



Moulsford Events

Nigel Baker

September brings the final Friday Socials of the summer, with the Wildlife BBQ and Oktoberfest ahead, before the much-anticipated return of Comedy Night in October.

The summer has been longer and hotter than expected. As we write this, rain seems near but hasn't arrived yet despite forecasts. By the time you read this, we might be tired of it and missing the endless sunny days.

Thanks to the sunshine, we enjoyed great Friday Socials in July and August. Thanks to Leigh, Ricardo, and Stephanie for tasty tapas and mezze in July, and Bab's famous paella in August. The heat kept even campers away, but turnout was still good. Thanks also to all volunteers who helped with bar and food service. Your efforts are appreciated.

September usually signals autumn's approach, but the trees are already ahead. This month features the popular wildlife BBQ on Friday 11th September at the Pavilion. Rumours say a keen game shooter and family recently moved here from overseas, seeking rural life near private schools—maybe extra security is needed for the event...

Mark your calendar for the grand Friday Social finale on 25th September: Oktoberfest! Dust off your dirndls, wear your lederhosen, and let's end the season with oompah music!

After that, there's time to recover before the eagerly awaited Comedy Night at the Pavilion on 3rd October. Check these pages for ticket info—they'll sell fast.

We'll pause socials in October and November but are already planning the Christmas Social. Stay tuned here and on the Village Facebook.

We look forward to seeing everyone at a Social soon. Thanks for your support!

COMEDY NIGHT - SATURDAY 3th OCTOBER

Tracey Lee

Another great night of comedy is returning to the Pavilion with Paddy and 3 other comedians. It's always a fun night with lots of laughs!

The bar will be open, bring your own nibbles. Over half the ticket allocation have already been reserved so message Tracey Lee 07866 625521 to place your order.

£20 per person

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Share your news, plans and stories with us!

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Deadline for October edition
Wed, 23rd September

From Your Parish Council

Hilary Shaw

Councillor Updates

The Parish Council is pleased to welcome Cllr Leigh Araújo-Phillips, who was co-opted onto the Council at the July meeting. We look forward to working with Leigh on behalf of the village, and welcome him to the team.

The Parish Council would like to thank Cllr Martin Eagle, who stepped down in July after more than five years of service, for his contribution during his time in office. We wish him well for the future.

The Parish Council would also like to thank Cllr Liam Kelly, who stepped down in August after ten months of service, for his contribution during his time in office. We wish him well for the future.

Extraordinary Council Meeting in August

At the request of a number of villagers we held an Extraordinary Council meeting in August to hear some villagers' views on the Blackbarn planning application.

Green Spaces

Some essential Maintenance in the playground is scheduled for early September.

Next Parish Meeting

Wednesday 9th September starting at 7:30 pm

General Parish Matters

If you have any parish queries, please continue to direct them to parishclerk@moulsford-pc.org.uk and/or any of the Councillors listed on the back page of Moulsford news.

Planning

P26/S3299/PIP application for up to four houses at Black Barn Farm Willow Court Lane to which the Parish Council have objected

P26/S3428/HH application for ground floor kitchen extension and internal alterations at Grange Stables Moulsford which will be considered at the September meeting

Moulsford News deliverer needed

One of the MN deliverers is moving away after doing sterling service for many years. So we need someone to deliver 13 copies of the newsletter ten times a year. If you can help please contact me at daryld777@gmail.com.

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Tuesday	22nd	Rose Hill, Oxford
Wednesday	23rd	Banbury
Thursday	24th	Chipping Norton
Friday	25th	Abingdon

OCTOBER 2026

Monday	5th	Didcot
Tuesday	6th	Barton, Headington
Wednesday	7th	Bicester
Thursday	8th	Witney
Friday	9th	Wantage



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On-site time slots available from 9:00 a.m.



Gigaclear works

Residents may have received a letter from Gigaclear about works to install the village's full-fibre broadband network. Work is scheduled for 9-16 September on Village Street, from Manor Lodge towards Hillside.

