

Moulsford Events

Nigel Baker

As the nights lengthen, the Events Elves are busy with the village Christmas itinerary. We are mounting a watching brief on the World Cup; depending on how the home teams progress, we will look to making an event of big matches with a bar and big screen - if you are interested in this, keep an eye on the village Facebook page.

The Gala plans are firming up now, and nearly all tickets have gone at time of writing. If you thought you missed out and want a ticket or two, try contacting Jo Haywood on 07787 171569; there might still be a few left...

On to the Christmas Social on Thursday 22nd. A packed evening of festivities will start in the Church from 5pm, and then it's all over to the Pavilion for 6pm to carry on with hot mulled wine, Christmas Beer and wines, all in a warm seasonal atmosphere. For food, please bring along a plate of festive nibbles for pot-luck sharing table.

After the Big Day itself, we are then looking forward to the traditional Boxing day walk to the Bell at Aldworth, officially one of the finest pubs in the country, via the lovely footpaths through the Well Barn Estate and along the Ridgway. We will be meeting up at the post box Underhill, 10am Boxing Day; any queries please contact our walk coordinator Rob Longden on 07706 094485. Dress code: whatever the weather.

Seeing us into 2023 and a new year of socials, we will have winter socials on Friday, January 20th and February 17th. Bar open from 6.30pm, get your fish and chip orders in by 7pm.

Thanks for all your support of your community events over the past year and we look forwards to celebrating the Festive Season with you all. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Children's Carol Service

Calling any children that would like to
sing a song,
play an instrument
or read a piece.

The Moulsford Carol Service in the church is a wonderful tradition enjoyed by many!

We would love your children to be a part of this special evening.

If you would like to get involved, please contact Twinks on 07884373123 or 651548.

Parish Council Report

MPC continues work on the Neighbourhood Planning Statement. Cllr Powell provides an update on our progress in this edition of MN, but the response to the survey was very good and much appreciated.

MPC are considering introducing a 100 Club for the enjoyment of the village which will assist with fundraising for village projects. This is a concept many of us are familiar with from involvement with PTA school fundraising as a basic form of private lottery – there will be winners! It is a fun and regular way to come together – could be at the Coffee Shop, or a Friday night social, or even online.

Nothing is in place yet so if you have any ideas, please get in touch particularly if you would like to help.

First, we need to gauge interest from the villagers of Moulsoford so if you would like to take part in our 100 Club, please let any of the councillors know. Our contact details can be found on the back page of Moulsoford News, or just tell us if you see us around.

Cllr Baker has been looking into provision of availability of places at Wallingford School, as promised in last month's MN here is her update: We are pleased to have received a reply from Hayley Good, Oxford County Council's Deputy Director of Children's Services & Education, in response to our concerns over access for Moulsoford students to places at Wallingford School. Ms. Good confirmed the expansion of Wallingford School, from 190 places per year to 242 per year from next year, which was planned in line with forecasted demand from the school's catchment area; including from housing growth already permitted or in the Local Plan. It was highlighted that although there are inevitably some uncertainties, the school is currently finding places for out of catchment pupils and as in-catchment demand increases, in-catchment pupils will take priority. As a result, OCC does not consider there to be a risk of in-catchment demand exceeding places over the next few years, but are more cautious in the longer term.

Ms. Good told us: "We will continue to monitor the situation over the coming years, but for now, Moulsoford applicants who apply on time for a place at Wallingford School are expected to be successful. However, it must be stressed that the popularity of Wallingford School is likely to mean that late applicants, including those who move into the village after the secondary admissions process, may find the school full and be unable to secure a place. It is therefore vital that parents apply on time wherever possible."

Seasons Greetings to all.

Neighbourhood Planning Statement

We had 99 responses to the questionnaire and together with the input from the recent village meeting, this has given us a really good sense of what you as villagers view as important for our community going forwards.

We have revised dates somewhat and now have an update with South Oxfordshire District Planning Office and the other parishes participating in the pilot project on December 3rd. We then plan to create a first draft for early January and would like to present the results and recommendations to the village before completing the second draft and submitting to SODC by Easter. So watch Facebook/village notice boards for more details - we are aiming for mid / end January 2023.

We would like to thank everyone for their involvement in this so far and hope you will remain engaged. Don't forget, we can always use help on the work too, so if you feel you could contribute something on, for example, the environment, traffic & congestion, or planning please contact me, Sue Powell spowell@moulsoford-pc.org.uk; the more contributors we have involved the better.

