#### **November 2022**

## **Moulsford News**

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#### **Moulsford Events**

**Nigel Baker** 

We have just had our first winter social - despite the rain it was a lovely night and great atmosphere, helped by the welcome arrival of our fish and chips.

Looking ahead to more friendly winter evenings out, our first event in November is the Quiz night, being run by the Church on Saturday, 19th November, from 7.30pm to start at 8pm. Tickets include a ploughman's meal; all of this for £8.00. Call Twinks on 651548 to book your team and table.

Our second winter social will be on Friday, 25th November. I hope you will all be delighted to know we will also be having the World Cup England v USA game live on the big screen, with kick off at 7pm. To get everyone settled, it will be doors open from 6pm and fish'n'chip orders in by 6.30pm please. A night of Football plus fish'n'chips - if this wasn't enough, there will also be the chance to pay for any Gala tickets booked.

Another sporting highlight lies ahead on Saturday, November 26th: Moulsford's very own upcoming international rally driver Tom Williams, who has had outstanding success competing at a very high level in the USA, will be chatting about his career from 7pm and apparently bringing along various rallying and motorsport items to show us. In the Pavilion as usual, bar open from 6 15pm.

Into December, and our Christmas Social is set for Thursday, 22nd December, with the bar opening from 6pm after the Carol service at the Church. A Gala Night update as well: at the time of writing all tickets have been booked. However, if you want to get on the reserve lists, please give Jo Haywood a call on 07787171569. Thanks for everyone's hard work on this, I do know it's building up to be a great night. After Christmas, there will of course be the traditional Boxing Day Walk to get you out in the fresh air again - watch out for the December Moulsford News to confirm details. As ever, we look forward to seeing everyone very soon!

## TALK BY TOM

ON HIS PROGRESSION THROUGH THE AMERICAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE



**VENUE**: MOULSFORD PAVILION

**DATE:** 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022

TIME: DOORS OPEN AT 06.15 (TALK TO START AT 7.00) Q&A AFTER

BAR WILL BE OPEN

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#### **Parish Council Report**

As we put this report together, we expect the final Neighbour Planning surveys are being submitted elsewhere in the village. Immense thanks go to Sue Powell and all the Neighbourhood Planning Statement team for their hard work on this project, and for putting such a considered and detailed survey together. At time of writing, over 50 responses had already been received - thanks to everyone who is following the NPS and taking the time to contribute their ideas and thoughts; your engagement is vital and please do keep in touch.

As we mentioned last month, MPC supported Cholsey Parish Council in opposing the proposed Leavesley development at the Planning Inquiry in September. We were deeply concerned by the potential impact these 350 homes (more than Moulsford!) would have on access to school places for our village children. At the Inquiry and in our written statement, we challenged the evidence presented by the developers' witness which completely overlooked Moulsford and suggested that the 'solution' for a lack of secondary places for the new homes and indeed, our village, would be simply to accept sending ever more local children to Didcot. We were pleased to see that Oxford County Council's education team also robustly challenged this position. We will continue to follow progress of the Leavesley development decision and contribute as needed; if you wish to find out more, you can visit the NO! Campaign's website at: <a href="https://cholseyfields.com/">https://cholseyfields.com/</a>.

However, with the secondary school application round just closed for 2023 entry and primary applications ongoing, access to school places is still on our mind. Back in October 2019, MPC members met with OCC's Director of Education to raise our concerns about development between Moulsford and local schools, squeezing our kids out due to the distance rules. We were assured the team was confident that school expansions then underway in Cholsey and Wallingford would provide sufficient places in the near future. Key amongst these was the now recently completed expansion of Wallingford School which it was hoped would offer Moulsford students opportunities to stay local for secondary education. With the Leavesley inquiry experience fresh in our minds, we are now revisiting our concerns with OCC to find out if their expectations for our kids to access our local catchment school places have been met. We will keep you posted, and as ever, we'd be pleased to hear of your family's experiences with the application process.

