

Moulsford Events

Nigel Baker

Friday Socials carry on in May at the Pavilion!

As I write this, the first Friday night social is just about with us and preparations are being laid for tomorrow and the season ahead. Hopefully, you will have had our new Socials Calendar arrive at your door, but if not there will be some spares you can pick up at the Bar. We hope this will be useful to keep track of the Socials on the second and fourth Friday evenings each month, all at our lovely village Pavilion. We started with our traditional bangers and bubbles opener and with a refreshed 'cellar' (well, cupboard) of drinks.

Coming up in May, Socials are a food night on the 8th, where we look forwards to a splendid curry meal from Indie Blackwell. What a treat! It's then drinks only on Friday, 22nd of May, and back to food on the 12th June, where we're keeping it spicy with a Chilli night.

The Friday socials are an important part of Moulsford village life. They're an informal, friendly way to meet up and unwind after a hectic week. And we're doing our best to keep it very chilled, relaxed and as affordable as we can, maintaining as keen a price as possible for our offerings of real ale, a range of wines and we're also introducing more low and no alcohol options too. On the food front, we'll be featuring a fantastic variety from our talented volunteer chefs, mainly on the Second Friday with prices keeping at £7 per adult and £5 for kids. What's not to like? Please do keep an eye on the village Facebook page for all Events updates and as ever, we'll be signing up volunteers for bar shifts; the rota will be available at the bar so you can snap up the sessions that suit you best. It's a great way to meet people and we treat you to a drink as well. All help greatly appreciated, thanks very much!

We can't wait to carry on the new Socials season - please do come along, we look forwards to seeing everyone there!

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****SAVE THE DATE****

Saturday, 3rd October brings the return of the annual Comedy Night at the Pavilion.

Paddy will be our compère for the evening along with 3 other comedians for a night of entertainment and laughter. It's always very popular!

Tickets go on sale next month.



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Annual Parish Meeting and Local Wildlife Photography Talk Wednesday, 20th May at 6:30pm



“Strictly Nature”
Images of Oxfordshire Wildlife by Simon Booker

Ever wonder how those amazing wildlife photos are captured? Our area is alive with amazing creatures some we see every day and others are more elusive. I specialize in capturing images and video of the birds and animals that share our corner of Oxfordshire.

Patience, resilience and focus are the key skills to help seize the perfect moment.
– Simon Booker

A 30 year executive in IT, Simon is an experienced keynote speaker and passionate exhibiting photographer. His wildlife and charity photography has been featured in local and national media, BBC Radio Berkshire and has a growing social following on Instagram and facebook.

The graphic includes a photograph of a kingfisher perched on a branch, a smaller photo of Simon Booker crouching with a camera, a signature 'Simon Booker' with a website URL, and a QR code.

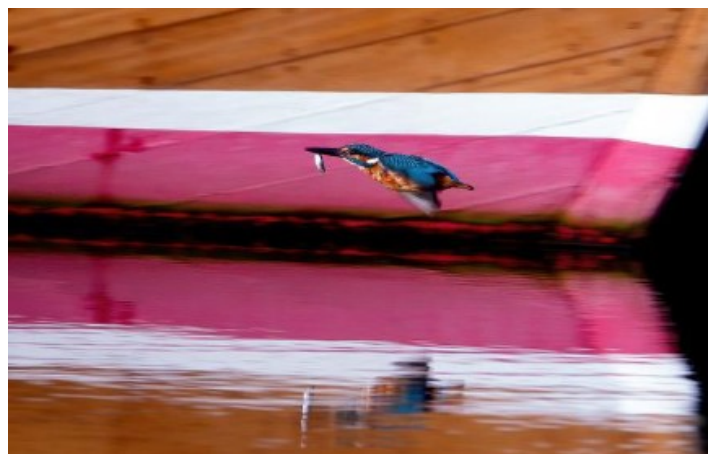
We hope that you will join us on Wednesday, 20th May - villagers are welcome to attend any part of the event. **If you want to come to the talk only, please arrive from 7:30pm, for an 8pm start.**

So we have an idea of numbers for catering purposes, it would be helpful if you could let us know if you're intending to join us for refreshments by emailing parishclerk@moulsford-pc.org.uk.

