

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY & MILTON COMMON NEWSLETTER

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From the Editor

*Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year*

There are several events to look forward to during the festive season – carol singing (see page 2), christingle making and service (see pages 8 and 9), and Christmas bingo (see page 12).

Congratulations to our “local lad” on the cricketing front – Jack Brooks (see page 14). What a busy time he has in the near future.

At the end of one calendar year and the beginning of a new, it seems an appropriate time to thank all my volunteers who deliver the newsletter to you all, come rain or shine. Their sterling work is very much appreciated.

Zena Knight



Thank you

I would just like to say thank you to everyone that supported the Charity Shopping Event on Friday, 7 November. It was a great success with us raising £1150.00 for Prostate Cancer UK, which was an incredible amount. It wouldn't be possible without help and support from so many people. See you next year!

Louise Simpson

Poppy Appeal 2014

Once again we had a house to house collection in the village and our contribution amounted to £524.27, slightly up on last year.

The work of the volunteers was very much appreciated and thank you to all who contributed.

Pam Byrne

Christmas Bingo Volunteers wanted

There will be the usual annual Christmas Bingo evening on Thursday, 18 December.

This is likely to be the final bingo session unless volunteers can be found to carry on.

Those who have helped to organise it over the last few years are stepping down and many thanks to them for all their hard work.

Arriva 280 bus service

Please note that a new timetable was issued in November and bus times are slightly different from before. The buses can be a few minutes earlier, so unfortunately you might miss it if you cut it fine!

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From the Parish Clerk

Surface water and flooding – there continues to be a problem with water running down Sandy Lane and with pooling under the railway bridge. I have reported these matters to County Highways and hope that some action will be taken before the winter frosts.

Please do report any potholes worrying you to County Highways via the website.

Hedges at Milton Common – these have now been cut back. Funding for this work was provided from our County Councillor, Anne Purse's budget and we are grateful to her. Without this funding the work would not have been done and the County Council remains adamant that it is not their responsibility.

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 – these have now been ordered for the approaches to Tiddington on the A418.

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.

The successful drop-in coffee mornings at the Cricket Club continue on the second Wednesday of the month from 10.30-12.30.

Tiddington with Albury Parish Council Members

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The Art and Craft meetings at the Village Hall this year end on Wednesday, 3 December from 9.00 to 12.00. Sessions may continue next year. It will depend on more support so please come along. Details from Zena Knight, Tel: 339340.

Notice Board – the Parish Council has agreed a quotation from a local firm for the design and construction of a new three bay notice board in oak. SODC consent is needed although this would be a replacement.

Graffiti – the equipment in the play area has been daubed with graffiti by some mindless person. I have reported this to the police and have been given a crime number. If anyone has any information about this, please contact me.

Ken Poyser
Clerk to the Parish Council

Christmas and New Year Rubbish and Food Waste Collection

Normal day	Revised day
Monday 29 December	Tuesday 30 December
Monday 5 January	Tuesday 6 January
Look out for details of arrangements for recycling festive packaging	

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.

SWAP SHOP
Saturday, 17 January
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 the Parish Council Chair

Glad to see the Fox & Goat has opened its doors. Again, we have water pooling on Sandy Lane under the bridge and the clerk has reported this. Let's hope action will be quick, so we don't have a repeat of last year.

Glad to say the VAS signs have been ordered. Let's hope they slow the traffic down going through Tiddington.

After spending time and money on the play area, it was sad to see all the graffiti over the new items. The police have been informed. Now we have the cost of cleaning the graffiti off.

On a lighter note, I wish you all a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year and hope to see some of you at Carol singing at The Fox & Goat or the Christmas Eve Service.

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From your County Councillor

This is not a happy time for those of you who like me have to get in and out of Oxford. Road works around Oxfordshire are causing long delays on many of our roads, and since work began in Headington, with the closing of lanes where the A40 meets the roundabout, this area has really suffered.

