

Moulsford Events

Nigel Baker

Easter and its celebrations are behind us; it feels like spring weather has yet to catch up with us, but never fear, glorious events lie ahead of us!

May brings an unprecedented (probably) number of bank holidays; whatever the weather, you can launch all your long weekends at the Friday Socials, carrying on at the Pavilion as usual from about 6.30pm. We've had the first of what we plan to be a long and enjoyable season of Socials, thanks to all who came to support the opening evening, and we're looking forwards to welcoming many more folks throughout May.

To mark the historic occasion of the King's Coronation, we are celebrating with a big village get-together on Sunday 7th May, with the Pavilion open from 15:00. Bring your own picnic, bring family and friends; crowns are optional, but the bunting will be up, the bar will be open and we're aiming to have the Coronation Concert showing in the evening. Come along and join in the fun!

Looking into June, we are eagerly anticipating the River Cruise on the 16th. A lovely opportunity to enjoy our beautiful village and surroundings from the special perspective of the river, we have two trips to give everyone a chance to come along. We have the family trip for children and their families leaving from the Beetle & Wedge at 6pm until 7pm, only £5 children and £10 adults. The main cruise will be departing at 7.30pm returning at about 10pm. You are welcome to bring your own picnic, but enjoy the fully stocked on-board bar. Tickets for this are £20 each. You can buy your tickets at the Friday Socials and can also contact Tracey Lee on 07866 625521.

With the camping night on the 30th June, we have a busy couple of months ahead.

We have a great core team on the Events Committee working on all the planning and logistics, but we very much need more volunteers through the social season, in particular to help set up and run the bar on Friday nights.

We would also be grateful for some extra hands to help set up in the morning on Coronation Sunday. If you could spare some time, please do get in touch with a member of the Events Committee at either a Friday Social or give Nigel a call on 07831 152900.

Thanks and hope to see you soon! Cheers!

Moulsford Celebrates The
Coronation

Sunday 7th
May
3pm → late
Bring your
picnic

King Charles III
PITKIN

Late lunch
or afternoon
tea
Evening
concert screened
from Windsor
Bar open

All at The Pavilion
Pizza order at 7pm

All welcome!
Join us!

Parish Council Report

Late last month we received a very welcome email telling us we had been successful with our application for a councillor's grant to put broadband into the Pavilion. This is a much needed update to the facilities in-line with current user expectations of digital comms and access to live information. Notably, even the parish council is printing less agendas and minutes, encouraging councillors to work off digital documents, and we would welcome the ability to access live information in meetings. We are grateful to Cllr Jane Murphy for supporting our application.

Just last week we received a very disappointing email regarding river access at the end of Ferry Lane, on which OCC have been consulting with the owners of the Beetle and Wedge for the past 3 years. MPC have been in the unfortunate position of not having a voice in the discussions, despite having plenty to say about recent use of the area. Please see the separate piece in this edition of Moulsoford News for a full update.

It has been business as usual this last month bearing in mind April is a busy month for the parish council for year-end admin. This year we also have a change of parish council in May so we are making preparations to handover in good order. We are pleased to report that four people registered to stand as candidates for MPC this time; whilst short of the total required for an election (more than 5 needed for that) we do have a quorum. Work continues to ensure that we will co-opt a further councillor in June so that we have full capacity to cover the work in Moulsoford.

Of the councillors who did not stand again, Jo Baker has been tireless in her efforts for Moulsoford, particularly on environmental issues. We are fortunate that Jo has generously offered to continue to work on our recreation ground projects at the behest of MPC. Many thanks Jo.

Just leaves me to sign off. It has undoubtedly been an interesting experience, a small insight into the levers of power at a local level! But with increasing work opportunities and commitments another term is out of the question for me.

Many thanks to all who have supported and helped MPC over the past 4 years.

Planning Applications and Decisions

Moulsoford News and Planning deadlines invariably mean that the planning information below is out of date by the time of reading. For a current view of planning, please visit the online planning portal here:

<http://www.moulsoford-pc.org.uk/community/moulsoford-on-thames-15214/planning-applications/>

| Planning App | Property | Brief Description | SODC Update/MPC Comments |
|---------------|---|--|--------------------------|
| P23/S0443/HH | Old Bakery Cottage Moulsoford OX10 9JD | To erect a 6m x 3.6m oak framed gazebo with a reclaimed clay tile roof with concrete pads laid to support the posts. | Granted |
| P23/S0776/FUL | Moulsoford Preparatory School Moulsoford OX10 9HR | New temporary classroom. | N/A |
| P23/S0692/HH | Old Hall Moulsoford OX10 9JD | New external insulation, single storey rear extension, new front entrance and internal alterations. | MPC - Objection |

