

Moulsford Events

Dave Reynolds

Summer is nearly over

It only seems like yesterday that we were preparing for the summer Friday socials to start but now, as the nights close in, we only have a few left - with the last one being **Friday 27 September**.

Please do come along to the remaining Friday night socials to enjoy the dropping of the sun! Please do remember these social events can only continue with support from the village, on occasion they are making a loss and so can I encourage everyone to come along to enjoy a relaxing evening with fellow villagers.

But.... what a great summer we have had, my particular thanks to Bernie and Debbie for arranging Moulstfest during July, which we hope will be an annual event. What a marvellous evening - which was assisted by such great weather! Look out for the copies of the best poems about Moulsford in this newsletter, just some of the wonderful entries to the village competitions. Also thanks must go to George who prepared such fantastic food, which he has done all season – please do come along and taste further offerings at our remaining Friday nights.

Summer may be ending but our social calendar continues with our **Race Night on 18 October** (please do contact me for tickets - reynolds743@btinternet.com) and our next **Quiz night on 16 November**, more details to follow next month. Please do put these dates in your diary.

Whilst the weekly Friday socials may be coming to an end we shall be building on the success of last year where monthly socials shall be held through the winter – these shall be held on **Friday 01 November, Friday 20 December (Christmas Social), and Friday 07 February**. We decided not to have a January social to allow the village to sober up after the festive period!

If you have any questions or queries, please contact the Moulsford Events Committee Secretary, Bernadette Sachse on bmsachse@outlook.com. Also, keep an eye on the Moulsford Village Facebook page.

From Your Parish Council

July and August saw three noteworthy events in our village.

The South Oxfordshire District Council 'Big Clean' initiative came to visit and, as requested by the parish council, cleaned away all the packed tree debris from the footway and roadside gutter along the A329 from the Ferry Lane junction northwards all along the listed Great Meadow wall.

This was closely followed by our first twice-yearly cutting of grass verges in and around the village. When undertaken by Oxfordshire County Council - the body responsible for roads and footpaths - the cutting of grass verges only happened once a year. Now devolved to parish councils, we are able to have grass verge cutting twice a year for a similar cost.

We also had the Swan Uppers visit during July. This fine old tradition goes back 900 years and is, broadly, a census of mute swans along the River Thames from Sunbury to Abingdon. It is conducted by both the Vintners and the Dyers livery companies, they jointly being the only bodies still to exercise their rights as granted by the crown. On to more pressing village issues, and the playground. You'll have noticed the removal or exclusion from use of various features. This is due to serious rot in the timber forming these features, installed just five years ago. We are currently in negotiations with the manufacturer/installer about replacements. In the meantime, the affected timbers will be removed and stored pending an outcome.

Do please continue to support the Friday socials and make the best of the remaining weeks of summer. And don't forget the next parish council meeting which is in the pavilion at 8pm on Wednesday 11th September.

From the Vicar

Andrew Petit

My dear friends,

I hope you have had a great summer. Often, the trouble is returning to normal life! And this year it seems the life we are returning to is far from normal! Parliament is about to be suspended and the probability of Britain crashing out of Europe with no deal seems to be growing by the day. Many are anxious or downright fearful of what the consequences will be in terms of medical and food supply lines, the overall impact on the economy, and the divisive effect this is all having on the United Kingdom.

For some, these anxieties pale into insignificance in the light of their own personal circumstances, whether it is a severe illness, or a bereavement or some other intensely painful personal situation. And certainly, as we look at places like Syria or the Yemen or those whose homes and lives have been wrecked by monsoon floods, we recognise that our problems in the UK are mild by comparison.

One of the wonderful things about the Bible is that it speaks to people in every kind of circumstance, including the most tragic. Around about 700 BC God is speaking to his people who previously turned their backs on Him and had then faced invasion by the ferocious Babylonians; they had seen loved ones killed or die as a result of starvation, and then been carted off into exile into a strange and pagan land. We can scarcely imagine what they had been through or what they feared for the future.

One of the most painful things when we go through tough times is if we feel we are going through it alone, whether as an individual or as a family. Another is if we feel there is no light at the end of the tunnel. But listen to what God says to those Israelite exiles in Babylon:

But now, this is what the Lord says – He who created you, Jacob, He who formed you, Israel:

'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour; since you are precious and honoured in my sight, and because I love you... Do not be afraid, for I am with you;

Isaiah 43 vv.1 – 5a

Whatever we are going through, however anxious or fearful we might be, God is calling out to us to tell us we are precious to him, that He loves us and is with us and we need not be afraid.

What wonderful words of comfort in difficult times, whatever they may be! I hope that they bring comfort, encouragement, and hope to you.

