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July Church Services

July 6 th	Services at St Mary's Wheatley
July 13 th	9.30 St Helen's Albury 11.00 St Bartholomew's Holton
July 20 th	9.30 St Helen's Albury 11.00 St Leonard's Waterstock 6.00pm St Mary's Waterperry (Special Choral evensong)
July 27 th	8.00 St Mary's Waterperry 9.30 St Helen's Albury 11.00 St Bartholomew's Holton
August 3 rd	9.30 St Leonard's Waterstock
August 10 th	9.30 St Helen's Albury 11.00 St Bartholomew's Holton 6.00pm St Mary's Waterperry

St Leonard's Waterstock

Flowers and cleaning rota

July 6th	R. Portman
July 13th	R. Portman
July 20th	S. Getty
July 27th	S. Getty
August 3rd	L. Arthur
August 10th	L. Arthur

Mowing rota

K. Ashby
K. Ashby
N. Edmondson
N. Edmondson
R. Arthur
R. Arthur

St Mary's Waterperry

Flower rota

July 6th	Susan Fonge
July 13th	Helen
July 20th	Jacqui
July 27th	Jan

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Letter from the Vicarage

Hello, well that's half the year gone. How are you getting on with your New Year resolutions? Can you remember them? Unfair question maybe, especially coming from someone who doesn't make them. I jokingly made some ludicrous predictions in this newsletter in January but I think we can all agree that where the world is now in July is not necessarily where we thought or hoped it might be back six months ago.

As I write the wars in Gaza and Ukraine continue unabated and every day brings some new horror from both places not to mention the on-going and largely unreported conflicts in Sudan and Myanmar which are taking more lives than the Ukraine and Gaza wars combined. There is a growing conflict between Israel and Iran and we now stand on the brink of a conflagration that could involve the whole middle east the US and us here. Given the state of the leadership in the US in the two weeks it will take from writing this until you read it anything (or nothing) could have happened.

So in July we stand at the crossroads of the year, half done half to come. I love this verse from American poet Don Hynes:

*"The tides of gain and loss
shape and reshape the world,
while below brilliant star fish
breathe in water,
turning salt and sea
to light."*

Don Hynes is no 'away with fairies' dreamer – he has an extensive career as a construction project manager alongside his being a poet. This lovely picture of natural beauty continuing while the tides of human confusion push and pull the world offers us not just consolation but a challenge. It is not fanciful to suggest that we are the star fish called to turn salt and sea into light. We are called in our own small, and often unspectacular, way to make our immediate environment brighter and more filled with light no matter what is happening outside of our control.

In the Gospel of John Jesus says to his disciples that they will experience trouble in the world but not to be concerned because he has overcome the world. John too used the picture of light, in this case God's light, to paint a picture of us, God's children, living and walking in that light. We have this promise to sustain us in the face of the seeming darkness of the unpredictability and cruelty in the world. It is the promise that light always defeats darkness and if we place ourselves in God's light we can and will reflect it into the world which can be a dark and forbidding place.

I leave you with another quote – this one from Aaron Lauritsen in his book '100 Days Drive'.

"Life's trials will test you, and shape you, but don't let them change who you are."

So let's enjoy the physical light and warmth of summer and the holiday season and above all be 'us' and hopefully we will continue to find ways of being star fish and light creators in our communities.

Stay blessed,

David
Rev David Bendor-Samuel
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dbendorsamuel@btinternet.com

Holton Bus Shelter Bring and Take

Don't forget these upcoming Bus Shelter dates:

Bus Shelter Summer Bring and Take: **Sunday 13th July**

Book Week: **Saturday 16th to Sunday 24th August**

We look forward to seeing you there!

Allan East, Holton Parish Council

July Birthdays



A very Happy Birthday this month to:



Florence M. who will be turning 4
Florence C. who will be turning 8
Ivy who will be turning 10
Millar who will be turning 11
Oli who will be turning 12
Lily Grace who will be turning 12
Jack who will be turning 16
Sophie who will be turning 18

*(to have a birthday included in the magazine, please email
Dominique - domisqueak@gmail.com)*

Holton Parish Council

Annual Holton Parish Meeting

The HWW June News went to press before the Parish Meeting which was held on 22nd May 2025. A report on the meeting therefore is given in this July news. Allan East chaired the meeting.