#### What is a Parish Councillor - Martin Eagle

A parish councillor is any one of the 430 adults living in our beautiful village. You may just have not realized it yet. I have lived in the village for 18 years and if I am honest enjoyed all the hard work and commitment of a revolving group of Parish Councillors and other important village groups.

I became a parish councillor (Co-opted not elected, actually flattered into it) after becoming active regarding the two big significant issues in the village namely the proposed development at the Friends of the Elderly site and the floodlighting imposed at Cranford House. I attended Parish council meetings as a member of the public and was struck by their hard work and commitment. A cross section of people discussing and acting in a non-political way looking to improve our village environment.

What I realized was that all the things I took for granted about our village were largely due to these village volunteers.

As a group the Parish council has little authority on the big issues facing the village, but there is a network of contacts that are used to improve, communicate, and influence areas of concern.

You do not need to be an expert but many of us can make a valuable contribution no matter who we are, it's all about a sense of balance.

I thoroughly enjoy my time as a parish councillor, hopefully making a positive contribution although it may not always appear that way if the meeting extends past 9.30 pm!

Come and join us.



# 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

#### **Parish Council Matters continued**

#### Didcot Eco Fair - Saturday, 5th November 2022

South Oxfordshire District Council, in partnership with Sustainable Didcot, is hosting the free, family-friendly event from 11am to 3pm at the council's arts centre, Cornerstone. Didcot Eco Fair is a fun and informative event showcasing South Oxfordshire's fantastic sustainable businesses, with arts and crafts activities, food stalls and advice on how we can reduce both our environmental impact and our heating bills. For full details: Celebrate all things green at Didcot's first Eco Fair (svbs.co.uk).

#### Hackney carriage fare limits introduced for first time in South Oxfordshire

Following a consultation with hackney carriage licence holders from 29 June to 3 August 2022, hackney carriages operating in South Oxfordshire will have a maximum fare they can charge passengers.

The new maximum fare for a two-mile journey on Tariff 1 will be £8.10, rising to £11.25 for Tariff 3 (applicable from 2am to 5.59am on weekdays and all day Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day).

Also a new £1.50 charge has been introduced for additional passengers in vehicles which can carry more than four persons.

## **Planning Applications and Decisions**

	Planning deadlines invariably mean that the planning information b current view of planning, please visit the online planning portal her	•
http://www.moulsfor	d-pc.org.uk/community/moulsford-on-thames-15214/planning-app	olications/
P22/S2001/HH Downlands, 13 Glebe Close, Moulsford, OX10 9JA	Proposed side extension. Proposed replacement boundary wall and gates (Amended plans received 23rd September to omit one side extension and proposing attached garage accommodation with studio over).	MPC: No strong views SODC: Granted
P22/S2872/DIS Land East of A329 and North of Cranford Lodge Moulsford	Discharge of conditions 3 (Phasing Plan), 6 (Construction Traffic Management), 8 (Provision of sports pitch parking and turning areas), 9 (Provision of farm shop parking and turning areas) and 12 (Foul Drainage) on application P18/S3748/FUL. (As amended by Construction Traffic Management Plan received 27th	Discharged following receipt of a consultation response from OCC highways confirming no objection to the

### Church Chatter Janet Knowles

discharge.

September 2022). (New farm shop, cafe and sports field).

Related application: P18/S3748/FUL

During the past month the good news is that interviews for the new Vicar of the Cholsey and Moulsford Benefice have taken place. We understand the post has been offered to one of the four candidates and our new Benefice vicar will be a woman. Frustratingly, we await further details whilst all the additional church employment processes are completed. More anon, once all the details are able to be confirmed and the formal announcement can be made. We will update everyone as soon as possible!

