

# TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY & MILTON COMMON NEWSLETTER

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## From the Editor

Welcome to the new look newsletter. I hope you like the result. Please do let me know how you find it.

Meanwhile best wishes to everyone for a very happy Easter and enjoyable times when the two May bank holidays arrive.

Please note the change of dates for the next two Council meetings and rubbish collections.

Come and see the WI Centenary baton at the Village Hall on 20 April (see p14)

On 2 May there is a Blues Night in the Village Hall (see poster) and further afield at the Neighbours Hall in Great Milton there is Live Music on 16 May. Again see the poster.

Zena Knight

**Deadline** for articles for inclusion in the June/July Newsletter is  
**12.00noon on 20 May 2015**

Paper copy or disk to be forwarded to the Editor at  
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## From the Parish Clerk

**Parish Council Elections** - these take place on Thursday, 7 May. I shall be displaying a notice to this effect on the Parish Notice Board no later than 30 March. (I have not yet received this). Nominations must be in the hands of the returning officer by 4.00pm on 9 April.

**Vacancy on Parish Council** – Mrs Cherry Draper has said that she does not wish to continue as a Parish Councillor after the Annual Parish Meeting in May. Please contact me if you are interested in filling the vacancy. My telephone number is 01844 339216.

**Surface water and flooding** – drainage engineer, Gordon Hunt has visited and looked at the pooling problem at the bottom of Sandy Lane and has reported on what he considers needs to be done. The Parish Council is not sure that what he proposes will solve the problem and is asking him to call out again. We are also asking him to look at Draycot corner and the top of Sandy Lane.

**Vehicle Operated Signs** – the posts for the signs have been installed and we now await the signs themselves. There is some concern over the positioning of the signs, which property owners may wish to take up with Oxfordshire Highways.

**Tiddington4village plan** – we have written to the County Council regarding the possibility of creating a cycle/footpath along the old railway line to seek their support, but to date have not received a reply.

The successful coffee mornings at the Cricket Club continue on the second Wednesday of each month.

The Art and Craft Group meetings are held 9.00am-noon on other Wednesdays, at the Village Hall. Details from Zena Knight, tel. 339340.

**Footpath from Station Yard to bus stop** – residents are concerned about the safety of this footpath, which runs along the edge of the road. Highways are adamant that it conforms to relevant legislation but parents walking their children to the school bus are worried about the safety of the children. We are endeavouring to get the Area Steward from Oxfordshire County Council to have another look at this matter.

**Laybys** – we have asked for litter bins and new signs in the laybys. The bins have arrived, but not the new signs yet.

**New Notice Board** – a new craftsman-designed and manufactured oak notice board for Tiddington has been ordered and should be with us in a couple of months. This will have three bays, so that we can more easily accommodate church as well as Parish notices.

**Better Broadband** - you may have noticed the new green cabinet outside the Fox and Goat. This should enable better broadband and should become active during March.

Ken Poyser  
Clerk to the Parish Council

**Easter and May Bank Holidays  
Rubbish and Food Waste Collections**

**Normal day**

Monday 6 April

Monday 4 May

Monday 25 May

**Monday 11 May**

**Revised day**

Tuesday 7 April

Tuesday 5 May

Tuesday 26 May

**collecting extra bin of garden waste**

**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.

**FREE!**

**SWAP SHOP**

**Saturday, 18 April, 9.30am – 11.00am**

**Merry Bells, Wheatley**

**Bring useful old stuff 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 10.00am**

**You can now bring (small) electrical items!**

We have a notice board to advertise 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](http://www.wheatleycag.org)

Reuse, recycle and keep stuff out of landfill!

\*See website for other places to recycle these items

## **From the Parish Council Chair**

In Milton Common we are still looking for two volunteers to be trained on how to use the SID system, the Smiley face that tells motorists how fast they are travelling. The police have offered some training, so we need to take advantage of this. We have two volunteers but need four.

We have been in communication with our County Councillor, Anne Purse regarding the footpath from Station Yard to Sandy Lane. Please see her article in the newsletter.

Better Broad Band? Unfortunately for Milton Common we are still going to be in the slow lane, as the Ickford exchange is being upgraded before the Great Milton exchange. We are still pursuing to bring the date forward from 2016.

As this will be my last article as Chairman, I would like to thank my Councillors for their support and hard work, and good luck to the new Chairperson.

Don't forget to come to the Parish meetings; next meeting we might have the area steward.

