

Moulsford Events

Nigel Baker

After a month off in November, we are now of course counting down to Christmas, with events to help get everyone in the festive mood...

Probably our biggest annual event is the village Christmas Gala, this year taking place at the Beetle & Wedge on Friday, 15th December. As ever, hotly anticipated as a fantastic event, tickets have been popular and selling fast; great value at only £50 for this black tie do with disco (and for many of us, the bonus of not needing a taxi!). If you haven't already secured yours, just get in touch with Tracey Lee on 07866 625521 to book - there are a few still left to snap up. (If you have booked tickets, Tracey will be in touch very soon with the menu for selecting your choices).

We are working on our ever-popular Gala raffle, which is one of our biggest annual fund raisers with the monies going back into the community via the Parish Council's projects. Some fantastic offers of prizes have been received, thank you, from special experiences to Christmas goodies! If you or maybe your business have something you would like to contribute to the prizes, please do let Tracey (as above) or Nigel (07831 152900) know - it is these donations that add up to make a big difference.

We will be holding the village Christmas Social for all the family and friends on Friday, 22nd December, at the Pavilion, from 6pm with Christmas ales and other seasonally inspired drinks, festive nibbles, carols and just maybe, a visit from Santa... We will be providing a snacking buffet, but please do bring along a plate of your favourite festive specialities to add to the spread and cheer.

To help get an early start on those New Year's fitness resolutions, the Events Elves will be leading the way on our traditional Boxing Day walk to the Bell at Aldworth. Twice CAMRA's national pub of the year, most recently in 2020, the Bell is West Berkshire's CAMRA's county champion for 2023 and now boasts its own micro-brewery.

Our meeting point will be at the post box at Underhill, provisionally at 10am (but we'll keep you posted on the usual channels). The walk is about 4½ miles on usually good tracks and trails, but can be a bit muddy so good sturdy footwear is advised.

Please do watch out for our Facebook updates, particularly for the Boxing Day walk. We do hope we will see you at one of our get togethers over the Christmas season, to end a year of memorable and marvellous events.

All that's left for us to say now is, we wish you and yours a very merry Christmas!



Speed Survey

As promised in last month's Mousford News, we enclose a copy of a survey in this month's Mousford News, asking for your views on decreasing the speed limit through Mousford to 20mph.

Please complete this online or in printed form, by 17th December, 2023.

Recreation ground and playground improvements

CLlr Melanie Mousley Jones, CLlr Hilary Shaw and Peter Greathead, met on the village recreation ground recently and identified 3 separate exercises to take place:

1. Tree felling day – includes removing hazardous trees near the Pavilion as soon as possible – ideally sometime in December/early January.
2. Working party day for recreation ground clearance and maintenance.
3. Meeting with Ellie Rawden, Community Tree and Woodland Opportunity Coordinator from OCC Tree Service, to progress work already begun on developing a landscaping and tree planting plan for the recreation ground, including a possible community orchard.

Next steps are to:

- Remove hazardous trees near the Pavilion as soon as possible - ideally sometime in December; otherwise in January latest
- Identify date in January/February for working party day, then publish on Facebook in case other villagers interested in assisting
- Make a list of the jobs that we'd like to get done on the working party day (e.g. moving dead hedging, collecting old tree guards, weeding and mulching round avenue tree bases, planting bulbs along east

A meeting is also planned with Rachel Sanderson, from Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment, to explore whether Mousford would be eligible for any grants towards the cost of enhancements to the recreation ground.

Parish Precept

We have been advised by Oxfordshire Association of Clerks to consider raising the precept for Mousford for 2024-25, given our contingency funds have been largely eroded by the increasing costs of running the council.

We also need to bring forward spend on our village website, which we recognise is outdated and difficult to keep up to date, as well as being hard for many villagers to find. This change is particularly important as the website is now considered the official way to keep the village up to date with parish matters.

The council will be meeting over December and potentially early January, with a view to arriving at a moderate increase that enables us to meet these goals. More information to follow in February's Mousford News.

Contact MPC

As always, if you have any questions or any specific concerns you would like to raise with your parish council, our details are on the back of Mousford News.

We look forward to hearing from you and maybe seeing some of you in future Parish Council meetings.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas, and a happy New Year!