- 5:30 pm - Parish Council will set up the room and hold a short Parish AGM
- 6:30 pm - Annual Parish Meeting starts with representatives from village organisations, including the Pavilion Management Committee and Events Committee, giving their updates
- 7:30 pm - Break, with refreshments prepared by our village chef and councillor, Liam Kelly
- 8:00 pm - Local Wildlife Photography talk, “Strictly Nature”, by Simon Booker
- 9:00 pm - Close

There will be a suggestions box available for any feedback or ideas you may have. The parish council will review all submissions and may discuss them at a future meeting, where appropriate.

Simon's wildlife photos are often posted on the Mouldsford facebook page - this is one of his taken in front of the Beetle and Wedge, showing a kingfisher mid-flight.



From Your Parish Council continued

Parish Clerk

Helen continues to act as our locum Parish Clerk. Andrew Ashton has been appointed as Parish Clerk, starting on 1st May with a handover and training period from the locum clerk of at least one month. I am sure you will be delighted that a local resident with a lot of relevant experience has accepted the post.

If you have any parish queries, please continue to direct them to parishclerk@moulsford-pc.org.uk.

Councillor Vacancies

If you wish to join the council, please do get in touch with hshaw@moulsford-pc.org.uk.

Highways

We are investigating viability and advice from Highways for additional speed signage in the village.

Speed watch

The Council is still looking for 9 - 12 volunteers to make a Speed Watch programme in Moulsford viable. If you are interested in joining a Moulsford Speed Watch team – operating in a similar way to the scheme some of you may have seen in Streatley – please email parishclerk@moulsford-pc.org.uk. We do not yet have enough volunteers to proceed, so this is an ongoing call for expressions of interest.

Green Spaces

Goal posts - The council will be considering a proposal to increase the distance by approximately 20 metres between goal posts. It is hoped this would help to reduce wear on the grass, as well as facilitate goal posts sometimes being used separately when there are multiple groups of players wanting to play or practice simultaneously.

Basketball Court - The Council is waiting for the annual playground inspection report before planning when to refurbish the surface, and whether we can safely defer further expenditure until the next financial year.

Wheelchair accessible path - The Council have agreed a route for a path linking The Old Vicarage to the Pavilion. This will also provide wheelchair access for all who require it.

Allotments - All plots are currently leased. To join the waiting list, please email parishclerk@moulsford-pc.org.uk

Badger Bank Bench - Councillors have carried out routine maintenance on the bench, and Beacroft's Farm team have kindly reinstalled the bench on the bank.

MPC100Club

The committee for the Moulsoford 100 Club draw has decided to bring the game to a close in July. This should give people who have direct debits set up time to notify their banks.

It has been a fun event over the past 3 years and has raised £8000 for village projects. Of course if there is anyone interested in continuing to run this then we would be very happy to pass on the details.

We would like to thank all those who have supported the club and to congratulate all who have been a winner! It has been great fun to organise and we hope other fund raising ideas will develop for Moulsoford.

April 2026 draw results:

	Ball Number	Price Money
1st	31	£67.00
2nd	43	£33.50
3rd	41	£16.75



Keeping phones out of the classroom

Mobile phones are ubiquitous, and bring many benefits in life, but they also create real problems, particularly within schools. Most schools will have some kind of “phone free” policy; but how effectively these are enforced varies hugely.

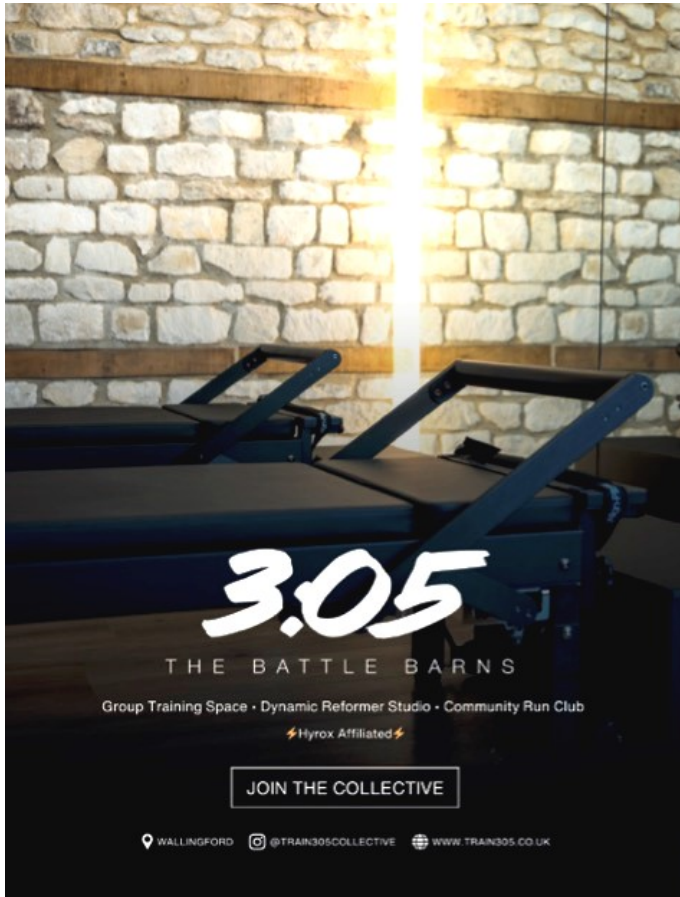
Last month I met with teachers and governors from several schools at Aureus Secondary School to talk about their approach to banning phones in school.

