



Issue 542

August 2024

The Crowmarsh News team

The *Crowmarsh News* is run by the Crowmarsh News Association, a group of local volunteers — more help always welcome!

Editorial & Layout: Toni Taylor and Jane Thrift

Editorial support: James Taylor, John Griffin, Julian Park, Gay Holden and Revd Kevin Beer

Advertising: Pat Shields

Distribution: Frank Sadler and the team

The *Crowmarsh News* is a self-funded publication, and we regret that we are unable to accept unpaid advertising, even from local businesses and societies.

We welcome material for inclusion but do not necessarily endorse the views of contributors. We reserve the right to refuse material or to shorten contributions as may be appropriate: editorial decisions are final.

ADVERTISING RATES

Our 2024 rates for a one-eighth-page display advertisement (nominal 9cm wide x 7cm tall):

1 month	£10.25
3 months	£29.00
6 months	£54.45
12 months	£101.60

Leaflet distribution

For a single sheet loose insert in the Crowmarsh News (size up to A4) our rate is £36.30 for 1 month. Advertisers must supply their own inserts (930 copies please).

Useful telephone numbers

Emergency only	999
Crime Stoppers	0800 555 111
Police non-emergency number	101
NHS non-emergency number	111

Next month's issue

All new advertisements and all copy for the September 2024 *Crowmarsh News* must reach us by our **20th August deadline**.

For all items of news, articles, notices or correspondence, please email

crowmarsh.editor@gmail.com

or deliver to the editors at 57 The Street.

For all advertising, please contact

crowmarshadvertisers@gmail.com

or deliver to The Old School, Benson Lane.



CROW JAZZ



Chris Cobbson & Hugh Turner Quartet

Africa, Jazz, Funk, Guitar Explosion!
Saturday 28th September



Crowmarsh Village Hall Doors 6.45pm, Show 7.30pm

Tickets (£15) & info: www.crowmarshjazz.co.uk

£5 for Care workers & people on benefits

Bar provided by The Queens Head. Enquiries: 07795974223

Howard Chadwick Funeral Service

A life well remembered lives on

Established 1932

Howard Chadwick Funeral Service is a family business and you can be sure of the highest quality service from us. We are here to help you through a difficult time.

Our experienced and friendly staff are available 24 hours a day to make the arrangements for you.

- Crematorium
- Care of the Deceased
- Transport to the Crematorium
- Home Visits
- Flowers
- Coffins

Funeral fee

01491 825222

07795974223

chadwickfuneralservice.com



CROWMARSH TYRE

BALANCING, TRACKING & PUNCTURES. LARGE STOCKS OF LEADING MAKES

AND EXHAUST CENTRE

01491 834088

BEADLE ESTATE, HITHERCROFT ROAD, WALLINGFORD, OXON. OX10 9GW



BATTERIES, COMPREHENSIVE STOCK

MOT'S AND SERVICING FOR ALL MAKES OF CARS



ALBRY PRINTING

For all your printing needs:

Full Printing & Copying facilities

Colour or B/W - no job too small

T: (01491) 836282 E: print@albry.co.uk

73 Fir Tree Ave, Wallingford OX10 0PB

Opening hours 9.00 - 11.00 Mon - Fri

other times by appointment

HOMEBASE

PROPERTY

★ WHATEVER YOUR PROPERTY NEEDS ★

LETTINGS & MANAGEMENT

SALES

01491 824470 | info@hb-pm.co.uk

THE BENSON FERRY

EVERY DAY

9.30am—5.30pm

Check for updates on Facebook

or www.bygoneboating.co.uk

St Mary's Church, Newnham

15th September

Evening Prayer 4.00pm

1st December Advent

Evening Prayer 4.00pm

Can you help the Crowmarsh News?

The Crowmarsh News Association are the small team who produce your Crowmarsh News every month. We are very keen to find a few more volunteers to help us. We particularly need help with editing the material we receive. You don't need to be a professional or an experienced proof reader, so long as you can spell (with the aid of a dictionary or spell checker!), use a computer and you are willing to have a go, then why not give it a try?

We are also looking for volunteers to lay out the pages in Microsoft Publisher and to deliver the finished product door-to-door – especially on the new estates. The more volunteers we have, the less time each volunteer has to commit to. We have a rota for editing and page layout teams. Ideally we'd like to have three or even four teams: at the moment we only have one editor, so really need some help with that!

If you would like to get involved or want to find out more, email crowmarsh.editor@gmail.com or speak to any member of the team – you will find our names on the front cover.

Crowmarsh Gifford School

On Monday 24th June, we spent a lovely evening with The Crowmarsh Scouts, their Akela and her team, who kindly volunteered to dig our school garden.

They all worked so very hard and within a short time made a huge impact on our garden.

On behalf of the Children and Staff at Crowmarsh Primary we send our heartfelt thanks and look forward to your return visit.

Café in the Park

Every Saturday in August from 10am to 2pm, the Crowmarsh Gifford 1st Scout Group will be running a café at the Crowmarsh Pavilion.

Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks, Ice Creams, Snacks and Bacon Rolls are all available.