Elaine Horne

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## **From your County Councillor**

I am aware that people are very concerned about the footpath constructed for the houses in Station Yard along the main road and up to the houses. On numerous occasions I have spoken to Council officers and got the same response. That response is that the work was paid for by the developers and they gave the money that would build a standard pavement according to national guidelines, which the Council then constructed. The path as it is took all the money that was available from the developers. I have had the local Area Steward out to measure the width of the path, which he did, and told me he is clear that it complies with nationally set standards.

However, I am not happy that the national guidelines fail to take into account particularly heavy traffic of the sort that goes along the A418, and am trying to find out whether there is any possibility of getting a different set of national guidelines for this sort of extremely busy road. In the meantime, I am hoping to arrange a meeting in the village with the Area Steward.

If you wish to talk to me about this or any other County Council matter, please phone me on 01865 351404 or 07787885717 (this number has an answerphone) or email me on [anne.purse@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:anne.purse@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

Councillor Anne Purse

March 2015

## **From your District Councillor**

### **Moving to Milton Park**

We've agreed a deal with Research Machines to move into their old offices at 135 Milton Park for up to four years. The owners of Milton Park still have to give their approval for this but we're confident that will happen very soon. There's a bit of work we need to do to the building before we can make it suitable for us, like creating a public reception but we're planning to move in mid-May.

It will definitely be after the elections and when we know what the arrangements will be for councillors, we'll let you know.

Once we've done all the preparation and planning for the big move, we can then turn our attentions to the Crowmarsh site.

We've also secured some service offices in Sandford to accommodate more staff until we move to our temporary offices.

### **Elections preparation**

We're writing to anyone that's been registered for a postal vote for more than five years as they need to re-apply for the elections in May. We have written to everybody this affects to make sure they don't miss out. We will also be sending out some letters to everyone on the electoral register to double-check we have the right details for their household.

Please look out for these and if you didn't receive the ones you'd expect to by 20 March let elections know [via email](#) or by calling 01235 540310.

### **Cash to boost rural economy**

There's £1.5 million available until 2020 for farmers, rural businesses, communities and others who are looking to boost their local rural economy. There's lots more information, including a map of the area covered by the grants on the LEADER webpage.

If you or anybody you know is working on a project that might be eligible for some of this cash, get in touch with Amanda Holland on email [oxfordshire.leader@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:oxfordshire.leader@southandvale.gov.uk) or call her on 07717 271909.

### **Military covenant story**

You may have heard a story on the news recently that implied the councils don't take the military covenant seriously when it comes to finding homes for former forces personnel. We do! So much so in fact that it's enshrined in our housing allocations policy. It gives those who have served in the armed forces certain priorities once they're on the housing register.

If however they suddenly find themselves homeless then we'd treat them like any emergency homelessness case. The covenant doesn't come into effect in these situations, as they're already at the top of the priority list. This is exactly what happened in the case featured on the news and living up to their exceptional record at preventing homelessness our housing team found the individual emergency accommodation, but he turned it down.

Our housing team works closely with a number of military organisations and charities to help find homes for those nearing the end of their service to avoid homelessness.

The charity featured on the news is not one the team's aware of but is trying to make contact with them to explain how the covenant works.

If you ever have concerns with how the councils are portrayed in the press or media, please email [communications](#) or call them on 01235 540300.

### **Local plan news**

Last year we asked residents and organisations what they thought about eight different options for distributing new houses fairly.

We received over a thousand responses from which we've taken all the helpful and constructive comments and used them with the latest evidence and guidance to come up with some new options. We'd now like to know what people think of these new options.

For the details and to find out how to comment, visit [www.southoxon.gov.uk/options](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/options)

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

*Stephen Harrod*

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## **Milton Common NHW (West Side) and Sandy Lane**

### **Adobe and LinkedIn Phishing Emails**

Current spam email campaigns are trying to infiltrate or infect email accounts by pretending to come from either Adobe or LinkedIn Support. The emails from LinkedIn claim "irregular activities have prompted a compulsory security update". With the Adobe, emails attempt to direct the user to the latest updates.

Phishing is an attempt by a fraudster to steal valuable information by pretending to be a company that you know and use. It relies on people to think the message is genuine. Victims are initially sent an email that will have either a link to a website, or contain an attachment. What the fraudsters want you to do is click on the link or attachment so that they can steal valuable information from your computer, like your bank account or credit card details.