As I write this the South African sun is blazing down from a cloudless blue sky, probably in contrast to the autumnal skies of the U.K? We are halfway through the visit to Huhudi, our partnership parish located on the southern boundary of the Kalahari desert. Water supplies are either very limited or non -existent and there are cuts to power supplies (known here as load shedding) and both occur with frustrating daily regularity. Sadly this pattern of daily living is now widespread across the whole country and people accept/have adjusted their lives accordingly. The joy of seeing broad smiles and enthusiastic welcomes don't alter though. Yet despite this resilience one senses deep concerns bubbling below the surface and a growing anxiety for the political future of the country.

In the U.K. whilst the majority of people living in Moulsford remain immune to the pressures of the eating/heating challenges we are aware of the need and responsibilities to do whatever we can to support those for whom day to day life can be a struggle. In our community Covid provided a road map to navigate ways of supporting and caring for one another. We hope shortly to be able to share details of plans for additional community time for refreshments and relaxation together for anyone who would like to join in. Offers for assistance with transport and refreshments would be very welcome. Alternatively, donations to the Wallingford food bank can be left at church or 10 Glebe Close and we'll take responsibility for delivering items to their base at the Ridgeway church in Wallingford. Finally dates for the diary:

- The Boys Brigade and Girls Association will be joining us at 09:30 for the annual Remembrance Sunday on 13th November.
- The annual Tearfund Quiz night will be held on Saturday, 19th November.

Do come and join the fun if you are free. All the details can be found elsewhere in this edition of the Moulsford News.

Have a good month... Janet

## St. John the Baptist, Moulsford, September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2 14:30 House Groups (contact 651401)	3 19:00 House Groups (contact 07765 440014)	4	5	6 9:30 Common Worship (Contemporary) and Baptism Fr Martyn
7 11:00 Keep Fit*	8	9 10:30 Knitting Group 14:30 House Group (contact 651401)	10 19:00 House Group (contact 07765 440014) Oxford Diocese Financial Briefing	11	12	9:30 Remembrance GGBA on parade Rev'd Alan Gates 18:30 Youth Club, Laurence Hall Cholsey
14 11:00 Keep Fit* 19:30 PCC Church	15	16 10:30 Knitting Group 14:30 House Group (contact 651401)	17 19:00 House Group (contact 07765 440014)	18	AD Intergenerational Greenhouse, Church House, Kiddlington	9:30 Common Worship (Contemporary) Rev'd Alan Gates Safeguarding Sunday
21 11:00 Keep Fit*	22	23 10:30 Knitting Group 14:30 House Group (contact 651401)	24 19:00 House Group (contact 07765 440014)	25	26	9:30 Morning Praise Advent Sunday
28 11:00 Keep Fit*	29	30 08:35 Communion and Breakfast 09:30 Cranford House Rehearsal 10:30 Knitting Group 14:30 House Group (contact 651401)	Nov	161	mber	2022

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.

<sup>\*</sup> CH = Cranford House School

<sup>\*</sup> For Keep Fit at Cholsey Meadows, contact 599433

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

**Gail Slinger** 





The next Village Coffee Shop is on







Putting the kettle on in November will be myself and anyone who would like to help.

Please come and join us in November, bring a friend, neighbour or family member; we want to see you all.

So our Halloween October Coffee Shop was yet again another great turnout. Homemade Delights were abundant; there was even a 'Graveyard Cake' with Tombstones and spooky ghouls surround.

A BIG Thank You to Alison for helping with 'Putting the Kettle on', Gary who set up the tables, chairs and the special cake table, we couldn't do it without you.

We also couldn't do the Coffee Shop without all our lovely residents who support us - Thank You.

The end of 2022 is approaching really fast and it will be a new year for us all in many ways; where did this year go, again?

We still have plenty of space on our calendar list for 'Putting the Kettle on' please don't be shy, put your name down one and all, it's really easy.

See you all very soon.

#### **Future Dates**

December 14th



#### **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. 4th/18th Nov, 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.

Mince Pie Tasting is planned for 18th November, also the start of Christmas Orders for most baked items we sell.

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





## 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**

Third Thursday in the month 6.00 - 10.00pm, at the Pavilion £2 per session.