With warmest regards, from your vicar,



Tel: 01491 651216 andrewpetit@virginmedia.com

Church Services, Moulsoford - September 2019

1 st September	11 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Parish Communion	Church
8 th September	12 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Morning Praise	Church
15 th September	<i>Giving Sunday</i>	9.30am Parish Communion 4.30pm Messy Church in Moulsoford*	Church Church
22 nd September	<i>Creation Sunday</i>	9.30am A celebration of God's good gifts with communion	Church
29 th September	15 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Joint communion service with for 10am St Mary's Cholsey – here in Moulsoford	Church
6 th October	16 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Parish Communion	Church
Churchwarden: Janet Knowles, 10 Glebe Close Tel. 01491 651401 Email: b.knowles@btinternet.com			

*** Messy Church is a time of creativity, worship and eating together, from 4.30 - 5.30pm**

Fun and messy activities for the young (up to 11) – refreshments supplied.

Don't forget to dress for messy crafts!

Monthly Coffee Shop

Gail Slinger



Stroll up the road and meet fellow villagers for coffee or tea and a friendly chat.



Every month, **Second Wednesday**, there is a coffee morning in the pavilion from 10:30 - 12:00. Unlimited coffee, tea, biscuits and cake all for £1.50.

If you are a mum or dad with young children, bring them along. Perhaps if you are new to the village and would like to meet new friends? You may have lived in Moulsoford for some time, so if you are free during the morning, why not join us. It is suitable for everyone and your friends are welcome to come along too!

A group of regulars take it in turn to set up and 'put the kettle on' with real Coffee and a selection of Tea's too.

The **September Coffee Shop** hosts will be **Janet & Twinks**, we shall be supporting the **World's Biggest Coffee Morning for MacMillan**, all your lovely donations for coffee, tea and cake will go to the **MacMillan Cancer Support**.

A big thank you to **Pat & Audrey, Ann & Paul** for helping put the kettle on at the July & August Coffee Shops, both were very well attended and thank you too for the lovely goodies and drinks we had to offer everyone.

We look forward to seeing you all and a BIG thank you as always for joining us.

NEXT DATE: 11th September 2019



Citizens Advice - help with online scams

Citizens Advice has set up a new Scams Action service to help people who have been scammed or defrauded online, or think they might have been.

Call a Scams Action specialist adviser on 0300 330 3003 if you want to report an online scam. You can also call us if you're acting on behalf of someone else who has been scammed. We'll let you know what to do next and give you support with any problems you might be facing.

The Scams Action helpline is open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed on bank holidays). We don't charge for calls to the helpline but check with your telephone provider for their conditions.

You can also use our "chat" service to talk to an adviser on the web. Chat is available from www.citizensadvice.org.uk Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more guidance telephone Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 040506 or visit Citizens Advice during opening hours. Details of office locations are on www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale.

Cranford House GCSE results

Brian Monet



Isabel Bill of Moulsoford achieves clean sweep of 10 GCSEs at Grade 9 (1 of 2 pupils who attained perfect scores)

In addition to her impressive academic achievements Isabel has participated in the National Youth Choir and achieved Grade 8 (ABRSM) in both Piano and Singing.

Cranford House is extremely proud to be celebrating another set of superb GCSE results. With **63% Grades 9 to 7**, their 2019 results demonstrate the consistent academic excellence for which the school is renowned. Impressive results like these have seen the school ranked in the top ten of the Sunday Times National Parent Power League Tables for four years since 2014.

As in previous years, the school's results proved incredibly strong across all areas of the curriculum with **63%** of results at **Grades 9-7** and **40% of Grades achieved at 8-9.**

Triple Sciences 97% grades 9-7 (A*-A)

100% 9-4 (A-C) in all core subjects

63% of all grades 9-7 (A*-A)

80% of all grades 9-6 (A*-B)

40% of all grades 9-8 (A*-A)

Creative Arts 95% grades (9-7)

Headmaster Dr James Raymond paid tribute to the hard work and dedication of the school's pupils and the efforts of their excellent teaching staff.

"It gives me enormous pleasure to once again be able to celebrate our Year 11 pupils' outstanding GCSE results. It is thanks to their determination, our teachers' dedication and our school-wide focus on academic ambition that we can approach results day with real excitement each year, knowing that our pupils will have achieved to the very best of their individual abilities. The fact that we are not academically selective is no barrier to exceptional results. Cranford House pupils emerge as well-rounded, successful young people armed with results that will take them wherever they want to go in life."

Cranford House is a co-educational independent school rated 'Excellent' in all categories which offers a vibrant education to boys and girls aged 2-18.



