Moulsford News

Issue 435

Moulsford Events

Nigel Baker

Spring is on its way and we are planning the Events calendar as you read this.

First up is the always popular annual Moulsford Village Quiz Night; this year on Saturday, 22nd March with Quiz Master David Reynolds. It's BYOB, pay on the door, £13 including a fish and chip supper. It's a great value fun night; contact Twinks to book in your team on 01491 651548 or if you need some help matching people into teams.

Friday, 25th April we are holding a training evening for anyone wanting to help on the bar and learn the ropes. Find out how to set up the bar and the beer kegs, starting 7pm for an hour or so. Rebellion brewery are coming along to go through the keg system and some of their excellent beers, so there's a free beer on offer for attendees. We hope this will be a great way to help all our bar volunteers, old hands or newbies, ahead of the Friday social season, so please do come along and have a look.

Speaking of which, our first Friday Social will be on Friday, May 2nd. All being well we can coordinate enough bar volunteers for the season and we'll confirm what food will be available nearer the time - we're open to offers from volunteer chefs of course!

All together, we're looking forward to starting off Spring and getting back into our Friday Socials at our lovely Pavilion and Rec.

Any queries on socials, volunteering or anything else events, please do get in touch. See you soon!

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Appointment of permanent Parish Council clerk

We are delighted to welcome Jo Garvey to the role of permanent parish clerk in Moulsford. Jo comes from Berinsfield and, though new to working as a parish clerk, brings over 4 years experience as a councillor to the role. Jo will be assisted for the first few months by our locum clerk, Helen Broughton. Please continue to use the parishclerk@moulsford-pc.org.uk email address if you have anything you wish to bring to their attention.

Children's Playground

We are still waiting for drier ground so that the playground can be accessed by the jet washing vehicles for the deep clean. Hopefully this will be completed before Easter. It will be done over a couple of days, during a school week, and will be safe to use when cleaning not in progress.

Bench on Badger's Bank

The new bench is being stored at Greenlands Farm until the ground is dry enough for it to be transported to Badger's Bank. Our thanks go to John Beacroft and his team for facilitating this task.

Dog Fencing

We are looking at options and getting quotes for enclosing some of the children's playground with a rustic style fence.

Tree Survey

A tree survey for the recreation ground has been completed, and we will be reviewing this and any necessary actions resulting from it at our next Parish Council meeting.

Planning

No planning items were received by the council in February.

Parish Councillors

We continue to operate in Moulsford with only 4 councillors and urgently need to appoint another to bring us up to full complement. Please, if you think you might be able to help, contact one of the councillors to find out more, or speak directly to myself.

Annual Village Parish Meeting (APM) 2025

The annual village parish meeting is confirmed as 8th May, 2025, immediately following the Full Council meeting. If you have particular topics you would like us to cover in the APM, please get in contact with any of the councillors. The APM is your meeting so we want to make sure you find it useful and informative.

This year, as the meeting falls on the same date as the VE 80th Anniversary celebrations, we would like to include an exhibition showing some of the history of Moulsford, including the role villagers played in World War 2. We therefore invite members of the village who have photographs showing Moulsford in the past, or whose families lived through the WW2 period to contact us if you have any memorabilia you think other villagers might find interesting. More details regarding the APM to follow in next month's Moulsford News.

As always, if you have anything you would like to discuss with one of the Parish Councillors, please get in touch via the emails at the back of the newsletter or contact myself directly – spowell@moulsford-pc.org.uk.

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, 13th March 2025 19:30 Moulsford Pavilion

All welcome!

MPC100Club

February 2025 draw results:

	Ball Number	Price Money
1st	93	£65.00
2nd	86	£32.50
3rd	64	£16.25

Next draw:

Friday, 14th March Beetle and Wedge

Opportunity for Cleaner at Moulsford Pavilion £20 per hour

We are looking for a cleaner to help keep the Pavilion in top condition.