They have adopted a particular system, using lockable pouches, but there are lots of those things used by schools, such as lock boxes. For most of us a mobile phone is a useful - sometimes indispensable - addition to our lives, but during the school day they distract pupils, disrupt classes, can lead to poor discipline and lower attainment.

There are a number of perceived barriers to implementing a proper phone free policy in school - phones connected to medical devices, and young carers for example - but the experience of schools that have embraced a proper ban shows that these problems can be overcome. The benefits of removing the distraction can hugely outweigh the costs, reducing disruption, truancy and bullying.

I've already been in touch with other schools and discussing how we can spread best practice to all schools in Thames Valley and will hopefully be launching a new project later this year.

As well as increasing the number of neighbourhood police officers locally, as part of my Education Strategy, every secondary school in Thames Valley now has a named schools police officer - and primary schools also have access to local support. The important role these officers play can be both dealing with incidents involving children - as either victims or perpetrators; but also working with teachers to educate children - and parents - about some of the risks facing them.



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Dear Friends,

Just to let you know that I will be on Sabbatical from the end of May to mid September, so if you need anything please email the church secretary moulsfordchurch@outlook.com.

This month, we are looking forward to Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit that fills us with love and peace and joy. So this month I thought I would share a few jokes with you, hope they make you smile.

What God is like

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

A hand went up. "He is an artist!" said the little boy.

"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.

"You know – Our Father, who does art in Heaven... "

Notices found in church newsletters – that didn't quite come out right!

Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of the vicar's sermons.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing: 'Break Forth Into Joy.'

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married last weekend in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

The organist invites any members of the congregation who enjoy sinning to volunteer for the choir.

If you want to hear more stories, you are more than welcome to join us for worship every Sunday morning 9am St John the Baptist Moulsoford.

Rebecca Peters - Vicar

Moulsford Manor

Moulsford Manor, next to the parish church, was until 1497 the principal local home of the prominent Carew family, who also lived at Carew Castle in Pembrokeshire.

The house today is largely Edwardian, built around a Tudor core. It was a private residence until 1929 when it was used first as a hotel, and then by the American Air Force during World War II. Post-war it became a nursing school and was restored as a private home in 1994, when it was purchased for Kevin Maxwell's wife Pandora by her parents; they let it out as a set for the filming of *Midsomer Murders*. The Manor remains a private residence.

Despite its ancient history, the Manor is not a listed building.

The hotel was purchased by Hobbs of Henley in 1936. Henry Hobbs was a boat builder and the company he formed in 1870 is still operating. He also owned The Ship hotel in Wharf Lane, Henley.



Run by the American Red Cross from 1943, Moulsford Manor was one of 16 country houses or 'flak homes' which housed airmen for Rest and Recuperation away from the stress of flying bombing missions. Each serviceman was entitled to at least one rest period during their 25-30 mission tour. The two photos below are from 1943.



It was rumoured that Winston Churchill once stayed here during WW2.

The Manor was reinvented as a school by the West Berkshire School of Nursing for training nurses in mental health who were assigned to the Fair Mile Hospital, and Borocourt Hospital in Henley.

The early history of Moulsford Manor and the Carew family is reported in the following:

<https://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/berks/vol3/pp504-507> or try this source:

https://mail.berkshirehistory.com/castles/moulsford_manor.html

An early 1900's sale book gives many fascinating details and photos of the manor and other buildings – see

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What's on in Moulsoford and Surrounding Areas

Moulsoford Coffee Shop

Alison and Gary Fagg

The next Moulsoford coffee Shop will be on
Wednesday 13th May

AT THE PAVILION FROM 10.30 - 12.00



Thank you to all who helped at the Coffee Shop in April and to all of you who came along.

