Moulsford News

Issue 425

Moulsford Events

Nigel Baker, Dave Reynolds

With Spring starting to bloom it was great to see so many people at our recent Litter Picking morning on 25th February which really made a difference, many thanks to Mandy Stoker for co-ordinating.

It is now time to start thinking about our village events!!!!..... and our Events Committee have been busy planning the 2024 season. We are very much looking forward to seeing everyone again in our great Pavilion.

Even though we are a small village we have a great social agenda to look forward to but..... our Events Committee does need some help to ensure we keep our social calendar as vibrant as in previous years.

The Events Team are looking for more volunteers to join our Committee and to assist during the 2024 season in order to keep our events running smoothly. We have had to take the decision to scale back Friday nights during August due to lack of pairs of hands, and we will need to consider carefully whether events such as the Annual Easter Egg Hunt can go ahead with fewer people helping.

If you can offer any time to help the Events Committee for the 2024 season, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Dave Reynolds at reynolds711261@outlook.com.

There is a lot to look forward to this summer and Events kick off with our annual spring Fish and Chips Quiz on Friday 15th March (£12), please contact Twinks on 01491 651548 to book your table.

We very much look forward to seeing you all at our Friday night socials which start on 19th April with our traditional Bangers and Bubbles evening. Please do watch out for updates on Facebook.



Parish Council Meetings

It's been great to see more people getting involved in parish council meetings recently; its important we hear your views. For those of you new to the village, just a reminder of how the process works.

Dates of upcoming council meetings

Meetings are held monthly; with the exception of August and January, which are on an as needed basis.

The dates for the remainder of 2024 are as follows:

Thursday March 14th

Thursday April 11th

Thursday May 9th

Thursday June 13th

Thursday July 11th

Thursday September 12th

Thursday October 10th

Thursday November 14th

Thursday December 5th

Checking what's on the agenda for council meetings

Agendas for each council meeting are posted 3 working days before a council meeting on the village noticeboard and a copy is also included on the village webpage.

If there is a topic on the agenda that we think a broad cross section of the community will want to input into, we may also post details of this on the village Facebook page.

Requesting agenda items

If you have a specific concern you would like raised at a parish council meeting, you should contact a Parish Councillor. It may be helpful to email the parish clerk parishclerk@moulsford-pc.org.uk, as well.

Closing date for requesting new agenda items is 2 weeks before the council meeting (as we need to formally publish the agenda to all villagers a minimum of three working days in advance of the actual meeting).

Attending council meetings

When attending council meetings, be aware that we often have a full agenda and therefore need to limit the time dedicated to the topic on which you want to contribute.

Meetings can be adjourned for a 15-minute session for parishioners to raise matters, although individual contributions should be kept under 5 minutes. The public may participate with the Council's consent: please email the Clerk with any contributions relevant to items on the agenda.

Minutes for council meetings

Minutes for previous council meetings are posted on the pavilion noticeboard and on our website.

Update on speed restrictions in Moulsford

Following the 20mph survey responses and input from the last parish council meeting, the majority of Moulsford villagers who responded to the survey feel that we should focus on speed restrictions throughout the village, including electronic speed signage, as well as ensuring drainage issues and potholes are addressed.

Playground inspection

We're pleased to report the annual playground inspection to ensure the equipment on the recreation ground continues to meet safety criteria was carried out recently.

No major points arose but it was noted that:

- We will need to treat the tiles surrounding the equipment to ensure they do not become slippery and the tiles are securely fixed in place.
- The picnic tables in this area are beginning to degrade. One table has been removed, leaving supports for the benches exposed and some of the wood for these structures has rotted. We will be aiming to replace these in the near term.
- The wooden playground equipment is showing signs of wear and tear, including a build up of algae and moss on surfaces. Ropes and nets are considered safe but should be regularly monitored.
- We were advised fixings and wood need to be checked on a continual basis and worn out elements repaired or replaced.

The report will be on the agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting.

Tree planting and litter picking

THANK YOU! to all the helping hands at the Sunday event...

Thank you to Pete for donating the mixed native hedging.

Thank you to Carol for putting the kettle on and Mark from https://wallingford1155.co.uk/about-wallingford-1155/ for supplying all the equipment needed.

Some photographs from the day recording the valiant digging, planting and mulching efforts:







And the rubbish collected:





Organised by Mandy, Melanie and Hilary, on behalf of MEC and MPC.

From Your Parish Council continued

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, 14th March 2024, @ 7.30 pm Pavilion

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

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

MPC100Club

It was lovely to see so many villagers at the Beetle and Wedge last Friday.

February 23rd draw results:

| | Ball Number | Price Money |
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| 1st | 60 | £73.00 |
| 2nd | 23 | £36.50 |
| 3rd | 88 | £18.25 |

Dates for future draws:

Fri, Mar 22nd

The March draw will be held on Friday, 22nd - again at The Beetle and Wedge; we'll be there from 6pm to sign up new members in time for the draw!