Come and join a group of local craft people for an evening of relaxation.

> For more information, call Linda Scurr on 652916.

#### GOING FORWARD BUSES

Including revised service from 28th November 2022

133 Goring - Wallingford via Streatley & Moulsford

	Until 25th November 2022					November 2022			
Days of Operation	Tues	Wednesdays Thu		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	11:25
Goring Surgery/Library	10:26	09:01	11:09	10:26	09:19	11:41		09:11	11:26
Swan Hotel/Streatley Traffic Lights	10:28	09:03	11:11	10:28	09:21	11:43		09:12	11:27
Moulsford Beetle & Wedge turn	10:31	09:07	11:15	10:31	09:24	11:46	ı	09:17	11:32
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	R
Wallingford LiDL					R			R	R
WALLINGFORD Market Place	10:45	09:20	11:30	10:45	09:39	11:58	1	09:30	11:45
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Starts from			DIDCOT				1		DIDCOT*
WALLINGFORD Market Place	12:00	10:40	13:05	12:00	11:15	14:05	ı	11:05	15:13
Wallingford LiDL					Q	Q	1	Q	Q
Wallingford Hospital	12:01	10:41	13:06	12:01	Q	Q	1	11:06	15:14
The Meadows	12:04	10:44	13:09	12:04	11:19	14:09	1	11:08	15:16
Moulsford, Old Vicarage	R	R	R	R	R	R		R	R
Moulsford Beetle & Wedge turn	12:07	10:46	13:11	12:07	11:22	14:12	1	11:11	15:19
Streatley Primary School	R	R	R	R	R	R		R	R
Streatley, The Coombe	R	R	R	R	R	R		11:14	15:22
Streatley Traffic Lights/Swan Hotel	12:10	10:49	R	12:10	11:25	14:15		R	R
GORING, Railway Stn Forecourt	12:20	11:00	R	12:20	11:35	14:25		11:25	15:33
Continues to	W'FORD	CLEEVE		HENLEY					

To or from Didcot on Mondays and Wednesdays only

DFL Dorchester Flyer: to or from Dorchester village

Picks up here on request only by prior arrangement with the driver on the outward journey

Sets down only at these points on request to the driver by passengers already on board at previous timing point

#### 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

#### **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

A fabulous exhibition by 4 local artists showcasing their skills and talents in a variety of media will be held at Moulsford Pavillon (OX10 9JD), Saturday Nov 12<sup>th</sup>, 10am - 6pm and Sunday Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 11am-4pm, (free). This will be a *celebration* of painting, glass art, fibre fusion and photography.

<u>Sue Avery</u> is a Moulsford-based glass artist who particularly enjoys creating sculptures inspired by her local surroundings, nature and wildlife.

Her work is on display at Dolphin Gallery, Wantage.













<u>Mark Wood</u> is a Wallingfordbased artist who has exhibited in London and Oxfordshire. His calm, still paintings explore a wide range of subjects while demonstrating his love of colour and light.

John Hallstone is a Wallingford-based photographer with a particular focus on nature and live music. His creative approach originates from working in film. He has exhibited extensively in Berkshire and Oxfordshire, most recently with 'imperfect symmetry'.













<u>Feltmaker Gwen</u>.. – is based in South Oxfordshire and with a fusion of fibres makes unique felted pieces of wearable art using fleece from a wide variety of British sheep breeds.



## What's on in Moulsford and Surrounding Areas continued





Don't bin it, fix it!

## Saturday 19th November

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
- clothing and textiles
- ✓ electricals
- specialist gluing
- ✓ laptops/computers
  ✓ tool & knife sharpening
- ✓ furniture
- PAT testing
- ✓ ultrasonic cleaning 
  ✓ 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 9th NOVEMBER 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 last Cholsey Repair Café of 2022 will be held at the Cholsey Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsey, on Saturday, 19th November, from 11.00 to 13.45

All manner of broken household items can be considered. except large appliances. The café's sharpening service has been very popular and recent repairs have included clothing, clocks, hairdryers, lamps, vacuum cleaners, bicycles and much more. Volunteers ask only for a donation towards running

costs, plus any spare parts required.