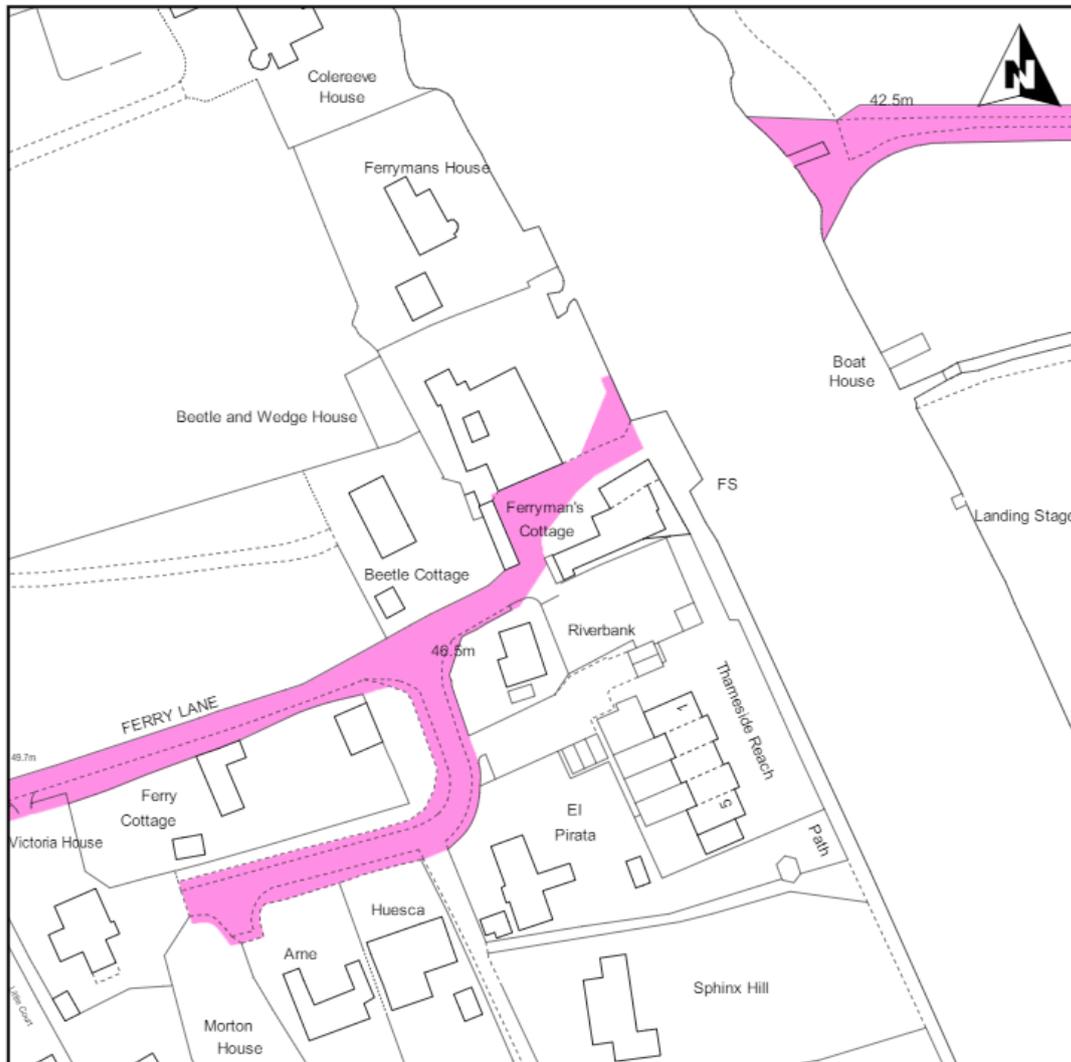
Update on River Access at Ferry Lane

Oxfordshire County Council Highways Department (OCC Highways) have finally concluded their agreement with the owners of The Beetle and Wedge Restaurant regarding access to the river Thames at Ferry Lane. MPC have been provided with their report on the area, which is very thorough, and their findings, with which we basically agree:

There is no evidence that any formal legal process has intervened to alter, amend or reduce the historic extent and public use of the road and the firm presumption, based on the evaluation of the available historic evidence, must be that the ancient boundaries and extents of the highway likely to date back to the time of the establishment of a ferry crossing still pertain.

However, OCC Highways have reached a compromise with The Beetle and Wedge Restaurant, which for us is very disappointing as they have agreed to redraw the highway in the area, meaning that we lose access to the deeper water on both the northern and eastern edges of the pontoon, as well as access across it. The pods are allowable on the pontoon area as long as they do not impinge on the Thames Path, there is a small allowance for the pod at the northeastern end of the path which may go on it up to 50%. The pods are only allowable from April to October.