All funds raised will go to Crowmarsh Gifford 1st Scout Group.

John Boardman RIP

“Gentleman John” Boardman sadly passed away during July, leaving his widow Violet and sons John and Wayne, to whom we send our condolences.

John started the business that became Crowmarsh Tyre and Exhaust when living on the family farm in Ipsden. He subsequently moved it to the old Wilder's Yard in Crowmarsh. His sons worked with their father from an early age and took over the business when he retired. Wayne started when he was 14 and still runs the business, which is now located on the Hithercroft estate in Wallingford, while his brother John has a horse and carriage business.

John's funeral will be at 2 o'clock on 2nd August at St Mary the Virgin, Ipsden. His coffin will be taken to the church in a horse-drawn carriage.

Wild about Wallingford

Here is a list of upcoming events and activities. For further information, please contact us via wildaboutwallingford@gmail.com.

Invertebrates Walk at Castle Gardens

Vicky Gilson will be leading this family-friendly walk. She does surveys for Natural England on Sites of Special Scientific Interest around the country so knows a thing or two about invertebrates. She recently did a walk at the Boundary Brook Nature Reserve in Oxford and her enthusiasm is infectious.

The event is FREE but booking is essential. *Invertebrates Walk*, Sunday 11th August 2-3.30pm Castle Gardens (meet at entrance on Bear Lane)

Wildlife Activities at Winterbrook Meadows

We'll be organising an afternoon of FREE activities for children such as minibeast hunting, pot-painting, and seed sowing at this event, which is funded and hosted by Berkeley Homes. Just turn up, all materials will be provided.

Wildlife Activities Wednesday 7th August 1-4pm Winterbrook Meadows Marketing Suite OX10 9SL. We look forward to seeing you at some of our events and activities.

Past Times with David Beasley Fatality at the Wallingford Sewage Works

If you walk along St John's Road (formerly Old Moor Lane) towards St John's School, outside Greyhound Terrace (the site of the old Greyhound public house), this was the site of a tragedy that occurred on the 4th April 1891. Wallingford was having a new hydraulic sewage system installed at the time, it was an open cast system and the sewage was discharged in the open fields where Wallingford Football Club have their football pitch. An ejector station was being built by the Greyhound pub in St John's Road. At the top of this ejector station there was a heavy duty manhole cover that weighed about 30cwt and a plate which formed the base weighing over 30 cwt. Close by there would have been a tall vent pipe on the sewage line, (as can be seen in the photograph). There were others around the town, one near the bridge, one in Station Road and another in Wood Street. The depth of the pit in the ejector station was 30 feet. Mr Joseph Taylor, his son William and two



other men were down the pit ready to fit the base in place. As the manhole base was being lowered into place the hoisting tackle gave way and the heavy base plate fell down the pit striking William Taylor in the small of his back killing him instantly. His father was struck on his right arm, luckily not breaking it, but he suffered severe bruising to arm, shoulder and back. Because he was jammed against the wall, he could only stand there and watch his son expire. William Blythe, was

also considerably bruised and shocked, the fourth man Edward Rolfe, received no injuries whatever.

William Taylor's body was kept in the Greyhound until Tuesday when the inquest was held, and a verdict of Accidental Death was returned. William Taylor was buried in Wallingford Cemetery the next day. Mr Giles of the Green Tree pub kindly provided two broughams for the use of the mourners and a large number of local people attended the funeral at the Cemetery. The Navy Missionary Society held a memorial service at St Leonard's Church House the following Sunday evening.

Today we walk along St John's Road not realising the tragedy that occurred here 133 years ago.

Crowmarsh History Walks

It's back, by popular demand... Murder, Mystery and Mayhem! (with new information added). The local history walk that delves into unexpected, unusual and unsolved events from Crowmarsh Gifford's lively past.

Sundays 4th and 11th August at 2pm. We will gather on the Crowmarsh Gifford side of Wallingford Bridge (behind the bollards at the top of the former riverside access road). The walk will end either at Crowmarsh Gifford Recreation Ground, or (for those who wish to continue) at St Mary Magdalene's Church, Crowmarsh Gifford, where afternoon tea will be served (gluten-free and vegan options available).

Please bring weather-appropriate footwear, as part of the walk will be in the watermeadows.

Cash-only payments on the day, please, for either:

£15 per person (shorter walk only, 1.5 hours approx);

or: £20 per person (walk to the church with afternoon tea, 2 hours approx).

All proceeds in aid of St Mary Magdalene Church, Crowmarsh Gifford (care of: Crowmarsh Parochial Church Council)

For further details, please contact: Edwina Johnson (01491) 832266 / edwina.johnson@ntlworld.com



Team Vicar: The Revd Kevin Beer
The Vicarage, 34 Thames Mead,
Crowmarsh Gifford OX10 8EY
Tel: 01491 599873 (day off Monday)
Email: teamvicar@wallingfordcofe.org.uk
Blog: revkevbeer.blogspot.co.uk

St Mary Magdalene's Church, Crowmarsh Gifford

August services (at St Mary Magdalene unless otherwise stated)

August Services at St Mary Magdalene:

Sunday 4th	11am	Family Service, with Blessing of Pets
Sunday 11th	11am	Parish Communion
Sunday 18th	11am	Parish Communion
Sunday 25th	11am	Family Communion

Please note there will not be a Crowmarsh Community Café in August

Morning Prayer – every Friday at 9am

Evening Prayer – Sunday at 6pm

Full details at www.wallingfordcofe.org.uk/calendar

The Vicar writes...