Twenty-eight people were present including four Parish Councillors, the Clerk and two guest speakers, David Bainbridge (Savills) and Sebastian Skinner (Crest Nicholson).

David Bainbridge and Sebastian Skinner attended as representatives of the Brookes development. A brief history was given and it is hoped that full planning permission will be agreed within the next few months. All being well, work should start on site clearance and infrastructure in April 2026 with a start on house building November/December 2026. 6/7 years of development on the site.

Annual Reports were received from Holton Parish Council, Holton Village Hall, Dr Rogers' Trust, St Bartholomew's Church, Holton Road Safety Working Party and the final report from The Victoria Reading Room Charity which is now amalgamated with the Holton Village Hall Charity.

Planning Applications:

None

Planning Decisions SODC Planning:

P25/S0939/HH Terence House, Holton. OX33 1PS

Installation of 28 solar PV panels onto the main roof of the dwelling house.

Granted

P25/S0887/FUL Home Farm House, Holton. OX33 1QA

Use of land for residential purposes and garden.

Granted

P25/S1202/FUL The Aviary, Holton. OX33 1PZ Demolition of existing detached house. Erection of two new 1 and ¾ storey four bed dwellings.

Granted

Decision received after PC June meeting.

P24/S3892/HH Slaymaker, Holton, OX33 1PR

Retention of detached garage/workshop building and proposed alteration to the width by 2 metres to 8 metres and repositioning of rooflights.

Granted

Proposals for Governance in Oxfordshire

Ongoing discussions are being held over what local governance will look like in Oxfordshire in the coming years. The changes that are coming are necessary to meet the plans laid out in the UK Government White Paper on devolution released in December 2024.

In the areas like Oxfordshire – where a two-tier system (County Council and District Council) for principal authorities remains, this must be abolished for a single unitary authority.

Option 1 – One Authority: Oxfordshire County Council (County of Oxfordshire)

Option 2 – Two Authorities: Oxford & Shires Council would include Cherwell, Oxford City and West Oxfordshire. Ridgeway Council would include South Oxfordshire, Vale of White Horse and West Berkshire.

Option 3 – Three Authorities: Oxford City Council is proposing an Oxford Council with expanded boundaries (includes Holton and Wheatley). Northern Oxfordshire including much of the existing West Oxfordshire and Cherwell districts. Ridgeway Council including much of the existing South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse districts combined with the existing West Berkshire unitary.

The proposals are currently being developed and will be submitted by 28 November 2025, with decision expected to be made during 2026.

Keep an eye out for updates on the Council websites and OALC website www.oalc.org.uk or contact Holton Parish Council for information which can be forwarded to your email.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 14th July 2025 starting at 7.00 pm In Holton Village Hall Committee Room.

Agendas will be on the village notice boards and Parish Council website.

Contact details below:

Clerk to Holton Parish Council (Sonja Barter) Home Farm House, Holton, Oxford OX33 1QA

Email: clerk@holtonoxford-pc.gov.uk

Tel: 01865 872334

Copies of Holton Parish Council Meeting Agendas and Approved Minutes can be viewed on the Holton Parish Council website:

www.holtonoxford-pc.gov.uk

'Spud Bud'

coming to Holton Village Hall for
an easy, tasty family supper!

Friday 4th July 5pm-9pm

Come along & enjoy delicious baked potatoes
with a variety of mouth-watering toppings,
from classic cheese and beans to gourmet
fillings.

With fresh ingredients, hearty portions, and
a friendly vibe, it's perfect for potato
lovers looking for a delicious twist on a
timeless favourite.