Moulsoford: Ferry Lane, Beetle and Wedge - Highway Enquiry



KEY

- Highways England Highway
- Oxfordshire County Council Highway
- Surfaced Right of Way

1:1,250

459,308 183,629

Plot Date: 13/04/2023

Oxfordshire County Council
Highway Records

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Parish Council Matters continued

The parking on the LHS as you go down towards the river remains public, along with the small strip on the Thames in front of Beetle and Wedge House. All the planting rights on the side of Beetle & Wedge House are retained by the current owners.

There is a caveat to the decision which says that should anything come to light regarding the extent of the highway at this point then OCC has a duty to consider evidence to that effect.

Currently, Cllr Powell is pursuing new information with long-time residents regarding the use of Salters Steamers as a “bus” service on the river between Moulsoford and Wallingford. If you know anything about this (and in particular, have any documentary evidence relating to this, such as old photographs of the pontoon area showing the former petrol pump or water point, or the steamer timetables), please get in touch with her by email: spowell@moulsoford-pc.org.uk

MPC100Club

Moulsoford 100 club

A great way to support Moulsoford village projects whilst playing for a chance to win
£££ each month

The draws will be held at the Friday night socials in Summer months
or at the Moulsoford Coffee Shop in the Winter months

The 100 club is a private lottery run by MPC100Club Committee on behalf of
Moulsoford Parish Council

It is open to residents and friends of Moulsoford village over the age of 16

Application forms will be available at the Friday night socials and the Coffee Shop
or register your interest by emailing: mpc100club@moulsoford-pc.org.uk

First draw will be held Friday 7th July at the Friday Night Social

Annual Parish Meeting

24th May @ 8pm

Bar afterwards

Moulsford Pavilion

Come along to meet your new council,
find out what's been happening in the village over the last year,
and catch up with friends.

Pavilion Hire Rates April 23 - March 24

The Pavilion Management Committee (PMC) is aware that individuals, families and small businesses are under pressure as inflation impacts. Nevertheless, operating, heating and maintaining our Pavilion is costing significantly more each year.

As we move into the new financial year the PMC has tried hard to support village residents and regular users of the Pavilion by maintaining weekday hire rates at the same level as last year.

Weekend hire rates are increased to help cover costs.

In addition, if you are thinking of starting a regular activity at the Pavilion and would like a trial period, please speak to us about introductory hire rates.

The PMC

| <u>MOULSFORD PAVILION HIRE RATES 2023/24</u> | | |
|---|-------------------|--|
| | Village Residents | Non Village Residents or Commercial |
| WEEKDAYS Monday-Friday to 6.00pm hourly fee | £14 | £17 |
| WEEKDAYS Monday-Friday after 6.00pm hourly fee | £16 | £22 |
| WEEKENDS Saturday 9.00am-Sunday 10.00pm | £18 | £25 |
| WEDDINGS Inc Friday Night-Sunday 12.00pm | £725 | |
| WEDDINGS Exc Friday Night-Sunday 12.00pm | £650 | |
| CHANGING ROOMS | ON REQUEST | |

Dear Friends,

Hopefully Summer will be drawing closer and we can enjoy the warm sunshine and the celebrations that are coming in the next month, with the bank holiday weekends.

May heralds the Coronation weekend, we celebrate together this momentous occasion, as a community. In church services we will be praying for the King as he serves his country.

There may also be sporting celebrations and wedding celebrations coming over this month.

Not forgetting the celebration of watching the Eurovision Song Contest.

There are also three significant events in the Christian calendar, Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday.

The Ascension of Christ celebrates the moment when Jesus was lifted up to heaven, returning home after the resurrection and we celebrate this with a communion service on Thursday 18th May 8:15am at St John the Baptist Moulsoford, all are welcome.

Pentecost is when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, (Sunday 28th May 9:30am) and Trinity Sunday celebrates the relationship of God being Father, Son and Holy Spirit, (Sunday 4th June 9:30am).

If you would like to find out more about the Christian faith, then there is a joint churches Alpha Course starting on Monday 15th May 7:30pm at the Ridgeway Church in Wallingford. Do email me for more details, if you are interested.

So May is truly a month of celebration, whether from a Christian perspective or as members of our wider community.