I hope you're enjoying this summer of sport now climaxing with the Olympics. God delighted in making the world and, as those made in his image, we're wired to reflect his delight in and enjoyment of the world. Sport is just one way in which we can delight in our bodies and his creation. If we love sport, and we love watching the Olympics, it is because God wired us that way! The film "Chariots of Fire" reminds us it was exactly a century ago at the Paris Olympic Games of 1924 that Eric Liddell said that famous line: 'I believe God made me for a purpose, but he also made me fast, and when I run, I feel his pleasure'.

As we watch people from every nation and tongue run fast, jump high, and throw far this summer, there are countless opportunities to experience again the joy that comes from doing or watching something God designed every sportsperson and fan to love. And as we ourselves get out and run, swim, or whatever we love to do and we experience that joy, we can share it with others. For Olympians this summer, experiencing this joy will help them in the ups and especially in the downs over the next few weeks. For us, whatever our hobby, there is a striking witness when we acknowledge the gifts and passions we have are God-given and participate in them joyfully and with thanksgiving.

So, be it at your local club, on your sports team, or watching your child's athletics day, continue to do what you were made to do. Enjoy this golden moment, whatever the outcome. Let's count every blessing, and thank God for his created world.

P.S. Community Café takes a break during August, but you can go to the Pavilion instead to support our local scouting groups.

Blessings,
Rev Kev

Parish council notes

Crowmarsh Parish Council met on Thursday 11th July at North Stoke Village Hall. Councillors John Griffin, Stephen Sherbourne, Anna Best, Julian Park, David Rowley, Fleur Stevenson and Julia Streete were present. Parish Clerk Sue Rance, Finance Officer Yvonne Peet, District Councillor Sue Cooper and two members of the public attended.

A member of the public expressed concern about the number of vehicles speeding through North Stoke, particularly between 8 and 9am and 4.30 to 6pm. The speed indicator device installed by OCC Highways is no longer functional and is obscured by a tree. There is a pavement on one side of the road only and no provision to facilitate crossing the road near the Springs hotel has been provided. Cllr Griffin reported that the parish council has raised concerns about this issue over a long period of time. There is now an OCC Highways Engagement Team who will come out and talk to parish councils on request and it was agreed to contact them and ask them to visit.

Minutes of meeting held on 6th June 2024

Correction to previous minutes: Minute 5608: It was noted that the quote received for defibrillator cases was £2,050 for the pair, not for each one. Subject to this correction, The Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 6th June 2024 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising from previous minutes

Mr Aplin has repaired the damaged bus shelters but has reported that they may need replacing in the future. This will be an agenda item for the September meeting and councillors were asked to consider their preferences.

The lowest quote received for cutting back the overgrown trees in Watery Lane was from First Class Tree Surgeons, who can carry out this work in November. This quote has been accepted. Cllr Streete will report the excessive seasonal vegetation to the county council on Fix My Street.

Report of the District Councillors

The District Councillors' report had been circulated and the following points were noted:

- The South Capital grant scheme is now open for applications until 2nd September 2024.
- Thames Water has launched a 12-week consultation on the proposed South East Strategic Reservoir Option. This runs until 28th August 2024.
- District Councillor Cooper reported on recent SODC Cabinet decisions and opportunities for summer holiday activities.

Review of strategic Priorities

Update on Interpretation Boards A discussion has been held to agree further details and the orientation of the interpretation boards.

Update on defibrillators for Mongewell and East Crowmarsh A quote has been received for installation of two defibrillators at £795 for the two. It was agreed to go ahead with the purchase.

Update on pedestrian safety in Benson Lane Cllr Griffin reported that he has spoken to Jackie Smith, OCC Footpaths Officer, about Footpath 2 on the French Gardens development. She will be leaving her post in a few months but will send letters to the appropriate residents about overgrown vegetation encroaching on the footpath.

Planning

Decisions by SODC

[P24/S0157/LDE](#) Hatchery Cottage, Old Reading Road, Crowmarsh Gifford OX10 8BW. To confirm implementation of planning permission P13/S3435/HH. Refusal of Lawful Use or Development.

[P24/S1032/FUL](#) Red Kite House, Howbery Park, Benson Lane, Crowmarsh Gifford OX10 8BD. Installation of eight commercial size air-source heat pumps and 84 solar panels (additional plans and information received 12/06/24). Planning Permission.

[P24/S1792/LDP](#) 12 Home Farm, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8EL. Single storey rear extension. Certificate of Lawful Use or Development.

Consultations

[P24/S1732/LDP](#) 2 Whitehouse Road, North Stoke OX10 6BA. Change rear fence and side fence along the verge. Recommend approval, if materials are in keeping.

