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November Events Update

Nigel Baker

A successful Comedy Night, a break from November socials and a traditional Christmas line-up are all on the agenda, with a village Burns Night planned for January.

We are now well into Autumn, with the first named storms upon us. Seeing us into cosy season in excellent humour was a wonderful Comedy Night, as ever hosted by the always on-point Paddy Lennox. There was a splendid turnout and folks appreciated the hospitality on offer as we had great bar takings. This has become important as one of the bigger earning events of the year, helping that flow of revenue back into the Parish Council's funds for the village. So, thanks for coming and thanks for your generosity at the bar. As we know though, these nights don't happen on their own, so big thanks to Tracey and Andy Lee for putting so much time into organising this amazing event, together with Jon Swain's and Nigel Mansford's input on the sound and lights, and of course the bar team.

We're taking a well-earned break through November, then Christmas will soon be upon us (though looking at shops recently, it's pretty much here already!). Our next events will be our traditional Christmas line-up.

The Christmas Social will be on Sunday 20th December, following community Christmas carols at the Church at 4pm. The Pavilion will be open straight after the service, ready to welcome folks walking from the church. Expect Christmassy goings on, a well-stocked seasonal bar and a few more carols. For those Christmassing in the village, the traditional and always well-supported Boxing Day walk up to the fantastic Bell at Aldworth will be gathering at the Underhill post box for a 10am departure. Family and friends all most welcome for a bit of Christmas Moulsford style.

We are giving the Gala a break this year, to do something a bit different in the New Year. We'll be having a village Burns Night, on Friday 22nd January at the Beetle and Wedge. Tickets at only £42 per person will include a three course meal and a wee drop of something appropriate, with all the spectacle of a proper haggis ceremony. More information to follow in the next issue.

As another year of socials approaches its end, I think the village is so lucky that we have a stalwart team of events supporters amongst our community, from the Events Committee team to our bar and food volunteers, events organisers and Ben and the team at the Beetle and Wedge. To me, the Friday evening socials and the way they help bring folks together is one of the things that makes Moulsford so special. As Jeremy Clarkson so eloquently puts it: 'A village without a pub is just a collection of houses'.

Thanks everyone for your support in making Moulsford more than a collection of houses, long may it continue.

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Share your news, plans and stories with us!

moulsfordnews@moulsford-pc.org.uk

Deadline for October edition Wed, 18th November

From Your Parish Council

Hilary Shaw

New Councillor

Please do contact the Parish Clerk or any of the current Councillors (email addresses listed on the back page) if you are interested in joining the Council.

Green Spaces

Maintenance identified and replacement approved at the October meeting was for a new non slip surface on the wooden Play Palace. The see saw has also been identified as requiring replacement at some point next year.

Traffic through the village

This agenda item had a new focus on the school drop off and pick up queues of traffic during term time. At the next meeting we hope to have a Council-approved plan for collecting and analysing data especially around the school gates.

Car Park and Parking charges

The Council are not planning to introduce any charges for parking in the village carpark at this stage. As a first step, a sign is being designed to emphasise use of the carpark is for users of the Pavilion and Recreation Ground.

Pavilion Roof

The Contractor to repair the Council roof has been selected at the October meeting. We will update when we have a start date for the project.

General Parish Matters

If you have any parish queries, please continue to direct them to parishclerk@moulsford-pc.org.uk and/or any of the Councillors listed on the back page of Moulsford news.

Next Parish Meeting

The next council meeting is 12th November

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Member of Parliament for Didcot & Wantage

Olly Glover

Olly Glover MP reports on his work with Thames Water, local businesses and community groups, alongside updates on local road safety, solar farm proposals and funding for special educational needs services.

Recently, my focus has been on ongoing issues with Thames Water and the structure of our water industry. I spoke in a debate on the public ownership of the water sector, after 866 constituents signed a petition calling for a referendum on this. I have also recently written to Thames Water's Head of Engagement, Land and Consents, urging her to share the feedback they have received from the public about the SESRO – or White Horse – reservoir. Local communities deserve transparency, especially while public trust in Thames Water is so low.

I have continued engaging with local businesses and community groups, such as Tokamak Energy in Milton Park, who showed me their work on advanced fusion devices, and St Andrew's Church in East Hagbourne, who welcomed me for a Climate Q and A panel event.



I visited Oxford Manor Care Home during a community evening showcasing their work and facilities. Wigod Way Family Centre in Wallingford showed me the amazing support they provide to families, and I joined children and the Headteacher from Cholsey Primary School for an inspection of walking routes to their school. I have also had a productive meeting with Whittington Crescent residents to discuss issues they have been facing with the company managing their new estate.

I was honoured to lay a wreath at the Wilding and Andrew Service on September 13th: an important date in Wallingford's calendar, in memory of the RAF Servicemen who gave their lives, ensuring their damaged aircraft during World War 2 crashed away from residential areas. I was also honoured to attend the BBC Make a Difference Awards in Oxford, celebrating The Earth Trust winning an award!