Until May, the 'winter' season requires a Monday morning clean to prepare the Pavilion for the week.

From May until September, the 'summer' season requires a Saturday and a Monday morning clean. Each cleaning session is 2 hours and must be carried out before the first hire of the day. Cleaning products and equipment are provided.

Individuals or cleaning companies may apply.

Start date Monday 31st March 2025.

For more details and to chat about the role please contact Deb Mansford on:

tel: 07968 310521 or e-mail: clockox@aol.com

Local News - Youth Contributors - Guest Articles

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Book reviews or Film recommendations,

Poems or Pictures,

Favourite recipes,

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The importance of reporting

For many years, the 101 non-emergency contact number for the police has suffered from a poor reputation. This has been an issue nationwide, but it matters not just for those trying to get through, but also for wider public confidence.

We all want to know that if we need help the police - and our other emergency services - will be there. That's why I've been so keen to see improvements to 101. The time taken to answer these non-emergency calls has been gradually coming down over the last year or so, and whilst they will still fluctuate at busy times, the average for January was down to just 1 minute and 9 seconds.

By definition the 101 number is for non-emergency issues, for example reporting a crime that has happened earlier, suspects have left the scene or there's no current risk, but I'm constantly aware that no-one ever wants to contact the police unless something bad has happened. So whilst it may not be an emergency, these calls continue to be treated with the seriousness they deserve.

One of the ways that we've reduced the call times is by providing better updates to victims. Until recently, a large number of calls to 101 were from people who have already reported something to the police, but wanted to get an update. By asking officers to be more proactive in updating victims and by using a new online victims portal for many crimes, victims are now getting more information more swiftly, taking the pressure off of the phone lines. More and more people are also choosing to report online. Whilst it's not for everyone, it can be much easier to report something non-urgent (perhaps if you've been a witness to something) on your phone or computer at thamesvalley.police.uk.

Of course in an emergency always call 999. The calls are answered by the same team of staff, but the emergency calls are prioritised to ensure they're answered in around 10 seconds! Remember that a 999 call isn't only for when someone is in danger, but it might be about a crime that is happening right now and when an emergency response could make a real difference.

My plea is that whatever route you choose, 101, online or 999, please report any crime or concerns you have. Not every call can or should result in a blue-light response and not every crime can be solved, but I can guarantee that the incidents the police really will do nothing about, are those that are never reported to them!



From the Vicar Rebecca Peters

Dear All,

The season of Lent is nearly upon us. It is a time of reflecting on our lives and how we might daily connect with God in prayer, reflection, mediation, bible reading and as part of our everyday lives. So this month I am reflecting on how the fruits of the Spirit grow in our lives:

The nine fruits of the Spirit are Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control. We don't strive for the fruits of the Spirit, rather we plant ourselves in good soil, allow ourselves to be fed by the Holy Spirit, keep taking in nourishment, turn to face the light of Christ and these fruits will develop and grow in our lives.

Can you tell whether a tree is an apple tree or a pear tree? Not easily when they are in blossom, but very easily when they bear fruit. Bearing fruit takes time and a lot of planting, preparation, nurture and growth.

March is the time of year when gardeners begin to plant seeds ready for summer, but patience is needed – the seeds will take a while to germinate, and the gardener needs to write the names of seeds on labels and not forget which are fruit, flowers and vegetables. The seeds need to be in the dark, or the light, or the warmth or the cool, depending at what stage of life they are at.

So too, is God with us. God writes our names on His heart; God knows what fruit we can bring forth. God nurtures us and gives us light to grow. But first, we need to be planted and that can be scary. Maybe you are feeling in a cold dark place this March, maybe it feels as if you've been buried, maybe you've got a weight above you and you can't see the way out. Just think that maybe you've been buried because you've been planted.

With patience there will be warmth and light, be like a seed, trust God, and begin to grow out of the darkness towards God's marvellous light. We won't see fruit immediately; we have to be nourished and mature and ripen. Patience will be given to us, fruit of the seed of the Holy Spirit, to enable us to have life.