Even when you eventually get on to the ring road, you can then get caught up in the road works at Kennington Roundabout. Smaller schemes are causing delays in the City, and we still have the Frideswide Square and Plain scheme to begin. It is not surprising that people wonder what on earth has possessed the County Council to do all this work at once.

The problem is the way that such schemes are funded. The County Council does not have money for big schemes such as these, and to get the money, bids have to be put in to Central Government. Frequently they are not chosen to receive finance in a particular year, and have to be re-submitted in following years. For this financial year, unusually, money was granted for a lot of schemes, which in one way is very good news, but since the money has to be spent in this financial year it is causing this rush of projects which are leading to such difficulties on our roads. All we can do is wait until they are completed, and then we hope that we will find our journeys improved.

The first signs of hope are at Kennington Roundabout where two lanes will be re-opened in each direction on 8 December. The 'hamburger' road through the middle will be fully functional a short time after that. I wish I had more good news, but it seems like we will have traffic congestion for some time into the New Year. However, we should all notice a much improved road system eventually.

Recent reports show that exam results in Oxfordshire's maintained schools have improved. This authority is now achieving above the average results for the rest of the country, and it is good to recognise that achievement.

With best wishes for 2015

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From your District Councillor

Oxford City Council not thorough on its housing issues

South and Vale have submitted a joint response, along with Cherwell District Council, to a recent assessment of the land Oxford City Council believes it has available for housing within its boundaries.

Overall, the response explains that we don't believe the City Council has been as thorough as it needs to be in finding land for housing. We have raised concerns with the way they have gone about the assessment, as well as urging them to rethink some of their policies that restrict the amount of houses Oxford city can take.

We have recommended the City Council conducts a review of its Local Plan to take these points into account and properly acknowledge the city's housing pressures identified in the SHMA earlier this year.

For more information, call Sophie Horsley on 01491 823724

Reviewing recycling

Very soon we're expecting to hear officially that South Oxfordshire residents have made it to the top of the English recycling tables. At a time when national recycling rates are falling a bit, both South and Vale are bucking that trend by recycling more last year than we did in the previous year, thanks in part to our "Sort It Out!" campaign.

With Christmas on its way there are more opportunities to keep boosting our recycling rates, so very soon we'll be working on communications to make sure people know what festive packaging and waste can be recycled.

Providing superfast broadband to all of our communities - update

The County Council has identified which areas are already suitably covered by the broadband market. BT is now looking at where in South and Vale we need extra coverage, including how many homes it affects and how long it should all take. The County Council and BT will then create a detailed plan of how to put the broadband in place. This should all be done by December and the plan will help us keep an eye on the work. We will then sign legal agreements with the County Council. We can then work out which communities aren't going to be covered by this project, so both Councils can look at other ways to get superfast broadband to them.

More information is available at www.betterbroadbandoxfordshire.org.uk and project

manager Craig Bower from the Better Broadband Oxfordshire team was at the town and parish forums to give a presentation.

Our Air Quality Action Plan - an update

We have written a report on this summer's public consultation into our draft Air Quality Action Plan, and have sent it to DEFRA. Once DEFRA has given the report the green light, our action plan will then go to the Licensing Committee and if agreed, we can then officially adopt the plan and get to work on the actions we've proposed.

If you'd like a bit more detail, call Claire Spendley on 01491 823236.

Keeping clean this autumn

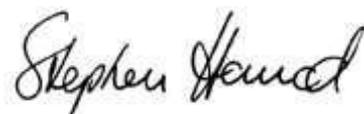
The Big Clean Up rumbles on and will be in the following areas over the next month:

- ☑ Towersey
- ☑ Wheatley
- ☑ Postcombe
- ☑ Tetsworth
- ☑ Tiddington

Send the waste team an email if you know of any areas that could do with a tidy up.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need any further information on any of these items, or indeed any issues not addressed here.