In other news, many of you will be aware of new proposals for a large Solar Farm impacting the constituency, and I will be meeting with the Cearn Solar Farm proposers to understand their plans and raise community concerns with the developers directly. I also continue to work with Persimmon and the County Council on planned installation of a crossing and other road safety improvements outside of the new St John's Academy in Grove, and will continue to update constituents on this. I have also welcomed a recent central government decision regarding special educational needs funding, where it has been confirmed that £121.8 million will be received by Oxfordshire County Council to cover the funding gap for vitally important services across Oxfordshire.

As always, if there is anything I can help with, please contact my team at olly.glover.mp@parliament.uk or leave a voicemail on 0207 219 7657.

Olly Glover

Member of Parliament for the Didcot and Wantage Constituency



From the Church



Rebecca Peters - Vicar

Dear Friends,

'In Flanders' fields the poppies blow between the crosses, row on row, that mark our place: and in the sky the larks, still bravely singing, fly scarce heard amid the guns below.'

This is the first verse of John McCrae's poem, first published in Punch magazine in 1915. It soon came to symbolise the sacrifice of all who died in World War One. Today, the poppy remains an important symbol of all those who have sacrificed their lives in conflicts over the years. But why do we remember them?

'They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.' (Micah 4:3). Writing 700 years before Christ, Micah spoke at the time when Samaria was captured due to the invasion of Assyria. However, he prophesied a future of hope, a world where nations would come together in peace rather than war. His words are fulfilled in the kingdom of God established by Jesus.

Our understanding of peace is more than simply the absence of conflict. It is about building relationships between people, communities and nations, founded on love and justice for all. As we remember those who have died in war, we should look practically at how we can build such relationships, beginning with our own families, colleagues and neighbours. 'We will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.' (Micah 4:5). Let us ask God's Spirit to make us people of peace, justice and compassion for today's world.

'They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.'

All of the Moulsford Community are welcome to attend the Remembrance Service at St John the Baptist Moulsford Sunday 8th November 9am.

rev.cholseyandmoulsford@gmail.com

Services

1st Sunday

9am Parish Communion

2nd Sunday

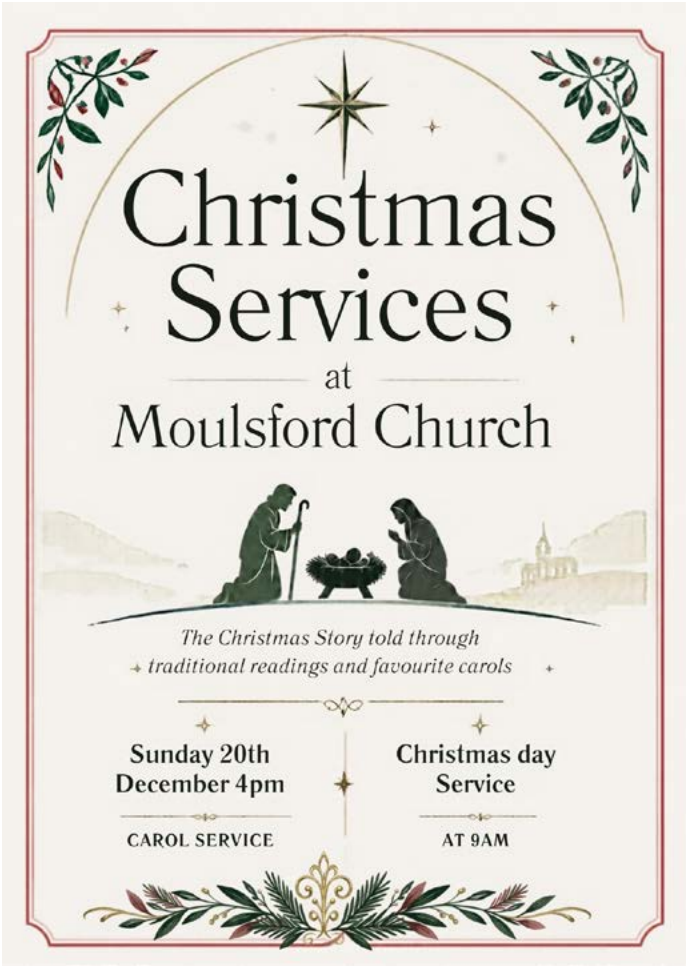
9am Parish Communion

3rd Sunday

9am Faith Explored or Morning Prayer, with coffee and pastries from 9am

4th Sunday

9am Parish Communion



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OLD JACK O'LANTERN



Once upon a time

I sat in splendid style,

My eyes were glowing yellow

And I had a toothy smile.

All who saw me were aghast

And ran into the night

Screaming, crying, wailing

In extraordinary fright.

But Halloween has passed this year

And leaves me here forgotten

I'm growing older by the day

And soon I will be rotten.

I could have been a tasty pie.

Or a delicious tangy soup.

No longer wanted, left to dream

At the bottom of the stoop.

The Bearded Barb

A bit of fun!

How did you do with last month's wordsearch? Answers below

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I am available evenings, holidays and weekends.

Message Eloise on **07729615112**!

References are available on request.