See www.cholseyrepaircafe.com for more information or email repaircafe@cholsey.com.

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

#### November Calendar

**Nothing Compares** 1st, 2nd at 7.30pm

NT Live - The Seagull 3rd at 7pm (finish 10pm)

Amsterdam

4th, 6th, 7th at 7.30pm (finish 9.45pm)

Doctor Who Am I

8th at 7.30pm (finish 9pm)

My Neighbour Adolf

9th, 10th at 7.30pm (finish 9.15pm)

The Banshees of Inisherin

11th to 13th at 7.30pm (finish 9.15pm)

Vesper

14th, 15th at 7.30pm (finish 9.45pm)

The Royal Ballet: A Diamond Celebration 16th at 7.15pm (finish 10.15pm)

Love Around the World 17th at 7.30pm (finish 9.30pm)

Triangle of Sadness

18th to 20th at 7.30pm (finish 10pm)

Hunt

21st to 24th at 7.30pm (finish 9.45pm) (Matinee) 23rd at 2.30pm (finish 4.45pm)

Living

25th, 27th at 7.30pm (finish 9.15pm)

Arthur Smith: My First 75 Years in Comedy 26th at 7.45pm (finish 8.45pm)

Call Jane

28th, 29th at 7.30pm (finish 9.45pm)

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

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



#### <u>FESTIVE SET MENU</u> £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



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



#### HENLEY AND DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

Sorry to tell you that Christmas will quickly be here and as the days get shorter and the nights longer, have you thought of starting a hobby? As a younger person most had a childhood collection of Stamps, why not take this on as an adult and visit us at Bix one Wednesday evening. You can then join others that enjoy the hobby, meet with like-minded people.



#### Meetings in November

Wednesday 9th November – The Franking System of Great Britain' by Guest speaker Bob Garland

Wednesday 23rd November - A display of 'Aspect of Gibraltar' by guest speaker Eric Holmes.

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

#### 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.



#### Elli the Gardener

#### **Gardening Diary**

Hello! This month we didn't do much planting, however we did plant some garlic. We had ordered lots of different types of garlic bulbs: . We split them apart into the cloves and pressed them into the soil with the root part facing down and then we closed up the holes. We didn't water them as it was damp weather anyway. We also built a door for the polytunnel: my dad made it and I helped him screw it on. I also helped my dad chop and stack some wood, although I wasn't very good at the chopping part, as the axe was quite heavy. We have also enjoyed some delicious pumpkin soup from the smaller pumpkins which weren't for Halloween. Bye, read on for the quiz!



#### **Gardening Quiz**

- 1. Helianthus is another name for which flower?
- 2. What has the varieties beefsteak, plum and cherry?
- 3. Which fruit was made by crossing a blackberry and a raspberry?
- 4. What is the common name for the flower Dianthus caryophyllus?
- 5. What is the national fruit of India?

#### **Challenge**

Try having shorter showers instead of baths for as long as possible! This saves lots of water, and also saves the energy that is used to heat up the water.

#### **Gardening Tip**

If you hate it, when soil gets stuck in your fingernails during gardening, you can rub a bit of bar soap in your fingernails before gardening, but not too much otherwise it gets uncomfortable. Then at the end, when you wash your hands with hot water, the soap just melts and comes out easily.

#### Answers for the last quiz

- 1. There are many impressive examples of plants that have adapted amazingly to survive, for example:
  - Playing recordings of chomping caterpillars to Arabidopsis plants is enough to make them flood their leaves with chemicals to ward off attackers.
  - The dodder vine is a parasitic plant which locates its prey by scent. Then it sends a tendril to the source of the smell, wraps it around the plant and saps all of the nutrients out of it.
  - Venus flytraps have learned how to count! To make sure that they're capturing a living, wriggling
    insect, they only shut after two taps, and will only begin digesting prey after three more touches.
- 2. Yes, snowdrops are a hardy perennial.
- 3. The oxalis is best planted and grown in bright indirect light, and they will not grow properly in soggy or overly wet soil, so the pot must have drainage holes.
- 4. Belladonna comes from the Italian phrase "Beautiful women."
- 5. The female reproductive organ of a flower is called the pistil.