Eat in or Takeaway, or bring your own
chair and eat in the Orchard

Price range £4.50 - £8

Bar will be Open

Holton News - Notes from the Farm

Hello everyone,

The weather has been tricky this year. We planted seeds for an environmental scheme a few times. The first time the government paid for it. The seeds did not germinate; it was too wet. The next 2 times we planted ourselves, we paid for it. It was too dry. Waiting for this time to be lucky. It is £70/acre. Fields with those seeds provide cover and meals for insects, birds and small mammals. It helps nature to find their home.

Prices of beef for sellers have dropped. The market is flooded by cheap meat. Customers go for lower prices. Very rarely someone asks the question: what is the country of origin of the meat consumed. Once foreign-raised animals' carcasses are butchered in UK they become British. For this reason, some of the cows are kept longer than they should and we end up paying a fine for them being a few kilos overweight.

We are preparing for the Red Tractor inspection, which is a quality mark which assures the highest food standards in UK are met. It protects the safety of our food and in our case animal welfare. It is a very strict, selective process.

Last night I had a dream. Cows were queueing wearing bow ties and I was brushing their teeth. I also started to Hoover the barn. This is how stressful Red Tractor inspection is! You cannot stop thinking about it even when you sleep!

Thanks goodness I woke up from this dream. I hope we will pass this time as well!

I wish you all well. Take care.

Nina

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Village Hall Committee—New Committee Members

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Afternoon teas.

The Afternoon teas at the Village Hall continue to be a great success. Many thanks to everyone that helps, for all their hard work.

There will be afternoon teas in July on 10th and the 24th -from 2.30pm until 4.00pm.

Come along for Tea, Coffee, Cake and a chat with friends and neighbours.

“Spud Bud” at the Village Hall Friday 4th July

On Friday July 4th there will be a “Spud Bud” food van at the village hall serving jacket potatoes with delicious fillings.

“Spud Bud” will have food available from 5.00pm until 9.00pm.

Eat in or takeaway or bring your own chairs and eat in the Orchard whilst the children can enjoy the play area.

The Bar will be open from 5pm

Summer BBQ Friday 1st August 2025

The Village Hall will once again be holding a Summer BBQ on Friday 1st August starting at 6.00pm the Orchard. There will be a BBQ (including vegetarian options), live music from local band “Hunter 101” and the Bar will also be moved temporarily to the Orchard. Holton W.I. will be once again selling desserts. If you can help in any way then please contact admin@holtonvillagehall.co.uk.

50th Anniversary

It will be fifty years since the Village Hall was opened and the Village Hall Committee are looking to organise an event to mark the occasion. Does anyone have specific ideas about the event and /or would be willing to volunteer to help please? Contact [ad-min@holtonvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:admin@holtonvillagehall.co.uk)

Future Events

For up to date information on all events at the Village Hall please access the website at www.holtonvillagehall.co.uk

Booking the Village Hall

If you would like to book the Village Hall please call **07873 857063** or please

E-mail bookings@holtonvillagehall.co.uk

Take care

Mel Ault
mel_ault39@outlook.com

Holton Cock and Bull

After winning tickets in a competition, two New Zealand pensioners inadvertently attended a heavy metal concert in Wellington. John Anderson, in his 60s, turned up at the concert venue wearing a tie and accompanied by a well-dressed companion. They had expected to see a classical concert but instead were surprised to find themselves surrounded by 1500 head-banging fans and clouds of cannabis smoke at a concert by Pantera, a band from Texas.

‘It was quite an experience I can tell you,’ said Anderson. ‘An attendant looked at us and asked if we knew what we were in for. I asked if there was any pre-booking of seats and she said there were no seats at all. All the young people were very courteous,’ he continued, adding that it would be his first and last heavy metal experience. However, he was able to enjoy some classical music after all as the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra gave Anderson tickets to one of its concerts.

Name and address supplied

Holton & Waterperry W.I.

There is no excuse now why Holton and Waterperry shouldn't look florally stunning this summer after Carol Parker from Wheatley Farm shop passed on her invaluable tips for growing productive and beautiful hanging baskets and containers.