Some digging will be required, but access to properties will be maintained. The works form part of the Government's Project Gigabit programme.

For queries, contact Garry Edridge on 07931 151169 or Gigaclear on 01865 591199.



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Member of Parliament for Didcot & Wantage

Olly Glover



A busy summer of constituency visits, community events and meetings has taken Olly Glover across the Didcot and Wantage constituency, from local cafés and businesses to Harwell Campus.

As the Government undergoes many changes during the summer, I am grateful for the time I can spend in the constituency on my summer tour, as well as visiting many local organisations.

The summer tour is a wonderful opportunity for me to speak with constituents from across the constituency, listen to their local concerns and ongoing challenges, and better understand how I can represent their views in Parliament. So far, I have visited Sandford-on-Thames, East Hendred, Steventon, East Hanney and Childrey. If you were unable to attend a surgery, you can request an appointment at any time throughout the year by emailing olly.glover.mp@parliament.uk.

It has also been great to participate in summer events, including Letcombe Valley's Discovery Day and Didcot's Ed Fest. We are fortunate to have wonderful community cafés, including the Cornerstone Café in Grove and the Talking Shop Café in Sandford-on-Thames. Supported by volunteers, these are fantastic community spaces, and I enjoyed visiting them both.

I also met with SOFEA in Didcot to see its warehouse, where surplus food is distributed to community larders across Oxfordshire, and young people who have struggled at school or with social exclusion are assisted into the workplace. In addition, I met with the Orchard Centre management and Nexus to discuss reducing traffic congestion at Hitchcock Way and improving administration of car parking charges. I also visited the King's Arms pub in Sandford-on-Thames, to understand their business challenges, and to discuss the new support available from South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils for pubs and rural businesses.



The proposed cuts to the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) risk job security and could hinder vital space and science research. I visited Diamond Light Source at Harwell Campus, where staff explained in greater detail the potential impact of these cuts on major collaborative projects and the possible loss of specialist research capabilities. Alongside my Liberal Democrat colleagues who represent constituencies with significant STFC-funded facilities, I have written to the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, urging the Government to protect our vital science centres.

My team and I also welcomed three work experience students from local sixth forms for a week, giving them insight into the work of a constituency office and the role of an MP.

As always, if there is anything I can help with, please contact my team at olly.glover.mp@parliament.uk or leave a voicemail on 0207 219 7657.

Olly Glover

Member of Parliament for the Didcot and Wantage Constituency



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From the Church

Mary Green

A frog in the tomato plants, otters on the Thames and the story of Saint Cuthbert prompt a reflection on our relationship with the natural world.

Dear Friends,

At the end of a long, hot, dry summer, I've been sparing a thought for the small dwellers of the river bank and rapidly-diminishing garden ponds. My daily commute routinely affords me sight of a heron, who now finds his fishing ground depleted, although the few fish (normally hidden from me in the depths) are now exposed in shallower water. I seek out a beautiful frog who has taken up residence in my frequently-watered tomato plants. There have even been rumours of otters and water voles on the Thames, but always at places where, and times when, I am not. I would love to see them but, as even fur-coated animals venture out and about in order to survive, a similar instinct has kept me indoors and away from nature. There, my imagination drifts fondly to cooler climes, of persistent drizzle, sharp winds and occasional storms.

It is in this mood that I revisited the stories of Saint Cuthbert, a seventh century monk of Northumbria. He is most closely associated with Lindisfarne, known as Holy Island, and the Farne Islands, off the turbulent north-east coast. There are many stories recorded about Cuthbert – the Venerable Bede and others wrote down versions of his life story – and many of them highlight a close connection between the saint, his natural environment and the other creatures (aside from his brother monks) with whom he shared the islands.