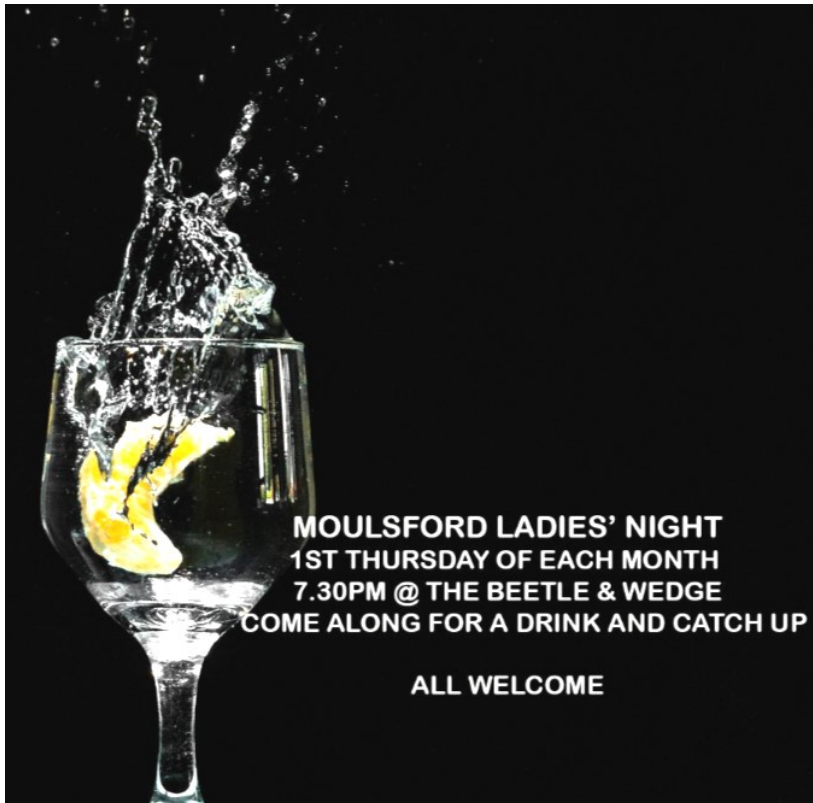
At the May Coffee Shop Marie Deacon, Local Police Community Support Officer for Moulsoford and the surrounding areas is coming along to meet and chat to the locals.

A huge shout out to The Catering Team at The Old Vicarage for making delicious cakes once again.

Everyone is welcome and please bring along your friends, relations and neighbours for a change of scene and chat.

The Moulsoford Coffee Shop is on the second Wednesday of each month. We just ask for £1.50 to include all refreshments. Monies raised go back into the village.

What's on in Moulsoford and Surrounding Areas continued



Spinning Club - Social Craft

Moulsoford craft group meets on the 3rd 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.

Village Greenfingers – we grow stuff!

Village Greenfingers is the gardening club for Goring, Streatley and the surrounding area. We're an enthusiastic and friendly bunch of gardeners, with gardens of all sorts and sizes, and would love to welcome you to our meetings.

All meetings are on the 1st Wednesday of the month at Storton Lodge, Icknield Road Goring RG8 0DL, 7.30 - 9.30pm.

We have a wide range of speakers and have a garden plant/accessories stall, raffle and free refreshments. Visit our website villagegreenfingers.uk for more information.



6th May - A talk all about Medlars by Jane Steward

Medlars are an ancient, rarely cultivated fruit in the rose family, closely related to the apple and quince.

Jane Steward is a specialist grower and producer of medlar preserves. She is a member of the Guild of Food Writers (with a published book 'Medlars - Growing and Cooking Medlars' - which was shortlisted for Fortnum's food and drink awards). Her article on medlars was published recently in 'The English Garden'. She is also a member of the Garden Media Guild and holds the Plant Heritage National Collection of Medlars.

Jane will bring examples of medlars along with tasting jars of the jelly and chutney and jars to buy, as well as copies of her book.

Competition: 'That's unusual'. Your own interpretation.

Members will also be given geranium plugs to grow on. They will be judged at the meeting in September.