Pavilion Management Committee (PMC) Meeting

Tuesday, 12th Mar 2024 7.30pm in the Pavilion

Everyone welcome!

Moulsford Events Committee (MEC) Meeting

Friday, 22nd Mar 2024

19:30 in the Pavilion Everyone welcome!

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 SODC Planning Register.

| Reference | Description | Status |
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| N/A | N/A | N/A |
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From the Vicar Rebecca Peters

Dear Friends,

After all the rain, it has been great to see the Spring flowers opening and being able to get out into the garden, enjoying the beauty of creation. What a wonderful time of year this is!

However, this is also a deeply disturbing season. As human beings we have the capacity for immense good, for friendship, kindness, compassion and love, and incredible self sacrifice on behalf of others. Sadly we also have a darker capacity for hatred, evil, greed, unforgiveness and holding grudges, of inflicting hurt, harm and distress. Our televisions and newspapers so frequently carry stories of people's inhumanity to fellow human beings, of brutality, cruelty and worse. It is disturbing, because we can often recognise this darker side in ourselves and in others, in families, and in community.

However, there is always hope. Christ came to celebrate the good in human life and to deal definitively with the bad, dark and destructive side of the human soul.

The events of Holy Week, which culminate in Christ's cruel and undeserved death on a cross, are far more than a human tragedy. Through this event, God was doing something truly amazing he was uncompromisingly dealing with the root of human rebellion and evil and - paying the dreadful price that turning our backs on God deserves – His life in exchange for ours.

But why do we ask, did God go to such lengths? The answer is simply love. His love for you and for me, for the whole of creation. He longs to restore us to the full dignity that is ours as beings made in his image. From Christ's amazing sacrifice flow the realities of forgiveness, peace, transformation and new life. Evil and death are conquered. Easter guarantees that goodness, hope and life are victorious and resurrection is assured.

This year we celebrate Easter with a Passion Sunday service on 17th March 9am, Palm Sunday Communion 24th March 9am and Easter Day Holy Communion 31st March 9am.

You are more than welcome to join us in celebrating this joyous occasion.

God Bless, Rebecca Peters - Vicar

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What's on in Moulsford and Surrounding Areas Monthly Coffee Shop

Alison Fagg

The next Moulsford coffee Shop

Wednesday 13th March

AT THE PAVILION FROM 10.30 - 12.00



Thank you to all who came along to the busy Coffee Shop in February. A big thank you to Janet and Breyan Knowles for making lots of lovely tea and coffee and to everyone who helps with the setting up and clearing away each month.

Carol Bemis will be providing delicious beverages in March and we look forward to seeing you all there. Everyone is welcome to come and join us and please bring along your friends, relations and neighbours for a chat.

The Moulsford Coffee Shop is on the second Wednesday of each month. We just ask for £1.50 to include all refreshments.

133 Goring - Wallingford via Streatley & Moulsford

Including revised service from Monday 4th September 2023

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| 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 |
| Moulsford Beetle & Wedge turn | 09:17 | 11:32 | 09:07 | 11:32 | 09:07 | 11:42 |
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March

1st: One Life (7.30pm - 9.30pm)

13th-23rd: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (7.30pm - 9.45pm)

16th-23rd: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (2.30pm - 4.45pm Matinees)

24th: The Nettle Dress (7.30pm - 8.40pm) 25th: All of us Strangers (7.30pm - 9.15pm)

26th: The Royal Opera - Madama Butterfly (7.15pm - 10.30pm)

27th: Titanic the Musical (2.30pm Matinee)

27th: Titanic the Musical (7.30pm)

28th: NT Live - The Motive and the Cue (7pm - 10pm) 29th-31st: Wicked Little Letters (7.30pm - 9.15pm) 30th: Wicked Little Letters (2.30pm - 4.15pm Matinee)



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

Spinning Club - Social Craft

Moulsford craft group meets on the 2nd Thursday of the Month and would like to invite anyone who already does crafting or would like to start crafting to join us.

It is a very sociable and informal meeting and everyone is made to feel welcome.

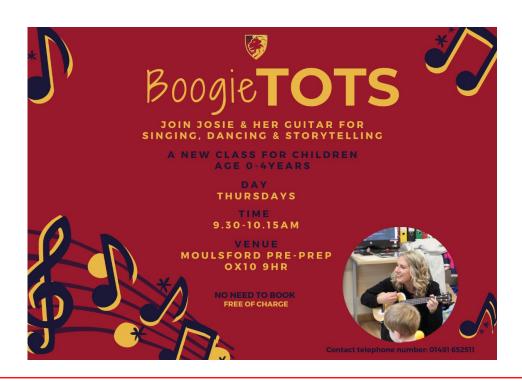
We meet between 6.30 and 10pm.