P.S. For those of you who asked why we did not include the church in the survey, this is because this survey was primarily focused around matters that are considered as part of the planning process.

What is a Parish Councillor - Jo Baker

I put my name forwards to stand for election as parish councillor in 2019, when there was a real risk that Moulsoford would be left without its own Parish Council. Fortunately, enough people came forwards and a completely new Parish Council line-up was elected.

Being a rookie parish councillor at first felt quite daunting, but there was (and is) great support from the rest of the team and crucially, from the Parish Clerk to keep everyone in appropriate order. Plus, there have been useful opportunities for training workshops, for example on planning. After our election, it didn't seem long before we were tackling the challenge of the Friends of the Elderly planning application and taking a stand with the help of the wider community against the proposed development, all during the onset of the pandemic. For me, fighting this application absolutely defined why Moulsoford needed its own Parish Council: without the MPC but represented instead as part of Cholsey, I think the FotE application would probably have succeeded. I was also really struck how many parishioners took the time to contribute their responses, adding their voices to protect our village and its special character.

During my time on the PC, it is not just been getting stuck into the planning process that I have found rewarding. Overall the PC may not have much direct power, but it has offered a platform to try and make a positive difference about issues I care about, such as the village environment with the Jubilee tree planting or engaging with OCC on access to education, or getting the Neighbourhood Planning Statement underway. At the recent planning enquiry, it felt like a privilege to speak up and say: "I represent Moulsoford."

I very much hope that as the next round of Parish Council elections approaches in 2023, what we have done over the past few years will have encouraged a few more folks to step forwards and have a go at taking care of this distinctive, wonderful village we call home.

Planning Applications and Decisions

Moulsoford News and Planning deadlines invariably mean that the planning information below is out of date by the time of reading. For a current view of planning, please visit the online planning portal here:

<http://www.moulsoford-pc.org.uk/community/moulsoford-on-thames-15214/planning-applications/>

None recorded		
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Parish Council Matters continued

Experience democracy in action

We are looking for people to work at the May 2023 elections. It is a great chance for you to play an important part in local democracy.

If you or someone you know is interested in working either of the following paid roles, please get in touch as soon as possible and please encourage your friends and family to do the same:

- Postal vote staff – Abingdon, Monday 24 April to Friday 5 May (various shifts available)
- Polling station staff – locations across South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse, Thursday 4 May (from 6am until finish – likely to be around 10.30pm)

To register your interest, simply email electionstaff@southandvale.gov.uk. Our Elections team will send all the information and ask you to confirm your availability for the various roles.

For more information, visit southoxon.gov.uk/electionjobs.

Please note, we are unable to offer the roles to people that work for or are connected with a political party.

Cost of Living Help

Help is available if you are struggling financially or just finding things difficult.

The South and Vale Community Hub team is here to help you. Please get in touch whether it is for practical support or advice:

- Call on 01235 422600
- Or email communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk

Office hours are 8:30-17:00 Mon - Thu, 8:30-16:30 Fri.

Follow the link to the [Cost of Living Leaflet](#) for information on Food Support, Housing Support (e.g. help with renting, housing advice and homelessness, mortgage payment support, help with home improvements or utility bills and council tax), Debt Advice and Health and Wellbeing.

Review of constituency boundaries

The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) has launched its final consultation on proposed new constituency boundaries as part of a review aimed at rebalancing the number of electors represented by each MP.

Following feedback from the public, BCE has now published a revised map of constituency proposals - to see the map and to submit your feedback, visit the BCE's consultation website - bcereviews.org.uk. The closing date for comments is 5 December.

National Tree Week

From 25 November, residents can claim a free sapling to plant in their garden during National Tree Week. There is a variety of trees on offer and a simple guide to help you choose the best one for your garden.

It is also a great opportunity to plant a tree for the Queen's Green Canopy to remember Her Majesty the Queen. To order your free tree, visit the [International Tree Foundation's website](#).

New Active Communities Strategy

South Oxfordshire District Council's Active Communities Strategy, developed in partnership with Vale of the White Horse District Council, is a brand new approach to help their residents come together to take part in sport, health and recreational activities that improve their physical and mental wellbeing, while forging stronger social links within their local communities. You can read about the strategy by following the [link on the council webpage](#).

A big Thank You to everyone involved in organising the Tearfund Quiz on Saturday 19th November.