Kind regards



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Milton Common NHW (West Side) and Sandy Lane

Now that the clocks have gone back, police in Thames Valley, Sussex, Surrey, and Kent are working together to target cross-county burglars. For the first time, each force will co-ordinate activities during a three-week regional burglary campaign to catch offenders and educate residents to try to prevent them from becoming victims. Officers regularly liaise with colleagues across the region about individual offenders or crime gangs but, in the past, ran operations at different times of the year – opening the possibility that burglars simply switched their attention to homes across the county border during



the campaigns. This year a co-ordinated approach means that one campaign will stretch from as far north as Milton Keynes, to Chichester in the west, and to Margate in the east - an area of more than 5,600 square miles and more than six million people. Inspector Angie Jones, from Thames Valley Police, said: "Officers will be patrolling neighbourhoods and burglary hotspot areas, identifying houses that could be at risk of burglary and posting a leaflet through the door advising people to contact them for further crime reduction advice." If you have any information about burglaries, call 101. For crime prevention advice, visit the Thames Valley Police website.

Fuel Thefts - red diesel was stolen from a tractor in Crookham Common, Thatcham overnight on 17 November. The thieves also stole the two front wheels from the tractor. Red diesel was also stolen from a tractor in Kintbury Holt, Newbury, between 16-17 November. Heating oil was stolen from a property in Main Street, Bicester. Remember - dip your fuel tanks regularly as you might not know your fuel has been stolen.

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Winter Burglary Campaign

As the darker evenings draw in, burglars are on the prowl for valuables and cash, recognising that homes tend to be getting ready for seasonal celebrations and may have gifts lying around the house or on display.

If you leave your home in complete darkness and your curtains are not drawn, and no car is on the drive, it's an obvious sign to an opportunist burglar that no one is in.

At this time of year, more than any other, it pays to secure your home. There are a number of simple ways to do this, all of which will help to reduce the chance of your home becoming the next target.

- Visit a local retailer to pick up a 24-hour segment timer for under £5.00. The timer can be used with a lamp, radio or TV to give the impression that someone is at home.
- Register your valuables on www.immobilise.com. It is free and takes just a few minutes and if your valuables are stolen,



will allow you to tell the police, your insurer and the second-hand trade to assist in recovering your property and catch the thief.

- Keep valuables out of sight, ensure you lock your doors and windows and if you have a UPVC door make sure you have double locked it.
- Criminals will also take advantage of vehicles with presents left inside, so be alert and don't let them spoil your Christmas plans.

Also do remember not to drink and drive. Plan your travel so that there is always someone who has agreed to drive. If you have had a drink, then catch a bus or call a taxi so you and your family's Christmas and New Year is not spoilt.

Now is a good time to review your home security and get your property protected. Why not consider booking a free Crime Prevention visit from a local PCSO who can provide specialist advice on the most up to date crime prevention from DNA marking to defensive planting. Call 101 now and request a visit.

Thame Station (Greyhound Lane) now has Smartwater in stock, which is available for £15.00. This is an invisible liquid with a unique DNA pattern which is an excellent deterrent and can play a major part in a successful prosecution. See the website for further details at www.smartwater.com[\(opensnewwindow\)](#).

The neighbourhood team is also promoting a tool and machinery marking service. This is an overt way of marking your property to deter theft and make an illegal resale more difficult. For more information contact the police on 101.

Please call the police directly – non-emergency number 101 or if it is an emergency then dial 999 to report anything suspicious.

Thank you.

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Atypical Myopathy

As autumn comes to the British Isles, bringing with it some wet and windy weather, it seems our horses are once again facing a huge danger from outbreaks of Atypical Myopathy. Caused by a toxin (Hypoglycin A) found in sycamore seeds, the condition has an estimated mortality rate of 75-90%. Please, please check your fields for sycamore seeds. They can travel huge distances on the wind, so don't rely on the field being clear simply because there are not any sycamore trees round the boundary. If you find any, move your horses urgently before doing anything to try and clear the seeds. Symptoms of AM include sudden stiffness, muscle tremors, collapse, colic-like signs, low temperature, increased heart rate and dark urine. The British Horse Society has put together an information leaflet, which can be found on the website bhs.org.uk. Please do familiarise yourself with the symptoms as early action may prevent a fatality. If you want to become part of Horsewatch and receive the emails, please email me on elaine@ace-training.me.uk.

