

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY & MILTON COMMON NEWSLETTER

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From the Editor

It sounds as though the fête was a great success – sorry I had to miss it.

Now with the school holidays upon us, may everyone enjoy their summer breaks at home or abroad and come back refreshed.

The usual activities continue – church services, drop-in coffee mornings, the WI and then in September enjoy a Blues Night (see page 14) and Harvest Festival and supper (see page 9)

Zena Knight

Thank you

Dear All

The pudding evening at our house was a financial success again, thanks to the support, friendship, gifts for the raffle and delicious puds offered.

Our total profit was £700.00, which will help towards the running costs of our little church up the hill.

Thanks to you all.

Love

Dawn and Brian

Coming up in November

Charity shopping day

in aid of Prostate Cancer UK

Tiddington Village Hall

Friday, 7 November

Stalls currently available

Please contact Louise Simpson on 339869

Annual Christmas Shopping Trip

This is an annual coach trip from Tiddington to a shopping centre

Date, venue and price to follow in the next newsletter

Please contact Louise Simpson on 339869 or Tracey Smith on 07885 106844 for further details

Art and Craft Group



We plan to resume sessions in September and meet every Wednesday except the 2nd one in the month from 9.00am to 12.00noon in the Village Hall, starting on 17 September. We hope to have ten sessions, taking us to the beginning of December. It might be the time to think about projects to prepare for Christmas so come along with your ideas.

You will be able to make use of the excellent facilities of the hall and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits.

As well as your projects, bring along any books, magazines or materials that you might share and swap with others.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact me: Zena Knight, 24 Albury View.

Tel: 01844 339340

Drop-in Coffee morning



On the 2nd Wednesday of the month enjoy coffee/tea and a chat at the Cricket Club from 10.30-12.30. There are delicious cakes too!

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From the Parish Clerk

Play area – the new swings and the see-saw have now been installed in the children’s play area and are getting plenty of use.

Potholes and flooding etc – I have reported problems to County Highways. Our County Councillor, Anne Purse is also pursuing matters with the Area Steward, Keith Stenning.

South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2031 – the Parish Council has responded to this, stating that the preferred option for housing development would not be for all growth in a single new settlement.

Dog fouling – we have requested that more bins be sited in the parish. Please use the available bins if you are walking your dog and be considerate to other walkers.

Vehicle Operated Signs – we have rather confusing quotes for these, which we are endeavouring to clarify, with a view to these being situated on the A418 approaches to Tiddington.

Tiddington4village plan - one of the suggestions which came out of the village plan was for a cycle/footpath along the old railway line and this is being pursued, but could be very costly.

Ken Poyser
Clerk to the Parish Council

Tiddington with Albury Parish Council Members

Chair	Elaine Horne	279520
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Vice-Chair	Cherry Draper	339347
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From the Parish Council Chair

Well done to the Village Hall Committee for putting together a nice Fête – the weather was good.

We are still battling with Highways over hedge cutting on the A40. There has already been one accident due to the driver not seeing on-coming traffic because of the overgrown foliage.

The Clerk is pursuing costings for two 30mph flashing signs on the A418.

I am going to attend a meeting on 23 July at County Hall to push for a pedestrian crossing – we try as a Council to pursue every avenue to gain a crossing.

Elaine Horne
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Freedom of Information Act Publication Scheme

Residents of the Parish can see the records of the Council held by the Parish Clerk or learn where they may be accessed. Records include minutes, financial information and responses to planning consultations.

Application can be made to the Clerk (Tel: 339216) and documents viewed by appointment. Any copies required will be charged at 10p per page.

Post Office Tiddington Village Hall

Please support your local post office facilities in the Village Hall on Wednesdays from 1.30pm-3.00pm. Your postmaster from Great Milton is able to provide all the usual needs including top-up of mobile phones, etc.

