

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY AND MILTON COMMON

NEWSLETTER

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From the new Editor

Hello and welcome to the latest issue of the Tiddington with Albury and Milton Common newsletter.

This is my first edition of the newsletter after I responded to the appeal for a volunteer to take on the editing role so please excuse any teething problems in the formatting. Please get in touch if you have any ideas or suggestions for future editions.

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Cover photo:

Whitethroat on a Wire

The Whitethroat is a regular summer visitor from Africa that nests and breeds throughout the British Isles. It can regularly be seen and heard in the hedgerows of Oxfordshire. This particular bird, a member of the warbler family, was snapped singing from a wire perch between Tiddington and Ickford near the Waterstock turn.

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Deadline for articles for inclusion in the next Newsletter is

Monday 20th September 2021

or email documents to tiddingtonalburynews@gmail.com

The views expressed are not necessarily those of the Editor or the Parish Council and the Editor reserves the right not to print items and to edit

Coffee Mornings at the Cricket Club

THE MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Wild Oxfordshire is a local conservation charity with a vision for Oxfordshire's environment to be rich in nature, healthy and sustainable for the benefit and enjoyment of all. Our focus is on bringing organisations and community groups together to work collaboratively and make this vision a reality.

Works Strategically

State of Nature in Oxfordshire 2017 report, Oxfordshire's Biodiversity Action Group, the Conservation Target Area approach.

Pilots new approaches

The innovative Natural Flood Management Project is trialling ground breaking approach to flooding.

Supports volunteers

Community Ecologist is unique in offering free advice and support to the many Community Groups that help conserve local wildlife.

<https://www.wildoxfordshire.org.uk/communities/resources/>

From your Parish Council

We are extremely grateful to Mark for volunteering to take on the editorship of the newsletter and seeing how it can develop going forward – if you would like to contribute an article or advertise in subsequent issues, please do get in touch through the email tiddingtonalburynews@gmail.com

At the time of writing, we are expecting the puffin crossing to be finally switched on and we will all be able to enjoy the safe crossing of the road - a big thank you to everyone who has been involved over the years to try and get this in and it is great that we now have it. Hopefully it will help reduce the overall speed of traffic through Tiddington and provide a safe space to cross the road for us all. We are also expecting additional protection to be provided to help prevent and manage the lorries that continue to try and turn in the village and hope this will help cut down on this and the damage it causes.

July has seen the further relaxation of the rules and restrictions that have governed our lives in recent times – these have been for good reason and gives us hope that life can return to something like normal - but even with this, many business and individuals may feel that some level of caution is still appropriate and we must be considerate to these and respect these concerns as we adapt to the future. Together, we are and will be stronger.

Cont....

From your Parish Council (continued)

Work is continuing on the neighbourhood plan and there will be a public forum on 11th September where you find out more about the plan and what it means for the parish. Hopefully you will all have seen and completed the online questionnaire which was produced to inform and update the committee – but if you haven't yet – please do. The committee has made paper copies available for those that would prefer to complete that way and we would love for there to be a good cross section of people and ages providing their views. This plan is for us all and to help manage future development and direction – and we hope there will be good turnout on the 11th and we again thank the committee for all their efforts and work to date.

If you are new to the Parish and would like to receive regular updates on local news and information the clerk has a circulation list to share these by email - if this is something you would like to receive, please let the clerk know on clerk@tiddingtonparishcouncil.org.uk.

If there is anything you would like us to consider or have any local concerns, please speak to any Councillor or email clerk@tiddingtonparishcouncil.org.uk.

Tiddington with Albury Parish Council

<https://www.tiddingtonparishcouncil.org.uk>

MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A LOCAL COUNCILLOR



**IF YOU CARE ABOUT WHERE YOU LIVE
AND ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUR
COMMUNITY, WE NEED YOU!**

Your Parish Council has a vacancy.

For more details contact :

clerk@tiddingtonparishcouncil.org.uk

or speak to one of your Parish Councillors

Public Footway Clearing

Please could you check the greenery and shrubbery around your properties, that may be over hanging public footways around the Parish.

We have had a mixture of sun and rain, to make perfect growing conditions.

It would be great to come together as a community, to keep our Parish looking wonderful and at the same time being mindful of the accessibility around the Parish for everyone.

Thank you.

Your Parish Council.