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Broadband

You will find several mentions of this subject in different articles in this newsletter.

Here is some information from our own Councillor, John Savell on his experiences on your behalf.

The Ickford Road and selected areas on the other side of the Oxford Road will have fast broadband by June 2015. Milton Common still awaits extra funding.

In response to reporting on problems villagers were having with their phone and internet connection, John received the following answer from BT Digital Care:

Unfortunately we can't help them directly with the fault because they may/may not be a BT Retail customer. They will need to get in touch with the company who provides their phone/internet service. Actually BT is no longer one company. We've had to split into several companies to make it fairer on our competitors, the other telecom providers. BT Retail is a service provider. BT Wholesale owns the phone network and it's where your phone provider rents the line from. And Openreach maintains the line by fixing any faults.

It's confusing because these companies have either kept the BT part at the start of their names or have BT

as part of their logo. But we are all now separate companies and, because of that, we have to follow the same procedures as all the other service providers. I hope the information is helpful.

If you have any further concerns then please write back to us, we will be glad to help you. Thank you for contacting us.

(John must be despairing! – ed)

From your MP, John Howell



Although this newsletter looks back at October and early November the lead times of some Parish Magazines are such that it may be December before this is published. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to wish all constituents a peaceful Christmas. It is my wish for us all that 2015 will be a good year. May I also say thank you to all those who work hard in our communities to make them special for the rest of us. It is always a pleasure when I get the opportunity to visit community activities and I look forward to learning yet more about what is being done during the forthcoming year.

I was recently elected to sit on the Justice Select Committee. The Justice Committee examines the expenditure, administration and policy of the Ministry of Justice and its associated public bodies. Since I joined the Committee we have taken evidence for an inquiry on Manorial Rights and on the impact of changes to civil legal aid. The Committee has also embarked on its first major inquiry on prison planning and policies of this Parliament and the current Government's programme of reforms and efficiency savings. As part of this we have made visits to prisons in the UK and Europe to gather first hand evidence particularly on the use of the prison estate.

Select Committees of the House of Commons are an essential part of its role to scrutinise government. There are over 40 of them and much of the work of the House takes place in committees. There is a Commons Select Committee for each government department. These departmental committees have a minimum of 11 members, who decide upon the line of inquiry and then gather written and oral evidence. Findings are reported to the Commons and the government, then usually has 60 days to reply to the committee's recommendations.

Broadband is a hot topic in the constituency as is mobile coverage. The latter often gets less profile in

the media but remains the subject of much discussion. I welcome new steps being taken by the government to improve mobile coverage and end 'partial not-spots' – areas where there is coverage from one or more but not all of the four mobile networks. Currently 11.5% of Oxfordshire suffers from these partial not-spots – much of which seems to be in the south. This poor mobile phone coverage makes it harder for people to communicate and businesses to operate. Government is working with mobile operators to try to find voluntary improvements as well as considering if new laws are required to improve coverage. Part of this will be to look at allowing people to use other networks when their own cannot provide a signal or, alternatively, requiring companies to cover a certain geographic percentage of the UK. Following my exchange with the Minister in the House of Commons in mid-October, he confirmed that the department is looking at a system of national roaming which Ofcom says is technically possible.