#### **Tree Time**

Hi again everyone! Now this is my second interview. If you haven't read my first article about the Mountain Ash or Rowan Tree, you can always look back at the last Moulsford News. I have chosen a very different tree this time, it is the Hornbeam tree. I have chosen this tree because on 25/10/2022 I went on a small Tree walk in Howbery Park where I saw a few very interesting trees and also took some photos of them.

This time, I will start from the bottom of the tree and will work my way up. So the trunk of the Hornbeam is darkish brown, not out of the ordinary in size, but it seems to consist of many individual thin trunks. Quite cool if I do say so myself! (see picture of Hornbeam Trunk in picture 1).

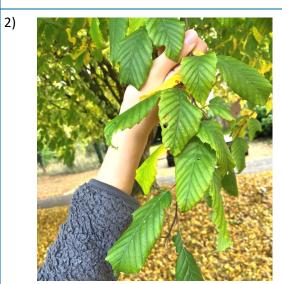
The leaves of this tree look a little like the leaves of the beech tree. They are lightish green, have many veins, all flowing from the largest one in the center of the leaf. They grow individually though relatively close together (see picture 2 for a few of its leaves).

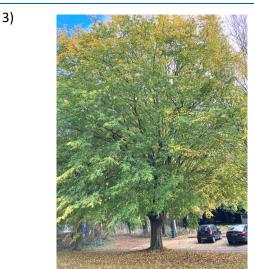
The entire tree is quite large, the crown of the tree is large, dense and very wide compared to the trunk. Depending on the variety, the crown can be tall and cone like or wide and round (see picture 3 for the entire tree and picture 4 for hornbeam catkins).

Now for some different facts which don't really fit into the categories above. So, did you know that 'Hornbeam' in old English stands for 'Hard Tree'? Also the Hornbeam holds onto its leaves in winter to deter rabbits and deer, and its seeds are the favorite of hawfinches. The last fact to conclude this Tree Time is that the largest Hornbeam Tree is measured 31.40 m high, so 18 and a half full grown men tall. WOW! Goodbye for now and, have a good one!









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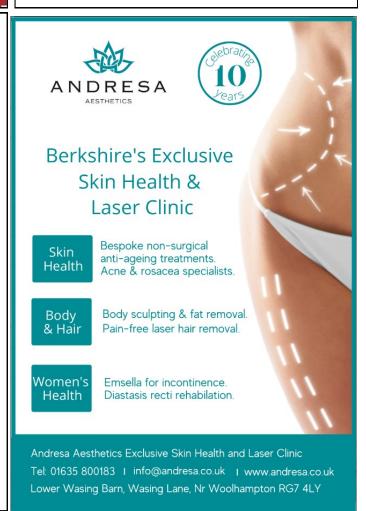
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## **Dates for the Diary**

Date	Event	Location
2nd November	19:30 Moulsford Events Committee Meeting	Moulsford Pavilion
9th November	10:30 Village Coffee Shop	Moulsford Pavilion
17th November	19:30 Moulsford Parish Council Meeting	Moulsford Pavilion
19th November	19:30 Church Quiz Night	Moulsford Pavilion
25th November	18:00 Winter Social (Football World Cup and Fish and Chips)	Moulsford Pavilion
26th November	18:15 Talk by Tom	Moulsford Pavilion
14th December	10:30 Village Coffee Shop	Moulsford Pavilion
16th December	18:30 Gala Night	Moulsford Prep School
22nd December	18:00 Christmas Social	Moulsford Pavilion