Attention Dog Owners!

**Please Pick up After Your Dogs
and Place Bags in the Bins provided
or Take it Home**



**Dog Faeces Can Cause Diseases
That Are Harmful to
Children and Animals**



Memorial Bench for Maureen and David Marchant



Nathalie Wing and her brother Ben would like to thank the villagers who generously supported them in getting the funds for a memorial to their mum and dad, Maureen and David Marchant.

Nathalie says:

Some of you may have seen the bench to commemorate our lovely mum and dad is now safely installed at the entrance to Tiddington Cricket Club. Ben and I are so happy that after such a long wait we could finally have a place for you all to sit and remember them. Thank you again for supporting us with this tribute to them.

Memorial Bench for Andrew Miles

Haydar would like to thank all the villagers and locals at the Fox and Goat who contributed to the memorial fund for his partner Andrew Miles who sadly passed away earlier this year



The money raised was used to purchase a bench, which is now located in the pub garden. Additionally a donation was made to Andrew's favourite local charity - Stokenchurch Dog Rescue. The bench inscription reads:

In loving memory of Andrew P. Miles.

One in a trillion, missed by many and in our hearts forever.

St Helen's - Church News

We were lucky to catch the first day of the warmer weather when we opened the garden for the church on Sunday 11 July. We were not inundated with visitors so no one felt nervous about overcrowding. However those that did come or who could not come but sent a donation gave us a wonderful boost to church funds and we made £597.

We are still hoping that we will be able to hold the Quiz evening on Friday 10th September at 7.30 in the Village Hall. David Bendor-Samuel will be Quiz Master and we look forward to registering teams at the door.

The Harvest Thanksgiving service will be at 5 o'clock in church on 3rd October followed by supper in the Village Hall.

Lets hope that by careful management we shall be able to hold the above events and that the Covid infections will slowly lessen as the weeks go by.

I have still got plenty of very well rotted compost to share.

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St Helens Church Service Details

AUGUST 2021

1st August	Rev. Julian Dunn	Holy Communion BCP
8th August	Rev. David Bendor-Samuel	Matins
15th August	Rev. David Bendor-Samuel	Holy Communion Common Worship
22nd August	Rev. David Bendor-Samuel	Family Service
29th August	Rev. David Bendor -Samuel	Cluster service. Venue to be decided

SEPTEMBER, 2021

5th September	Rev. Julian Dunn	Holy Communion BCP
12th September	Rev. David Bendor-Samuel	Matins
19th September	Rev. David Bendor- Samuel	Holy Communion
26th September	Rev. David Bendor-Samuel	Family Service

All services are at 9.30 a.m. in St. Helens Church unless otherwise stated

QUIZ NIGHT

IN AID OF ST.HELEN'S CHURCH



At Tiddington Village Hall

Teams of 6

£5 a person, bring snacks, refreshments available

Tickets: moo@nowell-smith.com 01844339650

Friday 10th September
7.30pm

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OXFORDSHIRE SOUTH AND VALE CITIZENS ADVICE

NEW TRUSTEES NEEDED

Role: Trustees

Organisation: Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice (OSAV CA)

Location: Head Office, Abbey House, Abingdon, OX14 3JD

We are looking for new Trustees to join our Board. As well as broad experience, we would particularly welcome those with skills in governance, IT strategy or fundraising.

We encourage applications from people of any age, background or identity and are committed to equality and diversity.

We are a local charity providing free, confidential and independent advice to help people in South Oxfordshire and the Vale of the White Horse resolve their problems.

The main issues people bring us concern benefits, debt, employment, housing, relationship and consumer problems. Following advice, four in five people are able to resolve their problem and we help most to find a way forward. We also use evidence to influence policies and practices that affect people's lives.

Our **145** volunteer advisers and **15** FTE staff advise about **10,000** people each year from **4** Advice Centres. Since March, our staff and volunteers have been operating our Adviceline service from home.

We are members of National Citizens Advice, which means we have access to its services, resources and support and it sets and audits our advice standards. However, as an independent charity, we are responsible for running our own affairs and much of our funding comes from District, Town and Parish Councils and local charities.

Trustees are asked to attend 6 Board meetings a year, held in the evening at various locations (although remotely for the moment). Each Trustee is encouraged to take an interest in a particular aspect of the charity's work.