One story relates how Cuthbert, inclined to keeping an overnight vigil, spent one night in prayer standing up to his neck in the sea water. On returning to the shore at daybreak, Bede tells how Cuthbert was met by two otters who sought to dry him with their fur and warm breath. Later medieval folklore relates how Cuthbert placed the eider ducks of the region under special protection. Eider ducks (known in Northumberland as Cuthbert's or Cuddy ducks) could not be hunted and were apparently allowed the freedom of the monastery. Cuthbert also permitted a few of these ducks to take shelter from a storm in his isolated hermitage; at a point in his life when he had refused human company. I cannot vouch for the veracity of these stories but I am drawn to them. Then, as now, the weather dictated ways of life, but in 7th century Lindisfarne, there was no seclusion of human beings from nature. Cuthbert acknowledged the island wildlife as fellow occupants and fellow creatures of the same heavenly creator and expected them to enjoy the same blessings and, by the way, to reverence the same holiness as he himself did. I wonder how I might follow his lead with the frog in my garden.

Everyone is warmly welcome to join our Sunday worship at St John the Baptist. On 6th, 13th and 27th September a



service of Holy Communion will begin at 9 a.m., with coffee, biscuits and conversation afterwards. On 20th September, a service of Morning Prayer will begin at 9:15 a.m., preceded by coffee and pastries from 9 a.m. Also, advance notice of our Harvest Festival to be celebrated on Sunday 4th October. On Saturday 3rd of October we shall decorate the church with produce and are very grateful for donations (fruit, vegetables and flowers but also, and especially, store cupboard essentials) that will be sent on to food banks afterwards.

Writing on behalf of the Revd Rebecca Peters during her sabbatical leave.

Mary Green

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Moulsford through the ages (Part 11)

Preston Bemis

From Victorian village life and forgotten family histories to Sphinx Hill and the old Moulsford ferry, Preston explores some of the people, places and stories that lie behind Moulsford's past.

Moulsford has many bits of history and memories lost or forgotten. History for millennia was unwritten and passed down through stories around the campfire. Writing was invented and history then cast in stone. Or was it? While we fortunately do not celebrate Napoleon's birthday or his military skills, he was a philosopher. One quote remains true today: 'History is a set of lies agreed upon'.

Some bits related to Moulsford that may be of interest follow and are 'factual'. Maybe.

'A History of Moulsford' booklet was compiled and written for the 1986 Moulsford village fair. The author was so humble that he or she did not wish to be known. A few copies of this very well researched document still exist. The booklet's final pages report the diary jottings of the vicar G. K. Morrell in 1860.

Other research for the 1986 village fair included a genealogy of the Shingleton family resident in Moulsford from about 1735. Details of employment, marriages, awards, and misdemeanours give us a feeling of those times.



The listed dwelling Sphinx Hill (the Egyptian house) was a major undertaking by Henrietta McCall, who was a graduate of Oxford and studied Egyptology. She authored several books about Egypt, some for children. Her book 'Mesopotamian Myths' has been translated into several languages. A biography, 'Max Mallowan', is about Agatha Christie's archaeologist husband Sir Max, another famous Egyptologist. Henrietta's husband Christopher also had a keen interest in ancient Egypt and was a Chancery QC.

The Imperial Gazetteer of England & Wales 1870 tells us that MOULSFORD is a village(that) stands on the river Thames at the boundary with Oxford, $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile S of Wallingford-Road r. station, and $3\frac{1}{2}$ S by W of Wallingford; and has a post office under Wallingford. "The parish comprises 1,429 acres. Real property, £1,707.

Pop., 180. Houses, 35. The property belongs to H. B. Morrell, Esq. A bridge of two brick arches, each 62 feet in span, here crosses the Thames."



Old newspapers have been added to the internet. For fun try the internet address below where pages from the Reading Chronicle, Reading Mercury, and others can take you back to the mid-1800's with many stories of Moulsford. www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk Fees may apply.

Another history details Manor and village ownership and the church: www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/berks/vol3/pp504-507 The Carew family crest carried Three Lions but likely they did not compete in football.