August Bank Holiday Rubbish and Food Waste Collection

Normal day
Monday 25 August

Revised day
Tuesday 26 August

SWAP SHOP
Saturday, 18 October
9.30am – 11.00am
Merry Bells, Wheatley

Bring useful old stuff that you no longer need, take away FREE stuff that is useful to you (NOT clothes or shoes*)

If you are bringing stuff it needs to be in the hall by 10.15am

You can now bring (small) electrical items!

We have a notice board to advertise any items too big to carry easily

Bringing is not compulsory – call in and see if there is something you want to take

RECYCLING: You can also bring used printer cartridges (NOT Epson please), old mobile phones, plastic milk bottle tops, batteries* and foil milk bottle tops for us to recycle

Refreshments available (small charge)

Run by Sustainable Wheatley
(formerly Wheatley Community Action Group)
(www.wheatleycag.org)

* See website for other places to recycle these items
Reuse, recycle and keep stuff out of landfill!

From your District Councillor

No more landfill

Our waste service has just got even better! The waste we put in grey bins previously went to landfill where it was emitting a greenhouse gas over 20 times more powerful than carbon dioxide and could stick around for hundreds of years. It now goes to the new energy from waste facility (EfW) at Ardley, where it's burnt to produce energy. This is great news, but we still need residents to put the same, if not more effort into recycling for two reasons:

- it still makes much more sense to recycle the materials we're already using than digging up oil and trees to make new ones
- any waste we send to the EfW that contains recycling and other items it can't accept will be rejected, and may end up in the very place we wanted to stop it going in the first place - landfill

This is an Oxfordshire County Council project so they're in charge of telling people about EfW, but we're helping by trying to get across the main message – that recycling is as important as ever. This new service just means something good comes from the little waste left in grey bins when everything else has been recycled or reused, instead of giving off harmful gases for many years in landfill.

If you require further information, please visit the County Council website on Alternatives to Landfill.

How are we doing? Part one.

The results are in from our latest residents' surveys. We carry out the survey every two years, and they tell us about how residents think the councils are doing. In recent years, residents have said overall that they're happy with the way the councils run things and the good news is that in the latest survey, this is still the case. Better still; people's opinion of almost all of our service areas has improved. Waste and recycling is still the service people think we're best at, so the extension of our contract with Biffa will be great news for our districts' keen recyclers. An interesting point to note is that one of the main reasons residents are satisfied with both councils is that they think we're providing good value for money. 59% of residents in South Oxfordshire and 66% of residents in the Vale said that we do so; both of these numbers are higher than the national average.

Important news for the A34

It's fair to say the A34 is absolutely vital for the economies of both districts, as well as having an enormous impact on our residents. The County Council is working with the Highways Agency to build new slip roads at the Chilton interchange, so people will be able to access the A34 from both directions. This is the junction closest to the Harwell Oxford campus.

To get legal authority to do this, the Secretary of State has to make two orders under the Highways Act. You can view the draft orders, including the proposed map of the site on the County Council website. They can also be viewed at the following locations in our districts:

- ▣ Abbey House, Abingdon
- ▣ our Crowmarsh offices
- ▣ Didcot Library
- ▣ Wantage Library
- ▣ Harwell Oxford Campus (the Post Office, Electron Café and the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory R22 restaurant).

A round of applause for our Housing and Environmental Health teams

We reported recently that Housing and Environmental Health were about to be assessed for Customer Service Excellence accreditation. We're happy to confirm that they passed the assessment and join Corporate Strategy on the list of council departments that have received the accolade so far.

The Customer Service Excellence award is the government's national standard, which was launched to recognise organisations with excellent customer service and a commitment to continuous improvement.

The next teams to be assessed are Economy, Leisure and Property, Finance, and Planning.

Lights out!

"The lamps are going out all over Europe, we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime."

These are words spoken by Sir Edward Grey, Foreign Secretary in August 1914, as Britain's ultimatum to Germany was about to expire.

The Chairmen of both councils are supporting Lights Out and they want you to join in. Lights Out is a dramatic national event on 4 August this year where the UK will plunge into darkness between 10pm and 11pm, marking the hour that Britain entered the First World War, 100 years ago. Cllr Ann Midwinter and Cllr Mike Badcock are inviting you to help them mark this significant moment by arranging for at least one prominent building in your ward to take part. All you'd need to do is switch off all the building's lights between 10pm and 11pm on 4 August, and place a candle or lamp in a room so it's visible from the outside.