Protect yourself:

- Look at who the email is addressed to – many will say "Dear user" or "Dear valued customer" and will not be addressed directly to you.
- If there are images included in the email they may be of a poor quality but will try to look like the company they are trying to represent.
- The message may have a few spelling mistakes.



- Do not click on the link supplied. Instead, go to the relevant website and log in from there.

**IF YOU NEED TO REPORT A FRAUD, PLEASE CALL ACTION FRAUD ON  
0300 123 2040**

Elaine Horne  
NHW Co-ordinator M/C and Sandy Lane  
01844 279520

## **Tiddington**

There have been a number of thefts from vehicles and burglaries in the villages around Tiddington recently:

- Thefts from vehicle – Horspath, Wheatley
- Stolen number plates – Chalgrove, Garsington, Great Milton, Wheatley
- Burglary dwelling – Horspath
- Burglary non-dwelling: - Great Haseley, Great Milton, Waterperry

### **Number plate security**

Report the loss of your number plates to the police as soon as possible. Call 101, the 24-hour Thames Valley Police non-emergency number or if the crime is in progress, call 999. Fit theft-proof screws or special number plates to your vehicle. Clutch head screws are specially designed to be virtually impossible to remove once they've been fitted. They are very cheap to buy and easy to fit.

### **Crime reduction advice**

- Install a shed alarm
- Post-code or mark all property such as lawnmowers, bikes and tools using ultraviolet pens, forensic marking such as Selecta DNA, Smartwater or engravers
- Chain large items such as bicycles together, making it much more difficult for a thief to carry them away
- Fit a wire cage inside the shed where more expensive items can be locked away

For anything suspicious please call the police directly - non-emergency number 101, or for an emergency dial 999.

Thank you.

Chris Williams  
NHW Co-ordinator Tiddington  
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## OWNERS OF STABLES BEWARE!

17/3 Tuesday Overnight. Stables, Aldworth, Reading. Offenders forced entry to stable yard and have stolen a **trailer** and a quantity of **horse feed**. There was also an unsuccessful attempt to steal horse drawn carriages, which were kept there.

14/3 – 15/3 Saturday / Sunday Stables, Denham. Offender broke down a wooden fence which runs parallel to the Denham Road to gain access to stables. Lock cut from stable door and **horse feed** stolen. If you would like to become part of Horsewatch and receive the emails, please email me on [elaine@ace-training.me.uk](mailto:elaine@ace-training.me.uk).



Elaine Horne  
Horsewatch  
Sandy Lane and Parish  
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## From your MP, John Howell



Many issues are raised in Parliament on a wide range of subjects and the issues raised with me privately are no less many and varied. Generally in my monthly newsletter I seek to report back on the issues being raised in Parliament and in the constituency that seem to generate wider interest. However, I am often asked for an overview of the work of an MP and thought it may be of interest to share something of the range of issues that are raised. A quick glance at the issues coming across my desk in the last couple of months is fairly typical.

In the constituency I have visited schools, met with GPs and Practice staff, and declared open a new post office facility and a new disabled toilet! I have met with representatives from parish councils in the south of the constituency to assist their request for a review of the AONB and I have met with residents in and around Henley to discuss air traffic issues in the skies above the town. In Thame I had the pleasure of meeting people undertaking apprenticeships. In Westminster I have met with school groups visiting parliament, and I have attended sessions to support constituents on a range

of issues from the volumetric industry to Alzheimer's. Back at my desk many issues are raised by email, letter and phone. There are personal issues that my office seeks to help with and lobby issues where I am regularly asked to support both sides of an argument!

Some people comment that when they see the Chamber of the House of Commons on television it can be relatively empty. Behind the scenes in Westminster there are many meetings going on and a range of Committees sitting. For example I sit on the Justice Select Committee. At this time in the Parliamentary cycle there are a number of Bills that MPs are seeking to draw to a close. Amendments from the House of Lords are being considered on several Bills including the Recall of MPs Bill, the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill, and the Modern Slavery Bill. So, all in all it's a varied and busy programme. But there is always time to pursue specific issues on behalf of constituent groups. One issue that has long been high on my agenda, and one that is the subject of many conversations and emails, is that of business rates. I believe that it is an unfair tax for which businesses see little return. I have lobbied the Chancellor on behalf of local business. I am therefore delighted that the Treasury has launched an enquiry into business rates. I am keen that the businesses of this area have their say and would be delighted to hear from businesses interested in making a contribution to the debate.