Rebecca Peters - Vicar

rev.cholseyandmoulsoford@gmail.com



St. John the Baptist, Moulsoford, Apr / May

May

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| 1 11:00 Keep Fit Cholsey Meadows Contact 599 433 | 2 | 3 14:30 House Group contact 651401 | 4 19:00 House Group contact 077 65 440014 | 5 11:00 Communion Old Vicarage | 6 | 7 09:30 CW Traditional Revd Canon Martyn Griffiths |
| 8 | 9 | 10 10:30 Coffee Shop Pavilion 14:30 House Group contact 651401 | 11 19:00 House Group contact 077 65 440014 | 12 11:00 Morning Praise Old Vicarage Laity | 13 | 14 09:30 Faith Explored Ben Beardmore-Gray 18:30 Youth Club Laurence Hall, Cholsey |
| 15 11:00 Keep Fit Cholsey Meadows Contact 599 433 | 16 | 17 14:30 House Group contact 651401 | 18 ASCENSION DAY 08:15 TKC prayers 10:00 L team 12:30 Soup Lunch 10 Glebe Close 19:00 House Group contact 077 65 440014 | 19 08:15 TKC prayers 11:00 Morning Praise Old Vicarage Laity | 20 08:15 TKC prayers | 21 09:30 CW Contemporary Revd Rebecca Peters APCM |
| 22 08:15 TKC prayers 11:00 Keep Fit Cholsey Meadows Contact 599 433 | 23 08:15 TKC prayers | 24 08:15 TKC prayers 14:30 House Group contact 651401 | 25 08:15 TKC prayers 19:00 House Group contact 077 65 440014 | 26 08:15 TKC prayers 11:00 Morning Praise Old Vicarage Laity | 27 08:15 TKC prayers | 28 PENTECOST 09:30 CW Contemporary Revd Chris Stott |
| 29 | 30 | 31 14:30 House Group contact 651401 | | | | |

June

| MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT | SUN |
|--|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| | | | 1 08:15 TKC prayers 19:00 House Group contact 077 65 440014 18:00 Gardening Group 13:30 Wedding rehearsal | 2 08:15 TKC prayers | 3 08:15 TKC prayers 17:00 BBQ & Watch the Concert Pavilion | 4 09:30 Common Worship (Contemporary) Rev'd Chris Stott 12:30 Street Party: The Big Lunch; Royal themed fancy dress parade; bake off judging /art competition; sports races; tea dance party |
| 5 11:00 Keep Fit Cholsey Meadows Contact 599 433 19:45 PCC | 6 19:30 Safeguarding Training Moulsoford contact Janet | 7 10:30 Coffee Shop Pavilion 14:30 House Group contact 651401 19:45 PCC meeting | 8 19:00 House Group contact 077 65 440014 | 9 11:00 Morning Praise Old Vicarage | 10 | 11 09:30 Faith Explored Rev'd Roland Price /Rev'd Martha Seteso 18:30 Youth Club Laurence Hall, Cholsey |
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A short morning service is available each day in conjunction with our Partnership Parish of St. Phillip the Apostle, Huhudi, SA by Zoom, WhatsApp and e-mail. Contact Janet Knowles 651401 for further details.

What's on in Moulsoford and Surrounding Areas

Monthly Coffee Shop

Gail Slinger



The next **Village Coffee Shop** will be on **Wed, 10th May 2023** in the **Pavilion** from **10:30am** to **12 noon**.



Please come and join us, bring a friend, neighbour or family member, we would love to see you all and have a chat. Please put your name on our Calendar Rota for 'Putting the Kettle on'; there is always help on hand if you need it and it's a good way to meet people and have a chat.

The April Coffee Shop was another success with some great chocolate goodies to eat, a big thank you to Ursula and Linda for the great coffees and teas you served, which everyone appreciated.

Putting the kettle on in **May** will be **Linda and Gary**.

May is the Coronation of our new King, enjoy all your festivities in and around our lovely villages; fingers crossed for good weather on another Bank Holiday.

So lovely Moulsoford residents, friends and family we look forward to seeing you in May at the pavilion.

Future Dates

14th June - Gail

12th July - Gail - Wimbledon Theme Treats

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Wallingford Country Market

WALLINGFORD COUNTRY MARKET – have YOU visited us yet?



Open each Friday morning in St. Mary-le-More Church, (situated just behind the Town Hall), between 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon. Fresh delicious Home-baked Cakes and Savouries, Local Honey and Seasonal Preserves, Plants, Flowering Bulbs and Hand-crafted items available each week.

Orders taken for most items we sell. New producers always welcome – if interested, please visit us one Friday morning and speak with our Market Manager, Alison Broadbridge, or phone her on 01491-681596.