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Milton Common NHW (West Side) and Sandy Lane

Neighbourhood Watch and comparethemarket.com reveal a special edition logo as the movement celebrates 50 year anniversary

In a bid to bring communities across the nation together, comparethemarket.com has joined forces with the Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network as the movement marks its 50th Anniversary. As part of



this campaign, the iconic Neighbourhood Watch window sticker has been given a new meerkat twist.

Thames Valley Police are advising landowners and farmers in the South Oxfordshire and Vale area to be extra vigilant and to check their land security following a case of trespassing in the Henley area.

Landowners are advised to check their perimeter fencing and ensure gates to land are locked and secured (preferable with reinforced locks and hinges) to stop people and vehicles entering or unlawfully settling on their land.

If applicable, listed below are some further security measures for your consideration:

Install low height metal barriers, firmly fixing them into concrete bases.

Install strong metal gates with toughened steel padlocks and anti lift hinges.

Place tree trunks or very large logs across the entrance(s)

Place earth mounds across entrance(s)

Build ditches or trenches across entrance(s)

Place a vehicle(s) across entrance(s). Frequently check the sites.

Elaine Horne
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Tiddington

Theft from vehicles

There has been a series of reports of tools being stolen from commercial vehicles, in particular vans in June.

The offences took place in Little Milton, Wheatley, Chinnor and Thame. A man has been arrested as part of the inquiries into these offences and he is currently on bail. Please ensure that all tools and valuables are removed from vehicles overnight and that the vehicle is secure when left unattended during the day. The neighbourhood team have been distributing crime reduction advice to all van owners in the aforementioned areas.

Burglary non-Dwelling

There have been a number of break-ins to sheds across the area. Power tools and gardening equipment have been targeted along with domestic heating fuel. If you require any crime reduction advice please telephone 101 for further information.

Burglary Dwelling

The neighbourhood team has been promoting products called SmartWater and CREMARK as part of our crime reduction advice in relation to protecting



your property against being burgled. Please telephone 101 for further information and to arrange a demonstration.

Operations

Operation Motor has continued to have some positive results at Welcome Break Services in relation to motorists making off without payment from the petrol station forecourt. This involves high visibility patrols at key offence times. The neighbourhood team are working with Welcome Break to address the high proportion of this type of offences at the site.

Operation Magpie has been deployed this month in response to reports of thefts from motor vehicles parked in our beauty spot car parks. The affected areas are Christmas Common – Cowleaze, Aston Rowant Nature Reserve and Hill Top car park, Watlington. The team regularly check the car parks and they check each vehicle for items of value left on display. If appropriate, the owner of the vehicle will then receive a follow up letter offering crime reduction advice. Please ensure that your vehicle is locked, and that you remove any items on view, before you leave it parked.

Please report any suspicious activities to the police using 999, and for non emergency matters call 101

Chris Williams
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SEE THE FORM OPPOSITE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE NHW SCHEME AND HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO.

Neighbourhood Policing

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team consists of Inspector Mark Harling, Sergeant Aidan Donohoe, PC Mel Stafford, PC Laura Potter, PCSO Diane Greenwood, PCSO Ken Cooney, PCSO Dawn Hunt and PCSO James Hopkin.

Staff changes

Sergeant Steve Hookham has left the Wheatley/Chalgrove Sector Neighbourhood Policing Team and we all wish him well in his new venture. We welcome Sergeant Aidan Donohoe to the team, who took over the reins on 14 July.

Local Priorities

The following priorities have been identified by the community and the police:

1. Anti-social behaviour (ASB).
2. Traffic issues.
3. Theft from vehicles.

4. Burglary Dwelling.

5. Burglary non-Dwelling.

These are being dealt with by your Neighbourhood Policing Team in partnership with residents and other agencies.

