.

The extent of the statistics over the 6 months achieved by the Club's all-volunteer Team is staggering:

** 65 Voyages in the Club's specially-adapted wheelyboat, WOW-one;

** 252 Passengers carried, including 41 Wheelchair Users and 12 Powerchair Users;

** Passengers with one of 22 different disabilities, including Cancer, Stroke, Dementia, MS, ADHD, Spinal Conditions, Polio, Blindness, Deafness, Cerebral Palsy, Autism, and Learning Disabilities.

John Jenkins MBE, Chair of WABC, was very upbeat about the figures: "We are all so delighted by the Team's great performance this past season. What a tremendous effort and shows just what can be achieved by a committed, like-minded team of river-loving volunteers who are dedicated to enabling others, not so fortunate as themselves, to enjoy what they all enjoy – getting out on the river."

Jenkins continued: "I believe 2023 is the year we have come of age – now delivering what we set out to deliver in 2016 when we had the vision to enable an often-neglected segment of our community – disabled and generally immobile people - to enjoy the same pleasures as the able-bodied. And all achieved by volunteers. We have every right to feel very proud of ourselves!"

Meadows Morning Market welcomed back by happy shoppers

Meadows Morning Market, the food and craft market based at The Great Hall, Cholsey Meadows had a great return last Saturday with a bumper crowd of delighted shoppers, very happy to see the Market back. There were many reports of "We missed you!"

A full-house of Stallholders, offering a wide range of food and crafts, reported an excellent day of trading. The revised timing of 10.00am to 2.00pm seemed to work well for shoppers and stallholders alike and these opening hours will be maintained for the next two Markets – on Saturday 28th October & 25th November - in the run-up to Christmas.

Said Janine Wolfe, co-founder of the Market: "It was so good to be back. Our stallholders and our shoppers welcomed the Market's return, in fact our shoppers were delighted to see us. It looks like it will be a very good Market next time too as we have all our usual Stallholders signed up as well as some new ones who are keen to give us a go. It will make for a fantastic variety of merchandise on display once again for our customers – from jewellery, clothing, art & glassware and foodstuffs to greetings cards, beauty products, metalwork and books."

Janine continued "So we will very much look forward to seeing our customers again at The Great Hall, Cholsey Meadows, Cholsey for doors opening at 10.00am on Saturday 28th October. All the signs are that we will have another brilliant day!"

Wallingford Accessible Boat Club is recruiting

Additional wheelyboat crews & fundraiser needed for 2024 season

Wallingford Accessible Boat Club (WABC), the local charity which enables disabled and less mobile people to get out and about on the River Thames completely free of charge, announced today it is seeking to recruit additional crew members and a Fundraising Officer in readiness for next season to enable the Club to offer more river trips to more passengers.

This announcement follows the extraordinary success announced by this local charity earlier this month that they delivered river trips to over 250 disabled and less mobile people together with their friends and families from all over South Oxfordshire and beyond during the past season (completed end September) bringing a huge amount of pleasure to all.

WABC Chairman John Jenkins MBE explained: “We had a wonderful boating season this year and our volunteer crews were just great managing all the passenger requests we had for river trips. Typically each week we offered trips Tuesday to Friday and, later in the season, to Saturday but at times, particularly in the holiday season, we were really stretched. We want to get to a position where we can operate trips every day of the week apart maybe from Sunday – the demand is there and we are determined to fulfil it. More trips means of course more cost so we need some focused resource to help cover the costs, hence our requirement to recruit a Fundraising Officer for a few hours each month.”

Jenkins continued: “To meet this objective we need more wheelyboat crews which is why we are making this appeal now so that we can get all the necessary training completed before March time next year when we hope we will be able to get our wheelyboat WOW-one back on the water for familiarisation training. We are seeking river-loving people ideally with experience of river craft management who ideally live relatively local to the Wallingford area. We will provide all necessary training at the Club’s cost. Additionally, we are seeking a Fundraising Officer to help us raise the necessary funds to operate existing and additional trips.”

“WABC is a fun organisation and we already have a wonderful volunteer team of river lovers who simply want to pass on the enjoyment they have to others not so fortunate as themselves – we simply need more of them.”

All those interested in these opportunities should contact John Jenkins at john.jenkins@wabc.org.uk or mobile 07976 297835 for an initial discussion. They will be warmly welcomed.



Could you be our Fundraising Officer?

WABC are looking for a volunteer to help us engage with the local community, raising awareness and funds for the club, a registered charity.

Located in Wallingford, we would only require a few hours of your time a month, meeting regularly with the Trustees & Operations Team to create, seek, and develop fundraising opportunities. You'll soon become part of a great team of more than 30 people, enabling accessible river voyages for all.

To find out more about the club & enquire further, contact John Jenkins:

john.jenkins@wabc.org.uk – 07976 297835



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Elli the Gardener

Gardening diary



This month I have worked on some more stuff in my plant bed.

I harvested my pumpkins, which were unfortunately not the biggest ones, then I weeded out the entire bed after Emily helped me take down the runner beans.

I filled three tubs full of the mulch that we prepared last year and spread it all over the bed. I left the nasturtium though, as slugs and snails eat that instead of the veggies that we want to eat. It is a sacrificial plant because it draws pests away from the plant you want to keep alive. Their flowers are also great for pollinators. Lastly I planted some garlic at the bottom of my bed.

Gardening tip

You can use broken plant pots to make plant markers. You can paint or draw on these with metallic pens. This can be a fun project for kids but you have to be careful since the edges can sometimes be sharp.

Fun Fact

Did you know that plants release a distress signal when under stress? The lovely scent of freshly mown grass is actually one of these distress signals.

Quiz

True or false? Asparagus is in the rose family.

What are the male parts of a flower called?

Do fir trees produce flowers?

What parts of the plant absorb energy from the sun?

True or false? Sneezewort is the name of a real plant.

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Date	Event	Location
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9th November	19:30 Moulsford Parish Council Meeting	Moulsford Pavilion
18th November	19:30 Quiz Night	Moulsford Pavilion
29th November	19:30 Moulsford Events Committee Meeting	Moulsford Pavilion
13th December	10:30 Coffee Shop	Moulsford Pavilion
15th December	Christmas Gala	Beetle & Wedge
22nd December	Christmas Social	Moulsford Pavillion
24th December	17:00 Light the Way to Christmas Day	St John the Baptist
26th December	10:00 Boxing Day Walk	Post box, Underhill