You are more than welcome to join us for worship on Sundays 9am St John the Baptist Moulsford.

God Bless

Rebecca Peters - Vicar

rev.cholseyandmoulsford@gmail.com

Is there anyone in the village or new to the village who would like to help at coffee morning or do some baking? The Coffee shop is a great way to meet people

THE NEXT MOULSFORD COFFEE SHOP

WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 12™ MARCH

AT THE PAVILION FROM 10.30 = 12.00



A big thank you for everyone who came to Coffee Shop in February.

Thanks to Carol for putting the kettle on last month. Gary and Liz will be behind the counter in March.

Everyone is welcome to come along and please bring along your friends, relations and neighbours for a chat.

If you would like to take a turn behind the counter please put your name/s down on the clipboard. Help will be on hand and please don't be put off as cake and biscuits are provided.

The Moulsford Coffee Shop is on the second Wednesday of each month. We just ask for £1.50 to include all refreshments. Monies raised go back into the village.



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Dates of Operation	Until Friday 1st			Revised service from						
Dates of Operation	November 2024				Monday 4th November 2024					
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GORING, Railway Stn Forecourt	09:10	09:00	11:40]	09:00	11:10	ΙГ		09:00	11:45
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Wallingford LiDL	Q	Q	Q	1	Q	Q		Z	Q	Z
Wallingford Hospital	10:51	11:21	14:26	1	10:41	12:26		R	11:21	R
The Meadows	10:53	11:23	14:28	1	10:43	12:28		R	11:23	R
Moulsford, Old Vicarage	R	R	R	1	R	R		R	R	R
Moulsford Beetle & Wedge turn	10:56	11:26	14:31	1	10:46	12:31		R	11:26	R
Streatley Primary School	R	R	R		R	R		R	R	R
Streatley, The Coombe	R	R	R		R	R		R	R	R
Streatley Traffic Lights/Swan Hotel	10:59	11:29	14:34		10:49	12:34			11:29	
GORING, Railway Stn Forecourt	11:13	11:40	14:45		11:05	12:50			11:45	

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What's on in Moulsford and Surrounding Areas continued

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

March Cinema

1st-3rd: A Complete Unknown (7:30pm -10pm)

4th: Jesus Christ Superstar Live (7pm - 9pm, One Interval)

5th: Saturday Night (2:30pm - 4:20pm Matinee)

5th, 6th: Saturday Night (7:30pm - 9:20pm)

7th: **Conclave** (7:30pm - 9:30pm)

8th: Sonic the Hedgehog 3 (10:30am - 12:30pm Morning Matinee)

Play by Sinodun Players

18th-22nd: **Entertaining Angels** (7:30pm - 10pm, One Interval) 22nd: **Entertaining Angels** (2:30pm - 5pm Matinee, One Interval)

March Cinema

23rd, 24th: **September 5** (7:30pm - 9:15pm)

25th: The Royal Ballet Romeo and Juliet Live (7:15pm - 10:45pm Two, Intervals)

26th: The Brutalist (2:30pm - 6:05pm Matinee, One Interval)

26th: The Brutalist (7:30pm - 11:05pm, One Interval)

27th: National Theatre Live: **Dr Strangelove** (7pm - 10pm, Interval TBC)

28th, 29th: **The Last Showgirl** (7:30pm - 9pm)

30th, 31st: Twiggy A documentary (7:30pm - 9:10pm)

Cholsey Repair Café

Give or take a pandemic, Cholsey Repair Café has been active for about five years and sometimes surprised itself with the range of domestic items that it has succeeded in bringing back to useful life.

The sessions take place on the third Saturday of oddnumbered months, so the next will be on Saturday, 15th March at the Cholsey Pavilion, between 10.00 and 12.45.

Skilled fixers can tackle electrical equipment, bicycles, tool and knife sharpening, repairs to clothing, light woodwork, toys, glueing, ultrasonic cleaning and more.