Have your say meetings

Dawn Hunt will be joining us at our monthly coffee mornings between 11.00-12.00 at the Cricket Club on the following dates:

13 August

8 October

Take the opportunity to consult her on any police related problems you may have.

Contact us

If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non-emergency number 101 or if it is an emergency then dial 999.

You can also contact us via email: WheatleyChalgroveNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. Please note this email address cannot be used to contact Thames Valley Police to report crimes or for any urgent matters. If you have information about crime or anti-social behaviour in your area but you do not want to speak to the police, please call the Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555111. To view information on your neighbourhood team visit the Thames Valley Police website at: www.thamesvalley.police.uk.

From your MP, John Howell



Communications Data. There was rightly a flurry of media attention mid July when the Prime Minister announced legislation on access to telecommunications data. The Data Retention and Investigation Powers Bill will be moved quickly through the parliamentary process. No one introduces fast-track legislation lightly, but there was cross party agreement that it should be done and the consequences of not acting swiftly are grave. The Bill is about restoring two vital measures in response to a European Court of Justice decision which leaves our national security vulnerable. It will ensure that our law enforcement and intelligence agencies maintain the right tools to keep us all safe.

The Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill is designed to reduce the barriers that can hamper the ability of small businesses to innovate, grow and compete. It paves the way for Government to be

more supportive of small business in the UK. I particularly welcome this Bill as within the Henley Constituency there are a large number of small businesses which form a key part of the local economy. The Bill will include a number of measures which cover issues raised with me by business owners across the constituency. I welcome any further comment from businesses that may add to the debate during the progress of the Bill.

Child Abuse. I am sure that most people have been appalled at the gradual unfolding in the media of story after story of child abuse. Child abuse is an abhorrent crime, no matter when, or where, it occurs. Nothing is more important than the protection of children from abuse. It is important that the Government addresses concerns that public bodies and other institutions have failed to protect children from sexual abuse. As the Prime Minister has made clear, no stone will be left unturned in order to find out the truth. Ministers have assured me that they want three key principles to underline the work being done in this area. Firstly, that everything possible that can be done will be done to fully investigate child abuse and prosecute those responsible for these disgusting crimes; secondly, that there will be full transparency over these issues; and thirdly, that wherever it is shown that individuals and institutions have failed to protect children, these failures will be exposed and lessons will be learnt to ensure that we have proper safeguards and protection for children in the future.

International Aid. UK investment overseas has transformed the lives of millions for the better and through our investment we have moved one step closer to ending aid dependency and creating the world we strive for. I was struck by the school children in the constituency who have been campaigning for us to give more to help send young people to school across the globe. In particular two schools asked me to attend assemblies and to take away wall hangings that they had made and letters that they had written on the subject to be passed on to the Prime Minister. The hangings send a powerful visual message urging support for disadvantaged children worldwide who do not receive even basic education. The message of the younger generation is in stark contrast to some older people who say that we should not give aid. I think some of this view is based on now dated concern about aid falling into the wrong hands. The government has reformed the way aid is given and it is targeted at specific projects that will enable countries to grow and develop so that they can eventually become self-sufficient.

Internet Filtering for Children. In a free society adults should be free to watch the legal content they choose on the internet. However children and young people are important consumers of digital content and I understand the concerns of parents and agree that they should be given the appropriate tools in order to control children's access to harmful and age inappropriate content. I am pleased that four major Internet Service Providers have committed to introducing the filters for all new customers. The settings to install family friendly filters will be automatically selected; if you click next or enter, then the filters are automatically on. This presents parents with an unavoidable choice on how much to limit access and to what, but the choice is for them to make.

Further details of the proposed legislation and the work of Parliament are available on the Parliament website at www.parliament.uk. As always I am interested to hear views on the proposals before the House.

For more information my website is regularly updated and offers information on my work both in Westminster and in the constituency. The address is www.johnhowellmp.com In addition, if you would like to subscribe to my free e-newsletter please e mail me at: john.howell@oxfordshireconservatives.com You can also follow me on twitter @johnhowellmp or on Facebook www.facebook.com/john.howellmp

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St. Helen's Church

From the Vicar

At the Art in Action service at Waterperry last month, I read a meditation called 'The Cracked Pot'. Many of you commented about it so here it is again for everyone to read.

