

Moulsford Parish Council Elections—REMINDER

Miles Powell



Reminder that in May 2019 the four year term of the current Parish Council comes to an end and new elections will be held. All five seats on the council will be vacant and the village needs volunteers to stand for election to ensure that Moulsford retains a viable council. Last month's Moulsford News had detail about eligibility criteria and how to get involved but if you have forgotten contact either the Parish Clerk or any of the current Councillors.

Nominations open on 26th March 2019 and close at 4pm on Wednesday 3rd April 2019. Nominations need to be **hand delivered** to the SODC offices at 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, OX14 4SB. Depending on how many valid nominations there are will determine whether there is a contested election or not in Moulsford. If there are three to five valid nominations then it will be an uncontested election and no voting will be required.

If there are less than three valid nominations received by 3rd April 2019 another election will have to be run in Moulsford – costing the village (approximately) another £1,500. More than five valid nominations will mean a contested election will be held on Thursday 2nd May 2019. If we get more than five valid nominations confirmed after 4pm on the 4th April, then in the May 2019 Moulsford News – and only if the timing works – the intention will be that all candidates will have an equal opportunity to provide a picture and a short profile to introduce themselves to the village.

Moulsford Events Dave Reynolds

Now into Spring, we have been busy planning a full schedule of events to see us into the summer so please add these dates to your diary:

Easter Egg Hunt

Join us on Sunday **21st April, 11:15** for a prompt 11:30 egg hunt start. There will be plenty of treats for the children to find and tea, coffee and hot cross buns will be available to enjoy.

Friday Night Socials

Our final 'Winter season' social night will be on **Friday 5th April, 6.30pm**. Thank you to everyone who has supported the extras socials we have had out of the usual season. We have had positive feedback that they were welcome events. Our full season will start on **Friday 26th April**, with our usual Bangers and Bubbles evening. Hotdogs will be on sale and you will receive free fizz, where we will be asking you to vote for your preferred taste from a choice of two!

The Pavilion will then be open every Friday evening, all bar one (21st June). See more details below. We are hoping to have a food offering, more details on this will follow in May's edition.



Time to choose who represents you on local issues

**On Thursday 2 May 2019,
people aged 18 and over
can vote in local elections in
South Oxfordshire**



Register to vote

To vote on 2 May you need to be registered by Friday 12 April.

If you're not already registered at your current address do so now at gov.uk/register-to-vote

No internet? Call 01235 422528 for a registration form.

Find out more

To find out more about the local elections visit southoxon.gov.uk/elections

or call 01235 422528.



We do rely upon support from the village to help run the social evenings by way of running the bar. If you think you can spare a couple of hours to help out, the rota will be in circulation at all upcoming events.

Rally Car Talk by Tom Williams - Saturday 18th May, 6.00pm

Moulsford's very own talented professional Rally Car driver Tom Williams would like to share with the village his history with car rallying to date, including screening of some 'in action' footage. Please show your support by coming along to hear about the sport. The bar will be open and children are most welcome. This is sure to be an inspiring evening for all.

Pub Crawl via Routemaster Bus - Friday 21st June

Join us aboard a vintage Routemaster bus, where we will take a route to visit a few of the area's local pubs. This is a ticketed event at £10 each. Please contact Debbie on debbie.gothard@outlook.com or 07786 228627 to book.

Friday 5th July - MOULSFEST! With Camping

Join us for our very own mini festival. More details will follow soon, but to whet your appetite, there will be a live band, entertainment for the children, food, stalls, competitions and then all are invited to camp out for a night under the stars.

Saturday 13th July - Ladies Wimbledon Final screening

The Pavilion will be open where you can come together and watch the ladies final on Wimbledon. There will be Strawberries and Cream to enjoy as well as Pimms to drink with the usual bar.

As you can see, lots of things going on this year to keep everyone entertained, and to keep the great village community spirit alive and thriving. We love to see all our villagers, both old and new and you are sure to receive a warm welcome. 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

Miles Powell

Parish Council activities in the last month have included monitoring pavilion driveway project, progressing repair to playground equipment, reviewing planning applications, dealing with ad hoc queries and planning for the forthcoming local elections in May 2019.