The evening was great fun with opportunities to meet friends, make new ones or catch up with village activities.

A cheque for over £300 will be forwarded to Tearfund enabling their work with communities devastated by flooding, draught or ravaged by war to be sustained. In addition, they also run programmes constructing hospitals, boring wells and building water storage facilities, alongside teaching new skills for cultivating draught resistant crops. All these activities can make the difference between a subsistence existence to increasing family incomes that in turn enable children to access educational opportunities.

There has been a request for the Quiz to be repeated next year and we have already received the date. I can confirm therefore, assuming no major crises, the event will be repeated on Saturday 18th November 2023!

We are able to announce now that our new Vicar will be **Rev. Rebecca Peters** who, along with her husband Daniel and daughters Ruth and Hannah, will be moving into the vicarage during February next year. So the waiting is almost over. **The licensing service that welcomes her into the Benefice and formally marks the beginning of her ministry with us will be held at St. Mary's Church Cholsey on Monday 20th February at 7:30 p.m.**

This service is open for anyone to attend so we do hope it will be possible for as many members of our community that are able, to come along.

Like so many members of the village community, the church is beginning to gear up activities as we head into Advent - a period of preparation and quiet reflection leading up to Christmas.

As the commercial world seeks to tempt us into a flurry of present buying (often for things we don't need), kitchens begin emitting the wonderful aromas of mince pies, Christmas cakes and other culinary delights and the school plays with all the excitement as tensions build with all the end of term activities and party times, it's very easy to get so caught up in this whirl of activities that we arrive at Christmas exhausted, having forgotten what the true meaning of Christmas is all about.

What a stark contrast with the story of Jesus' birth, born in a simple barn or cave surrounded by the farm animals, with no fuss, heralded only by a bright star in the sky, a sign to those who waited that something very special had occurred.

All a very understated event, yet two thousand years later His teachings remain very applicable to our lives today. The same jealousies, tensions and threats during Christ's ministry continue today with man's capacity to ignore warnings that our behaviour is seriously damaging the environment, overlooking or failing to respond to the needs of others struggling to cope and the terrifying destruction of our fragile, turbulent world with acts of terrorism and war perpetuated by power and greed.

However this is the season of goodwill and joyful celebrations, so we look forward to singing carols together and giving thanks for our many blessings despite maybe some challenges, and with optimism for new opportunities in the coming year. So whether your Christmas is peaceful and relaxing or very busy entertaining family, friends or neighbours, we send our best wishes for a very happy Christmastide and a healthy and fulfilling New Year.

Janet



St. John the Baptist, Moulsoford, Dec / Jan

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1 09:00 Cranford House Crib Service 19:00 House Groups contact 077 65 440014	2 09:00 Cranford House Crib Service	3	4 09:30 Common Worship (Contemporary) Rev'd Chris Stott
5 11:00 Keep Fit Cholsey Meadows Contact 599 433	6	7 08:15 Communion and Breakfast 10:30 Knitting Group Church 14:30 House Groups contact 651401 20:00 Choir Church	8 19:00 House Groups contact 077 65 440014 Oxford Diocese Financial Briefing Zoom	9	10 10:30 Church Christmas Clean	11 09:30 Faith Explored Laity Water Rev'd Roland Price 18:30 Youth Club Laurence Hall, Cholsey
12 11:00 Keep Fit Cholsey Meadows Contact 599 433 19:30 PCC Church (Zoom)	13	14 08:15 Communion and Breakfast 10:30 Knitting Group Pavilion 14:30 House Groups contact 651401 20:00 Choir Church	15 19:00 House Groups contact 077 65 440014	16	17	18 09:30 Common Worship (Contemporary) Fr. Martyn 14:00 Choir 16:30 Carol Service
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A short morning service is available each day in conjunction with our Partnership Parish of St. Phillip the Apostle, Huhudi, SA by Zoom, WhatsApp and e-mail. Contact Janet Knowles 651401 for further details.

The Gala
Moulsford's Christmas
Celebration
Dinner & Dance

Friday 16th December, 2022 | 19:00 'til late

Moulsford Pre-Prep School

Tickets - £45pp

Includes: Arrival drink,
dinner and disco

Available: Paid bar, Raffle
Tickets with great prizes
Dress Code: Black Tie

Contact:

Indie Blackwell: 07825 917617

Jo Haywood: 0778 7171569

Lottie Cargen: 07825 446139

What's on in Moulsoford and Surrounding Areas

Monthly Coffee Shop

Gail Slinger



The next **Village Coffee Shop** will be **Free to All** on
Wed, 14th December 2022 in the **Pavilion** from **10:30am** to **12 noon**.