Moulsford Coffee Shop

Alison & Gary Fagg



The next Moulsford Coffee Shop will be on

Wednesday 11th November at the Pavilion from 10.30 – 12.00

We look forward to seeing you all there

A big thank you for so many of you who came to Coffee Shop in October and lovely to see some new faces. Thank you to the Old Vicarage for supplying the delicious cakes once again.

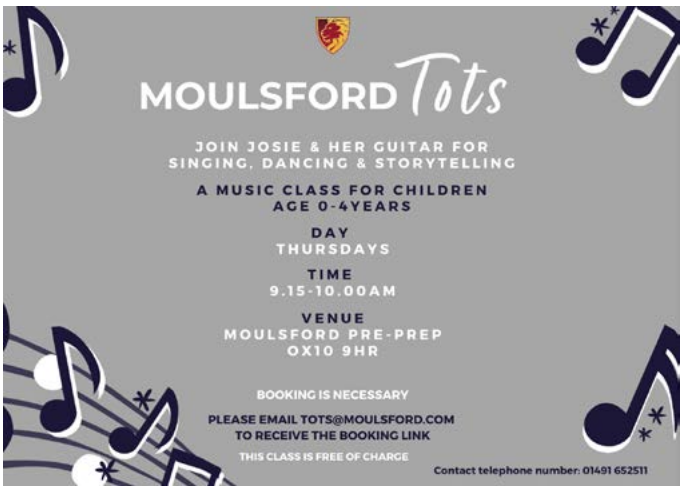
Everyone is welcome and please bring along your friends, relations and neighbours for a chat.

If you would like to take a turn behind the counter please put your name/s down on the clipboard. Help will be on hand and please don't be put off as cake and biscuits are provided.

The Moulsford Coffee Shop is on the second Wednesday of each month. We just ask for a small fee to include all refreshments. Monies raised go back into the village.







What's on in Moulsford & Surrounding Areas

SPINNING CLUB

Social Craft

Moulsford 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.

Caring for Carers

in our community

Sometimes it helps to talk about carer experiences; other times, just enjoying the company of others without having to explain yourself is comfort enough, knowing that you are not alone.

Members may be caring for a family member or a friend who is unwell, ageing or has a disability.

The group promotes sharing of ideas, information and providing support to each other, encouraging self care, and putting you in touch with agencies that can assist you with respite and other carer needs.



The group also enables you to get a much needed break and a chance to get out of the house.

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month, 2 - 3.30pm

St Marys Church, Market Place, Wallingford, OX10 0EG

This group is for unpaid carers and is supported by

Carers Oxfordshire
advise support connections



MOULSFORD LADIES' NIGHT

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UMMMM ..... PROBABLY
SCRUB THAT ..... CONVERSATION


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What's on in Moulsford & Surrounding Areas

1 Nov

Woodcote Fireworks Display

Woodcote Primary School. Gates open at 5pm, with fireworks at 6.30pm. Ticketed event; check the booking site for prices.

pta-events.com

2 Nov

Meet Up Mondays

A friendly social session at Wallingford Library, 10.30am–12pm.

oxfordshire.gov.uk

Super Storytime

Wallingford Library, 3.30–4.15pm. Story and themed craft activity for under-7s. Free; no booking required.

oxfordshire.gov.uk

5 Nov

Age UK Teabooks

A social session at Wallingford Library, 2–3pm.

oxfordshire.gov.uk

6 Nov

Cholsey Bonfire Night

Bonfire night at Cholsey Cricket Field, from 6pm.

cholseygreathall.co.uk

Rhymetime

Songs and rhymes for young children at Wallingford Library, 10–10.30am.

oxfordshire.gov.uk

7 Nov

Wallingford Bonfire & Fireworks

The Kinecroft, from 6pm. Free entry, with suggested donations of £6 for adults and £3 for children.

wallingford1155.org.uk

Oxford Round Table Fireworks

South Park, Oxford. Tickets Adults £13, Children £7; under-5s free with an accompanying adult ticket.

oxfordfireworks.co.uk

The Fireworks Flyer

Take the heritage train between Cholsey and Wallingford for the fireworks. Tickets £3 return or £7 for a family of four.

cholsey-wallingford-railway.com

Pangbourne College Christmas Market

Pangbourne College, 10am–3pm. Festive gifts, crafts and food stalls. Free entry and parking.

pangbourne.com

Code Club

Coding sessions at Wallingford Library, 10.30–11.30am and 11.40am–12.40pm.

oxfordshire.gov.uk

12 Nov

Flat and the Curves: Rosé Tinted

Comedy girl band at Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot, at 7.30pm. Tickets £23.

cornerstone-arts.org

13 Nov

Rhymetime

Songs and rhymes for young children at Wallingford Library, 10–10.30am.

oxfordshire.gov.uk

Amwell Springs Taproom on Tour

A pop-up taproom aboard the Cholsey & Wallingford Railway heritage railcar and at Wallingford Station.

cholsey-wallingford-railway.com

14 Nov

Abingdon Funfair & Fireworks

Abingdon Airfield. Funfair from 2pm, Fireworks 7:30pm. Adult tickets from £20 and children's tickets from £15, plus booking fees.