Major developments

District Councillor Cooper reported that the parking arrangements on the land to be transferred to the school will need to be agreed before the Newnham Manor development can start.

Neighbourhood plan

Nicholas Robins is meeting with our SODC case officer to discuss policies. His view is that no policies need to be changed, but he'd welcome our views on that.

Finance

The Finance officer had circulated a list of payments to be authorised. These were approved including repairs to some of the roundabout playground equipment and three bus shelters in Crowmarsh Gifford.

A grant request under Section 137 had been received from Marie Curie. After discussion it was proposed that a donation of £100 be made and this was agreed.

A grant request under Section 137 had been received from 'My Vision' (formerly known as the Oxfordshire Association for the Blind). After discussion it was proposed that a donation of £300 be made and this was agreed.

The period for public inspection of the 2023/24 accounts expires on Friday 12th July and the notices will be removed from the notice boards at this time.

It was noted that a total of £20,000 CIL money will be received in respect of The Sycamores. CIL money must be spent within five years of receipt.

There is one allotment still to be allocated to a resident on the waiting list, after which the list of allotment holders will be re-issued.

Quotes have been obtained for pruning the hedge at Home Farm and it was agreed to accept the lowest quote. The work cannot be carried out before September, due to bird nesting.

Chairman's report

There is a new Highways Engagement Team who are available to visit parish councils to discuss issues they may have. It was agreed to request a visit.

Reports of committees Environment and Recreation Ground

The playground Orbit roundabout and Saturn disk have been repaired, the replacement sewage pump installed and the new fire call points fitted.

The pipework associated with the sewage pump is in need of replacement. A quote of £6,788 has been received from Xylem. Alternative quotes will be sought and the committee will discuss this at their meeting in September.

Andrew Nesbitt will be starting employment as assistant to Chris Strange at the end of July. The environment and recreation ground committee will discuss his hourly rate and bring a proposal to the parish council.

Mike Piggford has asked whether we wish to subscribe to the Lawn Tennis Association's booking system but this depends on whether the parish council adopts an automated booking system for all pavilion and recreation ground bookings.

There is a tree at the nature area which requires attention.

Cllr Best has researched two automated booking systems, 'Hall Bookings', used by Benson Parish

Council and 'Lemon'. It was agreed that the Rialtus system was inappropriate for the council's needs. The committee will discuss with Benson Parish Council their findings and view a demonstration, following which they will make a recommendation to the parish council. This will be an agenda item for the October parish council meeting.

The scouts will open the servery for refreshments from 10am to 2pm on Saturdays from 27th July until 31st August. This will be publicised on the noticeboards and on the website.

Good feedback on the new facilities has been received and has been forwarded to the grant providers.

Traffic and Transport

Cllr Best reported on AutoSpeedWatch which is a system to monitor speeding without the prohibitive cost of purchasing a speed camera. The system uses a solar powered camera and sign, taking photos as well as providing reports and recording number plates. The camera currently costs £589 and the cost of the sign is £53. After the first year there is an additional charge of £179 per annum for data. The camera could be sited in different locations as required and the data can be made accessible to up to five people. Cllr Best is happy to gather data which could then be submitted to Thames Valley Police as well as the Community Speed Watch team. This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

The results of the speed survey carried out in Benson Lane have now been received and will be circulated to all councillors.

Other Matters

A letter from a resident had been received about the grassy area next to the allotments. The Clerk will respond.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 1st August at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Members of the public are very welcome to attend.

Parish Clerk: Mrs Sue Rance, 2 Home Farm, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8EL. Email: crowmarshparishclerk@gmail.com.

Chairman: John Griffin, 29 Thames Mead. Email: johngriffin@phonecoop.coop

Wallingford and District Art Club

Join our friendly Wallingford and District Art club for a live demonstration as professional artist, Catherine Beale, paints a beautiful landscape scene in watercolour. Catherine specialises in light-filled watercolours and says she has grown to love the excitement of wet-in-wet watercolours, which she creates using 'gravity painting' techniques.



The demo will be held at Centre 70 (off Goldsmiths Lane in Wallingford) from 7.30 to 9.30pm on Tuesday 20th August, and is free for club members or £5 for visitors. If you would like further information about this event or other club activities, please visit the club website at www.wallingfordartclub.org.uk or email admin@wallingfordartclub.org.uk

Benson Garden Club

As I mentioned last month, in line with our usual annual programme, Benson Garden Club has now finished its series of speakers. We will re-start our talks in October with Toby Buckland on 'Abundance'.

It's now the club's season for being out and about visiting gardens, and details are available on our website, <https://bensongardeningclub.weebly.com>.

For our most recent visit, club members enjoyed their visit to Home Close, Garsington.

A tranquil garden, with lovely views from the hedge-bordered terraces and slopes. A quirky wooden fence – much admired! – separated the garden from a peaceful woodland area. A beautiful, single-flowered rose smothered one of the house walls overlooking a garden 'room' which had a rill as a central feature. This garden room design nicely echoed the formal lines of the terraces (the planting reflecting a Mediterranean interest), while drawing the eye to the shadier slope leading up to the woodland garden. A delightful garden to visit, and lovely to have company to admire and reflect together on points of interest.