On a lighter note, I am often asked what I do to relax. I was recently given the opportunity to mix business with pleasure when I conducted a scratch choir in a choral evensong to help the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust (OHCT) fund-raising campaign for its Jubilee Year. In its Jubilee Year OHCT has a campaign to raise £3 million for Oxfordshire's churches. The evensong was a way for me to make a practical contribution to raise awareness of the campaign. The evensong was held at Great Milton church, one of many in the constituency that have received funding from OHCT. Singers came from a number of different villages. Our churches are an important part of our heritage and OHCT does a great job in helping with the restoration of many churches. I am pleased to have supported it.

My contact details are below for you to raise any issues or concerns that you think I may be able to help with. If I am not the right person we will always try to direct you to those best to help with a particular concern. Further details of the proposed legislation and the work of Parliament is 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

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St. Helen's Church

From the Vicar

A lady asked her young granddaughter what she would like for Christmas. The little girl replied: "I don't know, I haven't seen all the adverts on the telly yet". Christmas is an important time for business, some retail firms expect to receive up to a third of their annual takings in the run up to Christmas. Why is this so? There is a cosmetics advert which gives us a clue. It reassures us that it is good to spend lots of money on this makeup because "You're worth it".

We like to give gifts to the people we love because we love them, because we think that they "are worth it". And often we think that we can measure how much we love by the price of the gift. The more expensive the gift, the greater our love! And that is what the Christmas adverts play on!

Christmas is a celebration of a very special and expensive gift. And it really is a gift, freely given for no other reason than love. We don't have to deserve it, or earn it. It's just that as far as God is concerned, "you're worth it!" and that is not some general vague statement. God sees you and me, just as we are, as worth Him coming to this little blue planet on the edge of the Milky Way Galaxy, knowing all the terrible cost that will entail, because He loves us. Jesus comes to us as a defenceless baby Jesus.

Nothing could be less intimidating. Nothing could be more costly. Why? So that we might come and live with Him forever, because He thinks "we're worth it", because He loves us. Now, like all gifts this has to be accepted and unwrapped. In this case it involves living a relationship by faith. But that's another story!

I wish everyone in our parishes a wonderful Christmas, and especially that you will be able to see something of the wonderful truth at the centre of our celebrations. That, whatever anyone else thinks, as far as God is concerned, "You're worth it!"

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas.

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Christmas Eve will follow the usual pattern with a 6.00pm service of carols and Holy Communion. We plan to hold a Gardeners' Question Time in early spring in the Village Hall. Look out for notice of this in the next magazine and draft your questions for our panel of experts.

Church News

By the time you read this we will have held our Christmas Coffee morning on 29th November with lots of interesting stalls and Father Christmas. Thank you to all who helped and supported the morning.

We plan a Christingle service on Sunday, 14 December with a workshop in the church at 10 o'clock the day before, Saturday, 13 December, to make the christingles. This should be a delightfully sticky time for the children as they wrestle with the oranges and sweets.

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Church Services	St Helen's Church, Albury
7 December	9.30am Matins with David Bendor Samuel
13 December	10.00am Workshop for children to make christingles in the church
14 December	9.30am Family Christingle Service with Reverend Michael Grantham
21 December	9.30am Holy Communion Common Worship with Reverend Michael Grantham
24 December	6.00pm Christmas Eve Carols and Holy Communion with Reverend Michael Grantham
28 December	Holy Communion BCP with Reverend Michael Grantham
4 January	9.30am Matins with Robert Hutton
11 January	9.30am Holy Communion BCP with Reverend Michael Grantham
18 January	9.30am Family Service with Reverend Michael Grantham
25 January	9.30am Holy Communion Common Worship with Reverend Michael Grantham

Great Milton Methodist Church Redevelopment Project

In the next few months we are going to be holding a number of fund raising events for this project – installation of a small kitchen and toilet facilities.

These will include a 60's/70's Disco, quiz evening, plant sale and many more.

I will be running a "Fitness for Fun" morning on Saturday, 6 December, 10.30-12.00 at the Neighbours Hall, Great Milton. Cost will be £10.00 including refreshments and everyone is welcome.

In early February there will be a Saturday morning Yoga workshop.