Should new historic info about Moulsford turn up I may return. Many old photos remain in the files. They need a story. In any event, thanks for reading.

Preston

A bit of fun!

Can you find the 18 words from Preston's article hidden in the grid below? Answer next month.

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References are available on request.

What's on in Moultsford & Surrounding Areas

Moultsford Coffee Shop

Alison & Gary Fagg



The next Moultsford Coffee Shop will be on

Wednesday 9th September at the Pavilion from 10.30 – 12.00

A big thank you for so many of you who came to Coffee Shop in August. Thank you to the Old Vicarage for supplying the delicious cakes once again.

Everyone is welcome 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 Moultsford Coffee Shop is on the second Wednesday of each month. We just ask for a small fee to include all refreshments. Monies raised go back into the village.



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Moultsford craft group meets on the 3rd 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.

For more information, call Linda Scurr on 652916.



Sometimes it helps to talk about carer experiences; other times, just enjoying the company of others without having to explain yourself is comfort enough, knowing that you are not alone.

Members may be caring for a family member or a friend who is unwell, ageing or has a disability.

The group promotes sharing of Ideas, Information and providing support to each other, encouraging self care, and putting you in touch with agencies that can assist you with respite and other carer needs.

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month, 2 - 3.30pm

St Marys Church, Market Place, Wallingford, OX10 0EG



The group also enables you to get a much needed break and a chance to get out of the house.

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4–6 September

Wallingford BunkFest

A three-day festival across Wallingford with live music, food, drink and entertainment. Free entry.

bunkfest.co.uk

4–5 September

Wallingford Library Junkfest

A creative upcycling event alongside BunkFest, with activities for families and children. Free.

oxfordshire.gov.uk

6 September

Wallingford Festival Walk

A gentle guided walk around historic Wallingford, starting at 11am and lasting around two hours. Free; donations welcome.

wallingfordmuseum.org.uk

6 September

Introduction to Wild Swimming

A beginner-friendly guided introduction to wild swimming in the Thames at The Swan, Streatley. Entry fee applies.

theswanatstreatley.co.uk

9 September

Moulsoford Coffee Shop

10.30am - Midday at Moulsoford Pavilion.

11 September

Friday Social – Wildlife BBQ

An informal Friday social at Moulsoford Pavilion, with wildlife BBQ.

12 September

Goring Repair Café

Bring broken household items for repair and get help from local volunteers. Free; donations welcome.

goringrepaircafe.info

12 September

Woodcote Fete

A traditional village fete with food, stalls, entertainment and the Produce, Flower & Craft Show. Entry fee applies.

woodcotefete.com

17 September

Top Gun: Maverick – Outdoor Cinema

An outdoor screening in the riverside garden at The Swan, Streatley, starting at 6.30pm. Entry fee applies.

theswanatstreatley.co.uk

19 September

Cholsey Repair Café

Bring household items, bikes, gardening equipment and electrical goods for help with repairs. Free; donations welcome.

cholseyrepaircafe.com

19 September

RHS Wisley Garden Trip

A coach trip to RHS Garden Wisley organised by Cholsey Horticultural Society, leaving Cholsey Pavilion at 9am. £15; includes coach and group entry for members.

cholseyhortsoc.org.uk

19 September

Spycatcher & Murder Mystery

Choose an afternoon family spy adventure or an evening murder mystery with fish and chips aboard the Cholsey & Wallingford Railway. Entry fee applies.

cholsey-wallingford-railway.com

19 September

Fabulous Fossils

Handle fossils, dinosaur teeth, claws and bones at Wallingford Museum, with experts available to identify your own finds. £6; children free.

wallingfordmuseum.org.uk

20 September

Goring Artisan Market

Browse independent makers and creatives at Goring Village Hall, 10am–3pm. Free entry; dogs welcome.

andreaclare.uk

20 September

Cholsey Wellness Day

A day of Pilates, yoga, mindfulness, breathing, Qi Gong and a gong ceremony at Cholsey Great Hall. Entry fee applies.