December will be a **Festive Affair** with **Festive Treats** and **Drinks**; don't worry we shall still serve the fab, fab, coffee and tea too. An extra treat will be **Festive Music** from our very own **Ted Morse**, we look forward to seeing your colourful waistcoat Ted.

Ted will once again be supporting the charity 'Crisis at Christmas' - all donations will be much appreciated.

Putting the kettle on in December will be myself and all my wonderful Christmas Fairy helpers and not forgetting our hard working Christmas Elves who do the heavy lifting and carrying.

So look out for the Christmas posters around the village just to remind you where you should be on the 14th December between 10:30am and 12 Noon.

It's been lovely to see a growing number of regular Coffee Shop customers as well as lots of new faces in 2022. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Wishing Everyone a lovely Christmas with Family and Friends and a Healthy and Happy 2023.

Future Dates

11th January 2023 - Twinks and Janet

Wallingford Country Market



Wallingford Market is open every Friday morning in St. Mary-le-More Church (behind the Town Hall) between 9.30 am and 12 noon, where we sell a range of Baking, Plants & Produce, Preserves, Honey, Eggs (when available) and Crafts. The market has been a popular feature of the town for nearly fifty years.

However we are sorry to say that the number of Bakers has decreased. So to ensure we continue to offer a good range of baked goods, from October the Bakery Table will only be available on the first and third Fridays of the month, (i.e. 2nd/16th Dec, with an extra special Christmas Market 23rd Dec, our final one of 2022). We return after the Christmas break on the third Friday, 20th Jan, 2023.

It is important to note - there is no change to the availability of the rest of the products sold – plants, produce and craft, which will still be available every Friday at the church.

Baking will return to being available each Friday if we can recruit new bakers. So, if you love to cook (sweet or savoury), and feel that you may like to join us, please contact Alison (our Market Manager) for further information: Tel. 01491-681596, or pop into market one Friday morning and speak with her or any of the bakers. You would not necessarily have to bake every week – but any additional help is going to be very much appreciated.

WALLINGFORD COUNTRY MARKET COMMITTEE



MEADOWS MORNING MARKET

We're back!

Last Saturday of the month

9am - 1pm

**Cafe.Bread.Brownies.Pies.Meat.Jewellery
Clothing.Glass Crochet.Cards.Bags.Candles
Skincare.Pottery.
And much more.....**

The Great Hall, Cholsey Meadows, OX10 9GW

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.

GOING FORWARD BUSES

Including revised service from 28th November 2022

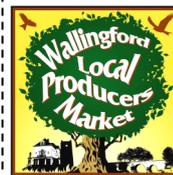
133 Goring - Wallingford via Streatley & Moulsford

Days of Operation	Until 25th November 2022					From 28th November 2022	
	Tues	Wednesdays	Thurs	Fridays	Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays		
Starts from	R/DING	CLEEVE	HENLEY				
GORING, Railway Stn Forecourt	10:25	09:00	11:08	10:25	09:18	11:40	09:10
Goring Surgery/Library	10:28	09:01	11:09	10:28	09:19	11:41	09:11
Swan Hotel/Streatley Traffic Lights	10:28	09:03	11:11	10:28	09:21	11:43	09:12
Moulsford Beetle & Wedge turn	10:31	09:07	11:15	10:31	09:24	11:46	09:17
Moulsford, Old Vicarage	10:32	R	R	10:32	09:25	R	09:18
Wallingford Hospital	R	09:12	11:20	R	R	11:50	R
Wallingford LIDL					R		R
WALLINGFORD Market Place	10:45	09:20	11:30	10:45	09:39	11:58	09:30
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WALLINGFORD Market Place	12:00	10:40	13:05	12:00	11:15	14:05	11:05
Wallingford LIDL					Q	Q	Q
Wallingford Hospital	12:01	10:41	13:06	12:01	Q	Q	11:06
The Meadows	12:04	10:44	13:09	12:04	11:19	14:09	11:08
Moulsford, Old Vicarage	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Moulsford Beetle & Wedge turn	12:07	10:46	13:11	12:07	11:22	14:12	11:11
Streatley Primary School	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Streatley, The Coombe	R	R	R	R	R	R	11:14
Streatley Traffic Lights/Swan Hotel	12:10	10:49	R	12:10	11:25	14:15	R
GORING, Railway Stn Forecourt	12:20	11:00	R	12:20	11:35	14:25	11:25
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Cholsey Community Library

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

Wallingford Local Producers Market



Held every Saturday from 10am to 12.30pm in St Mary's Church and on 26th November, in the Market Place, 10am to 1pm.