abingdonfireworks.co.uk

Dance in the Dark

Interactive family dance and music show at Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot. For ages 3 and over.

cornerstone-arts.org

16 Nov

My Vision Coffee Morning

A coffee morning at Wallingford Library, 10.30am–12.30pm.

oxfordshire.gov.uk

18 Nov

Of Mice and Men

John Steinbeck's classic play at Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot.

cornerstone-arts.org

19 Nov

After Work Book Group

Wallingford Library, 5.45–6.45pm. A monthly book group for adults.

oxfordshire.gov.uk

The Ox-Files

A talk exploring strange, mysterious and unusual tales from Oxfordshire at Vale & Downland Museum, Wantage. Doors 7pm, talk 7.30pm. Tickets £5 for members and £7 for visitors.

southernoxfordshire.com

20–21 Nov

Cinderella: The Ballet

A ballet performance by Downland Dance at Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot.

cornerstone-arts.org

21 Nov

Candlelit Concert with Bowfiddle Strings

A candlelit concert at The Barn, Didcot, featuring violin, viola and cello. Tickets £15 for members and £20 for non-members.

thebarndidcot.co.uk

Cholsey Comedy Club: Bobby Mair

An evening of stand-up comedy featuring three acts and a compere at Cholsey Great Hall, 8–11pm.

cholseygreathall.co.uk

21–22 Nov

Waterperry Gardens Christmas Market

Waterperry Gardens, near Wheatley, 10am–4pm. Craft stalls, festive food, a brass band and seasonal family activities.

waterperrygardens.co.uk

Gong Intensive Weekend

Learn to play the gongs with Danielle North. 10am–5pm, Moulsford Pavilion.

hello@daniellenorth.com

24 Nov

Children's Book Club

A book group for primary school-aged children at Wallingford Library, 3.45–4.30pm.

oxfordshire.gov.uk

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What's on in Moulsford & Surrounding Areas

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26 Nov

Oxfordshire Family History Society

A family history session at Wallingford Library, 1–6pm.

oxfordshire.gov.uk

26 Nov

Coram Shakespeare Schools Festival

Performances by young actors at Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot, at 7pm. Tickets £13.50.

cornerstone-arts.org

27 Nov

Rhymetime

Songs and rhymes for young children at Wallingford Library, 10–10.30am.

oxfordshire.gov.uk

Wreath-Making Workshop

Make a natural willow Christmas wreath at Cholsey Great Hall, 7–9.30pm. Includes materials, mulled wine and a mince pie. Fundraising for Treehouse School.

cholseygreathall.co.uk

27–28 Nov

Charlie Baker: Go Get It

Stand-up comedy at Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot.

cornerstone-arts.org

28 Nov

The Nutcracker

A family-friendly ballet by Let's All Dance Ballet Company at Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot.

cornerstone-arts.org

28–29 Nov

Santa Express

A festive heritage train journey from Wallingford Station, with Santa's elves, a visit from Father Christmas and a present for each child. Advance booking required.

cholsey-wallingford-railway.com

2 Dec

Winter Sound Bath

Join Danielle North for a relaxing winter sound bath. 7–8.30pm, Moulsford Pavilion.

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Corn Exchange Wallingford Pantomime 2027



January 2027 pantomime

The Snow Queen

Sinodun players

Join Gerda in Wallingford's 2027 pantomime, The Snow Queen! When Kai is whisked away by the evil Snow Queen, Gerda sets off on a magical adventure filled with laughter, colourful characters and panto fun.

150 minutes - 1 interval

5 Jan
7.30pm

16 Jan
2pm & 6.30pm

19–22 Jan
7.30pm daily

23 Jan
2pm & 6.30pm

24 Jan
2pm

26–29 Jan
7.30pm daily

30 Jan
2pm & 6.30pm

Corn Exchange Wallingford Nov & Dec 2026

1 Nov

The Royal Ballet: Manon (Live Screening)

7.15pm — 190 minutes — Two intervals — All ages

2 Nov

Runner (15)

7.30pm — 98 minutes

3 Nov

Madness: Take It or Leave It (12A)

86 minutes

4 Nov

Fallen Angels (PG)

2.30pm & 7.30pm — 110 minutes

5 Nov

NT Live: Golden Boy (15)

7pm — 180 minutes

6 Nov

ABBA Sensation

7.30pm — 130 minutes — One interval

7 Nov

NT Live: Golden Boy (15)

7pm — 180 minutes

8 Nov

A Big Egg (Live Show)

2.30pm — 50 minutes

Hadestown: The Musical (PG)

7.30pm — 142 minutes

9 Nov

Runner (15)

7.30pm — 98 minutes

10 Nov

The Royal Opera: Carmen (Live Screening)

7pm — 215 minutes — One interval

11 Nov

Casino Royale (12A)

2.30pm & 7.30pm — 144 minutes

12 & 13 Nov

The Weight (15)

7.30pm — 113 minutes

14 Nov

A Head Full of Coldplay

7.30pm — 120 minutes — One interval

15 Nov

The Royal Opera: Carmen (Live Screening)