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During the forthcoming election period my website will remain in the public domain but will be static, simply providing historical information. In due course details on where my election literature can be found will be posted on my web page and Facebook page.

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## **St. Helen's Church**

### **From the Vicar**

On 7 May the General Election will be held and we all will have the opportunity to vote for the political party who we think should form the next Government. One of the most disturbing features of recent elections is that fewer of us are taking up our democratic right to vote. In the 1950 General Election the turnout was 84% of all those eligible to vote, but in 1977 only 71.5% voted, the lowest turnout for a General Election in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Since then, an all-time low was recorded in Leeds Central when only 19.6% bothered to come to a polling booth and register their vote in a

by-election.

So what is happening to our democracy - and does it really matter? It seems that many people no longer consider politicians to be trustworthy people,

# **Great Milton**

## **LIVE MUSIC** from the **60's and 70's**

**The Fabulous Hippy Haze**



**Band**

**16th May**

**7.30 to 11pm**

**Neighbours Hall**

**In Aid of the Methodist Church  
Renovations & Neighbours Hall**

**Admittance £10 - by Ticket Only**

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**Wine Beer & Soft Drinks available**

and the important issues of our day are becoming more and more confusing and complicated.

Two elderly ladies were talking about the forthcoming election, one turned to the other and said, "I never vote dear - it only encourages them!"

Our country is affected by a creeping apathy, which is also seeping into the Church. It is our Christian duty to be involved in the life of our country and using our vote is one small way we can be involved.

I have been thinking about the suffragette movement of the early 1900s and how women such as Emmeline Pankhurst fought hard for the right of women to vote. Eventually, women over 30 years of age were allowed to vote for the first time in the 1918 General Election. In May 1929 the voting age for women was reduced from 30 to 21 years, this meant that six million more votes were cast than in 1924. They fought so hard to get the vote, now so many who have a right to vote don't.

People in the USA who failed to vote when George Bush was elected for a second term have been made to wonder how things could have turned out differently in their Presidential Election had they all bothered to do so. In the end the election of such a large nation and population was decided by a few hundred votes. In the same way in the UK in the 100 or so constituencies with majorities of less than 5,000, a relatively small number of voters will affect who is elected to Westminster and how important each vote will be.

I hope that after listening to some of the broadcasts and reading the literature from the political parties you will be able to make up your mind who to vote for.

YOUR CROSS DOES COUNT.

Michael Grantham

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## **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Tea**

Thank you to all who came to our first pancake tea. It was a great success. However, I have to apologise to all who attended! I was not expecting so many people as we did not sell any tickets. I had no idea how many people were coming. Hence we ran out of pancakes. Whoops!

I promise this will not happen next year, we will be prepared! The event took £97.00 and all goes to the church funds.

Once again thank you every one for supporting your church.

Lynda Meleg

PCC Member

01844 339599.

Date	Church Services St Helen's Church, Albury
<b>3 April</b>	12.00-1.00pm Meditations at Waterperry Church
<b>5 April</b>	9.00am Easter Service with Holy Communion with Reverend Serena Hutton
<b>12 April</b>	9.30am Holy Communion BCP with Reverend Michael Grantham
<b>19 April</b>	9.30am Family Service with Reverend Michael Grantham
<b>26 April</b>	9.30am Holy Communion Common Worship with Reverend Michael Grantham
<b>3 May</b>	9.30am Matins with Robert Hutton
<b>10 May</b>	9.30am Holy Communion BCP with Reverend Canon John Morrison
<b>17 May</b>	9.30am Family Service with Reverend Michael Grantham
<b>17 May</b>	6.00pm Cluster Service for Rogation Sunday at Waterperry
<b>24 May</b>	9.30am Whit Sunday Holy Communion Common Worship with Reverend Michael Grantham
<b>31 May</b>	11.00am Cluster Service at Holton with Reverend Michael Grantham

## Church News

The church has been busy the last couple of months with a good variety of events. Greg and Melissa Price-Jones's son, Jake, was christened at the end of January. Ken Lawton's funeral service in early March filled the church with family and friends.

Mothering Sunday saw a good turnout of adults and children to give and receive bunches of daffodils.

We enjoyed an excellent evening with Gardener's Question Time and thanks to all the efforts of our supporters, tickets were sold and the hall filled. We have swelled church funds by £630.00 as well as giving us some interesting gardening views and advice. Sue Bedwell, Steve Relton and Kevin Sharp worked hard as the expert panel and provided plenty of amusement too.