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.

Usually our food stalls can be found outside with the craft stalls tucked away inside.

Sorry, no services on other days or on Public Holidays

All times subject to change at short notice. Please check our website before you travel. Times shown on Traveline or other websites may not be up to date.

CONCESSIONARY PASS HOLDERS

Free travel on all these services except before 09:30 in West Berkshire
www.goingforwardbuses.com 07484 605888

What's on in Moulsoford and Surrounding Areas continued

Repair
more
in
2023!



Don't
bin it,
fix it!

Saturday 21st January 2023

11 am to 1.45 pm at Cholsey Pavilion.

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

Which volunteer skills are ✓ available* this month?

- ✓ bicycles
- ✓ electricals
- ✓ laptops/computers
- ✓ furniture
- ✓ ultrasonic cleaning
- ✓ clothing and textiles
- ✓ specialist gluing
- ✓ tool & knife sharpening
- ✓ PAT testing
- ✓ mechanical problems

* Subject to availability of volunteer specialists or equipment on the day.

www.cholseyrepaircafe.com

+ Cholsey Repair Cafe on Facebook

THE COFFEE SHOP



WEDS 14th DECEMBER

10.30AM-12NOON

If you fancy a couple of hours of chatting, relaxing and drinking coffee or tea, do join us, £1.50 donation.

Please do come along, everyone from the village is welcome. For more information call Gail Slinger on 01491 651931 or email gailslinger2601@gmail.com.

Cholsey Repair Cafe

The first **Cholsey Repair Café** of 2023 will take place on **Saturday 21st January** at **The Cholsey Pavilion**, opening its doors from **11.00 to 13.45**.

As usual, talented volunteers will be on hand to try to help you fix all manner of broken household items, toys, clothing, bikes and so forth. Subject to availability of specialists, there is also a sharpening service for knives and tools. The underlying aim is to teach repair skills that reduce demands on the world's reserves of energy and materials — and perhaps save you needless expense.

More information can be found at

www.cholseyrepaircafe.com

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

December / January Calendar

1st Dec - A Bunch of Amateurs - Documentary

2nd - 4th Dec - Watcher - Film

5th - 7th Dec - Three Day Millionaire - Film

8th Dec - The Nutcracker - Live from the Royal Opera House

9th - 11th Dec - The Menu - Film

12th - 14th Dec - Armageddon Time - Film

14th Dec - Charlotte - Matinee Film

15th Dec - Charlotte - Film

16th, 18th to 22nd Dec - Matilda - Film

18th & 21st Dec - Matilda - Matinee film

17th Dec - Sinodun Players 'Punchbowl' - Live on Stage

Pantomine - Jack and the Beanstalk - Sinodun Players - Live on Stage

January 13th, 14th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th

January Matinees - 14th, 21st, 28th

Info: <https://www.cornexchange.org.uk>

Our festive menu is now available to book for December so come and join us for some Christmas cheer!

For reservations please email boathouse@beetleandwedge.co.uk or telephone 01491 641381