WALLINGFORD COUNTRY MARKET COMMITTEE

133 Goring - Wallingford via Streatley & Moulsoford

Revised service from 28th November 2022

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only

| | | | <i>Starts from</i> | | <i>DIDCOT*</i> |
|---|----------------|----------------|---|--------------|----------------|
| GORING, Railway Stn Forecourt | 09:10 | 11:25 | WALLINGFORD Market Place | 11:05 | 15:13 |
| Goring Surgery/Library | 09:11 | 11:26 | Wallingford LiDL | Q | Q |
| Swan Hotel/Streatley Traffic Lights | 09:12 | 11:27 | Wallingford Hospital | 11:06 | 15:14 |
| Moulsoford Beetle & Wedge turn | 09:17 | 11:32 | The Meadows | 11:08 | 15:16 |
| Moulsoford, Old Vicarage | 09:18 | R | Moulsoford, Old Vicarage | R | R |
| Wallingford Hospital | R | R | Moulsoford Beetle & Wedge turn | 11:11 | 15:19 |
| Wallingford LiDL | R | R | Streatley Primary School | R | R |
| WALLINGFORD Market Place | 09:30 | 11:45 | Streatley, The Coombe | R | R |
| <i>Continues to</i> | <i>DIDCOT*</i> | <i>DIDCOT*</i> | Streatley Traffic Lights/Swan Hotel | 11:14 | 15:22 |
| | | | GORING, Railway Stn Forecourt | 11:25 | 15:33 |

* To or from Didcot on Mondays and Wednesdays only

DFL Dorchester Flyer: to or from Dorchester village To Wallington via Home Park, RAF Benson & Ewelme

Q Picks up here on request only by prior arrangement with the driver on the outward journey

R Sets down only at these points on request to the driver by passengers already on board at previous timing point

Sorry, no services on other days or on Public Holidays

All times subject to change at short notice. Please check our website before you travel. Times shown on Traveline or other websites may not be up to date.

CONCESSIONARY PASS HOLDERS
Free travel on all these services
except before 09:30 in West Berkshire

Spinning Club - Social Craft

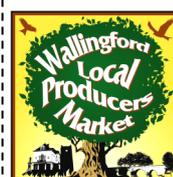
Moulsoford craft group meets on the 2nd Thursday of the Month and would like to invite anyone who already does crafting or would like to start crafting to join us.

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

We meet between 6.30 and 10pm.

For more information, call Linda Scurr on 652916.

Wallingford Local Producers Market



Held every Saturday from 10am to 12.30pm in St Mary's Church

WLPM hosts the best of locally-produced food and crafts that are grown, harvested and made within 30 miles of Wallingford. We champion local farmers and vegetable growers, cheese-makers, bakers, and makers of honey and preserves. Every market has a range of craft stalls including textiles, jewellery, ceramics, art and photography, all hand-made by local people.

Usually our food stalls can be found outside with the craft stalls tucked away inside.

Cholsey Community Library

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| Monday to Friday | 2pm to 4.30pm |
| Friday Evening | 6pm to 8pm |
| Saturday Morning | 9.30pm-12.30pm |

What's on in Moulsoford and Surrounding Areas *continued*

THE COFFEE SHOP



WEDS 10th May

10.30AM-12NOON

If you fancy a couple of hours of chatting, relaxing and drinking coffee or tea, do join us, £1.50 donation.

Please do come along, everyone from the village is welcome. For more information call Gail Slinger on 01491 651931 or email gailslinger2601@gmail.com.

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

May Calendar

1st - 5th

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry - 7.30pm

9th & 10th

Love according to Dalva - 7.30pm

23rd - 27th

The Sinodun Players present Tim Firth's play 'Sheila's Island' - 7.45pm

A Comedy in Thick Fog - Director Gloria Wright - 150 mins duration

28th & 29th

Brainwashed - Sex - Camera - Power - 7.30pm

30th

The Royal Ballet: Sleeping Beauty - Encore showing of live performance from The Royal Opera House - 7.15pm

205 mins Duration including 2 Intervals

Concerts@Cholsey presents
Legendary squeezebox wizard

JOHN KIRKPATRICK

at the Cholsey Pavilion

with support by Three Pressed Men

Sat. 13 May 2023

Doors **7.00** for **7.45pm**

Real ale & cider bar.

Tickets £10 in advance

from 01491 652295 or
concerts@cholsey.com
or £12 at the door

Facebook: 'Concerts at Cholsey'

*Booking from 1st February 2023. Join our mailing list to receive updates on local live music.



Moulsoford Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, 24th May 2023

20:00 in the Pavilion
Everyone welcome!

Moulsoford Events Committee Meeting

Thursday, 25th May 2023

19:30 in the Pavilion
Everyone welcome!

HENLEY AND DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

As the king has his coronation of the 6th May, the new stamps with the King's profile will be issued. We will now be losing the use of the stamps with the Queen's head.

The Henley stamp club is a friendly group and we would be delighted to see new visitors or members. If you are interested in fact concerning stamps or postal history, why not come along and find out how you can promote your interest.



To learn more about stamps and postal history why not visit us at Bix one Wednesday evening? You can then meet people who find postal history and the story of stamps fascinating too.