We are now looking forward to the Palm Sunday walk at 10 00am from Waterstock to Waterperry and to welcoming Serena Hutton to take our Easter Sunday service at the earlier time of 9 00am.

Moo Nowell-Smith, Churchwarden

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## Waterstock & Tiddington W.I.

In February we learnt about prehistoric Britain through Russell Cherry's journey along the Ridgeway from Wiltshire to Oxfordshire, taking in Avebury and Wayland's Smithy amongst other sites.



At our March Annual Meeting, following an election, I was re-elected as President. Thank you for your support and for that of now only six members of the new committee. I would also like to thank others who do tasks outside of committee and make the work of committee members much easier. However, we are still in need of a Secretary and assistant Treasurer and could co-opt on to the committee if someone volunteers. **Please** think about it.

Following the business of the meeting, helped by a County adviser, Stella Oakes from Holton and Waterperry WI, we were pleased to welcome Doreen Williams, who gave us a quiz, taxing our brains and learning some interesting facts on the way. Did you know that David Cameron, Paul McCartney and Barack Obama are all left-handed?

On 9 April, Marcus Ferrar will have "A foot in both camps", a British journalist with a German past. The competition will be for a flower or corsage made from a scarf or scarves. The winning entry will go forward to the Group Meeting which we will be hosting in the Village Hall on 23 April. Members are invited from local WIs, Chinnor, Holton and Waterperry, Sydenham and Thame and we would like all our own members to come, some to help with teas and make biscuits. Please book the date in your diary.

On 14 May we will discuss the Resolution which goes forward to the National Annual Meeting in the Royal Albert Hall on 4 June. Following our discussion, we will have a session of bingo. Please bring a prize to the value of £1.00. We continue our competition for an item of fruit or vegetables with the letter "S".

The National Annual Meeting is a special this year as the WI celebrates the centenary of its founding in Canada. A Baton will have been touring the country, visiting as many WIs as possible. Our turn will be on Monday, 20 April when it will come from Holton to Tiddington Village Hall car park between 8.30 and 8.45am. Please come along and join the photoshoot, members and other villagers alike. The Baton idea is similar to the Olympic torch event in 2012.

We have an interesting selection of speakers to come in the new programme, copies of which will be available at our April meeting. Some of the speakers have been seen at the auditions days held at regular intervals and attended by our programme planners, so they come recommended.

We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in Tiddington Village Hall, and look forward to welcoming you.

Zena Knight. Tel: 01844 339340/Email: zenaknight42@btinternet.com

**Tiddington Village Hall**

**Presents a**

# **Blues Night**

Music by:

*“No Horses”*

**Saturday 2nd May**

at 8pm in Tiddington Village Hall

*Following the success of last year's Blues night we are hosting another Blues band on 2nd May. Last year we had Southern Blues Fiasco. They are not gigging as much this year so from the embers of SBF a new band, “No Horses” has been formed*

*Come and join us for a great evening!*

*Those who came last year will vouch for what a great evening it was!*



**Tiddington  
Village Hall  
Committee**

**Tickets are available from Village Hall  
Committee members or pay on the door**

**Tickets : £6**

## Tiddington Village Hall

At last the sun is shining and Spring is on its way, let's hope it's the sign of things to come for the rest of 2015!

We have a few events planned for this year, the first of which is a Blues Night on Saturday, 2 May, with the band "No Horses". Those of you who came to the event last year will recognise most of the members as they are a reformed Southern Blues Fiasco. Tickets are a very reasonable £6.00, so come along and have a great time.

The annual Fête will be held on Saturday, 4 July, for which we are still in desperate need of more helpers. If you could spare us some time either in the morning to set up or in the afternoon to "man" a stall, if only for half an hour please give me a call on 01844 338146 or speak to any committee member.

A couple of events much further on in the year to put in your diaries are the Christmas Dinner Dance on Saturday, 5 December and the Christmas Bingo Thursday, 17 December, I know this is a bit too early to be thinking about Christmas but we have to get ourselves organised!!

That's all for now folks but watch out for further updates.

Tot Boswell, Chairman  
Tiddington Village Hall Committee  
01844 338146



### March 2015

The grass is cut, the senior and junior fixtures are available on our website and we are awaiting the sunshine. With only 3 weeks to go to our first match, at home against Great Brickhill on Saturday, 18 April, thoughts are on preparing the Club and ground in readiness.