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.	Application was modified to reduce size of boundary wall, in line with concerns raised by different parties. Modifications submitted 4th Oct and 6th Nov 23. For revised version of application: MPC: No strong views SODC: Still under consultation (target decision date 21st Nov 23)
P23/S2379/LDE 2 Cranford Cottages Moulsford OX10 9HR	Change of use of land from agricultural land / paddock to residential garden, on basis that land has been in use as garden for more than 10 years prior to this application.	MPC: Object (insufficient evidence to support claim). SODC: Refusal of Certificate of Lawful Use or Development on 20th September 2023. Decision made on following grounds: The available evidence, on balance of probability, suggests that the land within the red line area for which a certificate of lawfulness is sought has not been used as residential garden land for a period of 10 years or more prior to the date of the application.” Update 10th Nov: An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against South Oxfordshire District Council’s decision to refuse the application for a certificate of lawful development. If you wish to give any further input regarding this appeal, please speak to the parish clerk re details of how to do this. Note no further submissions will be accepted after 22nd Dec 23.
P23/S2223/HH Greenhill Cottage The Street Moulsford OX10 9JD	Ground and first floor extensions and internal alterations to existing building.	MPC: Object to current plans. SODC: Awaiting amending plans. Once received SODC will carry out a re-consultation.

MPC100Club

The November draw was held at the Moulsford Pavilion Coffee Shop.

November 8th

	Ball Number	Price Money
1st	58	£71.00
2nd	10	£35.50
3rd	54	£17.75

The December draw will be held at the Gala Night at the Beetle and Wedge on Friday, 15th December.

There are still numbers available, to join get in touch through mpc100club@moulsford-pc.org.uk and we will sign up new players at the Gala Night.

Gotta be in it to win it!!!

Next Parish Council Meeting

7th December 2023, @ 7.30 pm
Pavilion

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

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

From the Vicar

Rebecca Peters

Dear Friends,

Christmas, “*bah humbug*”, as Scrooge would say. Sometimes I agree, all the focus seems to go on the unimportant things, buying presents, getting food, writing cards, decorating the house. It can easily distract us from spending quality time with family and friends. It can easily distract us from thinking about what Christians believe Christmas is all about. So let us turn to the story of Christmas.

“In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world... so Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.” Luke 2:1-7

This is perhaps the most familiar picture we have of the Christmas event - but remember what was happening. This was no ordinary child. In Jesus God became a human being and dwelt among us, perhaps the greatest miracle (and mystery) of all. So as we sing Christmas carols and reflect on Christmas, may we remember the wonder of Christmas, that God is with us, wherever we are.

You are all welcome and invited to Light the way to Christmas Day on Christmas Eve, 5:30pm St John the Baptist Moulsoford.

I hope you have a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you at services at 9am St John the Baptist, in the New Year!