Wed, 10th May – We have a guest speaker, Paul Watkins to give a talk about what was happening in 'WWII-France'

Wed, 24th May – We have our annual AGM followed by displays with the subject 'North America'

Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at Bix Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.
Visitors and new members are very welcome.

Further details can be obtained by phoning Brian on 01491 681739 or on our website: -
www.henleyphilatelic.org.uk



Moulsford Bring and Buy Spring Fair

Monday, 8th May
9:00 - 12:00 at
the Moulsford Pavilion

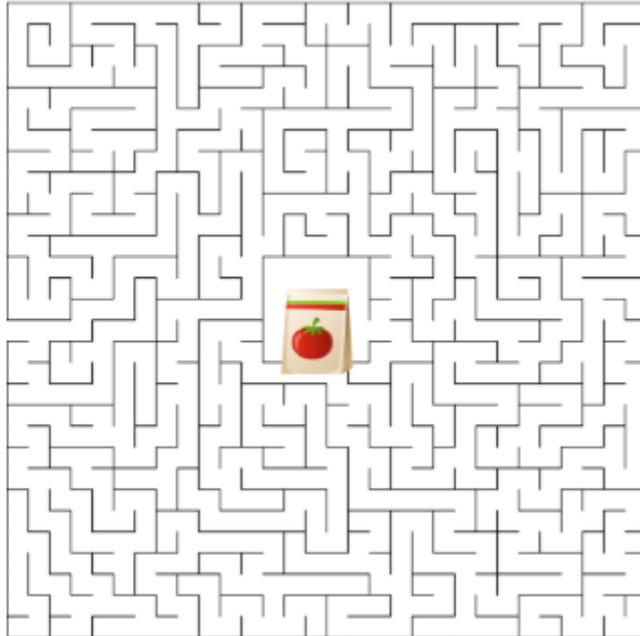
Plants, Cakes, Produce,
Clothing, Crafts and More ...



Elli the Gardener - Spring Puzzle Edition

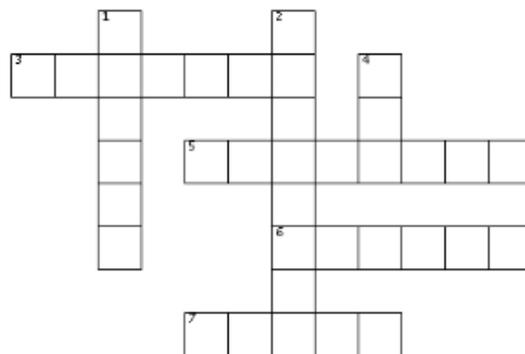


Help Elli the Gardener find her way to the Tomato seeds



Solve the word search. There are 10 words, which are all either flowers, fruits, herbs or vegetables.

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ACROSS

3. What name is given to the Japanese art of flower arranging?
5. The Major Oak, one of the most famous and most visited trees in England, is found in _____ forest.
6. What do you call a tool used for making holes in soil when planting seeds or small plants?
7. Which pine tree looses its needles in winter?

DOWN

1. Is Belladonna deadly or just pretty?
2. Which purple herb has soothing properties?
4. Which tree was traditionally planted in graveyards and is associated with eternity?

Local News

Meadows Morning Market Kicks Off

Market welcomed back by smiling shoppers!

Meadows Morning Market, the food and craft market based at The Meadows, Cholsey resumed operations on Saturday much to the delight of many shoppers. And despite the chilling wind they came in droves! As well as the stalls displaying a wide variety of stationery, jewelry, beauty products and home crafted products they were confronted by an extravaganza of delicious foodstuffs including Persian, Mediterranean and Swedish fayre supplemented by a variety of freshly-baked products from local bakeries. And many of them openly praised The Market, delighted it had returned from its winter break.

Cholsey locals Neil and Sally, two market regulars, were enthusiastic in their praise "It is always a great pleasure to visit The Market. Everybody is super-friendly, so welcoming and the products on offer are very varied and of the highest quality". Another local shopper echoed these sentiments saying "I really enjoy Meadows Morning Market because the people are so friendly and there's such a lot to look at and buy. In short, it makes my Saturday!"

In its relatively short life, The Market as it is fondly known, has grown in popularity and regularly features 25-30 different stallholders marketing a wide range of products attracting upwards of 200 or so shoppers from far and wide all over Oxfordshire and Berkshire during its 9am-1.00pm Saturday morning opening hours.

Janine Wolfe, one of the two co-founders and business partners enthused: "Its great to be back – and it seems I am not the only one to say so! We had a super day and the turnout exceeded our expectations. Now we move forward to our next one on Saturday 29th April when hopefully we can offer a market that's even better than today's."