Carol (nee Boater) and her husband Dave use only products from their shop, all trialled and tested by them. Carol uses well formed, strong plants in her baskets, using water-retaining coir liners and placing all the flowers into good compost and choosing varieties and colours carefully. Indeed they try to find and introduce new varieties each year. They were warmly thanked for their friendly demonstration.

Business included a vote on the resolution, 'Bystanders Can Be Lifesavers' to be taken forward to the national meeting. Indeed one of our members illustrated this point from an experience within her family. In a crisis all help is needed. Following on from this we will try and arrange first aid and resuscitation training in the village and also indicate how a defibrillator can help in an emergency.

Our next meeting is on the June 3rd when the speaker will be Amy Moore with a talk entitled 'Witches, Scolds and Mouldy Jades - Oxford Women's Words on Trial'. Sounds unusual!

Visitors always welcome. Come and find out more

Barbara Martin



HOLTON VILLAGE HALL

50TH ANNIVERSARY

1975 – 2025

**Volunteers and Helpers needed to help plan and
organize an event to celebrate this special occasion in
October 2025.**

**Please contact:
Holton Village Hall Committee
at admin@holtonvillagehall.co.uk**

Tel: 07836 234740 or 07474 328369

**or come along to
Holton Village Hall Committee Room
on
Monday 7th July at 7.00pm
before the Hall Management Meeting
with your ideas**



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Training will take place from September to December 2025 and it is essential that all training is attended.

**Closing date
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30 June 2025**

**If you are interested in finding out more
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Waterperry News

The birds of Waterperry

Every morning at this time of year I am reminded of a little song we used to sing at morning assembly at school. Who else remembers it and do children still know it nowadays?:

Summer has come from the sunny land, Summer is here again

Bringing her birdies to sing their songs in every wood and lane.

Chirruping chirruping loud and sweet, how did you learn to sing?

Who was it taught you the way to fly and gave you each tiny wing?

We have a Father a birdie said, loving and kind and true

He who has taught us to fly and sing, He cares for his children too.

Thank you dear birdie for telling me, I am so glad to know

Now when I'm asked I can always say, a little bird told me so.

During one of our pre-purchase visits to view our cottage, we stood by our side gate with the owner while she gave us a bit of a low-down on the village....I should keep some of that our secret!

But one of the things she said as we stood there in the Sunday morning sunshine – at about this time of year – was that “as we could no doubt hear”, there was a bit a noise problem. Now we already knew about the motorway, but that happened to be a day when the wind was blowing that sound away from us, so she was actually referring, tongue firmly in cheek, to the babble of birdsong all around us. We're not perhaps one of those quintessential Cotswold/Chilterns picture-book villages, but I always think one defining characteristic of Waterperry is our large number of mature trees. From the handsome horse chestnuts along the Green Ground verge, past Manor Farm and right up to the Estate gate, we have a wonderful variety of garden and woodland trees, lining the road or towering over the roofs of houses from back gardens. And with trees, come birds.

A favourite thing I do at this time of year is to get up just pre-dawn and stand by our side gate in the stillness of early morning, just as the birds start to wake up. Looking out onto the open lawns in front of the tearoom, the trees on each side, up on the Mound, or over towards the bridlepath seem to act as a kind of natural amphitheatre that bounces the bird-song around and amplifies it. The first to tell me the new day is beginning is usually a robin, singing from behind me in our garden or just in front on the wall. This year though we have a wren nesting somewhere very close by and he definitely sees the robin's song as a personal challenge so that within moments the air is filled with beautiful fluting song from both birds. Blue tits are usually quick to join in the singing and there are so many around us that they make a busy chattering background accompaniment. Any of these little birds weigh barely more than an A4 sheet of paper or card, their legs are needle-thin and their beaks are tiny, yet when they open their throats to sing the sound is startlingly loud and clear. From somewhere behind Spinney Cottages there's usually a chiffchaff snapping out the staccato call that gives him his name and before long the dozy wood pigeons and collared doves are cooing their gentle base rhythm. As ever though, the pigeons seem to have only one thing on their minds and there's much flapping and squabbling on the overhead cables!