Goring Chamber Choir Celebrates 75th Anniversary with Ambitious Baroque Programme

Goring Chamber Choir will mark its 75th anniversary with an exceptional concert at Douai Abbey on Saturday, 16th May at 7:30pm, centered on the Magnificat - Mary's own song of joy and thanksgiving.

"Just as the Magnificat is Mary's song of celebration, this concert is our magnificat - our song of gratitude for 75 years of singing together" says musical director Frances Brewitt-Taylor.

The choir tackles Bach's magnificent and powerful Magnificat - a major undertaking last performed by the ensemble in 1995. With its highly demanding chorus parts and exquisite orchestral scoring, Bach's masterwork captures everything from explosive joy to tender beauty in Mary's famous canticle.

The celebration continues with the Durante Magnificat (formerly attributed to Pergolesi), sharing Bach's joyful atmosphere, and Mozart's charming offertory motet Alma Deicreatoris. Taking advantage of Douai Abbey's magnificent acoustic, the choir will also perform six contrasting unaccompanied motets by Bruckner, Britten, Timothy Blinko, Frank Ferko, John Tavener and Pierre Villette - each exploring different aspects of Mary's life in an ecstatic range of sound worlds.

"This will be an evening of great vitality, joyfulness and variety," says Brewitt-Taylor. The choir will be accompanied by Oxford's professional baroque orchestra Charivari Agréable, directed by Kah-Ming Ng, and joined by four highly accomplished young soloists.

Musical Director: Frances Brewitt-Taylor

Orchestra: Charivari Agréable

Soloists: Anaïs Manz, Richard Decker, William Searle, Jan-Magnar Gard

Where: Douai Abbey, Woolhampton RG7 5TQ

When: Saturday, 16th May 2026 at 7:30pm

Tickets: £20. Under-18s free. Available from tickets@goringchamberchoir.org.uk, Inspiration (Goring), Garlands Organic (Pangbourne), from any choir member, or on the door.

<http://www.goringchamberchoir.org.uk/>

A poster for the Goring Chamber Choir's 75th Anniversary Concert. The background is dark with a large, colorful mosaic of the Virgin Mary's head and shoulders on the right side. The text is white and yellow. At the top left is the Goring Chamber Choir logo, a treble clef with the text 'Goring Chamber Choir' inside. To the right of the logo is the text 'Goring Chamber Choir'. Below that is '75th Anniversary Concert' in large yellow letters. Underneath is a list of details: 'Saturday 16th May', '7:30pm', and 'Douai Abbey'. At the bottom, there are two Magnificat pieces: 'Magnificat in D major J.S. Bach' and 'Magnificat in B major Durante (attr. Pergolesi)'. Below these is 'Marian motets Classical & contemporary'. At the very bottom is the email address 'tickets@goringchamberchoir.org.uk'.

What's on in Moulsoford and Surrounding Areas continued

GAP Festival tickets on sale now

Between 12th – 21st June, the Goring and Streatley GAP Festival returns with more than 65 events celebrating music, arts, literature, science and family creativity. Tickets have been selling fast since their release at the end of March, so if you're planning a visit, now is the perfect moment to book.

Every ticket supports the GAP Festival charity, helping bring high-quality cultural experiences to our local communities. Thanks to generous sponsors, many events in this year's programme are completely free.

Explore the full line-up at www.thegapfestival.org/events.

Alongside headline performances, the Festival offers a wealth of smaller events not to be missed. Creative workshops range from acrylic landscapes and pastel portraits to willow weaving and textiles. Music lovers can enjoy *Queentet*, an emerging all-female brass ensemble from the Royal Academy of Music, performing in the beautiful setting of St Mary's Church. Literature fans can hear from Stephen Briggs, the acclaimed adapter of Sir Terry Pratchett's Discworld novels for the stage, while folk trio *The Three Idle Women* bring warmth and wit to traditional songs. A captivating piano recital that pairs music by Philip Glass with works by other iconic composers, and families can dive into dance, mime, poetry, percussion and singing at Discover.Create.Perform.

This year's **Family Day on Saturday 13 June** is bigger than ever, inviting visitors to explore the *Wonders of the Natural World*. Centred around Rectory Gardens, the day offers a wide range of free, drop-in activities from 10am to 5pm. Enjoy talks from Beale Park, The Living Rainforest, OrbAstro, wildlife photographer Simon Booker and scientists from the University of Reading. Explore the Nature Zone with reptiles, bees and sustainability activities; build a LEGO® satellite in the Space Zone; enjoy storytelling and crafts in Story Corner; and follow the family nature trail. St Thomas' Church hosts a Nature Photography Exhibition featuring entries from the Children's Photography Competition.