As well as a mixed tree plantation and garden itself, with the lovely terraces and stone walls, there was also a productive vegetable garden and orchard, which links nicely to our forthcoming talk, 'Abundance', by Toby Buckland in October. You may recognise Toby's name as a Gardeners' World presenter and his talk on practical tips and advice on plants for an abundant garden will spur those of us into action who jealously admired fellow gardeners' trugs of produce over the summer (how do courgette plants produce so much!). Visitors are very welcome to attend and tickets are available now for £12 each. Please email us to purchase (contact details below) or buy them in person from Derry's Den (26 High Street, Benson). A reduced price is available for members.

If visiting gardens with a friendly group of gardeners appeals to you, further information about the club and how to join as a member can be found on our website, or please feel free to email bensongardeningclub@gmail.com.

And if you are looking for an interesting talk to inspire you, please do consider coming along to Toby Buckland's talk on 3rd October!

Liz Harrison

To book the pavilion or hardcourt on the Recreation ground in Crowmarsh Gifford

Phone Chris Strange on 07711 904252, or email chrisstrange47@gmail.com

Wallingford Museum



Wallingford Museum is offering a special admission rate and extended opening during Bunkfest! 2-for-1 admission for £6 (normal entry price for one person)

Museum Opening Hours
Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th August, 2-5pm.
Saturday 31st August and Sunday 1st September 10.30am to 4pm.

Wallingford Museum's next family event is on September 21st.

Fabulous Fossils

Once again we are offering the very popular Fabulous Fossils, at the Museum on Saturday 21st September run by the Oxford Geology Trust. Please note normal admission prices to the museum apply.

Family Fun Activity: Handle fossils from Oxfordshire and around the world with the Oxfordshire Geology Trust. Booking is essential, please visit the web site to see how: <https://www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk/events>.

Make your own Dino-Mask and colour dinosaur pictures

Handle dinosaur teeth, claws and bones £2
Lucky Dip for a 60 to 300 million year old fossil!

Bring along your own fossils for our experts to identify

See and handle fossils from Oxfordshire Geology Trust

Get your tickets soon for the budding palaeontologists in your family.
Booking Essential

The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society (TWHAS) once again are offering their popular guided walks programme. Led by an expert guide you will gain insights into Wallingford's fascinating history. Joining a walk is easy, they are run every Saturday morning until the end of September. Meet up

under the Town Hall, no booking required, £10 per person, cash please.
Visit the Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society website - <https://www.twhas.org.uk/meetings-programme.html> for the 2024 talks programme.

Wednesday 11th September
John Painter: 'Reading Abbey and the Abbey Quarter'
This illustrated talk looks at the rich history and architecture of Reading Abbey and its site in the centre of Reading, from its foundation in 1121 up to the present day, where the future of Reading Gaol is still causing controversy.

Sue Wright, Wallingford Museum

Make an Impact! Volunteer with Citizens Advice Oxfordshire South and Vale

Are you looking for a new challenge, and want to contribute something to your community? Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice is looking for volunteer advisers and IT specialists to work in our friendly offices in Abingdon, Didcot, Henley or Thame.

Citizens Advice gives people the knowledge and confidence they need to find their way forward - whoever they are and whatever their problem. In a typical year our 111 volunteers support around 10,000 people. Our volunteers play a vital role, ensuring that people receive the advice and support they need.

We are currently looking for advisers and IT specialists. We would like you to be available for two sessions per week, if possible, either mornings or afternoons or for a whole day. We offer a rewarding, flexible and supportive working environment.

We also welcome volunteer receptionists, fund raisers, communication workers and HR administration.

To apply, please search for <https://citizensadviceosav.org.uk/volunteering/>

Or, if you would like to discuss these volunteering roles, please email: recruitment@citizensadviceosav.org.uk and one of our team will contact you.

Kids' activities for the summer holidays

Fun all summer long with free and low-cost activities for kids

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils are hosting activities and events at locations across the area from 19th July to 31st August.

For a full run down of what's on and details on how to book visit

southandvale.gov.uk/holidayactivities

The activities are expected to be very popular so, where required, book now to avoid disappointment.

Better Leisure Centres across South and Vale also have a range of family activities to get involved in over the summer holidays. Details about what's available at each centre can be found on the Better UK website and the leisure centre Facebook pages. The outdoor pools in Abingdon and Wallingford will also be open for those of all ages to enjoy a swim in the sun.

Cholsey Village Show

Saturday 10th August, 12 to 5pm
Cholsey Recreation Ground

We have a fun filled afternoon of family entertainment planned at this year's village show including The Black Eagles Acrobats, The Charmborough Ring Mobile Belfry, Cholsey Silver Band, Fun Dog show, Children's Entertainer, Car Boot Sale, Food and Drink including Real Ale Bar and lots of stalls. Free entry and car parking.

The Marquee will be hosting a wide variety of classes again this year including exhibits of Vegetables, Flowers, Domestic Produce, Handicrafts, Photography and Children's Classes.