7pm — 215 minutes — One interval

16 & 17 Nov

De Gaulle: Resistance (15)

7.30pm — 158 minutes

18 Nov

The Royal Opera: Carmen (Live Screening)

2.30pm — 215 minutes — One interval

Klara and the Sun (12A)

7.30pm — 116 minutes

19 Nov

George Michael: The Faith Tour (Rating TBA)

7.30pm — 113 minutes

20 & 21 Nov

Giant: Harold Pinter Theatre Live (15)

7.30pm — 136 minutes

21 Nov

Sinodun Players Quiz Night 2026

Crowmarsh Village Hall — 7pm — 150 minutes

22 Nov

Show for Lee (Live Show)

7.30pm — 140 minutes — One interval

23 & 24 Nov

Sense and Sensibility (U)

7.30pm — 131 minutes

25 Nov

Pressure (12A)

2.30pm — 100 minutes

Wicker (15)

7.30pm — 145 minutes

26 Nov

Klara and the Sun (12A)

7.30pm — 116 minutes

27 & 28 Nov

Wicker (15)

7.30pm — 145 minutes

29 & 30 Nov

De Gaulle: Liberté (15)

7.30pm — 157 minutes

1 Dec

The Royal Ballet: The Nutcracker

7.15pm — 140 minutes — One interval

2 Dec

Sense and Sensibility (U)

2.30pm & 7.30pm — 131 minutes

3 & 4 Dec

Comédie-Française (15)

7.30pm — 75 minutes

5 Dec

Verity (15)

7.30pm — 117 minutes

6 Dec

Onwards & Sideways (15)

7.30pm — 115 minutes

7 Dec

Verity (15)

7.30pm — 117 minutes

9 Dec

Onwards & Sideways (15)

7.30pm — 115 minutes

10–18 Dec

Closed for Pantomime Rehearsals

Box office open on Friday and Saturday mornings.

13 Dec

The Royal Ballet: The Nutcracker

7.15pm — 140 minutes — One interval

19 Dec

Christmas Punchbowl 2026 (Live Show)

Presented by the Sinodun Players. 7.30pm — 120 minutes — One interval. All money raised will be donated to Crisis UK.

More Info: www.cornexchange.org.uk/whatson/

Henley and District Stamp Club

The Philatelic Club is a friendly and enthusiastic community dedicated to the fascinating world of stamp collecting and postal history. Whether you are a beginner discovering the hobby for the first time, an experienced collector with specialised interests, or simply curious about stamps and their stories, our club offers a welcoming environment for learning, sharing, and enjoyment.



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Our club is built on friendship, mutual support, and a shared passion for preserving history through philately. Members enjoy exchanging ideas, helping one another identify and value items, discussing new issues, and participating in competitions and displays. The club encourages collectors of all ages and interests, fostering a spirit of cooperation and lifelong learning.

My next Newsletter looks into the history of St. George and how it has been illustrated in commemorative stamps.

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

Our meetings in November are on the 11th and 25th .

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 Accessible Boat Club

Wallingford Accessible Boat Club (WABC) is looking for new volunteers after record demand for its accessible trips on the River Thames saw every available trip booked weeks before the end of the 2026 season.



The volunteer-run charity, based at The Riverside in Wallingford, enables people with disabilities and limited mobility to enjoy trips on the Thames. It expects to carry more than 620 passengers this year, compared with almost 500 in 2025.

WABC now hopes to expand its team of more than 60 volunteers so it can welcome even more passengers in 2027. Volunteers are needed to help run trips and welcome passengers, as well as with marketing, fundraising, technology and the website.

No boating experience is required, with free training and ongoing support provided.

Chair John Jenkins MBE said: "For many of our passengers, this is their only opportunity during the year to get out on the water and experience the freedom of being on the Thames."

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Jane Haigh at enquiries@wabc.org.uk or 07960 225805, or visit www.wabc.org.uk.

Advance Notice

Moulsford Prep School Bonfire & Fireworks Night, Thursday 5th November 2026

Moulsford Prep School would like to offer advance notice that their annual Bonfire and Fireworks Night will be held on Thursday 5th 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 Moulsford Prep School Christmas Fair

Saturday 5th December from 10am until 2pm. 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

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SMOKED DUCK, CHESTNUT REMOULADE, FIG CHUTNEY, PINK PEPPERCORN TUILLE (GFO)

BEETROOT CURED GRAVLAX, AVOCADO & DILL RELISH, PUMPERNICKEL, YUZU AIOLI (DF/GFO)

TUNWORTH & CRANBERRY CROQUETTES, BROWN BUTTER SQUASH & HAZELNUT SALAD

MAIN COURSES

ROAST TURKEY, CHESTNUT & SAGE STUFFING, GOOSE FAT POTATOES, SPROUT TOPS, PIGS IN BLANKETS, RED WINE JUS (DFO/GFO)

PAN FRIED SEA BASS, LEMONGRASS & MUSSEL CHOWDER, CRUSHED POTATOES (GFO)