The full Family Day programme is available at www.thegapfestival.org/events/wonders-of-the-natural-world — some ticketed experiences may already be full, but waiting lists are available.

We look forward to welcoming you to the GAP Festival in June.

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Cholsey Repair Café

Saturday, May 16th will be the date of the next Cholsey Repair Café at the Cholsey Pavilion. Doors will be open from 10.00 until 12.45 and you can bring along all manner of domestic items, including bicycles, for the expert attentions of our volunteer fixers, who will do their best to help you repair them. If the session is busy, you can make the wait more pleasant with a really good cuppa and cake from Cholsey Community Café, right next door. We are one of the longest-running and most respected repair cafes in Berks and Oxon. More detail can be found at www.cholseyrepaircafe.com.



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May Cinema

- 1st: **Orwell 2+2=5 (15)** (7:30pm - 9:30pm)
2nd: **The Drama (15)** (7:30pm - 9:15pm)
3, 4th: **The Wizard of the Kremlin (15)** (7:30pm - 9:45pm)
5, 6th: **Father Mother Sister Brother (15)** (7:30pm - 9:30pm)
7th: **Glenrothan (12A)** (7:30pm - 9:15pm)
8th: Live Screening **The Metropolitan Opera - Eugene Onegin** (7pm - 11pm, Two Intervals)
9th: **Glenrothan (12A)** (7:30pm - 9:15pm)
19-23rd: Live Performance **Murder, Margaret and Me** (7:30pm -9:30pm, One Interval)
23rd: Live Performance **Murder, Margaret and Me** (2:30pm - 4:30pm Matinee, One Interval)
24th: **Köln 75 (15)** (7:30pm - 9:30pm)
25, 26th: **Primavera (15)** (7:30pm - 9:30pm)
27th: **Frida Kahlo: Exhibition on Screen (Extended Encore) (12A)** (2:30pm - 4:15pm Matinee)
27th: **Frida Kahlo: Exhibition on Screen (Extended Encore) (12A)** (7:30pm - 9:15pm)
28, 29th: **The Playboy of the Western World NT Live** (7pm - 9:30pm)
30, 31st: **Funny Girl - The Musical (PG)** (7:30pm - 10pm, One Interval)



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Contact telephone number: 01491 652511

The poster is for 'Moulsford tots' music class. It features a grey background with white and blue musical notes and a red crest at the top center. The text is centered and provides details about the class, including the instructor (Josie), the activities (singing, dancing, storytelling), the age group (0-4 years), the day and time (Thursdays, 9.30-10.15 AM), and the venue (Moulsford Pre-Prep, OX10 9HR). It also states that the class is free of charge, spaces are limited, and provides an email address for booking and a contact telephone number.

Letters to the Editor

SEWAGE DISCHARGE INTO THAMES RIVER

Many have viewed the recent Channel 4 documentary 'Dirty Business'. Some local information might be of interest to those who use the river, particularly 'wild' swimmers.

Treatment plants upstream of Moulsoford include South Moreton (Into Mill Brook), Benson (into Howberry Ditch) and Dorchester (into River Thames). Wallingford sewage is treated at the Cholsey plant which discharges into a soakaway field and / or Cholsey Brook. All of these discharges eventually flow into the Thames River. Below Moulsoford is the Goring treatment plant just upstream of the Leathern Bottel.

Various sources of information tell us the level of bacterial contamination is generally below the danger point but quality has generally been considered Poor. Wallingford succeeded in achieving bathing quality status and a Sufficient rating in 2024. A Good rating requires less than 1000 cfu/100 ml e. coli bacteria, and an Excellent rating is below 500.

Heavy rain can trigger high discharge of untreated sewage, shown in the Wallingford Beach data, and as shown quite clearly in a Goring water quality monitoring project. Over 80,000 cfu was recorded at Withymead Nature Reserve in September 2024 (that is South Stoke and probably Moulsoford) after heavy rains. Treatment plants in many cases do not have the facilities to store and treat the very high volumes of sewage generated in rainstorms and discharge into the rivers.

Bottom Line: After heavy or prolonged rain, the Thames River is likely to contain high levels of bacterial contamination and contact should be avoided.

