

Moulsford Events

Dave Reynolds

This is a really exciting time of year for the Events Committee as we prepare our Friday night social calendar. This kicks off on Friday 19th April with the traditional 'Bangers and Bubbles' evening.

This year promises to be a great year (as long as the weather gets a bit better!) with spectacular food offerings available on most evenings.

Looking forward, we have plenty planned - including a Pimms and Strawberries evening (with book swap) on 28th June and our Camping Evening on 19th July.

One change this year shall be a new initiative to reduce waste, where we would ask that all villagers (adults) bring along their own glasses (preferably plastic). Whilst a limited number of disposable glasses shall be available we will make a small charge. Disposable glasses, free of charge, shall be available for kids.

We look forward to seeing you all in April.

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Making the most of the river in our village!

Sue Powell

As some of you may remember, the highway at the end of Ferry Lane was changed last year, such that villagers can walk along the route of the Thames Path but no longer access the river from the wharf area. To clarify, the Thames path goes past the entrance to the Beetle and Wedge and then crosses in front of the restaurant, with the river to your left. It then carries on past Thames Reach and the Egyptian House towards Streatley.

The only bit from which the public can now access the river is the area to the left of the wharf, directly behind the willow tree. This is at right angles to the area marked for ferry use and abutting the river frontage for Beetle and Wedge House.

This area includes quite a short bit of landing stage and has not been regularly maintained. However, with the growth in popularity in wild water swimming, kayaking, and paddle boarding, we would like to get your thoughts as to how we can make best use of this area going forwards.

At this stage, we are looking to gather ideas and get some approximate estimates for necessary work. Anyone interested in being involved with this, please contact myself (spowell@moulsford-pc.org.uk) or Hilary Shaw (hshaw@moulsford-pc.org.uk).

OCC's 20mph initiative

OCC are rolling out a 20mph initiative across the county as part of their traffic policy and some of you kindly completed an initial survey. The results of this survey indicated that the majority of villagers who completed it would prefer the speed limit through Moulsoford to remain at 30mph rather than change to 20mph. Instead, we were asked as a council to look at alternative traffic calming measures, as well as general issues with potholes, etc.

This is just to let you know that I have got the ball rolling on the alternative measures and have some indicative costs to us as a village. However, I do not yet know projected timescales for such work (likely to be 2025 onwards) so will report back when I have more information. You should also be aware that we have now received a revised design for a 20mph speed limit in Moulsoford from OCC, which as a council we are reviewing. This encompasses the central part of the village only and may be acceptable to a wider range of villagers than the original proposal. Again, more about that shortly.

Potholes (including Underhill and Halfpenny Lane)

I have been communicating with the OCC Highways Engagement team, regarding both the state of Underhill (including the section formerly flooded) and Halfpenny Lane. Progress as follows:

- They have now agreed to prioritise the work in Underhill and I have sent them details of exactly where the problems are, as well as an explanation of why the drains are blocked. I have also copied our OCC councillor, Felix Bloomfield. I hope they will get to the potholes within the next couple of weeks but am not yet sure who will resolve the problem with the drains.
- There are plans to resurface Halfpenny Lane in the financial year 2024-25. See [Map](#) (highway-iams.uk) which leads to the map of proposed works.
- I suggested that OCC consider installing additional passing places which are tarmacked but have been informed that there is insufficient highway land width to install these. Unfortunately, until this is sorted it is likely we will continue to have problems with damaged verges, particularly to the left of the road as you leave from the village.

Neighbourhood Priority Statement (NPS) - Pilot Study

There was a lot of work carried out on this pilot study in 2022-23 (in fact, we were the first village to complete the scheme!). Just to give you an update on what is happening with it now....

The document is almost complete; I just need to update the section on river access in the light of the decision made by OCC to alter the highway at the end of Ferry Lane in May 2022.

However, the NPS will not be fully operational in SODC until the government have passed the legislation relating to this. This was due in in October last year but has still not been approved. In the mean time I am in regular contact with SODC Planning to monitor progress.

However, our draft plan has already been referred to in several recent planning decisions, so is proving useful.

Note that the Neighbourhood Priority Statement is not the same as a Neighbourhood Plan. Specifically, it is a much briefer document and has an advisory role only. Creating a neighbourhood plan from the Neighbourhood Priority Statement would be possible, since it already covers similar topics, but is not yet something that as a council we have time to take forward.