Wallingford Museum—What's on



Your very last chance to see.....

There is a last chance to see this year's special exhibition '**Once upon a time...**' - the **changing face of Wallingford** at Wallingford Museum, as the Museum closes for the winter on the 30th November, to prepare for new presentations in 2020.

This exhibition is about how we connect with times past by exploring Wallingford's history and archaeology. Wherever we live, the familiar surroundings of our houses, our streets and our town, can remind us of the people that came before us, their work and their lives shaping our present and our future.

In this engaging journey of discovery throughout the museum, you'll be invited to share any local knowledge you may have and to reminisce about your own history. Old and young alike can enjoy 'hands on' activities, discovering the secrets of garden archaeology and tracing the passage of time through photographs and objects, all of which reflect the changing face of Wallingford.

The exhibition runs throughout the museum, with a sheet to guide people round. There are 'hands on' things for children - a 'Family Friendly' experience.

The Museum is open until 30 November on Tuesdays to Fridays 2.00pm - 5.00pm, and Saturdays 10.30am - 5.00pm.
www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk

Summary of What's On at Wallingford Museum:-

- Tuesdays to Saturdays - Wallingford Museum's new exhibition 'Once upon a time... - the changing face of Wallingford.'
- 9 Oct - TWHAS talk: 'The Bronze Age and Iron Age in Wallingford: the results of excavations at Slade End Farm'
- Fri 25 Oct - 'A Night at the Museum'
- April 2020 (Saturday mornings) - Wallingford's Guided Historic Town Walks will start again

50 Years of Bridge

Francis Glassborow

Wallingford Bridge Club celebrates its fiftieth anniversary on 11th September. On that day fifty years ago four enthusiastic Rubber Bridge players met to discuss the problem that the nearest clubs (Oxford and Reading) were an inconvenient journey away. Their solution was to form their own club that initially met once a week in the local school library.

In those days Rubber Bridge was the most popular version of the game even in clubs and it would be several years before the club added a weekly duplicate session on Fridays to its Rubber Bridge sessions earlier in the week.

Over the years Rubber Bridge has faded away and all that is left is a light-hearted social session on Tuesday afternoons. However other aspects of the Club have expanded immensely. The club has six duplicate sessions a week and one of those (Wednesday evening) is divided into two. There are often over 20 tables in play on a Wednesday evening.

The Club has continued to grow since it moved from the Bull Croft to Roke and Berrick Salome Village Hall in 2001. We now regularly have over 70 tables playing over the duplicate sessions each week. The amenities of the Village Hall have improved considerably over the almost two decades that we have been using it.

We have well supported day-time sessions (Monday morning, Thursday and Friday afternoons.) That helps those who can manage daytime but prefer not to travel at night.