Wallingford Accessible Boat Club announces voyage bookings open for 2023 season

Wallingford Accessible Boat Club (WABC) has announced that voyage bookings will be available via its website – www.wabc.org.uk – as of 1st May for boat trips commencing mid-May (subject to river and weather conditions). This announcement heralds WABC's third year of operation and expectations of a busy one are sky-high.

WABC, a charitable, volunteer venture aims to enable disabled and less mobile people from South Oxfordshire area and adjoining districts to get out and about on our lovely River Thames on its Wheelyboat, WOW-one, a purpose built flat-bottomed craft with a drop-down bow that caters for both ambulant and wheelchair users alike.

WABC Chairman John Jenkins MBE commented: "The new season is nearly upon us and we are geared up for what we expect to be a very busy one ahead. It is a very exciting prospect - we anticipate getting even more disabled and less mobile people from our area, with their friends and families, out on the river in our wheelyboat, WOW-one. She is in gleaming condition just back from an annual service and complete with a few additional accessories to aid our passengers and crew members alike."

Jenkins continued: "And we will be putting some new ideas into practice - we will be developing Special Interest Groups (SIGs) where those with specialist interests such bird watching, photography and fishing can enjoy focused trips. We are also including this year as part of the passenger experience access to some exciting educational tools to help them understand a little better some of the wonders of the river - identification aids for birds, fish and some very interesting information on the history of the river in our area plus a little game to keep our younger passengers amused. And to cap it all we have little "I've been on WOW-one stickers" for the youngsters - and maybe the adults too??!! What fun!"

"We invite all disabled and less mobile people to get on board and the first step on that trail is to book a voyage – see www.wabc.org.uk."

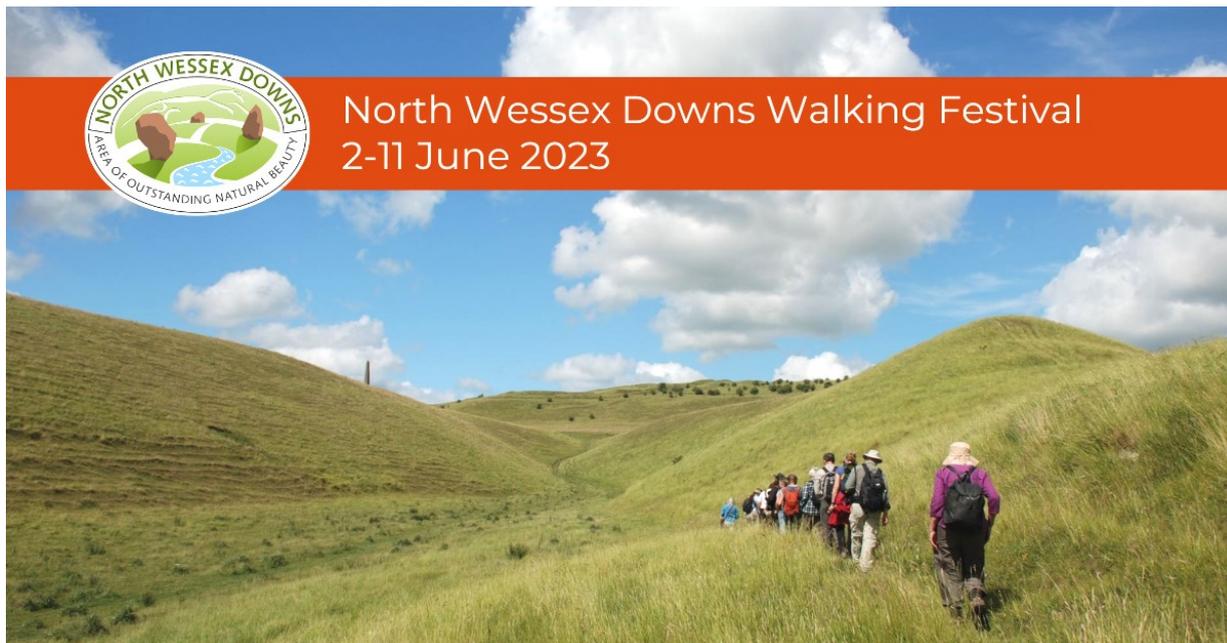
Local News continued

Come for a walk during the North Wessex Downs Walking Festival 2-11 June 2023

This year's North Wessex Downs Walking Festival has 27 walks on offer across the AONB with opportunities to seek out wildlife, history or culture, visit a farm, follow a nature trail, picnic with the family, create an art journal, or simply soak up the views from the top of the downs. Many walks are free but booking is essential.

The festival is a great celebration of the top-class walking country, stunning views, heritage and culture of this protected landscape. Walk leaders are all knowledgeable and welcoming and looking forward to bringing alive some of their favourite places for you.