If you would like to discuss this opportunity, please contact Jon Bright, the Director, via jon.bright@osavcab.org.uk

Please apply via www.citizensadvice.org.uk/oxfordshire-south-vale

Wheatley Library

Amended Wheatley Library Hours

Interim Open Hours

Tuesday 2pm-5pm
**Wednesday 9.30am-1pm and
2-5pm**
Thursday 2pm-5pm
**Friday 9.30am-1pm and
2-5pm**

Welcome back!

The library is in the upper level of
the Merry Bells Village Hall.

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries

[@oxonlibraries](https://twitter.com/oxonlibraries) [Oxfordshire Libraries](https://www.facebook.com/OxfordshireLibraries)



We are delighted to be able to expand our opening hours a little with further increases planned in mid- August and early September. This also means we will be able to restart some of our usual events before long. To keep up to date with news about Wheatley Library follow Friends of Wheatley Library on Facebook.

If you are interested in volunteering within the library please come in and chat to us. A variety of roles are available.

Best
Wendy Stanton
(Wheatley library manager)

Waterstock and Tiddington WI



If you live in the Waterstock or Tiddington area and want to meet new people and make new friends then come and join Waterstock and Tiddington WI and meet like minded people of all ages at our friendly group.

We are hoping to start meeting back up as soon as possible, hopefully in September, so if you are interested in joining in the meantime please contact me.

Debbie Millett

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Newsletter July 2021

The weather has improved greatly and has produced an amazing amount of cricket at senior and junior levels.

Our senior teams have had a run of league games and the T20 cup, with some good all round performances. The new T20 kit looked very smart, thanks to our sponsors J Davis Ltd.

Our junior academy sessions on Mondays and Fridays have drawn to a close. We can only run these with the efforts of our volunteer coaches and assistance, for which we are most grateful. We have a great supportive band of parents and very enthusiastic players. The teams have been the most successful we have had for many years. The U11 hardball team topped their table. The U13 won their league and we also had the U13 cup team go into the regional rounds.

We are looking to run a few summer sessions and details will be sent out soon.

The Tug of War teams are competing hard and we wish them all the luck.

Aunt Sally on a Wednesday evening returns for the rest of the summer.

We are hosting the Oxfordshire Senior 2nd XI on Thursday 22nd July, and look forward to welcoming them to our Club.

We have CCTV installed to protect our premises from unwanted guests, also this can capture those irresponsible dog owners who choose not to pick up after their dogs. It is very disappointing to find deposits there.

We are trialling live streaming of our senior and junior games and work in is progress to add scores to it. Links can be found on our website for this.

We look forward to welcoming current and new members to the Club.

Check our website and Social Media accounts for updates and latest information

www.tiddingtoncricketclub.org.uk



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Tiddington with Albury Neighbourhood Plan

Why prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for our Parish? Because it helps us, as residents, influence the direction of future development in the parish.

A team under the umbrella of the Parish Council is drafting a document which has been reviewed by Parish Councillors and will be available for all residents to review in due course. SODC is making a grant available so that we can engage a consultant to help produce a Plan that meets SODC requirements.

A date for the diary: A Village Forum to look at the plan proposals, ask questions and make comments on:

Saturday 11th September

With “open house” from 2.00pm until 5.00pm then a short session to hear plan details and ask questions at 5.00pm.

Free tea and biscuits/cake in the afternoon and a glass of wine at 5.00pm for all residents able to attend.

The Plan covers aspects of the Parish's future including the Environment, new Development, Building and more.

Have your say in the Plan - complete the June 2021 questionnaire!

The Plan is work in process and your input will help influence the final outcome.

If you have not already done so, please complete it using the hard copy delivered with this magazine or online via the link here:

Tiddingtonparishcouncil.org.uk

Please keep your response to one set of answers per household. It'll take 5 - 10 minutes to do.

Thanks a lot!

Village Forum

Saturday 11th September
Tiddington Village Hall

You are invited!

Why ?

To learn about the parish Neighbourhood Plan,
ask questions and make your views known

When ?

Saturday 11th September

“Open House” from 2:00 to 6:00pm

Followed by a short session to hear more plan
details and ask questions at 5:00pm

Free Refreshments

Tea and biscuits/cake in the afternoon
and/or a glass of wine at 5:00pm
(for attending adult parishioners)

More details in the article in this magazine

The Fox and Goat Update

To everyone who has supported the Fox and Goat through COVID times and having known Andrew and Haydar I want to say thank you for being there for them.