<https://ggeo.online/project/water-quality-monitoring-project/>

<https://www.thames21.org.uk/2025/11/water-quality-at-wallingford-beach-improves-in-second-bathing-season/>

<https://www.sewagemap.co.uk/>

Anonymous



Community Spirit and Volunteer Efforts

Our village owes much of its charm and welcoming atmosphere to the commitment of its many dedicated volunteers. These individuals invest significant time and effort to improve the look and feel of our community, ensuring it remains an attractive place to live. Importantly, all of this work is undertaken without any financial reward. The volunteers' efforts play a crucial role in fostering the friendly social fabric that defines our village, helping to maintain the strong sense of togetherness we all enjoy. It is important to acknowledge the invaluable contributions made by our many volunteers. Their dedication takes many forms, all of which help to strengthen and support our community.

Our village parish councillors, who work tirelessly to represent our interests and oversee local matters.

Individuals who organise social events and ensure the pavilion is properly maintained, providing a welcoming space for gatherings and activities.

The team responsible for editing the Moulsoford News, along with those who deliver it to our homes each month, keeping everyone informed and connected.

Those who keep our Moulsoford Facebook page updated, helping to share news and information promptly within the community.

Residents committed to fund-raising for village projects, enabling improvements and supporting new initiatives.

Volunteers involved in tree planting, enhancing the natural beauty and sustainability of our environment.

People who help to keep the village tidy, making sure our surroundings remain clean and pleasant for all.

The list of contributions continues, and every act of service - large or small - plays a part in making Moulsoford a wonderful place to live.

Get Involved

If you have some spare time, please consider offering your help. By joining in, you can make a real difference in our village and help maintain the spirit of community we all cherish.

Cantankerous Curmudgeon

Local News

Wallingford Accessible Boat Club Set to Launch Exciting New Season on the River Thames

Wallingford Accessible Boat Club (WABC), the much-loved local charity offering free river trips for disabled and less mobile people across Oxfordshire, is gearing up for another season.

Bookings for WABC's popular two-hour trips will open on Monday, 20th April via the charity's website www.wabc.org.uk, with the first trips of the 2026 season on Wednesday, 6th May.

WABC Chairman John Jenkins MBE said: "We are incredibly excited about the upcoming season. Not only are we aiming for another record-breaking year, but we've also introduced a range of new features on our wheelyboat, WOW-one, to make every trip even more enjoyable for our passengers."

Following a highly successful winter recruitment drive, WABC has welcomed a wave of new volunteer crew members. This expansion means the charity can now offer an enhanced schedule of trips - running twice daily, six days a week - significantly increasing capacity.

"Last year was a record year for us, and this season we're aiming even higher," added John. "Our goal is to welcome over 600 passengers - an incredible milestone. Demand is always high, so we strongly encourage people to book early to secure their preferred dates."

Used Books for South Africa

I have known for some time that the school we support in South Africa has been desperate for educational books and reading material, and thanks to a massive co-ordinated response we have been able to meet this need.

A huge 'THANK YOU' to everyone from the village and church communities who generously donated their used reading books and to Moulsoford Prep and Cranford School who in addition, also forwarded bags of used textbooks for South Africa at the end of 2025.

On the recent trip to our Church Partnership link of Huhudi in South Africa, we can now report after much anxiety and as is common in South Africa, several changes to the original plans, the 2 pallets of books arrived safely to Thuto Lesedi Primary School on Saturday, 21st March, shortly before we were due to fly home!

The pallets left Root One in Wallingford on a gloomy evening in late November 2025, travelled by sea over 5903 miles from the docks in London to the port of Durban, South Africa prior to being transferred by road to Johannesburg. After this diversion they were collected by Bakkie (heavy duty 4 wheel vehicles essential for road, track or scrub travel in Africa) before being collected and arriving in Huhudi, some 3,250 miles south. So quite a feat of persistence, support and determination from a variety of people in both countries.



We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the generosity of friends and strangers who freely gave their time with storing and packing the books prior to leaving the UK and those who assisted with resolving the unexpected changes to the original plans in South Africa.



The delight and amazement on the faces of 3 small children who appeared from nowhere and helped unpack the boxes and place the books on the newly constructed shelves at the school, did make everyone's efforts worthwhile. Sadly our schedule meant we left before School began the following Monday morning, but emails indicate everyone at Thuto Lesedi was equally bowled over by all your efforts of support for this project.