Blackbirds and thrushes sit at the tops of nearby trees and their more mellow fluting songs add to the growing symphony. They chatter overhead as they fly from one tree to another, always finding the highest point from which to sing or to shout a warning that there's a cat

in the vicinity. They especially love the little red berries on our mulberry. Luckily the tree is laden as ever and there are plenty of berries for all the birds that love them. We've been told it's the 'wrong kind' of mulberry – the berries never get big and juicy but stay small, red and fairly bland. Or maybe it's just that they never get a chance to swell and ripen because the birds nab them all!

The least melodious contribution to the chorus must be the jackdaws. Their raucous jak-jak-jak from the Mound is so distinctive and they quickly fly down to squabble furiously over the cherries on our tree. For one reason or another I didn't get around to tying on my net 'stockings' to protect some of the cherries for us to enjoy. You may have laughed at them, but it's the only way we ever get to eat the beautiful red cherries! Sadly, not this year - they were all eaten before they'd even ripened. The jackdaws have been in the village for a century or more and are such cocky characterful birds, strutting around on the lawn or in Abbey Yard where all the birds seem to find a rich source of bugs and ants. Should a red kite herald its arrival with its plaintive mewing call the jackdaws will mob it, 2 or 3 at a time, to drive it away from their roost trees where I guess young chicks make easy pickings, even for a bird that is mostly a carrion feeder.

Within 10 minutes or so all the other birds around us join in to greet the morning – almost too many to mention and many of which I am learning to identify by their calls. We seem to have a healthy population of chaffinches and goldfinches, but not so many greenfinches now since we lost our nearby large conifers. There's a small but noisy group of house sparrows around our house – a few years ago there was a nesting colony under the eaves next door – one of the few times that we had to close our nearest bedroom window to stop being woken by them at the crack of dawn every morning!

So the dawn chorus builds over half an hour or so to a crescendo of beautiful song.....and then, suddenly, as if signalled by an orchestra conductor, the singing quietens and the bird-song settles down to a background babble and so it goes on through the day. Sadly, I haven't heard a cuckoo this year – maybe you've heard one? Occasional ducks or geese will honk their way overhead and if we're lucky there might be the distant call of a curlew on the river floodplain. If the birds in the garden suddenly go quiet this almost certainly heralds the presence nearby of a sparrowhawk – his call is similar but a little sharper than the kite's. He will swoop down after small birds on a feeder or on the lawn and their only hope of escape is to flee quickly into a dense tree or hedge. Even then, the sparrowhawk is fast and agile enough to chase its victim right in among the branches.

As the afternoon draws to a close, the general birdsong dies down as daylight fades and the blackbirds and thrushes give us a last lovely song. If we're lucky we'll hear an owl somewhere out there in the woods or on the field edges. I occasionally hear a little owl over on the Mound and once even spotted one sitting on top of the telegraph pole in front of the trees. Tawny and barn owls hoot or screech to each other into the night. My closest encounter at home was to open our bedroom curtain to see a fluffy young barn owl perched on the power cable just 6 feet away, blinking at me in amazement before going back to screeching for his mum.

So that's potted summer's day in the birdlife of Waterperry village. It's why our trees and hedgerows are so important as they offer habitat and food sources.

If you've seen *The Lion King*, you'll know all about *The Circle of Life*. You don't have to be out on the wild plains: it's all going on here in our village!

Sue Pariker

Waterperry with Thomley Parish Council

www.waterperrywiththomley-pc.gov.uk

The Parish Council is delighted to welcome Richard Marshall to the Council, and by way of introduction, here's a little bit about him:

Name: Richard Marshall

Where you were born: I was born in Hammersmith but mainly grew up in Ruislip in NW London

How long you have lived in Waterperry: just over 4 years

First job: Working in Edinburgh as a Chartered Surveyor. I lived in Edinburgh for over 20 years before relocating back to London.