RIB OF BEEF, ROAST GARLIC MASH, SAUTÉED CAVOLO NERO, BORDERLAISE SAUCE (DFO/GFO)

MISO GLAZED CAULIFLOWER, HARISSA BUTTERBEAN PURÉE, FETA, CHILLI & POMEGRANATE (DFO/GFO)

DESSERTS

CHRISTMAS PUDDING, GINGERBREAD, GRAND MARNIER ANGLAISE (DFO/GFO)

APPLE CRUMBLE CHEESECAKE, SALTED CARAMEL ICE CREAM (GF)

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STARTERS

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DUCK LIVER PARFAIT, HAZELNUT GRANOLA, RED ONION JAM, BURNT FIG, CHERVIL (GFO) (N)

SEA TROUT CEVICHE, AVOCADO & CAVIAR RELISH, PUMPERNICKEL, YUZU AIOLI (GF/DF)

VENISON CARPACCIO, BLUE CHEESE BON BON, CRISPY SHALLOT, CAPER & MUSTARD DRESSING (GFO/DFO)

TEMPURA MONKFISH CHEEKS, RED PEPPER PIPERADE, ROAST GARLIC PURÉE (DFO)

MAIN COURSES

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

PAN FRIED HAKE, CLAM, PROSECCO & LEMON SAUCE, FENNEL CRUSHED NEW POTATOES, PICKLED GRAPE (GF)

BRAISED LAMB SHOULDER, BLACK OLIVE DAUPHINOISE, MINTED PEA & PINE NUT PITHIVIER, ROSEMARY JUS (GFO)

GRILLED SEA BASS, CRAB & LEMONGRASS RISOTTO, PICKLED LEMON, SAMPHIRE (GFO/DFO)

GOATS CHEESE, HONEY & SAGE RAVIOLO, EGG YOLK, BUTTERNUT SQUASH VELOUTÉ, SAUTÉED CASHEW & KALE

DESSERTS

CHRISTMAS PUDDING, GRAND MARNIER ANGLAISE, GINGERBREAD TUILLE (GFO)

APPLE CRUMBLE CHEESECAKE, BISCOFF MARSHMALLOWS, WINTER BERRY COMPOTE (GFO)

CHOCOLATE GATEAUX DÉLICE, CHERRY SORBET, HONEYCOMB & PINE NUT TUILLE

PASSION FRUIT PARFAIT, COCONUT GRANOLA, RASPBERRY & DARK CHOCOLATE MACAROON

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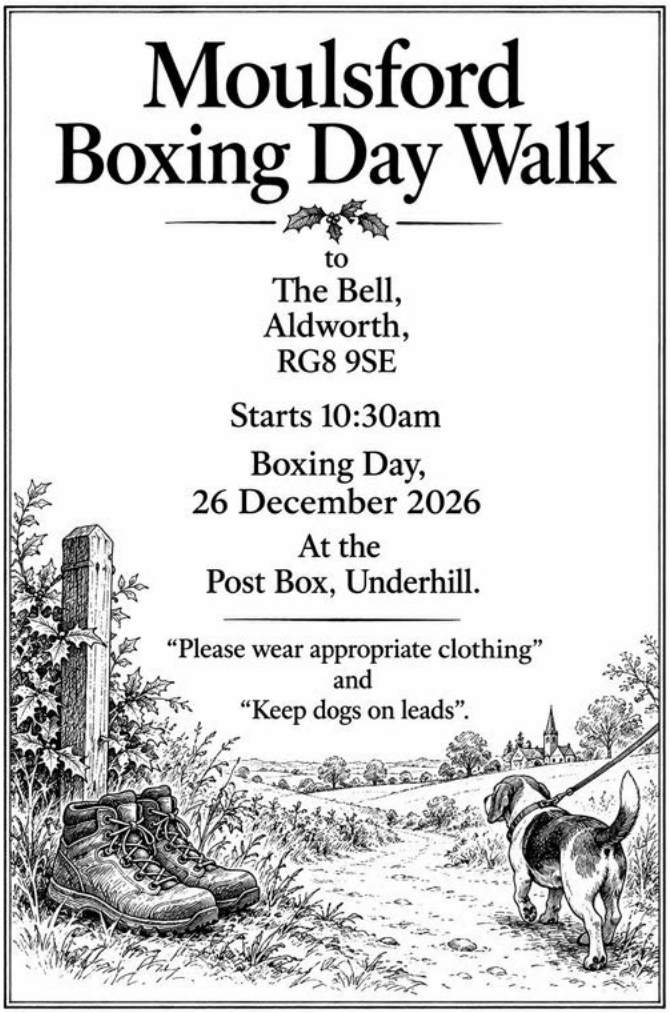
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What's On In Moulsford ...



Cholsey Repair Café

Cholsey Repair Café will be back on Saturday 21st November 2026 at the Cholsey Pavilion, from 10.00 to 12.45. Skilled volunteers will be there to help with repairs to household items, bikes, gardening equipment and electrical goods (white goods excepted). There is no charge, but donations towards running costs are welcome.You can see more at

www.cholseyrepaircafe.com or email repaircafe@cholsey.com.