It was really sad to lose Andrew in January but his legacy still lives on at the Fox and Goat where he brought happiness to people's hearts. The bench paid by donations from you the villagers provides a lovely place for Andrews memory to live on.

Haydar will carry on running the Fox and Goat. It has been tough for him without Andrew but he has high hopes to make it work.

As Haydar's mother I will carry on supporting him to make a success of the pub.

The food is good. The Sunday lunches are the best so please do come down and try it!

Lunches 12-3pm — Dinner 6-9pm — Sunday 12-6pm

We look forward to seeing you all!

Zhora

Mobile Post Office service for Tiddington

Post Office Ltd has added Tiddington to the Mobile Post Office service provided by the Postmaster.



**The service will be in Albury View,
on a Wednesday from 11.30am – 12.30pm**

Please support this service for the benefit of all and especially those who find it difficult to travel to a post office.

Feedback can be made to comments@postoffice.co.uk, by post to **Freepost YOUR COMMENTS**, by telephone **03452 66 01 15** or **Textphone 03457 22 33 55**.

Neighbourhood Watch — Policing and Crime



There has been an increase in reports of **theft from motor vehicles** from beauty spot car parks across the local police area. Due to the current lockdown restrictions, we have seen an increase in people meeting up to exercise, and leaving more vehicles in the car parks. Unfortunately, this has created opportunities for criminals to take advantage.

Please remain vigilant and follow the below advice to help reduce your chances of becoming a victim of this type of crime. Report any suspicious behaviour, and call 999 in an emergency. Always keep your vehicle locked. Close all windows and the sun roof.

- Do not leave anything in your vehicle- take all your personal possessions with you and don't leave anything on display.
- Consider security marking any valuables that you regularly take in your vehicle.
- Do not leave the vehicle's documents inside the vehicle.
- Park with care and always try to park in a well used area.
- Use a steering lock, electronic immobiliser or alarm.
- Secure number plates with security screws.

Neighbourhood Watch — Policing and Crime

Social Media is a great communication and engagement tool for Neighbourhood Watch, because it is instant, it can be a very useful crime prevention tool, warning residents in a timely manner and making them more vigilant.

Please always ensure that your car, garages, sheds and houses are locked so as to put off casual burglaries, and do look out for any unusual vehicles or strangers.

Finally, do please look out for yourselves and your neighbours at all times.

To report a crime, issue or incidence to Thames Valley Police, go to:

<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ro/report/>

Or phone: Emergency - 999, or non-emergency - 101

Paul Rizza Tel: 07597 938654 Email: cprizza@gmail.com

For more information, visit the national **Take Five to Stop Fraud**

(<https://takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/>) campaign.

Vacancy - Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator for Milton Common

There is a vacancy for an individual who lives in Milton Common to be appointed coordinator. The voluntary role does not require a great deal of time, and requires them to be aware of their community and have access to email and the internet. Those individuals who are interested in this position should contact the clerk - clerk@tiddingtonparishcouncil.org.uk



Like many people I have been hugely impressed at the steady guidance from Professor Chris Whitty and Sir Patrick Vallance over recent months. As we waited to know whether or not the Government would move to stage four of the Recovery Roadmap I listened carefully to the 12th July briefing in which they made some very important points in support of the Prime Minister's decision to move to this stage. It is certainly worth looking at the data which is published on the Government website. As Chris Whitty stated there is wide agreement in scientific and medical circles in three key areas relating to the decision: 1) that the four week delay in moving to this final stage was the correct decisions and has had a positive impact on the situation; 2) that whenever we go to the next stage there will be an 'exit wave' – an increase in infection rates; 3) that vaccination reduces the chance of someone getting the virus and the likelihood of them passing it on.

There is less agreement on the ideal date for easing restrictions further because, as Professor Whitty says, there isn't an ideal date, there will never be a perfect time. However the summer education break and the better weather provide a good set of circumstances, better than when schools return and the autumn draws in. As Sajid Javid has asked "If not now, when?" The Prime Minister is very clear that the pandemic is not over and that we must proceed with caution. We have to move slowly and carefully.