God Bless, Rebecca Peters - Vicar

rev.cholseyandmoulsoford@gmail.com

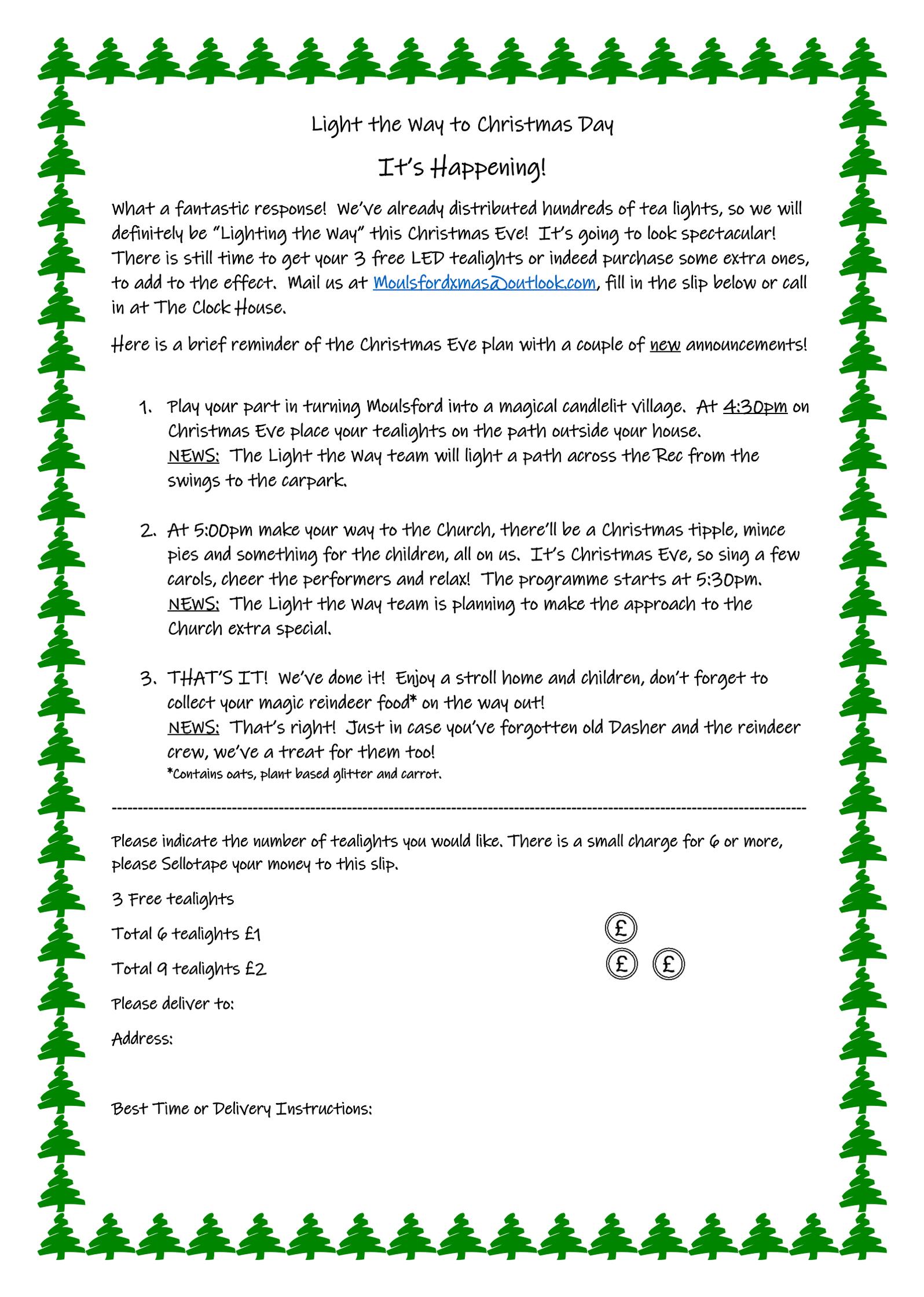
St. John the Baptist, Moulsoford, December

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
				1 11:00 Morning Praise Old Vicarage	2	3 09:30 Common Worship (Contemporary) Rev. Chris Stott
4 11:00 Keep Fit Cholsey Meadows Contact 599 433	5	6 09:30 Cranford House Crib Service Rehearsal 10:00 Coffee Shop Pavilion 14:30 House Group contact 651401	7 09:00 Cranford House Crib Service	8 09:00 Cranford House Crib Service 11:00 Communion Old Vicarage	9	10 09:30 Faith Explored Laitty Rev. Sue Booyes 18:30 Youth Club Laurence Hall, Cholsey
11 11:00 Keep Fit Cholsey Meadows Contact 599 433	12	13 14:30 House Group contact 651401	14	15 11:00 Morning Praise Old Vicarage	16	17 09:30 Common Worship (Contemporary) Rev. Rebecca Peters
18 12:30 Soup Lunch: Supporting Thuto Lesedi	19	20 14:30 House Group contact 651401	21	22 11:00 Morning Praise Old Vicarage 17:30 Carols Old Vicarage	23	24 09:30 Common Worship Said Service 17:00 Lighting your way to Christmas Day
25 09:30 Common Worship (Contemporary) Fr. Martyn Griffiths	26	27	28	29 11:00 Morning Praise Old Vicarage	30	31 09:30 Benefice Service Common Worship (Contemporary) Rev. Allan Gates

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.

St. John the Baptist, Moulsoford, January

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Light the Way to Christmas Day

It's Happening!