Our usual work party is on Good Friday and many senior and junior members always turn out to spruce the place up.

Our junior academy coaching starts on Tuesday, 21 April for secondary school pupils and Friday, 24 April for boys and girls in year 2 - 6. Our youth signing-on evening was Friday, 27 March at 7.00pm. All details and forms are on our website. Many thanks to Stephen Bowley for his continued support of our youth academy.

Memberships are due on 1 April and rates have remained the same as in previous years. We are a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) and to maintain this status we have to have a membership database. It also enables us to collect Gift Aid from donations.

We look forward to welcoming all members to the Club during the season to enjoy the senior and junior cricket and Aunt Sally and perhaps sample a beer or two - many prices remaining at 2014 levels.

Our B darts team has reached the semi-final of the knockout and we wish them success. Our other darts teams and crib teams have enjoyed the season and we are now looking forward to the successes of our Wednesday and Friday Aunt Sally teams.

We were sad to hear of the death of our dear Ken Lawton, a long serving Vice President. We will miss his stories and company; many attended his funeral and had a "wee dram" in his memory.

Lesley Pykett

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[www.tiddingtoncricketclub.org](http://www.tiddingtoncricketclub.org)

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## **GREAT HASELEY AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

### **April 2015**

We have now had a number of beautiful days and the clear up is almost done and the weeds are flourishing in the mild spell. Today the temperature is 5°C so at least growth will slow down and give me a chance to catch up.

Plants in the greenhouse are starting to grow and my Pelargoniums are in flower along with some overwintered purple Nemesia; this is very cheering on gloomy days. I have summer bedding plants to grow on; I bought these as tiny plugs in trays of twenty. This is cost effective for me as I have somewhere to keep them while growing from seed is difficult in my greenhouse because it is in full sun all day; seedlings tend to fry even if they are shaded. If I were to replace the greenhouse it would ideally be under

deciduous trees giving shade in the hottest part of the day and as this particular site doesn't exist in my garden I can but dream.

Last year I removed a lot of daffodils from the garden and planted them in one of the raised beds in the vegetable garden so now I am watching them grow and am looking forward to cutting them for the house; usually I am reluctant to cut flowers from the garden so perhaps this is the start of my cutting garden. It is time to get seeds in the ground in the vegetable garden, but most of my raised beds are covered in *Verbena hastata rosea* which has seeded everywhere. While it is very pretty I will have to dig it out; this is another plant which joins my list of plants of which you only need one to have more than you will ever need.

Last week I was bulb planting (the ones I did not plant in the Autumn - I know, I know, but I may as well put them in or they will be wasted!) on a lovely sunny afternoon and was joined by the visiting chicken who loves to be with me when I am in the garden. There were lots of worms and she ate so many that she had to settle down in the middle of the bed for a nap and I had to work around her; she makes me laugh and certainly cheers my day. I saw her struggling with one 'worm' and when I picked her up her squawk of indignation caused it to shoot out; it was not a worm, but was a long piece of clear silicone sealant which moved uncannily like a worm. In the future I will be on the lookout for such potentially dangerous items.

So this month it is finishing the cutting back, plant moving, weeding and seed sowing; you will be busy.

Liz Moyses  
Membership secretary  
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01844 279875

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

Thank you to those members who have already paid their subscription for 2015 and may I remind other members that your subscription is now overdue and will be gratefully received.

## Wheatley Library

### Opening Hours

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

The Merry Bells, High Street, Wheatley

Tel: 01865 875267

Email: [wheatley.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:wheatley.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

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**Tuesday, Wednesday 9.30 – 1.00**

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**Or 0300 3300 650 (mobile)**

**Appointments: 01844 217186**

**Website: [www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk)**

**General information: [www.thamecab.org](http://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**

## Ramblers Invite You to an Introductory Walk

As part of the celebrations to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the Ramblers, Thame & Wheatley group is organising an introductory walk for all those who might like to join with others to try a short walk. Just come along, bring friends and family if you like (dogs on leads please), on Sunday, 3 May at 10.00am at the Upper High Street car park, Thame for a leisurely 4 mile walk followed by complimentary coffee and cake in Christchurch Hall (opposite the car park). If you would like more details please phone 01865 874300 or visit [www.ramblers-oxon.org.uk](http://www.ramblers-oxon.org.uk).