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, 11th April 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.

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 |
|-----------|-------------|--------|
| N/A | N/A | N/A |

Moulsford Events Committee (MEC) Meeting

Wednesday, 1st May 2024
19:30 in the Pavilion
Everyone welcome!



Dear Friends,

We give thanks for the life of Breyan Knowles, his energy, his enthusiasm, and the faithful way he has served the church and the community. Breyan was involved with the church re-ordering and was an excellent organist and treasurer. His unique sense of humour and strategic thinking, will be greatly missed. As Christians we are very aware that God walks with us, alongside us and upholding us, as we walk through times of grief and bereavement. God's love at this time is a great comfort to all. Below is a poem that reflects this sense of journeying with God:-

The God who answers prayer By Megan Carter

There is a God who answers prayer
Who intercedes before the throne,
The Son of God whoever cares,
Do not believe you walk alone.

When life seems hard, no answers come
He knows the path that you now tread
Believe on Him though all seems lost
He knows about the tears you shed.

Hold on to Him who is your strength,
Although it seems there's no way through,
Though pain and heartache both are near,
Who holds the world holds also you.

There is a day when all is clear
A day when we all understand
That all our lives but marked a way
That led us to the Promised Land.

We also give thanks to Janet Knowles for her many years of service as Church Warden and welcome you to her last Annual Meeting, APCM 14th April 9am St John the Baptist Moulsoford.

God Bless, Rebecca Peters - Vicar

rev.cholseyandmoulsoford@gmail.com

What's on in Moulsoford and Surrounding Areas

Monthly Coffee Shop

Alison and Gary Fagg

THE NEXT MOULSFORD COFFEE SHOP

WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL

AT THE PAVILION FROM 10.30 – 12.00



Thanks to Carol and Gary for putting the kettle on in March where they were kept very busy with over 30 people attending.

Gary and Liz will be putting the kettle on in April and we look forward to seeing you all there. Everyone is welcome to come and join us and please bring along your friends, children, grandchildren, relations and neighbours for a chat.

A big thank you to Linda and Daryl for helping at The Coffee Shop for the last 8 years. We will miss all your help and delicious baking and hope to see you at future Coffee Shops.

If anyone would like to help or bake at Coffee Mornings please let us know.

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



What's on in Moulsoford and Surrounding Areas continued

133 Goring - Wallingford via Streatley & Moulsoford

**Including revised service from Monday 4th
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| GORING, Railway Stn Forecourt | 09:10 | 11:25 | 09:00 | 11:25 | 09:00 | 11:35 |
| 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 |
| Moulsoford Beetle & Wedge turn | 09:17 | 11:32 | 09:07 | 11:32 | 09:07 | 11:42 |
| Moulsoford, Old Vicarage | 09:18 | | 09:08 | | 09:08 | |
| Wallingford Hospital | R | R | R | R | R | R |
| Wallingford LiDL | R | R | R | R | R | R |
| WALLINGFORD Market Place | 09:30 | 11:45 | 09:20 | 11:50 | 09:20 | 12:00 |
| <i>Continues to</i> | <i>DIDCOT*</i> | <i>DIDCOT*</i> | <i>DIDCOT</i> | <i>DIDCOT</i> | <i>DFL</i> | <i>DFL</i> |

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| <i>Starts from</i> | | <i>DIDCOT*</i> | | <i>DIDCOT</i> | | |
| WALLINGFORD Market Place | 11:05 | 15:13 | 11:05 | 15:15 | 11:15 | 15:15 |
| Wallingford LiDL | Q | Q | Q | Q | Q | Q |
| Wallingford Hospital | 11:06 | 15:14 | 11:06 | 15:16 | 11:16 | 15:16 |
| The Meadows | 11:08 | 15:16 | 11:08 | 15:18 | 11:18 | 15:18 |
| Moulsoford, Old Vicarage | R | R | R | R | R | R |
| Moulsoford Beetle & Wedge turn | 11:11 | 15:19 | 11:11 | 15:21 | 11:21 | 15:21 |
| Streatley Primary School | R | R | R | R | R | R |
| Streatley, The Coombe | R | R | 11:14 | 15:24 | 11:24 | 15:24 |
| Streatley Traffic Lights/Swan Hotel | 11:14 | 15:22 | R | R | R | R |
| GORING, Railway Stn Forecourt | 11:25 | 15:33 | 11:25 | 15:35 | 11:35 | 15:35 |