Please come and support these events.

For more information contact Yvonne Cartwright on Tel: 01844 279205

HOST

HOST is a voluntary activity which is looking for kind, friendly, hospitable people of all ages, whose imaginations are caught by the idea of welcoming an international student at university here, far from his or her own family, to their home, for a day, a weekend or at Christmas. You don't need to live near a university, as students will travel for the privilege of meeting you, learning about real life in this country, and sharing their own culture.

Please see www.hostuk.org or call local organiser Jing Wang on 01865 862559

Waterstock & Tiddington W.I.



In October the talk by Liz Harris gave an in-depth insight into the language and customs of the remote region of Ladakh in the Himalayas. Her published novel "The road back" has been a good read, much enhanced by knowing what a language tells you about the people. October was also the month of our 90th anniversary. Founded on 14 October 1924 as Waterperry and Waterstock WI, we held a celebratory afternoon tea on Sunday, 12 October. We were thrilled that so many from the village were able to join us and thank you to all who helped and came to support us. The picture shows Edmund Quigley, a young but very talented magician. Jojo from Wheatley Park School also entertained us on the harp. You could have heard a pin drop during her performance.



Also in October several members enjoyed the Group Meeting in Thame. We were joint winners with Thame of the competition for a theatrical mask. Congratulations to Marion Talbot who made it.

In November Jenni Matthews had us all exercising our vocal chords and in the end we all managed passable renditions of "Do, re, me" and "Don't cry for me, Argentina" from the musicals. Jenni will be performing at the County Christmas Songs event in Oxford Town Hall on 8 December.

On 11 December we look forward to our Christmas dinner at the "Fox and Goat", exchange presents and wish our members a very happy Christmas. We also extend greetings to everyone.

In the new year, on 8 January we have a more serious subject "Wills and Powers of Attorney", given by Gail Church. The competition letter will be "P". As a change from previous arrangements, those three members who will be making tea each month will also provide the refreshments. Other members do not need to bring contributions. Members are also

reminded that subscriptions of £36.00 will be due and our Treasurer will be very happy to receive them.

A date for your diary is the popular annual Quiz Evening which will be held on Saturday, 7 February in the Village Hall. Proceeds will be divided between the Institute and a local charity yet to be decided.

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.

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Tiddington Village Hall

WHAT HAPPENED TO 2014?

It's hard to believe that Christmas is almost here!! It's been a busy year in the Village Hall and it's now looking fantastic inside, a huge thank you to Monty Adams and Ken Field who have done most of the decorating. In 2015 we will be concentrating on the outside. Thanks also to the rest of the committee for their work throughout the year.

The Blues Night in September proved to be a very entertaining evening, Southern Blues Fiasco are a brilliant young group, who we hope to have back again sometime next year.

Our next event will be the ever popular Christmas Bingo on Thursday 18th December, eyes down at 8pm. We will, as usual, be calling on your generosity to provide us with prizes for the event, so look out for a leaflet dropping through your door soon! We are always amazed by the amount of prizes we receive and the number of people who attend. If you haven't been before come along and have a fun start to Christmas – and don't forget we always have a special visitor in a red suit to hand out the winnings.

Events to look out for in 2015:

Children's' Easter Party, Sunday, 29 March

A 70's/80's disco in early May!!

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Happy, Healthy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year – see you at the bingo!!!

Tot Boswell

Chairman

Tiddington Village Hall Committee

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November 2014

Over 80 people attended our end of season Awards evening; great speeches, good food and very deserving trophy winners. A big thanks to all those who came along and also those that helped with setting up, cooking and clearing away. A great evening.

Darts and Crib are in full swing now; great enthusiasm from all the teams. We now only open on Mondays and Wednesdays when we have a home crib/dart match, so just keep a look out for the lights.