Local News

Oxfordshire asks residents to help shape future bus services



Residents are being invited to help shape Oxfordshire's bus services for the next 15 years. The county council has launched a consultation on its draft OxBUS 2040 plan, seeking views on routes, fares, ticketing, passenger experience and infrastructure.

The consultation is particularly relevant to rural communities, where limited services can leave people reliant on cars to reach work, shops and appointments.

The consultation closes at 11.59pm on Tuesday 17 November. A drop-in session will also be held at Didcot's Cornerstone Arts Centre on Friday 13 November, from 10am–2pm and 3pm–7pm. Have your say at https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxbus-2040-plan-for-bus.

New speed limits on the A4074

Lower speed limits were introduced along sections of the A4074 between Oxford and Caversham in July. Much of the road that previously had a national speed limit is now restricted to 50mph, with 40mph limits on some sections.

The changes affect stretches around Shillingford, Benson, Wallingford and towards Woodcote. The Wallingford bypass is also subject to a 50mph limit.

Oxfordshire County Council says the changes form part of its Vision Zero programme to reduce deaths and serious injuries on the roads. Drivers should follow the signs, as limits vary along the route.

Film music and light show comes to Dorchester Abbey



A live chamber orchestra will perform music from some of cinema's best-known films at Dorchester Abbey on Thursday 12 November.

Tribute to Hans Zimmer & Film Favourites Illuminated combines orchestral performances with a light show, featuring music from Gladiator, The Lion King, Inception, Interstellar, James Bond, Jurassic Park, Star Wars and Titanic.

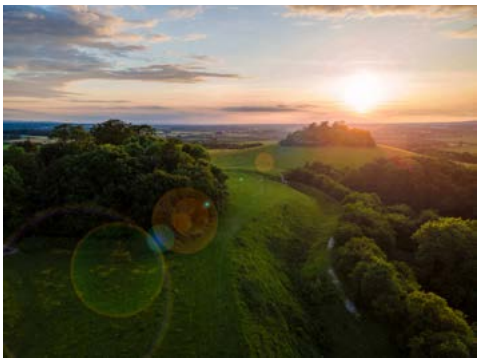
There are two performances, at 5.45pm and 8.15pm. The recommended minimum age is eight. Tickets and details are available at https://www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk/event/tribute-to-hans-zimmer-film-favourites-illuminated/.

Local News

Earth Trust unveils five-year vision for Wittenham Clumps

Earth Trust has launched a five-year strategy setting out its ambitions for Wittenham Clumps and the surrounding countryside.

Its Thriving Together strategy for 2026–2030 combines nature recovery and nature-friendly farming with more opportunities for people to explore and learn about the landscape.



Plans include improving visitor facilities, extending trails and creating more opportunities for nature-based play. The charity also wants to demonstrate how regenerative farming and agroforestry can support wildlife and sustainable land management.

By 2030, Earth Trust aims to connect 100,000 people a year with nature, increase annual event attendance from around 9,000 to more than 20,000, and reach more than 10,000 children each year through its learning programme. Read more at https://earthtrust.org.uk/new-strategy-shows-whats-possible-for-nature-and-people/.

Wallingford raises funds to challenge housing development

Wallingford Town Council is raising money to help challenge a proposed housing development on land north of the town, west of Shillingford Road.

The council says it needs specialist planning, highways and environmental advice to present its case at a planning inquiry. The issues include the potential impact on traffic, local infrastructure, the landscape, wildlife and recreational facilities.

The council has committed £15,000 towards the expected £25,500 cost of professional advice and the appeal, and launched a fundraising appeal for the remaining £10,500.

Residents can find details of the campaign at https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/help-protect-wallingfords-future/.

New projects aim to help nature recover across Oxfordshire

Oxfordshire identifies six nature recovery projects

Six projects have been identified to restore habitats and improve biodiversity across Oxfordshire.

The plans include restoring floodplain habitats for the rare black poplar, improving chalk grassland in the Cotswolds and supporting nature-friendly farming in the Evenlode valley. Other projects focus on wildflower meadows in the Thames Valley and reconnecting habitats across the Ock and Thame river landscapes.

The projects aim to benefit wildlife while also improving water quality and helping landscapes cope with flooding. Funding and partnerships will be needed to turn the plans into reality. Details at https://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/.

Police urge residents to report anti-social behaviour

Thames Valley Police is urging residents in Wallingford, Benson and Berinsfield to report anti-social behaviour directly rather than relying on local social-media groups.

The neighbourhood policing team reported a 4 per cent increase in incidents in September compared with August. Officers say investigations can be hampered by a lack of CCTV footage, independent evidence or witnesses willing to provide statements.

Police encourage residents to report incidents so they can be recorded and investigated. Sharing concerns online does not necessarily mean the police have received a formal report.

Non-emergency incidents can be reported at https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ or by calling 101. Call 999 if a crime is in progress or someone is in immediate danger.

Wallingford allotment wins top gardening award

A Wallingford allotment has scooped a national gardening award, with gardener Nadine Mitschunas named a winner in BBC Gardeners' World Magazine's Gardens of the Year 2026 competition.