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April

1st, 2nd: Bob Marley - One Love (7.30pm - 9.15pm)
3rd: Origin (2.30pm - 4.45pm Matinee)
3rd: NT Live - Dear England (7.00pm - 9.45pm ONE INTERVAL)
4th: Origin (7.30pm - 9.45pm)
5th, 6th: Dune (Part One) (7.30pm - 10.15pm)
6th: Dune (Part Two) (2.30pm - 5.15pm Matinee)
7th, 8th: The Taste of Things (7.30pm - 9.45pm)
9th: The Royal Ballet - MacMillan Celebrated (7.15pm - 10.30pm TWO INTERVALS)
10th: The Lavender Hill Mob (2.30pm - 4.00pm Matinee)
10th: The Lavender Hill Mob (7.30pm - 9.00pm)
11th: Oppenheimer (7.30pm - 10.30pm)
12th, 13th: Monster (7.30pm - 9.35pm)
13th: Monster (2.30pm - 4.35pm Matinee)
14th: Driving Mum (7.30pm - 9.30pm)
15th: NT Live - Vanya (7.30pm - 9.30pm NO INTERVAL)
16th: John Singer Sargent: Exhibition on Screen (7.30pm - 9.00pm)
17th: John Singer Sargent: Exhibition on Screen (2.30pm - 4.00pm Matinee)
17th: The Zone of Interest (7.30pm - 9.15pm)
18th: An American in Paris - The Musical (7.30pm - 10.15pm ONE INTERVAL)
19th, 20th: Io Capitano (7.30pm - 9.30pm)
20th, Io Capitano (2.30pm - 4.30pm Matinee)
21st: Drive Away Dolls (7.30pm - 9.00pm)
22nd: On the Waterfront (7.30pm - 9.30pm)
23rd: NT Live - Nye (7.00pm - 9.45pm ONE INTERVAL)
24th: Wallingford on Film (2.30pm - 4.30pm Matinee)
24th: The Royal Ballet - Swan Lake (7.15pm - 10.45pm TWO INTERVALS)
25th: Wallingford on Film (7.30pm - 9.30pm)
26th: Ghostbusters - Frozen Empire (7.30pm - 9.45pm)
27th: Ghostbusters - Frozen Empire (2.30pm - 4.45pm Matinee)
27th, 28th: The Colour Purple (7.30pm - 9.55pm)
29th, 30th: Mothers' Instinct (7.30pm - 9.15pm)



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

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.

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.

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For more information, call Linda Scurr on 652916.



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

Wednesday 10th April –

We have guest speaker Tim Dexter giving a talk and display on the subject of “Morton Bay Period-Queensland”.

Wednesday 24th April –

We have a guest speaker Albert Jackson giving a talk and display on the subject of “Anschluss 1938-German Occupation of Austria”.

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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In the first year, we provided food for approximately 400 people. The current annual demand is approximately 3000 people. We rely entirely on unpaid volunteers and donations of food and money from the public, churches, and other local organisations.

If you need food please [click here](#) to find out more.

If you are interested in volunteering please [click here](#).

If you would like to donate to the food bank please [click here](#).

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.



Local News

Moulsford Author to release Song of Love

Scarlett Palys

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.



£1.5 million grant from the Government's Species Survival Fund to boost nature recovery in the North Wessex Downs National Landscape

A £1.5 million grant has been secured by the team at the North Wessex Downs National Landscape Partnership from the Government's Species Survival Fund. The grant is for the Partnerships for Nature programme – a suite of projects across seven sites which will restore and enhance a range of important habitats for a diversity of species, making the landscape a better place for nature.

Last year, the North Wessex Downs team published a Nature Recovery Plan which identifies priorities for restoring nature in the protected landscape. The funding will focus conservation effort on the programme's seven sites and kickstart delivery against the Plan.

Work within the Partnerships for Nature programme will help to restore and enhance heathland and wood pasture at Bucklebury Common, chalk grassland restoration at Tidcombe near Marlborough, chalk stream and river bank improvement on the River Kennet, also benefitting wet woodland and floodplain meadow, wetland creation at Pangbourne, new cultivated field margins near Lambourn for arable plants, ash management and hazel coppice restoration at Moor Copse, Tidmarsh and regenerative arable field management at the Earth Trust at Little Wittenham.