In the past 16 months we have become used to the rules we have had to live by, and freedom can be both welcome and worrying. One of the biggest concerns appears to be over the use of face coverings. Some people would prefer regulation rather than personal discretion. The Prime Minister has been clear that this should be on the same principle as lifting every other regulation, that we move to personal responsibility both thinking about ourselves and others. He is also very clear that there is strong guidance that in crowded places where we meet with people with whom we do not usually mix then we should still be wearing face coverings. We have to remember that when we first went into lockdown it was to prevent the NHS becoming overwhelmed. With the vaccine we have substantially weakened if not broken the link between the virus, hospital admissions and death. I strongly encourage those who are hesitant about having the vaccine to come forward for it. It protects not only the vaccinated person but others as well.

The coming weeks are not going to be easy as we deal with a wide range of issues that will inevitably emerge from the lifting of restrictions. I reiterate what the Prime Minister said - We cannot simply revert instantly to life as it was before Covid19. Over the summer months when Parliament will be in summer recess my office remains open and when Parliament returns in September I hope that the plans for more normal working will still be in place.

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A great place to grow

Hello from The Maple Tree!

This summer we have something for everyone - in person or online.

Our new autumn programme starts from Monday 6th September

Monday 26 July	Tuesday 27	Wednesday 28	Thursday 29	Friday 30	
Messy Mondays 10:00-11:00	School's Out Nature Walk <i>Slings, buggies and walkers all welcome!</i> 10:00-11:30	Maple Babies 10:30-11:30	Maple Chefs 12:00-1:30 Forest Hill 11:30am-12:30pm	Social Butterflies 10:00-11:30	
Monday 2 August	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6	
Messy Mondays 10:00-11:00	Maple Tree at Holton village 10:30-12:30	Maple Babies 10:30-11:30	Maple Chefs 12:00-1:30 Forest Hill 11:30am-12:30pm	Social Butterflies 10:00-11:30	
Monday 9	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13	Saturday 14
Messy Mondays 10:00-11:00	Maple Tree at Great Milton village 10:30-12:30	Maple Babies 10:30-11:30	Maple Chefs 12:00-1:30 Forest Hill 11:30am-12:30pm	Social Butterflies 10:00-11:30	Family Fun 10:00-12:00
Monday 16	Tuesday 17	Wednesday 18	Thursday 19	Friday 20	
		Maple Babies 10:30-11:30	Maple Chefs 12:00-1:30	Social Butterflies 10:00-11:30	
Monday 23	Tuesday 24	Wednesday 25	Thursday 26	Friday 27	
		Maple Babies 10:30-11:30	Nature Walk <i>Slings, buggies and walkers all welcome!</i> 10:00-11:30	Social Butterflies 10:30-11:30	
Monday 30	Tuesday 31	Wednesday 1 September	Thursday 2	Friday 3	
Bank Holiday	Maple Tree at Little Milton village 10:30-12:30	Maple Babies 10:30-11:30	Maple Chefs 12:00-1:30 Forest Hill 11:30am-12:30pm	Social Butterflies 10:30-11:30	

There is a suggested donation of £2.50 per family for most sessions. Check out our Website and Facebook pages for special events, holiday programmes and more information.

The Maple Tree is offering **1:1 Sessions** to parents needing a listening ear during these transitional times; this can be by phone, online, in the Centre or on a walk.

Online Programme:

Suitable for new and experienced parents, carers and grandparents for an hour of friendly interaction, learning and sharing! We would especially like to reach families who are unable to access our centre and are looking to make connections. Sign up for all or some of the sessions and we will meet in the comfort of your own home!

Monday 19th July - 1:00-2:00pm *Sleeping*

Monday 26th July - 7:00-8:00pm *Weaning*

Monday 2nd August – 1:00-2:00pm *Birth Stories*

Monday 9th August – 7:00-8:00pm *The Importance of Play*

Monday 16th August – 7:00-9:00pm *Infant First Aid*

Wednesday 25th August – 1:00-2:00pm *What is Baby Massage? Importance of Tummy Time*

Wednesday 1st September – 1:00-2:00pm *Pelvic Floor and Core Exercises*

Monday 6th September – 1:00-2:00pm *Toilet Training*

Wednesday 15th September – 1:00-2:00pm *Baby Yoga*

Monday 20th September – 1:00-2:00pm *Breast and Bottle Feeding*

Wednesday 29th September - 1:00-2:00pm *Sensory Play*

Monday 4th October - 1:00-2:00pm *Post-Natal Mental Health*

Dates for the Diary:

Summer Fete and BBQ, 17th September at the Maple Tree from 3:00-5:00pm.