The Cracked Pot

A water bearer in India had two large pots, each hung on each end of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, and while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water at the end of the long walk from the stream to the master's house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily,

with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water in his master's house. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect to the end for which it was made. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you." "Why?" asked the bearer. "What are you ashamed of?" "I have been able, for these past two years, to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your master's house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work, and you don't get full value from your efforts," the pot said. The water bearer felt sorry for the old cracked pot, and in his compassion he said, "As we return to the master's house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path." Indeed, as they went up the hill, the old cracked pot took notice of the sun warming the beautiful wild flowers on the side of the path, and this cheered it some. But at the end of the trail, it still felt bad because it had leaked out half its load, and so again it apologized to the bearer for its failure. The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of your path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back from the stream, you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my master's table. Without you being just the way you are, he would not have this beauty to grace his house."

Each of us has our own unique flaws. We are all cracked pots. However, if we will allow it, the Lord will use our flaws to grace His Father's table.

Best wishes

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Church News

We had a wonderful warm evening at Brian and Dawn's house to feast on an array of delicious puddings. Not only did we all thoroughly enjoy ourselves but we made £700 for the church. There could not be a nicer way to raise funds.

We have welcomed two children into the church to be baptised this month and have another one to come in a week or two which is a happy event for us all.

We have no more festivities planned until 14 September when we shall have Kit Arnold's play at St. Mary's Wheatley.

Our Harvest Festival will be at 5.00pm on 28 September, followed by supper in the Village Hall. Tickets will be on sale shortly from members of the PCC.

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Church Services	St Helen's Church, Albury
3 August	9.30am Matins BCP
10 August	9.30am Holy Communion BCP with Reverend Michael Grantham
17 August	9.30am Family Service with Reverend Michael Grantham
24 August	9.30am Holy Communion Common Worship with Reverend Michael Grantham
31 August	11.00am Cluster Service Holton with Reverend Michael Grantham
7 September	9.30am Matins BCP
14 September	9.30am Holy Communion BCP with Reverend Michael Grantham 5.00pm WW1 Play by Kit Arnold at St Mary's Wheatley
21 September	9.30am Family Service with Reverend Michael Grantham
28 September	5.00pm Harvest Festival with Reverend Michael Grantham Supper following service in Tiddington Village Hall



News from The Maple Tree Children's Centre Summer 2014

The summer holidays are upon us, and during this time here at the Maple Tree we are running a special summer holiday programme - all activities are open to families with under 5s, and accompanied older children are welcome too.

Our **Bumps to Babies** sessions continue on **Mondays from 1.30-3.30pm**. Please note there will no Baby Café in attendance on 18 August, and no session at all on 25 August, which is a Bank Holiday.

On **Tuesdays, 12 August and 2 Sept, from 10.00-11.00am** will be **Wonder with Words** – music, rhymes and stories, with puppets and props, for the Under 2s.

Stay and Play sessions continue on **Wednesdays in Wheatley, 9.15-12.00, on 20 August and 3 Sept.** **Friday** sessions run slightly differently throughout August – the sessions will be held in **Great Milton**, at the Primary School, from **10.00-12.00**.

Following last year's success, we will be holding another **Garsington Fun Day on Saturday 2 August, from 2.00-4.00pm**. Join us in Poplar Close for fun for all the family, including the Playbus, Wheatley Birds of Prey, Sarah's Adventures in Science, African drumming workshops, soft play for little ones, art and craft activities and much more. Refreshments available.

Why not join our **Forest Fun** sessions on **Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 13th and Tuesday 19th August. Meet at Wheatley Centre Top car Park at 10.00am** to go on a Bear Hunt, do some Camp Cooking, or even meet a Gruffalo! Don't forget to wear forest appropriate clothing – long sleeves, long legs, and closed shoes.