There are family-friendly events, energetic hikes as well as gentle ambles. Go to northwessexdowns.org for more information and to book. Be quick as some events are booking up fast!



Concerts@Cholsey

John Kirkpatrick is one of the most enduring favourites of the folk music world, regularly wowing audiences with his consummate skill and verve as a squeezebox player, singer and composer. Whether he's on concertina, melodeon or his huge button accordion, reports tell that John is playing better than ever and you can see him at The Cholsey Pavilion on Saturday 13th May, courtesy of Concerts@Cholsey.

Doors open at 7.00 pm for 7.45 start. There will be a moderately priced real-ale bar and support by the additional voices and squeezeboxes of Three Pressed Men.

Tickets are just £10 in advance from concerts@cholsey.com or 01491 652295, or £12 at the door - if not sold out as expected.

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Moulsford News Contributions

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Doing something for charity?

Share your news, plans and stories with us!

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

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Deadline for June edition: Wednesday, 24th May 2023

Tree Time

Hello again my fellow tree lovers and welcome to my 7th tree time interview! I went on a walk a few days ago down by the Thames and I stopped to admire the wonderful weeping willow tree. You know, the giant one next to the Beetle and Wedge. That gave me the idea to use this tree for my next interview. So, now you know the backstory, let's get back to the subject.

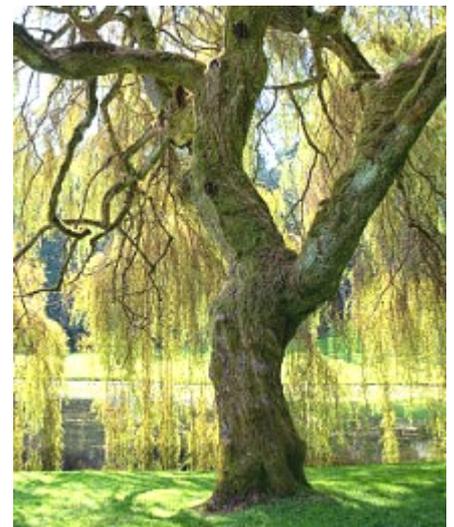
The weeping willow, or *Salix babylonica*, is a glorious being with oval leaves that are around 6 inches when fully grown, and are a slightly bluish green. They turn a golden yellow in autumn, and are of course deciduous. They grow in clumps of 8-10, and are pretty beautiful.



The tree produces strangely shaped flowers, basically catkins with little fuzzy stems poking out of it. These can be many different colors including vibrant yellows, or sea blues. These then, later in life, lose their fuzzy stems and are then fully produced catkins.



Moving on to the classic weeping habit of the willow. The tree grows upward for a short period of time, but then weeps down to the ground, hence the name. Instead of growing up to the sky forever, they grow down to the floor, because usually the trunk of the willow isn't stiff enough to support the entire tree, so they bend down.



Speaking about the trunk, the trunk is a stout one, and over age, it can become quite gnarled. The entire tree can be 12 meters tall and equally wide. That is very big, roughly 24 people tall.

This magnificent tree most likely originated from China, but we are not quite sure. It can now be found in Europe and North America. It is mostly used as an ornamental tree because of its beauty, but it is also used for instrument making, such as flutes. That is sadly all for today, and I will see you guys next time, and of course, have a good one!



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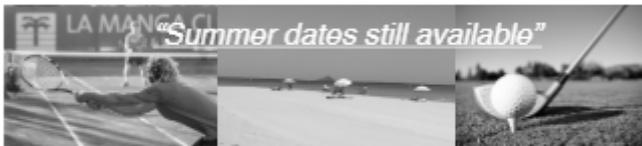


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| 7th May | 15:00 King's Coronation and Celebration Picnic | Moulsford Pavilion and Recreation Ground |
| 8th May | 9:00 Bring and Buy Spring Fair | Moulsford Pavilion |
| 10th May | 10:30 Coffee Shop | Moulsford Pavilion |
| 24th May | 20:00 Annual Parish Meeting and Bar | Moulsford Pavilion |
| 25th May | 19:30 Moulsford Events Committee Meeting | Moulsford Pavilion |
| 14th June | 10:30 Coffee Shop | Moulsford Pavilion |
| 16th June | 18:00-19:00 Family Thames River Cruise 19:30-22:00 Main Thames River Cruise | Beetle & Wedge |
| 30th June | Village Camping Night | Moulsford Pavilion and Recreation Ground |
| 12th July | 10:30 Coffee Shop | Moulsford Pavilion |
| 21st July | Dog Show | Recreation Ground |
| 7th October | Comedy Night | Moulsford Pavilion |