What a fantastic response! We've already distributed hundreds of tea lights, so we will definitely be "Lighting the Way" this Christmas Eve! It's going to look spectacular! There is still time to get your 3 free LED tealights or indeed purchase some extra ones, to add to the effect. Mail us at Moulsfordxmas@outlook.com, fill in the slip below or call in at The Clock House.

Here is a brief reminder of the Christmas Eve plan with a couple of new announcements!

1. Play your part in turning Moultsford into a magical candlelit village. At 4:30pm on Christmas Eve place your tealights on the path outside your house.

NEWS: The Light the Way team will light a path across the Rec from the swings to the carpark.

2. At 5:00pm make your way to the Church, there'll be a Christmas tippie, mince pies and something for the children, all on us. It's Christmas Eve, so sing a few carols, cheer the performers and relax! The programme starts at 5:30pm.

NEWS: The Light the Way team is planning to make the approach to the Church extra special.

3. **THAT'S IT!** We've done it! Enjoy a stroll home and children, don't forget to collect your magic reindeer food* on the way out!

NEWS: That's right! Just in case you've forgotten old Dasher and the reindeer crew, we've a treat for them too!

*Contains oats, plant based glitter and carrot.

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:

Address:

Best Time or Delivery Instructions:



What's on in Moulsoford and Surrounding Areas

Monthly Coffee Shop

Gail Slinger



The next **Village Coffee Shop** will be on
Wed, 13th December 2023 in the Pavilion from 10:30am to 12noon.



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.

A BIG Thank You to Gary and Trevor for 'Putting the Kettle On' in November, I am sure it was a great success, unfortunately I was unable to attend due to my family visiting from Australia.

The **December Coffee Shop** will be hosted by myself and anyone else who would like to help out. We shall be having some lovely Christmas Treats and Drinks with Coffee and Tea too, to celebrate our last Coffee Shop of 2023.

Ted Morse will be '**Busking**' for the '**Crisis Charity**' again this year, he will have his red bucket ready for any change you can spare. Every penny helps to provide a hot meal and bed for those in need. A big thank you for your support.

It will also be my last Coffee Shop as Chairperson. It's been an absolute pleasure to have organised the Coffee Shop for so many years after taking over from Bunty. I am now passing the baton on to the lovely ladies Linda Dixon and Alison Fagg and anyone else who would like to step in and help too. More hands make light work.

A Very BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has made the Coffee Shop what it is today, without everyone attending there would be no Coffee Shop. Thank you.

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

Future Dates

10th January 2024 - Helpers required

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

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>

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<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

DFL Dorchester Flyer: to or from Dorchester village

* To or from Didcot on Mondays and Wednesdays only.

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

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What's on in Moulsoford and Surrounding Areas continued

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

December Calendar

1-3rd: Love Actually (7.30pm - 9.30pm)
4-5th: The Royal Hotel (7.30pm - 9.15pm)
6th: Dance First (2.30pm - 4.15pm Matinee)
6-7th: Dance First (7.30pm - 9.15pm)
8-10th: Journey to Bethlehem (7.30pm - 9.15pm)
9th: Journey to Bethlehem (2.30pm - 4.15pm Matinee)
11th: Red Shoes (7.30pm - 9.45pm)
12th: The Royal Ballet The Nutcracker (7.15pm - 10.15pm)
13th: The Red Shoes (2.30pm - 4.45pm Matinee)
13-14th: The Red Shoes (7.30pm - 9.45pm)
15th: Napoleon (7.30pm - 10.00pm)
16th: Sinodun Players presents - Punchbowl 2023 (7.30pm - 9.30pm)
17th: Napoleon (7.30pm - 10.00pm)
18th: St Agnes Fountain (7.30pm - 10.30pm)
19, 21st: Napoleon (7.30pm - 10.08pm)
20th: Napoleon (2.30pm - 4.15pm Matinee)
22-23rd: Wish (2.30pm - 4pm Matinees)
22-23rd: Wish (7.30pm - 9pm)