Thank you to our sponsors, Pete Farrell, Tony Smith, Stephen Bowley and Allen Associates. We are always looking for extra support and we would love to be able to have a shirt sponsor for our senior and youth teams. We have sponsorship opportunities to suit all budgets and if you, or anyone you know, wishes for more information, please contact: sponsorship@tiddingtoncricketclub.org.

Good luck to our 24 boys and girls who are involved in the County winter coaching assessment sessions. Following these sessions, some will be chosen for County and Development Squads to commence training after Christmas.

Christmas opening

Sunday, 22 December, 12.30-11.00pm with our Christmas raffle draw. Tickets £1.00 each, many prizes

Wednesday, 24 December, 7.30-11.30pm

Thursday, 25 December, 12.00-2.00pm

Friday, 26 December, 12.00-3.00pm

Wednesday, 31 December, 8.00pm til late. Members and guests are welcome.

We look forward to welcoming you over the Festive Season.

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Jack Brooks

Jack's successful 2014 season with 68 County Championship wickets for Division One champions Yorkshire continues.

As the leading English wicket taker in Division One he has been selected to attend a fast bowlers' camp at the University campus at Potchefstroom in South Africa from 21 November to 20 December.

Having recently completed fitness checks at the English Cricket Board centre of excellence in Loughborough, he will be touring with the England Lions in South Africa for five weeks from 1 January.

On his return he will be travelling to Abu Dhabi with Yorkshire in March for a pre-season warm-up tournament involving Lancashire, Sussex and an M.C.C. XI. The tour ends with the traditional season opening match against an M.C.C. XI.

The Oxford Cricket Board has awarded Jack the Phil Garner award for excellence for 2014 and he has also been shortlisted for Oxfordshire's Sportsman of the Year award to be announced at their presentation evening on 28 November.

Don Brooks



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Opening Hours

Monday, Thursday, Friday 9.30 – 4.00

Tuesday, Wednesday 9.30 – 1.00

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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



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
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News from Wheatley Library

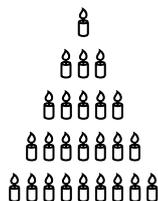
We have a meeting of the Lively Library Club on Wednesday, 10 December at 2.15pm. This will be a talk by the RNLI. Unfortunately we have not had many people attend these talks for the past couple of months and so they may not continue in the New Year. If you would like them to continue please come along.

Our volunteers are now up and running and are in their third and final month of training. They are very keen to work at the library and we are also keen to keep the library open. We would like a few more volunteers and if anyone would like to volunteer please contact Rosamund Lake. You can email her on rosamund.lake@bodleian.ox.ac.uk.

Rhyme Time has now resumed and is on Fridays at 11.30am. This is for babies and toddlers. All children must be accompanied by an adult. If you would like to come and to bring a child please do.

We will close for Christmas at 1.00pm on Wednesday, 24 December until Friday, 2 January. We would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas.

From all the staff and volunteers
Wheatley Library.



Secondary glazing, not second best

If your single glazed windows are characterful and perfectly serviceable then adding secondary glazing might be a better option than replacement. Secondary glazing has numerous benefits:

- Reduces draughts, condensation, and heat loss through windows (by up to 63%)
- Sound insulation can be better than double glazing (if panes are 10cm or more apart)
- Outward appearance of windows unchanged, home security may be enhanced

Secondary glazing can be temporary or integrated more permanently. Temporary DIY options include lightweight acrylic panes mounted using magnetic strips. Plastic films that can be stuck to the window pane or frame are lower cost options. Integrated options include heavier glazed units which can be hinged or sliding, allowing you to open your windows. At the top end, custom made timber frame units and those highly rated by the BFRC will be more durable and their airtight seals will further reduce heat losses. For the best visual match, align the glazing bars with those on the original window.

Existing windows should be repaired first when fitting secondary glazing and all units should remain closed in winter to discourage condensation on the primary window pane. For more tips on making an older home more energy efficient, visit www.superhomes.org.uk



Hinged secondary glazing - bar aligned with original windows for a good match

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