For more information, call Linda Scurr on 652916.

Cholsey Community Library

Monday to Friday 2 - 4.30pm Friday (Evening) 6 - 8pm

Saturday (Morning) 9.30 - 12.30pm





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 Repair Café

Cholsey Repair Café opens its doors on the third Saturday of odd-numbered months, meaning that the next session will be on Saturday, 16th March. Doors are open from 11.00 to 13.45 and earlier visitors can get a nice cup of tea or coffee and home-made cakes at the Cholsey Community Café, next door, from 10.00 to midday. As usual, the volunteer fixers can tackle bicycles, electrical (and sometimes electronic) items, sharpening of tools, textile repairs, gluing, soldering and a good deal more. If a repair cannot be made, further advice is available. All work is free of charge although a donation towards operating costs is appreciated.

More information, including contact details, can be found at www.cholseyrepaircafe.com

What's on in Moulsford and Surrounding Areas continued

HENLEY AND DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

Have you considered starting a new hobby - could it be Stamp collecting?

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 other 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 Mar – We have our annual Auction.

Wed, 27th Mar – We have a guest speaker David Winnie giving a talk and display on the subject of "Bailiwick of Guernsey".

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.

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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If you need food please <u>click here</u> to find out more.

If you are interested in volunteering please click here.

If you would like to donate to the food bank please <u>click here</u>.

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.



Get into the repair habit!

CHOLSEY REPAIR CAFE

Sat. 16th March. 2024

11 am to 1.45 pm at Cholsey Pavilion.

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- PAT testing
- ✓ mechanical problems
 ✓ gardening equipment

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Local News

Moulsford Author to release Song of Love

On March 1st, I had a book published with my co-writer, Pat Abercromby, who is already a published author. It is called Song of Love, comes under the genre of Romantic Fiction and is set in the world of opera and music. I would like to think it gives a broad scope of the international and national lives of singers, all wrapped up in a love story.

I lived in Goring for 21 years, before moving to Moulsford seven years ago. I trained as a singer and was active vocally around the area, taking solos, singing in the church choir, and teaching many people in the locality.

The manuscript has certainly taken a while to see the light of day! Pat found it languishing in her attic when she moved house two years ago, so we decided to resurrect the story, first begun 32 years ago! It is available now on Amazon.



Pavilion Management Committee appoints new Secretary

PMC NEWS



We are delighted to announce that the vacancy for the role of secretary has been filled.

Lesley Longden, with oodles of experience and a genuine interest in the community, has been appointed.

The Pavilion Management Committee, Nigel, Philip, Rhona, Karen, Tony and Deb, look forward to welcoming Lesley on board.



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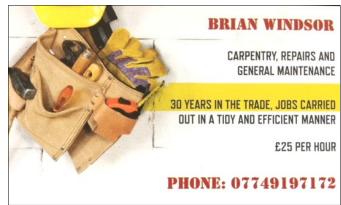
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| | OX10 6HF | | | | |

These hire rates apply from 1st April 2023 until revised by the Pavilion Management Committee.

To make or enquire about a booking please contact the Bookings Secretary.

Email: moulsfordbookings@gmail.com

Phone: 07707 068151

| MOULSFORD PAVILION HIRE RATES 2023/24 | | | | |
|---|-------------------|--|--|--|
| | Village Residents | Non Village Residents or Commercial | | |
| WEEKDAYS Monday-Friday to 6.00pm hourly fee | £14 | £17 | | |
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| WEEKDAYS Monday-Friday after 6.00pm hourly fee | £16 | £22 | | |
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| WEEKENDS Saturday 9.00am-Sunday 10.00pm | £18 | £25 | | |
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| WEDDINGS Inc Friday Night-Sunday 12.00pm | £725 | | | |
| WEDDINGS Exc Friday Night-Sunday 12.00pm | £650 | | | |
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| CHANGING ROOMS | ON REQUEST | | | |
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Dates for the Diary

| Date | Event | Location | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Thu, 7th Mar | 19:30 Moulsford Ladies' Night | Beetle & Wedge | |
| Wed, 13th Mar | 10:30 Moulsford Coffee Shop | Moulsford Pavilion | |
| Fri, 15th Mar | Fish and Chips Quiz | Moulsford Pavilion | |
| Fri, 22nd Mar | 18:00 MPC 100 Cub Draw | Beetle & Wedge | |
| Fri, 19th Apr | First Social Bangers and Bubbles | Moulsford Pavilion | |
| Sat, 5th Oct Comedy Night | | Moulsford Pavilion | |

Moulsford News Contributions

Planning a local event?

Wanting to share some poetry or wisdom?

Celebrating a special day or sporting/musical/... achievement?

Doing something for charity?

Share your news, plans and stories with us!

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