On **Wednesday 6 August**, we will visit **Rectory Farm in Stanton St John**. Meet there at **10.00am** for fun in the sun, fruit picking and perhaps a picnic. If you would like to join us but need a lift, just ask!

Please note: **there will be no sessions running at the Centre from 25-29th August**, due to our annual admin week, when we deep clean, stocktake, tidy and plan.

Telephone and face to face support will still be available to anyone in need.

Most of our sessions are free, although we do welcome donations (we suggest £1 per family) to cover the cost of snack and materials, and are suitable for children under 5 years old (and don't forget that accompanied older siblings are also welcome during school holidays). You can also find further details on www.oxonchildrenscentres.org.uk/themapletree.

If you would like to reserve a place on any of our courses, or you have any questions, please contact the centre on 01865 873916 or mapletreec@oxfordshire.gov.uk. You can also follow us on Twitter (@themapletreec) or like us on Facebook (mapletreec).

Waterstock & Tiddington W.I.



We had a change of speaker to our June meeting as Andrew Hall's wife was ill. Instead Ian Allen's talk was "What did you do in the war Granny?" With excellent early photographs showing the work of women helping the war effort, the presentation gave a fascinating insight into the little known activities of women in the First World War.

In July, Chris Smith told us amusing and hardly credible stories of his experiences as a driving instructor – a very brave man! It was a talk that even those who do not drive enjoyed hugely. He ended with ten top tips for those who drive, again very amusing but also informative.

In August this year we shall have a meeting to replace one in December, which this time will be a Christmas dinner instead. On 14 August, Moira Byst will give a talk entitled "Old Country Sayings". The competition letter this time is "M".

On 11 September Graham Kirby will tell us of a family collection of "Miniature Hats". We also have a bring and buy stall, a chance to sell or buy all that lovely excess produce which a lovely (!) summer has provided! The competition letter is "N".

As mentioned last time, we are celebrating our 90 years with afternoon tea on Sunday, 12 October. See page 14 for details. We ask that non-members who would like to join us on the afternoon, book in good time so that we will know numbers for catering.

Visitors and new members are always very welcome to join us on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in Tiddington Village Hall.

Zena Knight

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Tiddington Village Hall

HEADLINE NEWS: THE PEOPLE OF TIDDINGTON TRIUMPH AGAIN - £1200 RAISED AT THE FÊTE!!!

After keeping an anxious eye on the weather, the day of the fête turned out to be warm (some say hot!) and dry and a great time was had by all. Yet again we have been overwhelmed by our brilliant community and have to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a success, and I do mean everyone, from those who donated prizes, helped to set up in the morning and clear up in the afternoon and to all of you who came along in the afternoon to spend your money.

The Village Hall is a valuable asset for the village and your generosity of time and money is what helps us to keep maintaining and improving the facilities. So thank you all.

Our next event is a social event; we are hosting a Blues Night (see over the page) with music provided by a local group called Southern Blues Fiasco, on Saturday, 20 September at 8.00pm.

Tickets are £6 each available from Jane on 01844 338146 or Bev 01844 339765 or just ask any of the committee.

So come along to hear some fantastic live music and maybe even have a dance – see you there.

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Tiddington Village Hall Committee

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Neighbourhood Policing Have Your Say Meetings

Wednesday, 13 August, 11.00-12.00, Cricket Club

Wednesday, 8 October, 11.00-12.00, Cricket Club

With PCSO Dawn Hunt



We have enjoyed a full summer of youth matches and have had success in all age groups. The under 9's finished 3rd, 11's and 13's finished 2nd and the U15 finished 3rd just missing out on qualifying for the knockout stages. Our thanks to all the managers, coaches and parents for their support this season.

Coaching will continue until 22 August and the junior presentation evening will be on Friday, 5 September.

Our senior teams are maintaining a good standard in their respective leagues with many of our youngsters enjoying success.

The first team reached the semi final of the 20/20 competition, losing on a very wet evening to Witney Mills.

The senior presentation evening is on Saturday, 4 October at the Village Hall. Numbers are limited so early booking is advised.