FESTIVE SET MENU

£35.00 PER PERSON



STARTERS

ROAST CAULIFLOWER SOUP, SHALLOT TARTE TATIN, CHIVE OIL *GFO*

LOCH DUART SMOKED SALMON, CURRIED CRAB BEIGNET, HORSERADISH CREAM *GFO/DFO*

CONFIT DUCK & CHICKEN TERRINE, APRICOT SAUCE, PICKLED HERITAGE VEG, PISTACHIO FLAT BREAD *GFO/DFO*

GOAT'S CHEESE MOUSSE, TRIO OF BEETROOT, WALNUT & PEPPER TUILE *GFO*



MAINS

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

PAN FRIED SEA BREAM, ROAST SHALLOTS PUREE, TOMATO & BUTTERBEAN CASSOULET, SAMPHIRE *GF/DFO*

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

SPINACH & RICOTTA CANNELLONI, BEETROOT VELOUTÉ, CRISPY LEEK



DESSERTS

CHRISTMAS PUDDING, GRAND MARNIER ANGLAISE, GINGERBREAD

STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING, ARMAGNAC TOFFEE SAUCE, BANANA, SALTED CARAMEL ICE CREAM

VANILLA & BITTER CHOCOLATE POACHED PEAR, DULCE DE LECHE CRÈME, CINNAMON TUILLE *GFO/DFO*

PASSION FRUIT & SPICED APPLE PANNA COTTA, LEMON CURD, RUM BABA *GFO*



PARADISO COFFEE AND TWINNING TEA TO FINISH



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

THE
**Beetle
&
Wedge**
RIVERSIDE INN
AND RESTAURANT

What's on in Moulsoford and Surrounding Areas continued

HENLEY AND DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

Christmas is nearly here, and we are rushing around getting ready for the madhouse. This is the last year you can use your old stamps to send the Christmas cards. From 31st January the only postal stamps that can be used have to have the horrible bar code fixed to the stamp, whatever you do please do not remove the digital code strip.



To learn more about stamps and postal history why not visit us at Bix one Wednesday evening. You can then meet people who find postal history and the story of stamps fascinating.

Wed, 14th December Members will display parts of their collection with a connection to the letters C and D.
Approximate 9 pages telling a story.

Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at Bix Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Visitors and new members are welcome. Further details can be obtained by phoning Brian on 01491 681739 or on our website:

www.henleyphilatelic.org.uk

P.S.

Non-barcoded stamps will continue to be sold until stocks are exhausted and can be used until 31 January 2023. These stamps can be exchanged for the new barcoded version through Royal Mail's 'Swap Out' scheme.

'Swap Out' Application forms which are available from: www.royalmail.com/barcodedstamps



Elli the Gardener

Gardening Diary

Hello! As it's been very wintery, we haven't had much to do in the garden, but I have a few updates on how things are growing. Firstly, our garlic has sprouted and is doing very well. Our broad beans are also doing great. The bird feeder has attracted tons of birds. The first bird there is always the robin; quite often he is already waiting on the fence before we come out with the seeds. There are also magpies, jackdaws, pigeons, sparrows, and of course the cheeky squirrels! Even though it's getting cold, the calendula is still flowering amazingly, and it's very pretty. That's all for now, read on for the quiz!



Gardening Quiz

2. What type of soil do roses like?
3. Are peas perennial plants?
4. In what family are almonds?
5. Are broccoli and brussel sprouts in the same family?
6. Where does the very expensive spice saffron come from?

Challenge

When you go shopping, pick wonky fruit and veg that other people might not want, to stop them going to waste. Appearance is why up to one third of all food is wasted in the first place. This is a massive waste of the water, land and energy used to farm it in the first place.

Gardening Tip

When you're done with your christmas tree, leave it outside for a while. It's good for bugs and then next year you can use it for firewood!

Answers for the last quiz

2. Helianthus is another name for sunflower.
3. Tomatoes have the varieties beefsteak, plum and cherry.
4. The loganberry was made by crossing a blackberry and a raspberry.
5. The common name for the flower *Dianthus caryophyllus* is carnation.
6. The national flower of India is the mango.

Tree Time

Welcome back to my article in the Moulsoford News! This is now the third episode, and my chosen tree will be, drumroll please... a London Plane! You may have seen this tree before, with its distinct bark, which you will learn more about later on. So this time, I will explain this tree from the top to the bottom.

So at the top of every tree (almost every tree) is a crown, which I mentioned in the first episode. It is relatively large (of course depending on which type of plane it is) but it has quite loose foliage. The leaves making up this foliage are sycamore-like, thick and leathery, with five triangular lobes. They also turn a beautiful Orange-yellow color in autumn. (See picture 1 of the London plane's leaves)

1)



2)



The flowers of this tree are circular, usually bunched in pairs all over the tree, and are usually light green in colour. When these flowers bloom, they grow in size a lot but stay circular in shape. There are many smaller buds making up this fruit, but maybe you will understand me a little more if you take a look at picture 2.

Moving down still comes the trunk, my favourite part. The trunk of this tree is absolutely beautiful! It is in a camouflage like pattern, and it just looks epic! The shape of the trunk can be thick or thin, depending on its type, but the pattern stays the same. (See picture 3 for the trunk of this tree.)

3)



4)



This tree is valued for its ability to survive in extreme conditions, as well as pollution, and is therefore planted a lot in cities, and busy streets, and particularly in London, giving it the name London Plane. That is all for now, goodbye, see you all soon and have a good one!

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