Hobbies: Gardening is my main hobby alongside lino printing and travel. I enjoyed doing a bread baking course at the Cornfield Bakery earlier this year and so my latest interest is trying to perfect the art of Sourdough.

Focus/Interest as a councillor for Waterperry: I volunteered as I want to get more involved in the community and try to help others by giving something back.

What's On this *July*



Waterperry
Gardens

EXHIBITION: until 1st Sept – BUG, BIRD, BEAST, FREE TO ENTER GALLERY

EVENT: 11th-13th July – CELEBRATING CERAMICS AND DESIRE JEWELLERY & SILVERSMITHING FAIR

CONCERT: 12th July – HEALING LIGHT, AMPHITHEATRE

SUMMER HOLIDAYS: 12th July until 1st Sept – FAMILY ORIENTEERING TRAIL

THEATRE: 19th July – ALICE THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS, AMPHITHEATRE

THEATRE: 20th July – TREASURE ISLAND, AMPHITHEATRE

CONCERT: 27th July – MOONRAKERS, AMPHITHEATRE



OPEN DAILY
10:00AM - 5:30PM

Waterstock News

The Kanes kindly hosted, and Lorna Arthur organised, a wonderful VE Day themed party in the garden at Waterstock House. The sun shone, the garden was looking glorious and we all enjoyed every aspect of the hospitality: either the chance to bring our own picnics – or enjoy Stephens' BBQ. Wendy and John ran a terrific tombola where almost all the prizes were won and the ongoing boules battle was very popular.

The much-anticipated moment came when it was time to judge the cakes. The display of about 15 cakes was spectacular, all had been baked and decorated by the village. They were much admired over the course of the afternoon. Michael Tyce had been invited to judge, helped by his grandson Jo, it was a serious responsibility and after much deliberation the winner was announced – a cake decorated as a union jack with blueberries and strawberries providing the colours. The winner was Gill Spencer!

We were then invited to enjoy a slice from all or any of the cakes. Sara Manisty skilfully kept control on the charge with her large sharp knife in hand. Soon afterwards, Lorna circulated this message to the village:

"Thank you to everyone for coming and joining in and making such generous donations...we raised £571.00 !!!! A special thank you to the Kane's for their fantastic hospitality and in particular to Livvy for all her work and Stephen for his BBQ sausages and burgers, Hannah for the Pimm's, Marion, Jenny, Jane, Wendy and John, Sara, Sini, and Gill for everything else..The cakes were amazing and very much in theme of 80 years of peace since VE day."

The party mood is set to continue with our newest resident Sarah Bell hosting July 4th festivities in her beautiful garden, sending this kind invitation to the Village:

"A huge thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome since I arrived in the village. I've been thinking about what an excuse might be to have people round for a BBQ in the garden, and as the new American (who has lived in Oxford for over a decade) I thought it might be fun to host a 4th of July BBQ. I was never one for the 4th of July, but I can't resist the opportunity for a good reason to light up the grill and feed an excessive number of people. Also, 4 July falls on a Friday this year, so it just felt right. So, without further ado you are all invited to The Close House (less affectionately known as Kimmeridge) on Friday 4 July from 6PM. RSVP. I'll provide the food, but please feel free to bring a side or dessert if you feel so inclined (but not necessary)."

Henry has informed us - On a much less happy note, the torture of waiting for the Inspector's Decision on the golf course planning application is set to continue over the summer, after the Planning Inspectorate wrote to SODC :

"With apologies for the delay, the Inspector is likely to issue his decision in the autumn, due to other commitments in his calendar."

Rosalind Portman



Since closing the farm shop in January 2025, Will & Lois are now focussing on the farm & our home grown produce at Waterperry.

We have lamb & beef boxes available to order at certain times throughout the year.

To keep in touch with upcoming boxes, please put your email in the contact form on our website.

www.waterperryfarmshop.co.uk

Boxes are also available to order by phone:
Lois 07894514143

We supply beef & lamb boxes quarterly.
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Look out for an email out & update social media when each beef or lamb box is available.

Many thanks,
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