DEFRA Minister Rebecca Pow MP visited one of the seven sites, Bucklebury Common, earlier in March to learn about the proposals and heard first-hand about how the grant will impact nature recovery.

Match funding from other sources takes the total value of the programme to £1.7 million which involves multiple partners including farmers, private-landowners and environmental non-government organisations. Partnerships for Nature will run until March 2026.

The Government's Species Survival Fund was developed by Defra and its Arm's-Length Bodies. It is being delivered by The National Lottery Heritage Fund in partnership with Natural England and the Environment Agency.

Work within the Partnerships for Nature programme will include introducing grazing and other habitat features to lowland heath (the largest remnant of this rare habitat in the North Wessex Downs) and wood pasture at Bucklebury Common, benefitting birds such as nightjar and woodlark and other vulnerable species such as crickets and lizards.

Chalk grassland restoration at Tidcombe will provide more homes for butterfly species such as the chalk hill blue and Duke of Burgundy butterflies. Chalk stream and riverbank improvement on the River Kennet SSSI will support the unique and threatened ecology of these globally-important and rare habitats, helping species such as water vole and Desmoulin's whorl snail and other declining invertebrates.

Other project outcomes such as wetland habitats created at Pangbourne, new cultivated field margins at Sheepdrove Organic Farm and regenerative arable field management at The Earth Trust will encourage a range of wildlife including threatened arable plants and declining farmland birds such as lapwing.

Corinna Woodall, Project Development and Funding Officer for the North Wessex Downs National Landscape Partnership said: "We are really thrilled to have been successful in our bid to the Species Survival Fund and are very excited to be working with our partners on this ambitious and far-reaching partnership programme. Through this grant we will make some real progress towards achieving some of the key priorities identified in our Nature Recovery Plan and help to bring nature back into our National Landscape.

The Partnerships for Nature programme will be co-ordinated by the team at the North Wessex Downs National Landscape Partnership. Programme partners include Action for River Kennet (ARK), the Benham Estate, the Bucklebury Estate, BBOWT, Earth Trust, Southern Streams Farmer Group and the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group South-East, the Sulham Estate, Sheepdrove Organic Farm and Plantlife.

The Species Survival Fund, a partnership between Defra and The National Lottery Heritage Fund, has seen grants of up to £3 million awarded across England for habitat creation and restoration projects to run over the next two years. The Fund will help halt and reverse the decline in species abundance by preserving vital habitats. The new funding is supporting projects that tackle habitat loss, safeguard our fragile ecosystems, and create and restore nature-rich landscapes full of wildlife-friendly habitats within precious chalk streams, wetlands, heathlands, grasslands and scrublands. The fund will create and improve natural habitats, helping Defra to meet their target to protect 30% of land for nature by 2030 (known as 30by30).

Local News *continued*

The Species Survival Fund builds upon the success of similar initiatives like the Green Recovery Challenge Fund and will create the foundations for ongoing expansion of habitats to support our wildlife. In 2020 North Wessex Downs National Landscape was successful in bidding for £400K from the Green Recovery Challenge Fund for their Sparkling Streams partnership project which was completed in March 2022.

Environment Minister, Rebecca Pow MP, said: "The funding awarded today as part our flagship Species Survival Fund will enable local authorities, landowners, farmers, and our protected landscapes organisations to restore nature at scale and provide valuable green jobs in the process.

"Only by creating bigger and better habitats for wildlife will we be able to halt the alarming decline in species loss. This fund will be a key plank in achieving our legally binding targets to halt species loss and protect 30% land for nature by 2030."

Eilish McGuinness, Chief Executive, The National Lottery Heritage Fund, said: 'We are delighted to be working in partnership with Defra again to distribute funding for these projects, which will support nature recovery by helping to boost the quality and quantity of wildlife-rich habitats across England. This partnership will further our vision for heritage to be valued, cared for and sustained for everyone, now and in the future.'



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

Email: moulsfordbookings@gmail.com

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| WEEKDAYS Monday-Friday to 6.00pm hourly fee | £14 | £17 |
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| Date | Event | Location |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
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| Fri, 28th Jun | Pimms and Strawberries | Moulsoford Pavilion |
| Fri, 19th Jul | Village Camping | Recreation Ground |
| Sat, 5th Oct | Comedy Night | Moulsoford Pavilion |

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