Pantomime January 2024 The Adventures of Sinbad

12th: 7.30pm - 10pm
13th: 2pm - 4.30pm (Matinee)
13th: 6.30pm - 9pm
16th: 19th - 7.30pm - 10pm
20th: 2pm - 4.30pm (Matinee)
20th: 6.30pm - 9pm
23-26th: 7.30pm - 10pm
27th: 2pm - 4.30pm (Matinee)
27th: 6.30pm - 9pm

Film/Theatre

28-29th: Priscilla - 7.30pm - 9.30pm
30th: The Royal Opera - Rusalka (6.45pm - 10.30pm)
31st: Priscilla (2.30pm - 4.30pm Matinee)
31st: Priscilla (7.30pm - 9.30pm)

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



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Cholsey Repair Café

Following the Festive Season, **Cholsey Repair Café** will be back on **Saturday 20th January** at the Cholsey Pavilion, hoping to help even more local residents to repair their broken items instead of buying new. Doors open at **11.00** and the session ends at **13.45**.

There is a charge for any spare parts needed but repair help is given free by volunteers — although a donation towards running costs is always appreciated. The fixing crew can look at electrical faults, PAT testing, sharpening, bicycle repairs, small woodwork jobs, needlework, general glueing and even ultrasonic cleaning of small items. Advice is freely available if a repair isn't possible on the day.

More information can be found at www.cholseyrepaircafe.com



WELCOME TO 2024

FESTIVE SET MENU

£37 PER PERSON



STARTERS

ROAST PARSNIP & CUMIN SOUP, CHESTNUT DUMPLINGS, CRISPY SAGE *gfo*

CHICKEN LIVER PARFAIT, GRAPE JELLY, PICKED KOHLRABI & RADISH SALAD, BRIOCHE *gfo*

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 *1/2gf/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



FOOD ALLERGIES & INTOLERANCES: PLEASE SPEAK TO THE DUTY MANAGER ABOUT THE INGREDIENTS IN YOUR MEAL. WHEN MAKING YOUR ORDER, GF / GFO GLUTEN FREE / GLUTEN FREE OPTION DF / DFO DAIRY FREE / DAIRY FREE OPTION V VEGAN A DISCRETIONARY 10% SERVICE CHARGE WILL BE ADDED TO YOUR BILL

JANUARY BASIC BEETLE MENU

2 COURSES £22

3 COURSES £27.50

STARTERS

ROAST PARSNIP VELOUTÉ, ROSEMARY FOCACCIA *gfo*

CHICKEN CEASER SALAD, SOFT BOILED EGG, TRUFFLE CROUTONS *gfo, gfo*

WILD MUSHROOM ARANCINI, BLUE CHEESE & BUTTERMILK DRESSING



MAINS

PULLED PORK STEW, SOUR CREAM MASH, SAUTEED HIRPI & BACON. *gfo, gfo*

WHOLE MEGRIM SOLE, BROWN SHRIMP BUTTER, LEMON DRESSED SPROUT TOPS, DUCK FAT CHIP. *gfo, gfo*

BUTTERNUT SQUASH PITHIVIER, WILTED SPINACH, TOMATO VELOUTÉ *gfo*



DESSERTS

CHOCOLATE & RASPBERRY BROWNIE SUNDAE, CARAMEL & PECAN ICE CREAM

CINNAMON POACHED APPLE, CRANBERRY COMPOTE, OAT GRANOLA, LEMON CURD VEGAN *gf*

CLEMENTINE CHEESECAKE, MARMALADE CHANTILLY *gfo*

PARADISO COFFEE AND TWINNING TEA TO FINISH

MENU OFFERINGS FROM MONDAY – FRIDAY (EXCLUDING FRIDAY EVENING) THIS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. THIS IS A SAMPLE MENU.

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What's on in Moulsoford and Surrounding Areas continued

HENLEY AND DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

We are now coming up to the festive season of Christmas and New Year and trying to think what we can give to Aunty Ethel and what to do with the children to keep them away from where you have hidden the presents. If you would like to have a break from all that, we can suggest coming to one of our meetings; the one we have for December is a display of interesting postcards.

One of the subjects within stamp collecting and postal history is postcards and this month we are highlighting postcards at our meeting.



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, 13th Dec – Is a Members Evening for presenting interesting Postcards

Wed, 28th Dec – We do not have a meeting

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.