Parish Council Projects

By the time this copy of Moulsford News is published, the pavilion driveway project will have completed, all being well in time for the Quiz Night on Friday 22nd March! Completion will mean we'll have – for the first time – the pavilion driveway with high kerbing up the length of driveway and with bollards either side that have low level lights built in.

Getting Involved!

As you'll have seen on the front page, and as highlighted in the past few months of Moulsford News, the four year term of the current Parish Council is coming to an end in early May 2019. This means there are opportunities for others to come forward to contribute to Moulsford life and build on the many achievements over the recent years.

Finally!

Enjoy the upcoming Moulsford Events Committee (MEC) Easter Egg hunt and the lighter evenings as we head towards another season of Pavilion socials so a big thank you to MEC for running the winter socials to "tide us over" to the new season! As always, any Parish queries then do get in touch with any of the councillors by email or phone and we'll do our best to help or point you in the right direction.

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

My Dear Friends,

"Oh to be in England, now that April's here..." wrote Robert Browning. April is one of my favourite months with Spring springing and the evenings drawing out; and most years – this one included - it is the month of Easter (the actual date all depends on when the full moon next occurs after the Spring equinox). But of course before Easter, we have *Good Friday*. Why do we call it *"Good"*? This after all is the Friday on which we remember Jesus being found guilty on trumped up charges – one of the most notorious miscarriages of justice in history – then flogged to within an inch of his life, and finally nailed to a cross as a common criminal to suffer one of the most agonising deaths ever devised by man. What can possibly be good about that?

Let's look at it from another angle. We live in a world where every day the headlines are filled with news of tragedy: terrorist shootings and bombs, children dying in refugee camps, whole families suffering terribly as a result of war. Even in this country we are struggling with all the uncertainties of Brexit which we seem as a nation to have brought upon ourselves, by our own folly. For many, a God who in these circumstances remained aloof from such suffering, would not be worthy of worship and would not be able to bring any comfort or strength. *Good Friday* shows us that God is not remote and indifferent. Rather, it shows us that God loves us so much that he became a human being and experienced the very worst of injustice and suffering that the world could throw against Him. It seems that on that Friday all the evil of the human heart was channelled against Jesus. So *Good Friday* shows us that God can indeed comfort us in our deepest sorrows, because He himself knows what it is like. But that is not all.

If it had all ended with Jesus dying on a cross, we would never have called it *Good Friday*. Just before Jesus died, he gave a great shout: *"It is finished!"* The word he used means *"completed"* or *"paid in full"*. We might think that this was just a gesture of noble defiance, but nothing more really than spitting into the wind – except for one thing. Two days later on that first Easter morning, Jesus rose from the dead. Over the next few weeks hundreds not only saw him, they had long conversations with him, they embraced him, they even shared meals with him. Even when these followers of Jesus were threatened with death and torture themselves, they could not deny what they knew beyond all shadow of a doubt to be true: *Jesus is alive*. *Good Friday* is called *"Good"* because it shows us that evil does not have the last word. Even when it does its very worst, with God, there is always hope of dawn after the darkest night, and joy after the deepest sorrow; of Spring after Winter, and life after death.

We shall be reflecting on these profound truths in two ways on Good Friday. First there will be an event suitable for all ages at 10am in the Great Hall, just up the road at Cholsey Meadows, called *Thank God it's Friday*. Secondly, there will be a quieter time of reflection at 2pm in Moultsford Church, called *The hour of the cross*. Everyone is welcome.

With warmest regards,



Andrew Petit, Vicar of Moultsford andrewpetit@virginmedia.com Tel: 01491 651216

Church Services, Moultsford - April 2019

7 th April	Passion Sunday	9.30am Parish Communion	Church
14 th April	Palm Sunday	9.30am Parish Communion 4.30pm Messy Church	Church Church
18 th April	Maundy Thursday	10.30am Pilgrimage from St Mary's, Cholsey to Moultsford Church 12.30pm (approx) Picnic lunch	
19 th April	Good Friday	10.00am <i>Thank God it's Friday</i> Good Friday all-age event 2.00pm <i>"The hour of the cross"</i>	The Great Hall, Cholsey Meadows Church
21 st April	Easter Day	9.30am All age Celebration <i>with Communion</i>	Church
28 th April	2 nd Sunday of Easter	9.30am Parish Communion <i>Faith explored</i>	Church
5 th May	3 rd Sunday of Easter	9.30am Parish Communion	Church

Westminster Update

Ed Vaizey MP



This month I have met with Ministers in Westminster to discuss two important local issues: Health care and rail links.