## Information

<b>Art and Craft Group</b>	Every Wednesday except 2 <sup>nd</sup> in the month, Village Hall, 9.00am-12noon.
<b>Bus passes</b>	Free bus pass to residents over 60 rising to 65 over a ten-year period from 6 Apr 2010 or registered disabled accepted for free travel from 9.00am within Oxfordshire, 9.30am beyond. Issued by OCC.
<b>Church</b>	St Helen's Church, Albury Services: see Newsletter Diary for service times Vicar: Reverend Michael Grantham Churchwardens: Moo Nowell-Smith. Tel. 01844 339650. Ken Field. Tel. 01844 339671
<b>Coffee Mornings</b>	Tiddington Cricket Club. Second Wednesday of the month, 10.30-12.30pm.
<b>Community Education</b>	Thame: Towersey Road, Thame. Tel. 01844 213400/213114 Wheatley: The Lodge, Wheatley Park School, Holton. Tel. 01865 872664
<b>Councillors</b>	County Councillor: Anne Purse. Tel. 01865 351404. Email <a href="mailto:anne.purse@oxfordshire.gov.uk">anne.purse@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a> District Councillor: Stephen Harrod. Tel. 01844 278068. Email <a href="mailto:Stephen@wildhorn.co.uk">Stephen@wildhorn.co.uk</a>
<b>Cricket</b>	Tiddington Cricket Club Contact: Ray Manning. Tel. 01844 338911. E-mail. <a href="mailto:RRayManning@aol.com">RRayManning@aol.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.tiddingtoncricketclub.org">www.tiddingtoncricketclub.org</a>
<b>Crime Stoppers</b>	Tel: 0800 555 111
<b>Doctors</b>	Rycote Practice, Thame Health Centre, East Street, Thame. Tel. 01844 261066 Wheatley: Morland House Surgery, London Road, Wheatley. Tel. 01865 872448 NHS Direct: Tel: 0845 46 47
<b>Flooding</b>	Environment Agency Floodline Tel. 0845 988 1188 South Oxfordshire District Council Tel. 01491 823473
<b>Food waste</b>	Raw and cooked food waste collected every Monday in small green bin
<b>Garden Refuse</b>	Fortnightly kerbside collection from wheeled bins at cost of £34 per year. For terms and conditions and further details visit the website: <a href="http://www.southoxon.gov.uk">www.southoxon.gov.uk</a> To arrange payment phone 01749 341247
<b>Gardening</b>	Great Haseley and District Horticultural Society

Contacts: Sandra & Eric Fincham, 10 Albury View. Tel. 01844 339675

**Library**

Mobile Library: alternate Wednesdays  
10.35-11.10am, Cricket Club entrance, Tiddington  
11.25-11.40pm, Sandy Lane, Milton Common  
See Newsletter Diary for visiting dates.  
Branch Libraries: Thame. Tel. 01844 212288.  
Wheatley. Tel. 01865 875267

**Markets**

Thame, Tuesdays 8.30am – 4.30pm  
Farmers' market, Thame, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month  
8.30am – 1.30pm  
Organic farmers' market, Sandy Lane Farm, Tiddington,  
Thursdays 2.30 – 6.00pm

**Neighbourhood Watch**

Milton Common and Sandy Lane: Elaine Horne. Tel: 01844 279520

Tiddington: Chris Williams. Tel: 07710 620820

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**NHS Direct**

Tel: 0845 46 47 [www.nhs.direct.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.direct.nhs.uk)

**Parish Council**

Meetings held in Tiddington Village Hall at 8.00pm on first Monday in the month (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday if first is a Bank Holiday)

**Phone Books**

Residents of the Parish may request an Oxford Phone book at a cost of £10.00. Tel: freephone 0800 833 400 and select option 1

For the Oxford Yellow Pages Tel: 0800 671 444

**Police**

Police Enquiry Centre:- 101 or 0845 8 505 505 (non-emergency)

Thame Police Station opening hours: Mon & Fri 0900-1700, Tue-Thu 0800-2000

**Post Office**

Wednesdays, 1.30-3.00pm, Tiddington Village Hall

**Public Transport**

Buses: 280 Oxford – Aylesbury, The Fox, Tiddington  
275 Oxford – High Wycombe, Sandy Lane,  
Milton Common

Trains: Haddenham & Thame Parkway (on 280 bus route)

**Recycling centres**

OCC Centres at Redbridge, Drayton and Oakley Wood  
Opening times: Mon-Sat 8.30 – 4.00, Sun 9.00 – 4.00