cholseygreathall.co.uk

23 September

James Abbott McNeill Whistler

A lecture exploring the life and work of the influential artist at Goring Village Hall. Entry fee applies.

theartssocietygoring.org.uk

25 September

Last Friday Social 2026 Oktoberfest

Real Ales on tap and bratwurst from the kitchen

25 September

Green & Pleasant Land

An evening celebrating the English landscape through poetry, readings and music at Our Lady & St John Church, Goring. £20.

opusanglicanum.org

25 September

Murder at The Swan

An Agatha Christie-style murder mystery dining experience at The Swan, Streatley, with clues and suspects revealed between courses. Entry fee applies.

theswanatstreatley.co.uk

25 September

An Evening with Tom Hindle

Meet bestselling crime author Tom Hindle as he discusses his latest novel and the art of writing crime fiction. Entry fee applies.

fogl-oxon.co.uk

26 September

Choko Beer Festival

A full day in Cholsey with more than 30 ales and ciders, live music, food and refreshments. £6 advance / £8.50 on the day.

chokobeerfestival.org.uk

What's on in Moulsoford & Surrounding Areas

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26 September

Wallingford Castle History Walk

A guided walk exploring the remains of Wallingford Castle, including the barbican, moat and inner bailey. 2.30pm, £5.

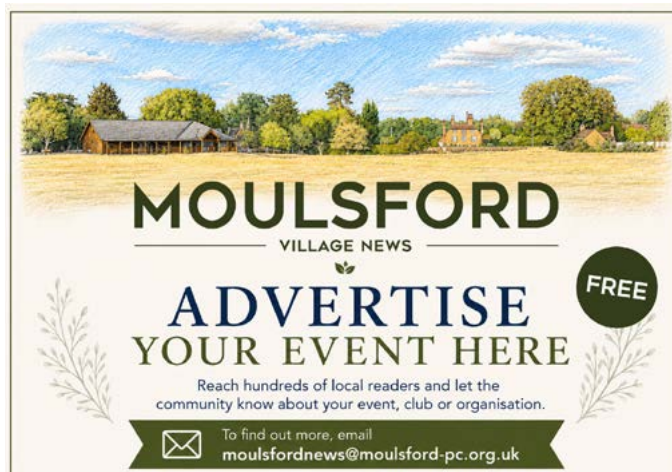
wallingfordmuseum.org.uk

27 September

People's Emergency Briefing

A film exploring the climate and nature emergency, followed by discussion about local action. Entry fee applies.

nebriefing.org



Corn Exchange Wallingford September 2026

1 September

Glastonbury - The Movie (30th Anniversary) (12A)

7:30pm - 92 Minutes

2 & 10 September

Verdi's La Traviata on Sydney Harbour (Film) (PG)

7pm -145 minutes - One Interval

3 September

Andre Rieu's 2026 Summer Concert - Viva Maastricht (U)

7:30pm - 165 minutes - One Interval

4 - 6 September

Bunkfest 2026

Live music performances

See Bunkfest Information Guide

7 September

The Ballad of Wallis Island (12A)

7:30pm - 100 minutes

8 - 9 September

Holy Days (12A)

7:30pm - 101 minutes

10 September

Verdi's La Traviata on Sydney Harbour (Film) (PG)

7pm -145 minutes - One Interval

11 - 12 September

& Sons (15)

7:30pm - 119 minutes

12 September

Wine Tasting Evening in the John Warburton Studio

7pm - 150 minutes

13 - 21 September

Sinodun Players Rehearsals for The Sewing Group

Box Office Open 18th & 19th Mornings as Usual

22 - 26 September

Sinodun Players presents Live on Stage - The Sewing Group

7:45pm - 90 minutes - No Interval

27 - 29 September

Bitter Christmas (15)

7:30pm - 115 minutes

More Info: www.cornexchange.org.uk/whatson/



Local News

Oxfordshire set for major council changes

The way local government works across Oxfordshire is set for a major change, with **three new unitary councils** due to replace the existing seven councils from 1 April 2028.