We thank our sponsors for their support and we have new banners on display at the Club.

Hopefully the good weather will continue as we look forward to many more cricket and Aunt Sally matches.

Good luck to all the Tug of War teams. We hope your hard work will reap rewards

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Advice line: 08444 111 444

Or 0300 3300 650 (mobile)

Appointments: 01844 217186

Website: www.adviceguide.org.uk

General information: www.thamecab.org

**A session is held at the offices of the United
Reformed Church, Crown Square, Wheatley on
Monday mornings by appointment from 10.00-1.00
Drop-in from 10.00-11.00**

**A Consumer Empowerment Partnership (CEP)
for the South East**

The Consumer Partnership began as a pilot but became a fully-fledged CEP in April 2013, one of 12 across the Trading Standards regions of England and Wales. It is designed as a network of local advice-givers, consumer and community groups and campaigners throughout the region. Based at CABs in Oxford and elsewhere, we work closely with Trading Standards services throughout the South East region and share information on consumer protection and empowerment, advice and education.

The CEP holds a Consumer Forum several times a year with local and national guest speakers. Key campaign themes range from scams to payday loans and energy-saving. In Oxfordshire. We have a regular consumer slot on BBC Radio Oxford where representatives from both our CABs and Trading Standards reinforce topical consumer messages.

Follow our tweets @OxfordConsumer and @SouthEastCEP to keep up with key messages and campaign themes and 'like' OxCEP on Facebook. Or just email David, the Partnership coordinator, or give him a call.

Consumer helpline now an 0345 number

The national **consumer helpline** is now even easier to call. For the price of a geographic call (01 or 02) or within your contract's 'inclusive minutes', you can get help and advice from experts on a range of consumer issues.

Just call **03454 04 05 06**

You can also go online to the advice website with 400 consumer pages: www.adviceguide.org.uk



Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action

**Calling all local voluntary, community and
charitable groups!**

- Are you in need of funds and struggling to find them?
- Would you like more volunteers and advice on how to get the best out of them?
- Would you like to raise the profile of your group?
- Are you thinking about volunteering some time but don't know where to begin?

Then OCVA (Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action) can offer free tailored support, no matter what the size of the group. They provide funding advice and assistance, reduced rate certified training, access to the volunteer matching service (www.do-it.org.uk) and much more.

They have recently appointed an on the ground community ambassador for this area to work directly with local groups and potential volunteers.

Tanya, the newly in place community ambassador, can be contacted on 07841 504181 and tanya.vol@ocva.org.uk

She says "I am keen to meet as many groups and potential volunteers as possible and see what sort of help they need. Whether it is fundraising, finding volunteers or volunteer opportunities or learning about how best to set up and run groups I really want to help."

OCVA is the main support service for the Oxfordshire voluntary and community sector. Their mission is to enable a diverse voluntary and community sector to flourish. They provide advice, information and training and act as advocates for voluntary and community organisations. See www.ocva.org.uk for further details

**Wheatley Library
Opening Hours**

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	2.00pm – 7.00pm
Wednesday	9.30am – 1.00pm 2.00pm – 5.00pm
Thursday	2.00pm – 5.00pm
Friday	9.30am – 1.00pm 2.00pm – 6.00pm
Saturday	9.30am – 1.00pm

The Merry Bells, High Street, Wheatley
Tel: 01865 875267

Email: wheatley.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Wheatley Library

Greetings from Wheatley library.

Our Summer Reading Challenge for children and for adults has been underway since 12 July.

The theme for the children's challenge is the Mythical Maze and it is still possible to register if your young 'uns haven't done so yet. There are various prizes, colourings, activities and lots of reading to be done which will culminate in a certificate and a medal.

Which character would you choose? A dragon, yeti, mermaid or another of the ten mythical creatures?

In the Adult Reading Challenge you can be inspired by a new theme every three weeks. We have a league table for the goodest goodie and baddest baddie as voted by our readers. Share your opinion on Twitter @oxonlibraries.