There will be traditional fete stalls, refreshments for sale, including a BBQ, selling hot dogs and burgers, and Summer Draw! Tickets are priced £1 each. Winning tickets will be drawn at the fete. First prize is £100 cash and there will be many more prizes, including bottles of wine, local cafe vouchers, an organic veg. box and a season ticket for Waterperry Gardens. All proceeds will go the The Maple Tree.

Gardeners' Question Time, Friday 8th October, at Mill View Garden Centre.

A fundraising event in aid of The Maple Tree Children's Centre, organised in partnership with the Wheatley Society.

Times: 6pm Mill View Garden Centre late opening; 7pm Reception with a welcoming glass of wine and nibbles, 7.30 Panel starts, 9.30 Close

Tickets: £10 can be obtained from: The Maple Tree, The Wheatley Society and Mill View Garden Centre. The panel, Chaired by Kevin Heritage, will include Rachel Wood, Head Gardener of Woodperry House and Sue Bedwell, Chair, Friends of Waterperry. Please send your questions in advance, by 1st October, to: info@mapletree.org.uk All gardeners welcome.

We are looking for Volunteers! Would like to join our committed and friendly group of trustees? Or are you interested in helping with our sessions, working with young children alongside our dedicated staff team? Or fundraising? Do you have a lot of spare time or just an hour a week? All welcome!

We are here to help you, if you need help, advice or support: 01865 236700 or 07849 466249.

Session Bookings: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/the-maple-tree-3367935533

Email: info@mapletree.org.uk

Website: www.mapletree.org.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TheMapleTreeWheatley

Laura Spencer, The Maple Tree Centre Manager

GREAT HASELEY AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

August 2021

Earlier this month I read an article in The Guardian by James Wong who some of you will have seen on television. It struck a chord with me as it was entitled 'Break the rules and you'll be a happier gardener'. The previous day my daughter had shown me a plant and asked me if it was a weed. I have long subscribed to the idea that a weed is simply a plant in the wrong place. It may also be a plant you dislike, but would usually be considered an ornamental plant. It was a pretty little wild Geranium with a relatively large pink flower so I asked her if she liked it and she said she did. Therefore, we agreed it should stay where it was as it was doing no harm. There are a number of plants in my garden which I hate, but can't get rid of, and top of the list is *Acanthus mollis* which is a rather statuesque plant and is normally very well-behaved staying in one clump. In my garden it has spread and seeds freely so I now have multiple plants. It is unresponsive to weed killers and cannot be dug out. All I can do is make sure I catch all the seed or new seedlings. Never plant this unless you are going to love it forever!

The discussion of breaking rules reminded me of my early gardening days when I learned a huge amount from a neighbour who was very knowledgeable and very definite about what she did and didn't like. I used to worry about whether she would approve of my planting, particularly as I had a garden centre habit. Another neighbour consoled my husband saying that he ought to be glad I didn't have a Bond Street habit! One day I saw on TV an interview with the late Christopher Lloyd who owned the famous garden, Great Dixter. The interview concerned his digging up of the rose garden which had been planted by his parents many decades before. This was clearly considered a very bad thing by the great and good. The roses had been replaced by a tropical garden which included many plants which might have been tender, but in the courtyard setting did very well. When asked why he had done this, he simply said "I don't like roses".

This interview changed completely the way I gardened. From that day on I chose and planted the plants I liked because it is our garden and I don't need to consider what anyone else thinks other than my husband. It felt like freedom not worrying whether I was doing the right thing. Of course, I often suffered casualties for all sorts of reasons. Sometimes it was my inexperience or lack of knowledge and sometimes choosing the wrong place. Probably the only rule I follow is not to plant acid loving plants in my alkaline soil and even that is broken with a raised bed which contains sentimental plants from my previous garden and those which came from my mum's garden. I'm fond of Phlox which do not do well in our sandy soil and have to be watered, but most other plants just have to get by with little additional water.