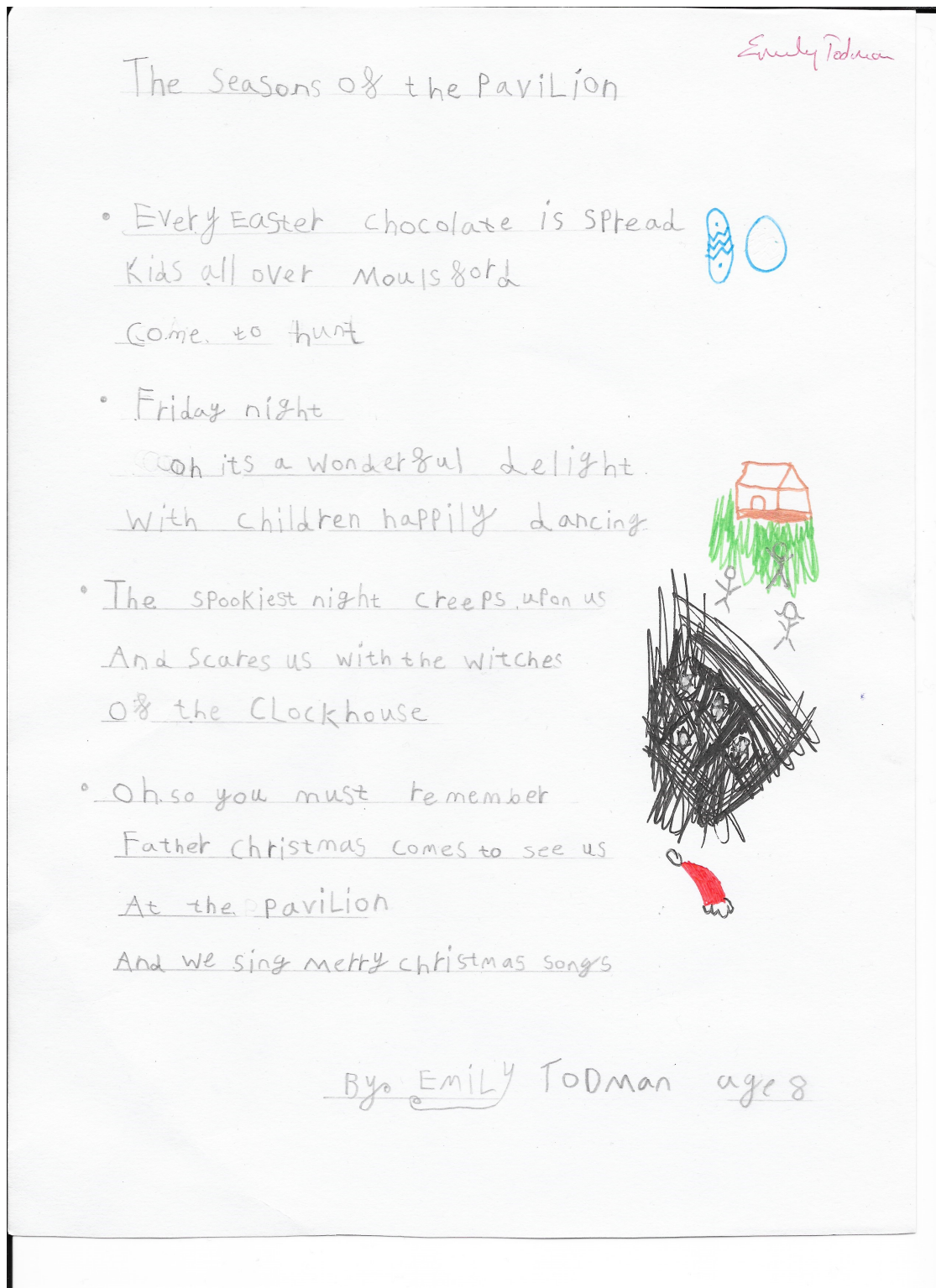
The Club continues to climb the English Bridge Union's list of most active clubs in the country. It moved up four places this year to 20th. An achievement for rural club. Most of those ahead of us are clubs based on cities such as London, Birmingham and Manchester.

Alongside the competitive play the club has an active program of teaching. This covers introducing newcomers to

the game as well as providing opportunities for those who want to improve their skills. This year the Club introduced weekend courses for those who want a fast introduction so they can manage the basics and get some idea as to whether Bridge is a game they want to pursue further.

Club members are actively involved in the local schools introducing Bridge at the Primary school level.

As you can see Wallingford Bridge Club has made great strides over the last 50 years and is looking forward to the next 50. From a start of a dozen or so players playing once a week in 1969 it has grown to a club of over 400 with many members playing several times a week. New players of all ages and levels of skill/knowledge are welcome. For details check the website: -<https://www.bridgewebs.com/wallingford/>.



MOLE'S FORD ON THAMES

A very young mole
An adventurous soul
Made his home on the River Thames bank.
He wanted to cross
To gather some moss
But each time he tried it, he sank!

The ferry's a penny
But I haven't any,
And the Captain's a mad sort of hare.
The bridge by Brunel
Has a distinctive smell,
And scary kites fly in the air.

The river's too deep
And too wide to leap,
It needs to be shallow for me.
I'll throw in some stones
And a few old stale scones
To make it a ford, all for me!

At the Beetle and Wedge
I have made a great ledge -
I can now ford the river with ease
The swans paddle by
And the quacking ducks cry,
The water's just up to my knees.

He has now become famed
This mole with no name
But sadly, he never could spell.
The sign he erected
With spelling corrected
It's Moulford in which we now dwell.



Moulford Pavilion Hire Rates

The Pavilion is the ideal place to hire for your event and can accommodate a range of different activities. Standard hire rates as follows:

Hire Fees	Mon-Fri: Hourly fee up to 6pm	Mon-Fri: Hourly fee after 6pm	Weekend Hourly fee: Anytime
Village residents	£13	£15	£15
Non-residents/ Commercial	£16	£20	£20

Discounted rates are available for regular weekday evening bookings (Monday-Thursday). Special rates apply to weddings. The full list of rates can be obtained from the Bookings Secretary or can be seen on the Pavilion notice board.

To book call Karen Gilmore, Pavilion Bookings Secretary

07707 068151 or email

moulfordbookings@gmail.com

Keep in touch!

If you're planning local events, doing something for charity, or simply have something to say, Moulford News wants to hear from you.