Full details and show schedules at www.cholseyhortsoc.co.uk

Sue Ryder Starlight Hike Thames Valley

Sign up to Sue Ryder Starlight Hike Thames Valley on Saturday 5th October and walk 10k beneath the stars to celebrate the memory of a loved one.

Gather your family and friends and light up the grounds of Mapledurham Estate for someone special, while raising funds to help Sue Ryder ensure that everyone approaching the end of their lives or living with grief can access the support they need.

Kindly supported by Azaego and Gravity Personnel the hike will kick start with warm-up entertainment and live music before participants set off for a magical evening to remember around the beautiful estate.

Crossing the finishing line, walkers will be rewarded with a well-deserved medal and the knowledge that they've done something amazing to remember a loved one. The vital funds raised for Sue Ryder will help to ensure no one faces death or grief alone.

Sign up today at

sueryder.org/StarlightThamesValley

or contact the Sue Ryder Duchess of Kent Hospice and Sue Ryder Palliative Care Hub South Oxfordshire fundraising team via email thamesvalley.fundraising@sueryder.org or by calling 0118 9550 433. Standard tickets start from £20 per adult.

If you can't join us on the hike but still want to be part of this incredible event, we are looking for volunteers to support our Starlight Hike. Contact the fundraising team for more information.

**Please see the parish website for the latest on many local matters:
www.crowmarshgifford.org.uk**

To book North Stoke Village Hall
Phone Nikki Arnfeld on 839736 or email narnfeld@yahoo.co.uk

SHOE REPAIRS *Leather Stitching Repairs* **KEY CUTTING**

FEET FIRST
Quality Shoe Repairs

Contact **GARY**
21 St. Mary's Street Wallingford.
Telephone (01491) 825224

*Watchcaps
Batteries* *Travel Goods
Luggage*



Enhance the appearance of your property with our quality assured, friendly service

- Moss Removal & Roof Cleaning
- Brickwork & Render Cleaning
- Patio & Driveway Cleaning
- Solar Panel & Skylight Cleaning
- Installation of Bird Protection

01865 362797 - info@mossinator.co.uk

BARBERS of BENSON

Book your next appointment at
www.barbersofbenson.com

South Oxfordshire's Premier Barbershop

Our barbers are highly experienced in skin fades, childrens hair and scissor cuts.

338 High Street, Benson OX10 6RP 01491 917294

DIRTY CARPETS? GRUBBY UPHOLSTERY?
CALL

GRIMEBUSTERS
YOUR LOCAL PROFESSIONAL CLEANING FIRM
www.grimebusters.co.uk

PROFESSIONAL WET OR DRY CARPET AND UPHOLSTERY CLEANING AT UNBEATABLE RATES

For free estimates or advice, please call:
Oxford (01865) 726983 Abingdon (01235) 555533
Witney (01993) 868924

DON'T BUY IT - HIRE IT!
• PLANT & TOOL HIRE • TRADE & DIY •

We are the hire specialists and stock all your needs - from hand tools to forklift trucks
Service second to none. Competitive prices.
Delivery and collection service.

Open: Mon-Fri 7.30am - 5pm Saturday 7.30am - 12 noon
PARKING A PLEASURE!

DIDCOT PLANT
Didcot Plant Ltd, Basil Hill Road, Didcot
01235 814000 www.didcotplant.co.uk



Helen Carter
PHOTOGRAPHER

Helen Carter is an Oxfordshire photographer who specialises in pet, maternity and family photography. She will meet you in an outdoor location within the county and will capture beautiful images that will look stunning on a wall in your home and provide you with everlasting memories.

Email: helen@helencarterphotography.co.uk Mobile: 07828153075

GA

Electrical Plumbing Fire and Security

Call: 01491 835875
Email - reception@groupga.co.uk
Unit H Moses Winter Way, Wallingford, OX10 9FE

THE POSITIVE OUTCOMES GROUP

WEPS
WALLINGFORD ELECTRICAL & PLUMBING SUPPLIES

OPEN TO THE TRADE & PUBLIC

01491 827825
SALES@WEPS.ORG.UK
UNIT 1 MOSES WINTER WAY

COULTON

Plumbing & Heating

A local family business, based in Crowmarsh Gifford, providing a professional and quality service.

- Boiler Servicing, Repairs & Maintenance
- Boiler Replacements · Heating Repairs
- Landlord Safety Certificates
- General Plumbing Maintenance & Repairs
- Heating System Installation
- Cylinder Repair & Replacement
- Specialists in OIL & GAS

T 01491 824486 M 07737 788773
coultonplumbing@hotmail.com



Manor Café at Howbery

Open: 9am-4pm, Mon-Fri



- Hot and cold drinks, homemade cakes: all day
- Breakfast: 9.00am - 10.30am
- Paninis, baguettes and baps: 11.00am - 2.00pm
- Hot and cold lunch options: 11.30am - 1.30pm

Order online or at service counter
 Outside and indoor seating areas
 Takeaway service | Beautiful grounds | Ample parking

www.howberypark.com

Established 1983



Roy Windebank AUTO ENGINEER

www.roywindebank.co.uk
roysworkshop@gmail.com



ALL YOUR MOTORING NEEDS IN ONE STOP!
 From a light bulb, a new engine to an MOT, we have everything covered, call or visit us today!