No charge is made for repairs or advice but a donation is appreciated, to cover operating costs.

Read more at www.cholseyrepaircafe.com, or email repaircafe@cholsey.com.





Wallingford Country Market

Open each Friday morning in St. Mary-le-More Church, (situated just behind the Town Hall), 9.30 - 12 noon.

Selling delicious homemade baked goods and preserves, home grown plants, fruit and vegetables

Spinning Club - Social Craft

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

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

We meet between 6.30 and 10pm.

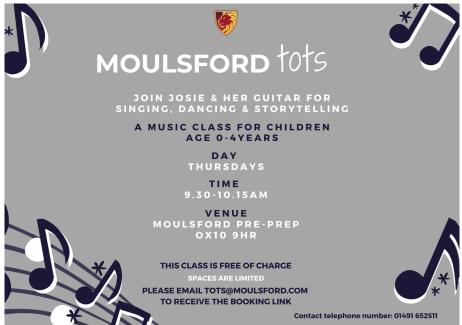


Cholsey Community Library

Monday to Friday 2 - 4.30pm

Friday (Evening) 6 - 8pm

Saturday (Morning) 9.30 - 12.30pm



What's on in Moulsford and Surrounding Areas continued

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.



To make available produce grown or produced within a 30 mile radius of Wallingford, sourcing ingredients, wherever possible from within that area.

To promote the benefits of locally-produced food and other products thereby supporting a vibrant and dynamic local economy.

To work with other organisations to help and support the local economy and other key aspects of the area.

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.

Our address is Wallingford Emergency Foodbank Ridgeway Community Church 21b/22 St Mary's St Wallingford OX10 0EW



In the first year, we provided food for approximately 400 people. The current annual demand is approximately 6000 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.

To find out more visit https://wallingfordfoodbank.org.uk/ or email ridgewayfood@outlook.com.

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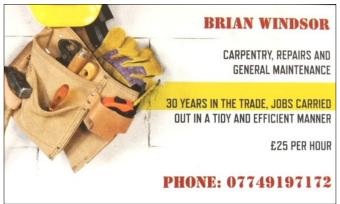


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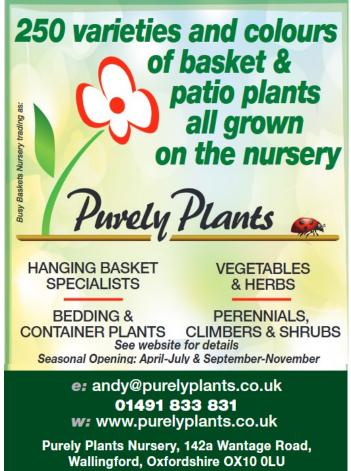
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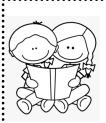
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Email -

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Hire Fee / Hour	£18	€24		
WEEKENDS Friday after 6.00pm through Saturday-Sunday	Village Residents	Non Village Residents		
Hire Fee / Hour	£20	£27		
WEDDINGS Friday 6.00pm - Sunday 12.00pm	All Users			
Hire Fee	€725			
WEDDINGS Saturday 9.00am - Sunday 12.00pm	All Users			
Hire Fee	€650			
CHANGING ROOMS	Pricing Available on Request			

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event	Location
Wed, 12th Feb	10:30 Moulsford Coffee Shop	Moulsford Pavilion
Sat, 22nd Mar	Moulsford Village Quiz Night	Moulsford Pavilion
Fri, 25th Apr	19:00 Bar Training Event	Moulsford Pavilion
Fri, 2nd May	First Friday Social	Moulsford Pavilion
Thu, 8th May	Annual Parish Meeting	Moulsford Pavilion

Moulsford News Contributions

Planning a local event?

Wanting to share some poetry or wisdom?

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

Doing something for charity?

Share your news, plans and stories with us!

You can reach the editor, Katja Abel, by email:

moulsfordnews@moulsford-pc.org.uk

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