You can reach the editor, Bernadette Sachse by email:

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For advertising contact Emma Reynolds at:
reynolds743@btinternet.com

Deadline for Oct edition
Weds 18th Sept 2019

Moulford Village Meeting Dates

Parish Council Meeting

Weds 11th Sept 8.00pm

Events Committee Meeting

Weds 25th Sept 7.30pm

All meetings are held at the Pavilion and everyone is welcome to attend.

What's on in Moulsoford and surrounding areas

Moulsoford Men's Night



Every Tuesday evening 8pm onwards the men of Moulsoford gather at the Beetle & Wedge for an evening of socialising, intelligent conversation and a few beers. For info email gpfagg@gmail.com.

Moulsoford Ladies' Night



We meet on the first Thursday of the month from 8pm onwards at The Beetle and Wedge for a glass of wine and a chat. A very good way of getting to know other ladies in the village, especially if you are new to Moulsoford. Please call me on 652099 or my email is carol.bemis@hotmail.com ...or just turn up!

Your Local Choir

We are a friendly choir which rehearses 8:00pm every Monday at Cranford House School. For details, ring Anthony Finn on 01491 835540, email members@cranfordchoral.org.uk, or see our web site:



Spinning Club: Social Craft

Third Thursday in the month at the Pavilion, 6.00—10.00pm, £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.

THE COFFEE SHOP



WEDS 11th SEPTEMBER

10.30AM-12NOON

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Next Showing: 19th Sept 2019

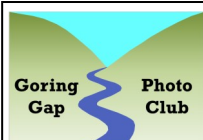
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For more information please contact Veronica on 01491 652606

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The next event will be at the Cholsey Pavilion on Saturday 21st September, opening from 11.00 to 13.45. More helpful information can be found at www.cholseyrepaircafe.com



GORING GAP PHOTO CLUB MEETING DATES

Held at Goring Free Church at 8pm
Visitors and New Members most welcome

17 Sept	Tuition: Abstracts, Patterns and art in your Eyes
1st Oct	Competition: Open, Colour & Monochrome
15th Oct	Talk: The Many Faces of Peru



Henley and District Stamp Club

An Invitation to anyone who enjoys collecting any stamp related items or Postcards, come along to one of our meetings and see how much more enjoyment you can get by sharing your hobby with other like-minded collectors. Our new season starts on Wednesday September 11 and we would be very pleased to see you.

September 11 New Acquisitions' when members may display up to 9 pages of new items. These are usually very varied and it is a good opportunity to see a wide selection of material.

September 25 A guest speaker to be confirmed

October 11 14 Autumn Stampex at the Design Centre, London, a must go to for Stamp Collectors.

Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at Bix Village Hall at 7.45 p.m. Visitors and new members are welcome. Further details can be obtained by phoning 01491 681739 or on our website: - www.henleyphilatelic.org.uk

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<https://www.goingforwardbuses.com/moulsford-the-m1-133/> to view the current timetable.

Planning Applications & Decisions

Please visit <http://www.moulsford-pc.org.uk/community/moulsford-15214/planning-tracker/> to view the current applications.



Date for your diary.....

Wine Tasting Evening

Thursday 19th September

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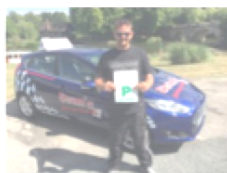
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2	8	7					9	
	5	4						
6	4		2		8		1	7
			6		3			
1	2		7		4		3	9
						4	5	
	6					9	8	2
	9				5	7		

Diary of Events—in Moultsford

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>More Info</u>
Weds 11th Sept	10.30am	COFFEE SHOP	Pavilion	For more information call Gail Slinger. 01491 651931 or gailslinger@tiscali.co.uk
Weds 11th Sept	8.00pm	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	Pavilion	Everyone welcome.
Fri 13th Sept	6.30pm	FRIDAY SOCIAL	Pavilion	
Fri 20th Sept	6.30pm	FRIDAY SOCIAL	Pavilion	
Weds 25th Sept	7.30pm	EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING	Pavilion	Everyone welcome.
Fri 27th Sept	6.30pm	FRIDAY SOCIAL	Pavilion	
Fri 18th Oct	7.30pm	RACE NIGHT	Pavilion	Contact Dave for more info and to book a place - reynolds743@btinternet.com .
Fri 1st Nov	6.30pm	FRIDAY SOCIAL	Pavilion	
Sat 16th Nov	7.30pm	THE BIG QUIZ	Pavilion	More details to follow
Fri 20th Dec	6.30pm	CHRISTMAS SOCIAL	Pavilion	
Fri 7th Feb	6.30pm	FRIDAY SOCIAL	Pavilion	

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