Janet Knowles on behalf of
St John the Baptist Church, Moulsoford

Local Services

Wallingford Local Producers Market

WPLM is a regular event in many people's calendar.

Based at St Mary-le-More, it's their weekly fix of fresh vegetables, cheese, cakes, bakes, coffee and lots of foody treats.

Inside there's even more, with handmade arts and crafts by local makers; there really is something for everyone. All the food and crafts are made locally and the market has a warm and welcoming community feel. So if you haven't found it yet, go and visit on a Saturday morning between 10am and 12.30pm.

Starting in March, the market will also be in the Market Place on every first Saturday of the month with extended hours between 10am and 1pm (except 1st week of Sept).



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.

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.

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 6000 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](#).

To find out more visit <https://wallingfordfoodbank.org.uk/> or email ridgewayfood@outlook.com.

Wallingford Country Market



Open each Friday morning in St. Mary-le-More Church, (situated just behind the Town Hall), 9.30 - 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 TO WALLINGFORD
REVISED SERVICE FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER 2025
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
MONDAYS to FRIDAYS ONLY**

<i>Service Number</i>	<i>133</i>	<i>133</i>
GORING Railway Station Forecourt	08:54	12:10
Goring Library	08:56	12:12
Streatley, Swan Hotel/The Bull	08:57	12:13
Moulsford Beetle & Wedge	09:02	12:18
Moulsford Old Vicarage	09:03	12:19
Wallingford Hospital	R	R
Wallingford LiDL	R	R
WALLINGFORD Market Place	09:15	12:30

<i>Service Number</i>	<i>133</i>	<i>133</i>
WALLINGFORD, Market Place	11:45	14:30
Wallingford station (LiDL)	Q	Q
Wallingford Hospital	11:47	14:32
Moulsford, Old Vicarage	R	R
Moulsford Beetle & Wedge	11:55	14:40
Streatley, The Coombe	R	R
Streatley Traffic Lights (bus shelter)	12:00	14:45
Swan Hotel	R	R
Goring River Bridge (o/s Pierreponts)	R	R
Glebe Ride (hail and ride zone)	R	R
Cleeve Road (hail and ride zone)	R	R
Milldown Avenue Top	12:05	14:50
Lockstile Way	12:06	14:51
Goring Railway Station forecourt	12:10	14:55

- Q Please inform the driver on your outward journey if you would like to be picked up here. Does not set down here.
- R Sets down only at these points on request to the driver by passengers already on board at previous timing point

Useful Contacts

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MOULSFORD PAVILION PRICING FROM 1 JANUARY 2026		
	Village Residents	Non Village Residents
WEEKDAYS Monday - Friday up to 6.00pm	£16 / hour	£19.50 / hour
WEEKDAYS Monday – Thursday after 6.00pm	£19.50 / hour	£26.00 / hour
WEEKENDS Friday after 6.00pm through Saturday and Sunday	£21.50 / per hour	£29.00 / per hour
WEEKEND Hire Friday from 6.00pm until Sunday 12.00 noon		£725
WEEKEND Hire Saturday 9.00am Until Sunday 12.00 noon		£650
A refundable (subject to terms & conditions)		£100
DEPOSIT is required for all bookings		
CHANGING ROOMS		Price available on request
TO BOOK THE PAVILION ONLINE GO TO:		www.moulsfordpavilion.co.uk
OR EMAIL:		moulsfordbookings@gmail.com

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event	Location
Sat, 2nd May	9:00 Spring Fair	Moulsford Pavilion
Fri, 8th May	Friday Social Food: Curry	Moulsford Pavilion
Wed, 13th May	10:30 Moulsford Coffee Shop	Moulsford Pavilion
Wed, 20th May	18:30 MPC AGM 20:00 Wildlife Photography Talk	Moulsford Pavilion
Fri, 22nd May	Friday Social	Moulsford Pavilion
Fri, 12th June	Friday Social Food: Chilli	Moulsford Pavilion
Fri, 26th June	Friday Social	Moulsford Pavilion
Fri, 10th July	Friday Social	Moulsford Pavilion
Fri, 24th July	Friday Social	Moulsford Pavilion
Fri, 14th August	Friday Social	Moulsford Pavilion
Fri, 28th August	Friday Social	Moulsford Pavilion
Sat, 3rd October	Comedy Night	Moulsford Pavilion

Moulsford News Contributions

Share your news, plans and stories with us!

You can reach the editor, Katja Abel, by email:

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