I met with Andrew Jones the Rail Minister, alongside his officials and Network Rail and Great Western. The Minister and I led discussions focussing on improvements along the Great Western Railway line, the potential for reopening Grove Station as part of a strategic project to develop commuter stations between Oxford and Bristol, and improved connectivity between Heathrow Airport and stations to the west, so one might

travel direct to Heathrow from Reading for example rather than having to go into London and then back out to Heathrow. I will be looking at the East West Rail scheme and the Cotswold Line Promotion Group for inspiration in how to build a business case for improvements to commuter services between Oxford & Bristol and hope that colleagues in Parliament with stations along that route might join me.

I also met with Health Minister Caroline Dinenage. Alongside colleagues from Oxfordshire County Council, Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, Oxford Health and Vale of White Horse District Council the Minister and I led discussions on how we could improve Primary Care provision in the constituency. We discussed the ongoing situation in Wantage as well as our plans to develop new health hubs, both at an improved Health Centre in Wantage and plans for a new health hub in Didcot

In the constituency I have met with a number of residents and local businesses this month, including meeting with GPs in Wantage, The Thames Valley Police Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner, Residents of Alfredston Place in Wantage who are receiving poor service from their managing agent, and a visit to the Environmental Education Centre in Sutton Courtenay hosted by the Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust. I was also delighted to join local charity Mission Motorsport at Royal Hospital Chelsea to celebrate the launch of their new initiative Mission Automotive.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any pressing issues that you would like help with. You can contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, dicksonce@parliament.uk or 01235 768 888. Email is the quickest and most reliable way to get in touch, as I keep a very close eye on my emails and can reply very quickly. Details of my activities in Parliament can be read on my website, <https://www.vaizey.com>. I also send out occasional general interest emails about developments in the Wantage and Didcot Constituency. You can sign up here: <http://bit.ly/EdVaizeyMP>.

Monthly Coffee Shop

Linda Dixon



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.

A big thank you to **Peter & Marigold** for putting the kettle on at the March Coffee Shop and providing a lovely selection of sweet treats.

The **April Coffee Shop** hosts are **Bunty & Linda** and we will have the added attraction of **Mark Gray with bingo - eyes down, look in.**

We look forward to seeing you all.

NEXT DATE: 10th April 2019

Planning Applications & Decisions

NB. Only new planning applications and those which have changed status since last being published in Moulsoford News are included.

P19/S0077/HH Moulsoford Grange, Moulsoford, OX10 9JD	Single storey standalone wooden summerhouse/garden office.	MPC: No strong views. SODC: Under consideration.
P19/S0423/FUL Moulsoford Preparatory School, Moulsoford, OX10 9HR	Extension of time limit to existing permission for single temporary classroom.	MPC: No strong views. SODC: Under consideration.
P19/S0346/O Land N. of Moulsoford Manor, Willow Court Lane, OX10 9HU	Erection of 4 dwellings with garaging.	MPC: Object – statutory development plan, previous decisions. Withdrawn.
P19/S0039/O Greenlands Farm, Cow Lane, Moulsoford, OX10 9JT	Cessation of scaffold use. Erection of new industrial building (B1c, B2 or B8).	MPC: No Strong Views. SODC: Approved.
P19/S0060/HH Karethia, 12 Glebe Close, Moulsoford, OX10 9JA	Proposed two storey side extension.	MPC: Object - overdevelopment. SODC: Approved.

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.

Keep in touch!

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

You can reach the editor, Bernadette Sachse by email:

moulsofordnews@moulsofordweb.co.uk

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

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- 2nd Apr- Competition: Set subjects
- 16th Apr- Talk: Mount Everest 50 years on
- 30th Apr- Audio Visual Evening



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THE COFFEE SHOP



WED 10th APRIL

10.30AM-12NOON

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Please do come along, everyone from the village is welcome. For more information call Gail Slinger on 01491 651931 or email gailslinger@tiscali.co.uk.