- Servicing & Repairs
- Welding
- MOT's
- Diagnostics
- Tyres
- Batteries
- Brakes, Clutches & Exhausts
- Wiper Blades & Bulbs

01491 652345

Kentwood Farm, Papist Way, Cholsey OX10 9LJ

Warmingham

www.warmingham.com

Opening new doors for you



Having celebrated successive record breaking years in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, we've done it again in 2023!

Warmingham is a leading door and window specialist in the UK. We have a reputation for quality, reliability and customer service. We are proud to have been named 'Best of the Best' in the UK for 2023. Our doors are made from high-quality materials and are designed to last. We offer a wide range of door styles to suit every home. Our windows are also made from high-quality materials and are designed to provide excellent insulation. We are proud to have been named 'Best of the Best' in the UK for 2023. Our doors are made from high-quality materials and are designed to last. We offer a wide range of door styles to suit every home. Our windows are also made from high-quality materials and are designed to provide excellent insulation.

01491 652345



The Corn Exchange events

See the website www.cornexchange.org.uk for full details, updates and booking tickets.

The theatre will be closed for its annual maintenance from Saturday 17th to Sunday 25th. This is to carry out safety and other hardware checks and provide some deep cleaning.

Cinema

All regular performances normally start at 7:30pm unless stated otherwise. The bar and auditorium open from 7pm so there's plenty of time to collect drinks beforehand.

Films with subtitles will be shown on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30pm. As an experiment we are moving some of the Saturday matinees to the morning at 10:30 and depending on audience take up we will continue that.

Please look at the website (www.cornexchange.org.uk) for updates.

Tickets £10 for Adults and £5 for under 15s unless otherwise stated.

Thursday 1st
Freud's Last Session (12A)

Friday 2nd
The Commandant's Shadow

Saturday 3rd 10:30am
Blue Lock the Movie, Episode Nugi (PG)

Saturday 3rd
The Commandant's Shadow

Sunday 4th, Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th
Thelma (12A)

Friday 9th, Saturday 10th 2.30pm & 7.30pm
Fly Me to the Moon (12A)

Sunday 11th, Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th
Twisters (15)

Live on Stage

Friday 30th August to Sunday 1st September

Bunkfest 2024
All tickets free

Once again the Corn Exchange will be one of the fringe venues for this amazing music festival. Events happening in the bar and the Curtis Room and also on the main stage on Friday and Saturday evenings. Come and enjoy yourself in our comfortable theatre with a drink in your hand.

Coming Soon

Friday 6th to Sunday 8th September
Agatha Christie Weekend

We are planning a talk by Mark Aldridge (The Mysteries of Miss Marple), three 1 act plays by Wallingford School, a talk by Kathryn Harkup (A is for Arsenic - The Poisons of Agatha Christie), an Agatha Christie film and a talk by Colin Wade. This festival is in collaboration with Wallingford Museum and Wallingford Town Council.

Tuesday 10th to Saturday 14th September
The Last Five Years

Sinodun Players present a musical drama about a turbulent relationship of a couple who meet, fall in love, marry and divorce over the span of five years. This production is being held in the Studio Theatre and has unreserved seating and deals with adult themes.

Age UK Oxfordshire

Age UK Oxfordshire is a local independent charity supporting older people in Oxfordshire. We have a variety of services available to help you to live independently and live life to the full. Our services range from support at home to helping link you into your community, from foot care clinics to exercise classes. We offer a free information and advice helpline, as well as one-to-one support if you have been a victim of a scam. To find out more about how we can support you, please visit www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire, call 0345 450 1276 or email contactus@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk.

Wallingford pulls out all the stops to support OxTrail for Sobell House Hospice

Jewel Training & Development joins forces with a number of Wallingford shops to host a fabul-ox mini herd of oxen painted by local schools.

For schools taking part in the OxTrail Learning Programme, June saw the start of the eagerly awaited trail, with a very special herd in Wallingford, supported by Crowmarsh based training and coaching company, Jewel Training.



OxTrail is Oxfordshire's first ever county wide art sculpture trail, in aid of Sobell House Hospice, and will take over the county from 29th June until the end of August. Across the county, from Carterton to Henley via Didcot and Wallingford, and from Banbury to Thame

via Bicester and Wheatley, Oxfordshire residents and visitors will be able to find over 100 mini oxen in more than 45 locations including libraries, hotels, shops and farm centres. Most of these have been painted by schools and youth groups in the local town and villages. On 6th July, 31 life-sized oxen painted by professional and amateur artists were also installed in Oxford city centre completing the ox-ceptional trail.

Wallingford shops have been brimming with enthusiasm to support OxTrail and since 29th June oxen have been grazing in the windows of Pettits Menswear, The Cookhouse Deli, Hornsby Dunmore and Waitrose.

Without the support of generous local businesses, OxTrail simply wouldn't be able to happen, and Sobell House are extremely grateful to the sponsorship of the Wallingford herd from Jewel Training.