For residents in South Oxfordshire, the area is expected to become part of Ridgeway Council, covering most of South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse, together with West Berkshire.

The Government announced its minded-to decision in July, with the legislation needed to formally establish the new councils expected in autumn 2026. Elections are planned for May 2027.

Until then, existing councils will continue to provide services while preparations for the new arrangements take place.

Wittenham Clumps project takes shape

Work on Earth Trust's **Gateway to Nature** project at Wittenham Clumps is progressing, with the new access route from Sires Hill now nearing completion.

A new linear car park is expected to be completed during August, while work to convert an existing building into a café is anticipated to begin in September.

Earth Trust expects the new access route to open this autumn. When it does, the existing Hollow Way entrance through Little Wittenham village will close to Visitor Centre traffic.

The project will provide improved parking, access and visitor facilities, making it easier for more people to enjoy Wittenham Clumps.

A4074 speed limits reduced

Drivers using the A4074 around Wallingford will have noticed new speed limits introduced along the route.

From 24 July, several sections changed from the national speed limit to 50mph, including the A4074 between Wallingford and Ipsden and the A4130 Wallingford bypass. Other sections further along the Oxford-Caversham corridor have also been reduced to 40mph or 50mph.

The changes form part of Oxfordshire County Council's Vision Zero road-safety programme, following a review of speed limits along the A4074 corridor.

Drivers are advised to look out for the new signs and ensure they follow the limits in force.

Goring Gap gets greener

A major planting project across the Goring Gap has now seen more than 25,000 hedgerow plants and 720 hedgerow or field trees planted to help soften the impact of the railway electrification infrastructure. The Mend the Gap project stretches from Reading to Didcot, with the

latest planting taking place around Moulsoford, Cholsey and South Moreton. Further planting is planned for this autumn.

South Oxfordshire planning system updated

South Oxfordshire District Council's new planning system and mapping service are now live following an upgrade. Residents who used planning alerts will need to re-register to continue receiving notifications.

And Finally ... A prickly escape

A hedgehog named Ivy found herself firmly stuck in a garden gate at Drayton St Leonard. The homeowner removed the gate and took it — hedgehog and all — to Tiggywinkles. Ivy was freed, recovered and later released back into the wild. *Source: ITV News Meridian*

Cholsey Repair Café

Cholsey Repair Café will be back on Saturday 19th September at the Cholsey Pavilion, from 10.00 to 12.45. Volunteers will be there to help with repairs to household items, bikes, gardening equipment and electrical goods (white goods excepted). There is no charge, but donations towards running costs are welcome. You can see more at

www.cholseyrepaircafe.com or email repaircafe@cholsey.com.



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Police Commissioner Update

Matthew Barber

Why early prison release matters beyond the headlines

Last month we heard the news that under the new Sentencing Act the killers of PC Andrew Harper would be eligible for early release next year. Andrew was killed in the line of duty just seven years ago. Along with many others I was hopeful when the story prompted the new Prime Minister to review the policy, but the news this month is that his killers will still be released as planned early in 2027.

There are some welcome changes to the Sentencing Act that will see rapists and child sex offenders remain in prison for longer. This is good news considering just a few months ago the Government rejected moves to do exactly that.

I am the first to accept there is a real problem with prison capacity, frankly more prisons need to be built, along with other changes to our courts, sentencing and more. Nevertheless the solution cannot be to let dangerous people back out on the streets.

The problem with the Sentencing Act goes far beyond the case of PC Andrew Harper, because it fails to look at the risk individual prisoners might pose, and instead is a blanket approach based on the type of offence. Where previous early release schemes have been risk based, this new law means that whether someone has a violent past or is a persistent domestic abuser, they will still be released. Rehabilitation matters, but it takes time and punishment and public protection remain important reasons for keeping people in prison.