Moulsoford Village Meeting Dates

Parish Council

Weds 24th April 8.00pm

Pavilion Management Committee

Weds 19th June 7.45pm

Events Committee

Weds 10th April 7.30pm

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

Moulsford 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
moulsfordbookings@gmail.com



Henley and District Philatelic Society

Over the next few months we have some excellent speakers visiting the society to show their very varied displays. If you have an interest in any of the subjects do come along and see a different viewpoint and way of researching your subjects.

April 10 – Peter Wood will give his display on Troubles and Transition Ireland 1900 - 1930

April 24 – Simon Richards as a GB Commissioner taking people's exhibits abroad for competition and he will also give a display.

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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50s

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Sunday 28th April
Sunday 5th May
Sunday 12th May
Sunday 19th May
Sunday 26th May

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(Easter Sunday)
Sunday 28th April 2-5pm
Sunday 26th May 2-5pm
Sunday 30th June 2-5pm
Sunday 28th July 2-5pm
Sunday 25th August 2-5pm

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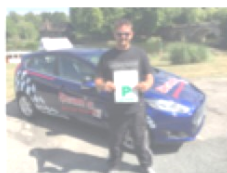
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Diary of Events—in Moultsford

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>More Info</u>
Tues 2nd Apr	8.00pm	MENS NIGHT	Beetle & Wedge	Contact Gary on gpfagg@gmail.com for more info, or just turn up!
Thurs 4th Apr	8.00pm	LADIES NIGHT	Beetle & Wedge	Contact Carol on carol.bemis2@hotmail.com for more info, or just turn up!
Fri 5th Apr	6.30pm	WINTER SOCIAL EVENING	Pavilion	
Tues 9th Apr	8.00pm	MENS NIGHT	Beetle & Wedge	Contact Gary on gpfagg@gmail.com for more info, or just turn up!
Weds 10th Apr	10.30am	COFFEE SHOP	Pavilion	For more information call Gail Slinger. 01491 651931 or gailslinger@tiscali.co.uk
Weds 10th Apr	7.30pm	EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING	Pavilion	Everyone welcome.
Tues 16th Apr	8.00pm	MENS NIGHT	Beetle & Wedge	Contact Gary on gpfagg@gmail.com for more info, or just turn up!
Sun 21st Apr	11:15am	EASTER EGG HUNT	Pavilion	The egg hunt will commence at 11:30 sharp.
Tues 23rd Apr	8.00pm	MENS NIGHT	Beetle & Wedge	Contact Gary on gpfagg@gmail.com for more info, or just turn up!
Weds 24th Apr	8.00pm	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	Pavilion	Everyone welcome.
Fri 26th Apr	6.30pm	BANGERS AND BUBBLES	Pavilion	Join us for hotdogs and free fizz tasting!
Tues 30th Apr	8.00pm	MENS NIGHT	Beetle & Wedge	Contact Gary on gpfagg@gmail.com for more info, or just turn up!
Fri 3rd May	6.30pm	FRIDAY SOCIAL	Pavilion	
Sat 18th May	6.00pm	RALLY CAR TALK	Pavilion	Tom Williams, Moultsford's own rally driver will be telling all about his career to date. A bar will be available, everyone welcome.
Fri 7th June	6.30pm	FRIDAY SOCIAL—CHURCH SUPPER NIGHT	Pavilion	Members of the church will be providing food for the Friday Social.
Fri 21st June	6.30pm	BUS PUB CRAWL	Pick up Pavilion Car Park	Join us as we tour a few of the local pubs aboard a Routemaster bus. Tickets £10. Contact Debbie to book - debbie.gothard@outlook.com or 07786 228627. Over 12's only.
Fri 5th July	6.30pm	MOUSFEST WITH CAMPING	Pavilion	Join us for a live band, food, stalls, competitions followed by a night under the stars followed by bacon rolls in the morning!
Sat 13th July	2.00pm	LADIES WIMBLEDON FINAL SCREENING	Pavilion	Watch the women's final and enjoy Strawberries & Cream and Pimms.