Julie Johns, Managing Director said "Jewel Training is so proud to be sponsoring the mini herd in Wallingford this year. We made the decision to do this because of the support that Sobell House had given to one of our close friends in the last few months of his life. In addition, we wanted to showcase Wallingford as it's our local town and we love it. Knowing that the local children had been involved in the designing and painting of the ox is fantastic and local shopkeepers being involved shows the spirit of Wallingford. We hope you enjoy the Wallingford OxTrail and the mini rewards that Jewel is providing along the way - have fun."

For more information on OxTrail visit www.oxtrail2024.co.uk

Welcome to new residents

A warm welcome if you have just moved into Crowmarsh Gifford, Mongewell or North stoke. We hope you will be very happy here and quickly become part of our local community

**ARBOCARE
TREE SURGERY LTD**
Qualified and Experienced Arborists

Established over 25 years

Contractors to the National Trust

Crown reductions * Thinning

Felling * Hedge Trimming * Stump Grinding

Decay Detection & Tree Reports

Free Phone: 0808 1555815

Mb: 07778811136

WWW.ARBOCARE.CO.UK



Scott Gesner

07818 244787

gesnergardening@yahoo.co.uk

www.gesnergardening.co.uk

Contact us for a
free quotation

LAWNCARE

GARDEN MACHINERY
SALES, SERVICE & SPARES

LODGE FARM
OLD READING ROAD
CROWMARSH
WALLINGFORD
OXON OX10 8BW

Agents for:
Mounfield - Westwood - Echo
& many others
Briggs & Stratton service centre
TEL 01491 836060

Fireplace
Magic

Woodburners,
Fires & Fireplaces

- Installation
- HETAS registered
- Woodburner servicing
- Chimney sweeping



Showroom at: 45 Prospect Street, Caversham RG4 8JB
Telephone: 0118 9463060

www.fireplacemagic.co.uk

**PC
DRIVE**
WALLINGFORD

LEARN TO DRIVE

Fully qualified, DSA approved
instructor.

Local, calm, friendly and
professional tuition.

Pre-test to post-test courses.

Pass Plus registered.

Dual controls.

Air conditioning.

PETER COSFORD (ADI)

OFFICE: 01491 825091

MOBILE: 07989 352325

THAMES
SALON
THAMES
SALON
THAMES
SALON
THAMES

Gents
Hairdressing
Est. 1958

21 St. Mary's Street, Wallingford
Oxfordshire OX10 0EW

Telephone: 01491 837124

OPENING HOURS

MONDAY	8.30 am - 6.00 pm
TUESDAY	8.30 am - 6.00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Closed
THURSDAY	8.30 am - 9.00 pm
FRIDAY	8.30 am - 9.00 pm
SATURDAY	8.00 am - 6.00 pm

www.thamessalon.com

RUPERT & TOWERS
HAIR SALON

A WARM WELCOME
FROM RUPERT & THE TEAM

Brand Ambassadors - Louise & Simone
New Talent - Kayleigh
Assistants - Holly & Joe

www.towershair.co.uk
(Online booking available)

Tel: 01491 837 523

25 High Street, Wallingford, Oxon OX10 0BU



Beacon Flooring
A Family Run Business

**Carpet Wood
Karndean Vinyl**

Free fitting on carpet orders over £150

16 High Street, Goring. 01491 454095

beaconflooring@aol.co.uk

www.beaconflooring.co.uk

WHAT'S ON — AUGUST 2024

Regular events and meetings

Tuesdays	14.00-16.00	Short Mat Bowls	Crowmarsh Gifford Pavilion
Every Friday	9.30-12.00	Wallingford Country Market	St Mary-le-More Church, Wallingford
Every Saturday	10.00-12.30	Local Producers' Market	St Mary-le-More Church or Wallingford Market Place
Every Sunday	11.00 onwards	Parish Communion. Family service on the first Sunday of the month	St Mary Magdalene's Church, Crowmarsh Gifford
Various days	Differing times	Didcot and Wallingford Ramblers	www.ramblers.org.uk/didcot-wallingford
Various days	Differing times	CTC Wallingford cycle rides	www.ctcwallingford.org.uk
Various days through the year	Differing times	Cholsey and Wallingford Heritage Railway	www.cholsey-wallingford-railway.com

This month

Thursday 1st	19.30 onwards	Crowmarsh Parish Council Meeting	Crowmarsh Village Hall
1,4,8,11,15,17,26 30,31st	Various times	Running Days	Cholsey and Wallingford Heritage Railway, see https://www.cholsey-wallingford-railway.com/
Sunday 4th and Sunday 11th	14.00 onwards	Murder, Mystery and Mayhem! Crowmarsh history walk	Wallingford Bridge (Crowmarsh end)
Wednesday 7th	14.00 onwards	U3A: 'When We Fall' inspired by women pilots in WW2	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Saturday 10th	10.30-12.30	Crowmarsh Community Café	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Fri 30th—Sun 1st September	All day and evenings	Bunkfest	Kinicroft and various locations across town https://bunkfest.co.uk/

September

Wednesday 4th	14.00 onwards	U3A The life of Richard Smith	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Thursday 5th	19.30 onwards	Crowmarsh Parish Council Meeting	Crowmarsh Village Hall