So, go ahead and break the rules, and grow what you like even if other people might consider them are weeds; it's your garden.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and the current sunny hot weather. For me it is too hot to do much gardening other than watering my pots, the vegetables and new plants!

Liz Moyes



Waterperry
Gardens

August & September

Fairy Tale Trails: 6 Jul till 1 Sep Take a tumble into a magical adventure at Waterperry Gardens throughout the summer holidays. Follow the clues to find the fairy tale characters hidden around the ornamental gardens to complete your quest. £3 per child with a prize, please pre-book* a time slot in advance of your visit via our website (children must be accompanied by an adult paying normal garden entrance fee).

Moonrakers: 1 Aug, 6pm Join us for an informal concert of folk songs and tunes in the beautiful surroundings of the amphitheatre.

Waterperry Opera Festival: 12 till 21 Aug Waterperry Opera Festival will return with an ambitious ten-day open-air Covid-safe festival in August 2021. This year's programme will include seven productions, as well as a variety of workshops, masterclasses, talks, and pop-up performances.

Richard II by Quandry: 10 Sep, 7.30pm

Fearless adaptation blends Shakespeare's text with visceral movement and live electronic music.

The gardens are open in aid of the National Garden Scheme on Sunday 19th September.

*Current Covid-19 (Coronavirus) regulations

For further info please visit www.waterperrygardens.co.uk

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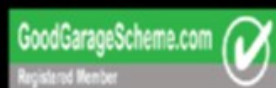
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The Countryside Code



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There is also a significant increase in the amount of dog mess that has not been bagged, but left on the pathways and verges. It is a legal requirement for dog owners to bag their dog's poo and to take those poo bags to a bin.

The Countryside Code is a statutory guidance published by the Government and highlights the following actions:

Respect other people

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Park carefully so access to gateways and driveways is clear
- Leave gates and property as you find them

Follow paths but give way to others where it's narrow

Protect the natural environment

- Leave no trace of your visit, take all your litter home
- Don't have BBQs or fires
- Keep dogs under effective control

Dog poo - bag it and bin it

Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead, check what facilities are open, be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs and obey social distancing measures

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code/>

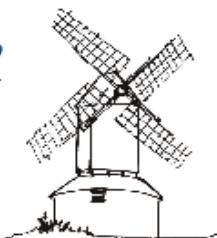
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Bus passes	Free bus pass to residents (eligibility for an older person's bus pass is now equal to the pensionable age for women, whether male or female) or registered disabled, accepted for free travel within Oxfordshire. https://www2.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/older-persons-bus-pass
Church	St Helen's Church, Albury Services: see Newsletter Diary for service times Churchwardens: Moo Nowell-Smith. Tel. 01844 339650. Ken Field. Tel. 01844 339671
Coffee Mornings	Tiddington Cricket Club. 2 nd Wednesday of the month, 10.30-12.30pm. Cancelled until further notice.
Community Education	Thame: Towersey Road, Thame. Tel. 01844 213400/213114
Councillors	County Councillor: Tim Bearder, Liberal Democrat Email: tim.bearder@oxfordshire.gov.uk
Cricket	Tiddington Cricket Club Contact: Ray Manning. Tel. 01844 338911. E-mail. information@gmail.com Website: www.tiddingtoncricketclub.org
Crime Stoppers	Tel: 0800 555 111 https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/
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Flooding	Environment Agency Floodline Tel. 0845 988 1188
Food waste	Raw and cooked food waste collected every Monday in small green bin