The current plan will put huge strain on the Probation Service and the police, who will be dealing with more criminals out in the community. The National Police Chief's Council has forecast an overall increase in crime of 6% as a result of the changes. These aren't just statistics, that means more victims of crime.

Andrew Harper's killers have shown no remorse for their awful crime. The potential early release of these two individuals has highlighted the failings in the Sentencing Act. It is important that some of the worst problems created by the Government's plans are fixed as a result of this case, but it would be a huge disservice to Andrew and his family if despite a change in the law two of his killers were released early. This cannot be allowed to happen. I am working with colleagues in Parliament and with civil servants behind the scenes to try to get this position changed for when Parliament returns in September. The Thames Valley Police Federation have launched a petition at [Change.org/PCHarper](https://change.org/PCHarper).

Local Services



Wallingford Local Producers Market

WPLM is a regular event in many people's calendar.

Based at St Mary-le-More, it's their weekly fix of fresh vegetables, cheese, cakes, bakes, coffee and lots of foody treats.

Inside there's even more, with handmade arts and crafts by local makers; there really is something for everyone. All the food and crafts are made locally and the market has a warm and welcoming community feel.

So if you haven't found it yet, go and visit on a Saturday morning between 10am and 12.30pm.

Starting in March, the market will also be in the Market Place on every first Saturday of the month with extended hours between 10am and 1pm (except 1st week of Sept).



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 and many crafts.

Local Services

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.

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.

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, are interested in volunteering or would like to donate to please visit wallingfordfoodbank.org.uk or email ridgewayfood@outlook.com.



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GORING TO WALLINGFORD

REVISED SERVICE FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER 2025
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS ONLY



GORING TO WALLINGFORD

STOP LOCATION	SERVICE 133	SERVICE 133
	MORNING	MIDDAY
GORING Railway Station Forecourt	08:54	12:10
Goring Library	08:56	12:12
Streatley, Swan Hotel / The Bull	08:57	12:13
Moulsford Beetle & Wedge	09:02	12:18
Moulsford Old Vicarage	09:03	12:19
Wallingford Hospital	R	R
Wallingford LiDL	R	R
WALLINGFORD Market Place	09:15	12:30

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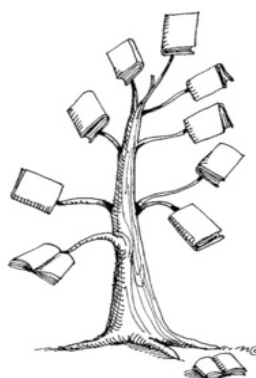
STOP LOCATION	SERVICE 133	SERVICE 133
	MORNING	MIDDAY
WALLINGFORD, Market Place	11:45	14:30
Wallingford station (LiDL)	Q	Q
Wallingford Hospital	11:47	14:32
Moulsford, Old Vicarage	R	R
Moulsford Beetle & Wedge	11:55	14:40
Streatley, The Coombe	R	R
Streatley Traffic Lights (bus shelter)	12:00	14:45
Swan Hotel	R	R
Goring River Bridge (o/s Pierreponts)	R	R
Glebe Ride (hail and ride zone)	R	R
Cleeve Road (hail and ride zone)	R	R
Milldown Avenue Top	12:05	14:50
Lockstile Way	12:06	14:51
GORING Railway Station Forecourt	12:10	14:55



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Cholsey Community Library

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Friday (Evening): 6 - 8pm

Saturday (Morning): 9.30 - 12.30pm

Useful Contacts

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Moulsford is part of Cholsey & The Hagbourns

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MOULSFORD PAVILION

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WHEN	PERIOD	VILLAGE RESIDENTS	NON VILLAGE RESIDENTS
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WEEKENDS	Friday after 6.00pm through Saturday and Sunday	£21.50 / hour	£29.00 / hour
WEEKEND HIRE	Friday from 6.00pm until Sunday 12.00 noon	£725	
	Saturday 9.00am until Sunday 12.00 noon	£650	
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