Fireworks, Thursday 14th December 2023

The Old Vicarage care home would like to offer advance notice that their Fireworks event will be held on Thursday 14th December from 18:00pm.

Tear Fund Quiz

A very sociable evening was enjoyed in the Pavilion on Saturday evening. Not only was the quiz fun and the cheese supper tasty but just over £400 was raised for the Tear Fund charity that provides aid to poor peoples in need around the world through their local churches.

Thank you to all who came and supported us.

T&J

Moulsford Coffee Shop

Gail is stepping down from running the Coffee Shop in December after 15 years. Under her committed and enthusiastic stewardship, Coffee Shop has gone from strength to strength with growing numbers of attendees.

It's a great pleasure to see old friends and new, and to welcome passers-by from far flung places. We will continue to run Coffee Shop though Gail will be a hard act to follow. As always we will welcome one or two people to help behind the counter each month but we would also like to enlarge the team of people who will learn the ropes and help set up from time to time. If you would be interested in getting involved please contact one of us. We would love to hear from you.

Linda Dixon ldixon274@gmail.com

Alison Fagg alison.f@sky.com

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.

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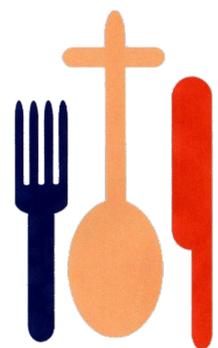
In the first year, we provided food for approximately 400 people. The current annual demand is approximately 3000 people. We rely entirely on unpaid volunteers and donations of food and money from the public, churches, and other local organisations.

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 Prize Winner scoops star prize

Local supporter of the charity goes the extra mile to deliver an experience of a lifetime

A prize winner of the recent WheelyFest online auction, a fundraiser for the Wallingford Accessible Boat Club, enjoyed an experience of a lifetime last weekend thanks to the generosity of local Wallingford company Vintage Days Out, the specialist organisation offering luxury experiences in and around the Thames Valley.

Vintage Days Out, owned by Richard Prunier, generously donated a ride in a magnificent vintage Rolls Royce - a lovely prize in itself. However, Richard felt this was not enough so with the help of a friend Peter Faarup and the Danesfield House Hotel & Spa in Marlow he compiled something very, very special.

Peter conducted a private history tour of Danesfield House covering its significance as RAF Medmenham in WWII as his contribution to the day and Danesfield House added a 'Champagne Tea for Two' in its Orangery tea room with a splendid view of its magnificent grounds with the Chilterns and River Thames as the backdrop. The result - an amazing luxury experience for the prize winners.

Richard Prunier explained: "The ride in the vintage Rolls Royce was in our gift but I felt, as a prize, it could be improved if we had a clear destination to ride to. So, thanks to a friend Peter Faarup and Danesfield House Hotel, we organised the guided tour of the hotel and 'Tea for Two' to complement the Rolls Royce ride. I am so very grateful to both Peter and Danesfield House for their help on this special occasion."

WABC Chairman John Jenkins MBE added: "With the combination of the ride in the vintage Rolls Royce, the guided tour by Peter and the Champagne Tea for Two at the Danesfield House Hotel we clearly had a very luxurious prize for our winners Tina & Graham Wood, themselves keen supporters of WABC, who were absolutely thrilled by the experience - they had an amazing day. We are so grateful for the time and generosity of Richard Prunier of Vintage Days Out and the contributions of Peter Faarup and Danesfield House Hotel for what transpired - a once in a lifetime experience for our prize winners Tina and Graham."

Go green this festive season at Earth Trust's eco-friendly Christmas Market

This holiday season, the spirit of giving doesn't have to cost the earth. The environmental charity Earth Trust is holding an artisan Christmas market on 9th December in its rustic Fison Barn near Didcot to showcase eco-friendly gift ideas and sustainable living.

"The Christmas season generates a lot of waste from packaging and unsustainable shopping habits," said Earth Trust's Colin Shone. "We wanted to bring people together to celebrate this time of year in a way that reflects our values of caring for the planet and bringing people closer to nature."

Visitors can soak up the charm of Christmas within the cosy embrace of the 19th-century Fison Barn, tucked at the foot of the scenic Wittenham Clumps.