Her garden at Fir Tree Allotments impressed the judges with its naturalistic planting, wildlife-friendly approach and sustainable gardening. The three plots, alongside a shared wildflower meadow, provide space for growing plants while supporting local biodiversity.

The award recognises the creativity and care that can turn an allotment into much more than a place to grow vegetables.

Source: BBC Gardeners' World Magazine

And finally… little trains, big turnout

Around 500 visitors turned out for Didcot's Model Railway Show at the Civic Hall on 3 October, proving that the appeal of miniature railways is anything but small.

Police Commissioner Update

Matthew Barber

New CCTV Hub for Oxfordshire and spiing sniffer dogs!

Early in October I officially launched a new countywide CCTV control room in Abingdon Police Station.

The new arrangements bring together public space CCTV from across Oxfordshire into one enhanced control room as part of my Thames Valley CCTV Partnership.

The benefits are clear. In addition to a modernised more effective system, we can expect closer links with frontline officers and police control rooms to help prevent crime, catch and convict criminals and ultimately increase people's feelings of safety in our public places.

Eight CCTV Operators and one Supervisor will be employed in the Abingdon Control Room, monitoring cameras across the whole of Oxfordshire from one location increasing opportunities to react to live incidents and stop crime as it is taking place.

Technological advances will also see CCTV integration with existing police systems to help support investigations, enable officers to access footage remotely, and share high-definition images across the force area more easily.

In a nationwide first, Thames Valley Police have launched a pioneering new police dog capability designed to help identify criminals carrying spiking drugs.

The team of 6 dogs; Maverick, Puma, Dusty, AJ, Reggie



and Major, have been specially trained to detect drugs commonly linked to spiking offences, including substances that are often carried in small quantities or in liquid form.

This pioneering new capability demonstrates Thames Valley Police's commitment to tackling violence against women and girls and harmful offences within the night-time economy and builds upon the force's other work in the night-time economy including Project Vigilant.

While incidents of spiking in Thames Valley remain low, prevention tactics such as these help to stop harm before it occurs; ensuring less people become victims of crime. The dogs will support proactive police operations across both force areas, helping to identify, disrupt and pursue offenders.

Local Services

WLPM Wallingford Local Producers Market

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).

COUNTRY MARKETS COOK · CRAFT · GROW
Wallingford Country Market
www.country-markets.co.uk

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.

Palliative care bereavement support

We're recruiting volunteers to provide bereavement support to family and friends who have lost someone close to them.



Are you...

- warm, empathic and a good listener?
- able to support other people's expression of grief and distress?

Do you...

- have 16 hours a month to spare?
- have your own transport?
- want to make a difference?

We provide...

- foundation level training (apx. 60 hrs).
- ongoing training, supervision and support.
- travel and phone expenses.
- online mandatory training (apx. 8 hrs).

We do not recommend this work for those who have experienced a significant bereavement in the last two years.

Training will take place at Katharine House Hospice, Banbury, and Sobell House Hospice, Oxford. It is essential that you are available to attend the training from 23 April to 12 July.

To register your interest or apply:
E: pallcarevolunteerservices@ouh.nhs.uk
T: 01865 225944 or 01865 225868

KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE

SOBELL HOUSE HOSPICE

NHS Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Working in partnership to provide specialist palliative care for adults with life-limiting illnesses

Local Services

Wallingford Emergency Food Bank

We are a registered charity providing emergency food packages to people in need in the Wallingford area. Established by Churches Together in 2011, we welcome volunteers of any faith or none, and support anyone facing food insecurity.

Our address is

Wallingford Emergency Foodbank

Ridgeway Community Church

21b/22 St Mary's St

Wallingford

OX10 0EW

Demand has grown from around 400 people in our first year to approximately 6,000 people annually. We rely entirely on volunteers and donations from the public, churches and local organisations.

If you need help, would like to volunteer or can donate, visit wallingfordfoodbank.org.uk or email ridgewayfood@outlook.com.

133 GORING TO WALLINGFORD

REVISED SERVICE FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER 2025
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS ONLY

GORING TO WALLINGFORD →

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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**

WALLINGFORD TO GORING ←

STOP LOCATION	SERVICE 133 MORNING	SERVICE 133 MIDDAY
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
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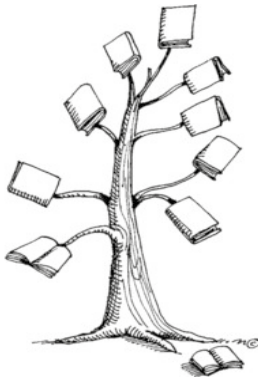
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Cholsey Community Library

Monday to Friday: 2 - 4.30pm

Friday (Evening): 6 - 8pm

Saturday (Morning): 9.30 - 12.30pm



Goring Library

Books, eBooks, audiobooks, newspapers, free Wi-Fi, computers, printing and more. A welcoming community space with regular events and activities.

www.fogl-oxon.co.uk

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Station Road, Goring RG8 9HA

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