2 August – 22 August : Heroes and Villains

23 August – 12 September: A "maze"ing

13 September – 3 October: Epic

From 10 September our Lively Library Club should resume usual service. Keep an eye out for the notices in the library with regard to dates and topics.

The County's public libraries are consistently rotating stock between the different branches. This means that there is always something different to spark your interest whenever you come in.

If there is a particular book or author that you wish to read, you can request it to be sent to your preferred library (Wheatley library, of course!) There are different charges depending on the item you request and the category of borrower. Typically it is £1 for an adult book.

Looking forward to see you soon.

Wendy Stanton

**GREAT HASELEY AND DISTRICT
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

August 2014

Today is warm and humid although the weather is better than forecast which must be a relief to all the local brides. Last night it rained steadily for much of the night and all my water butts are full which is a relief as I prefer not to use tap water if I can avoid it; plants are happier with rainwater, especially acid loving varieties.

My other half and I were pleased to host the Society summer drinks party last night and fortunately, after a nail biting week of weather watching, we were blessed with a wonderful warm sunny evening and there was a good turnout; a big thank you to those of you who attended and to the Richardsons for looking after the refreshments.

For us it has been a lot of hard work over a number of weeks to lick the garden into shape. We have no help in the garden and things had begun to slide after we had spent about six months rescuing a small area from builders' rubble; this had resulted in us badly neglecting other areas over this time. It took this event to make us knuckle down and sort things out so we are grateful for this; for the first time in 20 years I feel vaguely in control, although, as all gardeners know, control is an illusion which is readily dissipated with only a very small amount of neglect. Last night's rain will prompt a fresh germination of weeds which I will have to get on top of. We have been forced to address areas which I have been unhappy with for a number of years and now a start has been made. Last night I noticed that the beautiful tender salvias which have delighted us with their flowers over the very mild winter (these varieties normally die back to ground level each winter) have stopped flowering, but there is new growth and I am hopeful that there will be more flowers in late autumn. In the meantime newly grown plants from cuttings overwintered in the greenhouse are now starting to flower so we will enjoy a longer period of flower than in any previous year.

For the first time in the decade or so that we have been developing the paddock into a wild flower meadow, haymaking has been postponed beyond the middle of July so that the full luxuriant growth could be enjoyed last night. This is good for the wild flowers, as more of them get a chance to seed and so we will have more of a show in years to come, but bad for the energy value of the hay; for us it is a

compromise which I suspect most farmers cannot make for economic reasons.

Liz Moyses
Membership secretary
liz@moyses.org
01844 279875

Please contact me for further details of membership which costs only £5 per family per year.

There are still a few of you who have not yet paid your membership subscription and, although you will receive a show schedule, you will not be permitted to enter classes. For your convenience you may now pay by standing order which you may find more convenient.

Solid wall insulation - the key to 5 star comfort?

Homes with solid walls are often draughty and expensive to keep warm in winter. The Green Deal Home Improvement Fund has offered to pay up to 75% of the cost of installing solid wall insulation (up to £6,000). However, a common objection, aside from the cost and disruption, is that wall insulation might spoil the looks of a property.

One option is to insulate internally at the front and externally to the rear. That way your home's façade stays unchanged. 10cm of depth may be lost from your front room, but you gain deeper window sills and increased comfort.

A more breathable insulation like wood fibre or mineral wool, used internally, will reduce any risk of condensation forming inside the wall. Using polystyrene will speed up external wall insulation, being easy to cut to accommodate external pipe work, prior to rendering.

You'll probably need to make other improvements to get the full benefits. Cornices will need extending, sash windows double glazing and the front door draught-proofing. Retaining adequate ventilation is vital, so a new ventilation unit may complete the picture. Is it all worth it? If many early adopters are to be believed, solid wall insulation is key to achieving 5 star comfort in an older home. You can quiz a private homeowner on the pros and cons at a free SuperHome Open Day in Sep/Mar. Book now at www.superhomes.org.uk



A beautiful Victorian façade, unchanged following internal wall insulation

Photo courtesy of www.superhomes.org.uk