Twinkling lights and festive decorations will adorn the stalls of over a dozen local vendors handpicked for their commitment to ethical and eco-friendly production.

Shoppers can discover unique gifts like Love Heartwood's hand-carved wooden toys, sourced from local sustainable timber and nature-inspired jewellery made from recycled silver from The Pine in the Valley. Barbury Hill's gift boxes of small-batch artisanal British foods and wild-foraged ales by Michelin-trained brewer Alex Lewis of Earth Ale will be on offer. And Oxfordshire-based Earthwise Girls will have their sustainable body care, and eco-friendly home products.

"Simple changes to your holiday shopping and celebrations can really add up," said Colin. "Shopping small and local, giving experiences, and gifting eco-consciously this season can reduce our environmental impact. We hope this market and these tips inspire people to have a greener Christmas this year."

The Christmas market will be open from 10am to 3pm on 9th December at Earth Trust Centre. Entry is free of charge and there is free on site car parking. For more information, go to: earthtrust.org.uk/whats-on

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Date	Event	Location
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
10th January	10:30 Coffee Shop	Moulsford Pavilion

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Moulsford 20 mph Traffic Survey

As advised in last month's MN, we are inviting all villagers to complete an informal anonymous survey on the proposal for moving to a 20mph speed limit on the A329.

This survey is available online at (<https://forms.gle/WtVYKzPevyV5UgcP9>) and reproduced in Moulsford News for your convenience. We will also paste a link to it on the Moulsford Village Facebook page.

If completing a printed/hard copy, please return to Andrew Harris, Parish Clerk, at either 4 Offlands Cottages or care of Sue Powell, Laburnham Cottage.

Please complete the survey no later than 17th December, 2023.

We hope to publish results in the February edition of MN.

Background

1) The benefits of 20mph

OCC sets out the benefits of 20mph as follows:

"Safer Roads

Research by the UK Transport Research Laboratory has shown that every 1mph reduction in average urban speeds can result in a six percent fall in the number of casualties. It's also been shown that you are seven times more likely to survive if you are hit by a car driving at 20mph, than if you are hit at 30mph. If a child suddenly steps in front of a car, you are much less likely to seriously injure or kill them if you keep to a 20mph limit.

Congestion

Research shows that slower speeds encourage a smoother driving style with less stopping and starting which helps traffic to flow. Evidence from other areas shows that slower speeds encourage more people to walk and cycle.

Air Pollution

Driving at 20mph causes some vehicular emissions to rise slightly (mainly Heavy Goods Vehicles) and some (cars) to fall. Reduced acceleration and braking will help to reduce fuel consumption and the associated particulate emissions from items such as tyres and brakes.

Little impact on journey times

Research in other cities suggests that journey times do not significantly increase. Where proposals are requested on a bus route the authority will work with the bus companies to assess the likely impact on bus journey times to enable a balanced approach to be taken."

2) Reasons to persist with the status quo

Some arguments against change might be as follows;

OCC has advised the Parish Council on more than one occasion that Moulford has a current 30mph speed limit that is generally compliant.

Reducing the speed limit to 20mph can result in driver frustration; this may affect the care with which people drive, or result in unsafe overtaking.

Motoring organisations have stated that the 20mph limit should only be brought in when supported by local communities as otherwise adherence is likely to be weak.

At peak times in Moulford traffic speeds are in any case reduced to the volume of traffic.

Questionnaire

The Moulford Parish Council have expressed interest to Oxfordshire County Council to reduce the 30mph speed limit on the A329 in Moulford to 20mph.

We recognise that there are differing opinions within the village on this subject so to gauge the level of support for a 20mph speed limit, we would like to conduct this informal survey. Please fill out the questionnaire. We have also supplied some background information for interest.

Do you support the introduction of 20mph to Moulford along the main road only?

Yes

No

No opinion

How do you and your dependents use the highway? (e.g.driver/cyclist/walker)

Do you use any equipment whilst using the pavement? (e.g.wheel chair/push chair/walking aids)

Might the introduction of a 20mph speed limit in Moulford encourage you, or your dependents, to use the highway in more eco friendly ways e.g. walking, cycling?

Do you have any brief comments to make on the proposal for a 20 mph speed limit in Moulford?