Garden Refuse	Fortnightly kerbside collection from wheeled bins at a cost of £40.50 per annum by direct debit. For terms and conditions and further details visit the website www.southoxon.gov.uk/gardenwaste
Gardening	Great Haseley and District Horticultural Society Contacts: Sandra & Eric Fincham, 10 Albury View. Tel. 01844 339675
Library	Branch Libraries: Thame. Tel. 01844 212288. Wheatley. Tel. 01865 875267
Markets	Thame, Tuesdays 8.30am – 4.30pm Farmers’ market, Thame, 2 nd Tuesday of the month 8.30am – 1.30pm Organic farmers’ market, Sandy Lane Farm, Tiddington, Thursdays 11.00 – 6.00pm and Saturday 10am – 2pm
Neighbourhood Watch	Milton Common and Sandy Lane: Vacancy Tiddington: Paul Rizza. Tel: 07597 938654
Newsletter	Published bi-monthly (Deadline is usually 20th) at the end of January, March, May, July, September and November.
NHS Direct	Tel: 0845 46 47 www.nhs.direct.nhs.uk
Parish Council	Meetings held in Tiddington Village Hall at 8.00pm on the Second Tuesday in the month
Phone Services	https://www.thephonebook.bt.com/ https://www.yell.com/uk/oxford/
Police	Police Enquiries Centre:- 101 (non-emergency) or 999 https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice/
Post Office	Wednesdays, 11.30am-12.30pm, Albury View
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Recycling collection	Cans, tins, paper, cardboard, glass bottles/jars and plastics collected on alternate Mondays in large green bins (See Newsletter Diary for collection days) Books, CDs, videos, DVDs, cassettes at Asda, Wheatley and Waitrose, Thame.
Recycling of Engine Oil	check on: http://www.oilbankline.org.uk/
Refuse Collection	Waste that cannot be recycled collected on alternate Mondays in grey bins (see Newsletter Diary for collection days and Bank Holiday changes)
Schools	Primary: Great Milton C of E. Tel. 01844 279388 Secondary: Wheatley Park. Tel. 01865 872441
Village Hall	Chairman: Rob McKinney. Tel. 07795 576344 Bookings: Brian Price. Tel. 01844 339977
Waste collection	For enquiries about collections email: admin.southoxford@biffa.co.uk or Telephone: 03000 610610 www.waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk See also under Food, Recycling, Refuse Telephone: 01235 422422
Water	Thames Water. To report a leak: Tel. 0800 3169800
Village Website	www.tiddingtonparishcouncil.org.uk
WI	Waterstock and Tiddington Women's Institute Meetings: 2 nd Thursday in the month at 7.30pm in Tiddington Village Hall (see Newsletter Diary for dates and speakers). Contact: Debbie Millett, debbie@haydentaylor.co.uk Virtual meetings until further notice
Yoga	Thursdays, 10.30am in Tiddington Village Hall. Contact: Yvonne Cartwright. Tel: 01844 279205
Zumba	Tuesdays, 6.30pm – 7.30pm in Tiddington Village Hall

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August				
Sunday	1	Reverend Julian Dunn	Holy Communion	9.30 am
Sunday	8	Reverend David Bendor-Samuel	Matins	9.30 am
Monday	9	Recycling collection (Green bin), Food Waste, Batteries , Textiles & Garden Waste for Brown Bin Customers		
Thursday	12	Start of Waterperry Opera Festival		
Sunday	15	Reverend David Bendor-Samuel	Holy Communion	9.30 am
Monday	16	Rubbish collection (Grey bin) , Food Waste & Small Electrical Items		
Saturday	21	End of Waterperry Opera Festival		
Sunday	22	Reverend David Bendor-Samuel	Family Service	9.30am
Monday	23	Recycling collection (Green bin), Food Waste, Batteries , Textiles & Garden Waste for Brown Bin Customers		
Sunday	29	Reverend David Bendor-Samuel	Cluster Service - venue tbd	
Tuesday	31	Rubbish collection (Grey bin) , Food Waste & Small Electrical Items		
September				
Sunday	5	Reverend Julian Dunn	Holy Communion	9.30am
Monday	6	Recycling collection (Green bin), Food Waste, Batteries , Textiles & Garden Waste for Brown Bin Customers		
Friday	10	St Helen’s Church QUIZ NIGHT	Village Hall	7:30pm
Saturday	11	Neighbourhood Plan Village Forum,	Village Hall	2:00pm
Sunday	12	Reverend David Bendor-Samuel	Matins	9.30am
Monday	13	Rubbish collection (Grey bin) , Food Waste & Small Electrical Items		
Friday	17	Maple Tree Summer Fete and BBQ	Maple Tree	2:00—5:00
Sunday	19	Reverend David Bendor-Samuel		9:30am
Sunday	19	Waterperry Gardens open in aid of National Gardens Scheme		
Monday	20	Recycling collection (Green bin), Food Waste, Batteries , Textiles & Garden Waste for Brown Bin Customers		
Sunday	26	Reverend David Bendor-Samuel	Family Service	9:30am
Monday	27	Rubbish collection (Grey bin) , Food Waste & Small Electrical Items		