**Recycling collection**

Cans, tins, paper, cardboard, glass bottles/jars and plastics collected on alternate Mondays in large green bins  
(See Newsletter Diary for collection days and Bank Holiday changes)

	Books, CDs, videos, DVDs, cassettes at Asda, Wheatley and Waitrose, Thame.
<b>Refuse Collection</b>	Waste that cannot be recycled collected on alternate Mondays in grey bins (see Newsletter Diary for collection days and Bank Holiday changes)
<b>Schools</b>	Primary: Great Milton C of E. Tel. 01844 279388 Secondary: Wheatley Park. Tel. 01865 872441
<b>Village Hall</b>	Chairman: Tot Boswell. Tel. 01844 338146 Bookings: Brian Price. Tel. 01844 339977
<b>Waste collection</b>	For enquiries about collections email: <a href="mailto:admin.southoxford@verdant-group.co.uk">admin.southoxford@verdant-group.co.uk</a> or Telephone: 03000 610610 SODC will make the following collections: Unwanted vehicles for £68.00 Up to three bulky items for £22.00 and £6.90 for each additional item up to six. Contact Public Amenities Team on 01491 823416 or find application form on the website: <a href="http://www.southoxon.gov.uk">www.southoxon.gov.uk</a> See also under Food, Recycling, Refuse
<b>Water</b>	Thames Water. To report leaks: Tel. 08459 200800
<b>Website</b>	Village website:- <a href="http://www.tiddingtonoxon.co.uk">www.tiddingtonoxon.co.uk</a>
<b>WI</b>	Waterstock and Tiddington Women's Institute Meetings: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday in the month at 7.30pm in Tiddington Village Hall (see Newsletter Diary for dates and speakers). Contact: Zena Knight. Tel. 01844 339340
<b>Yoga</b>	Thursdays, 10.30am in Tiddington Village Hall. Contact: Yvonne Cartwright. Tel: 01844 279205
<b>Zumba</b>	Tuesdays, 6.30pm – 7.30pm in Tiddington Village Hall



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## Dates for your Diary

### April

Wed	1	Art and Craft Group	Village Hall	9.00-12.00noon
Wed	1	Mobile Library	Cricket Club entrance Sandy Lane, M.C.	10.35-11.10am 11.25-11.40am
Thu	2	Yoga (and every Thursday)	Village Hall	10.30am
Fri	3	Good Friday Meditations	Waterperry	12.00-1.00pm
Sun	.5	Easter with Holy Communion	St Helen's, Albury	9.00am
<b>Tue</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Food waste and rubbish collection</b>		
Tue	7	Zumba (and every Tuesday)	Village Hall	6.30-7.30pm
Wed	8	Drop-in Coffee Morning	Cricket Club	10.30-12.30pm
Thu	9	WI Marcus Ferrar "A foot in both camps: a British journalist with a German past"	Village Hall	7.30pm
Sun	12	Holy Communion BCP	St Helen's, Albury	9.30am
Mon	13	Food waste, recycling & garden waste collection		
Mon	13	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall	8.00pm
Wed	15	Art and Craft Group	Village Hall	9.00am-12.00
Wed	15	Mobile Library	Cricket Club entrance Sandy Lane, M.C.	10.35-11.10am 11.25-11.40am
Wed	15	Planning Committee	SODC	6.00pm
Sat	18	Swap Shop	Merry Bells, Wheatley	9.30-11.00am
Sun	19	Family Service	St Helen's, Albury	9.30am
Mon	20	Food waste and rubbish collection		
Wed	22	Art and Craft Group	Village Hall	9.00am-12.00
Sun	26	Holy Communion C. Worship	St Helen's, Albury	9.30am
Mon	27	Food waste, recycling & garden waste collection		
Wed	29	Art and Craft Group	Village Hall	9.00am-12.00
Wed	29	Mobile Library	Cricket Club entrance Sandy Lane, M.C.	10.35-11.10am 11.25-11.40am

### May

Sat	2	Blues Night	Village Hall	8.00pm
Sun	3	Matins	St Helen's, Albury	9.30am
<b>Tue</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Food waste and rubbish collection</b>		
Wed	6	Art and Craft Group	Village Hall	9.00am-12.00
Sun	10	Holy Communion BCP	St Helen's, Albury	9.30am
Mon	11	Food waste, recycling & garden waste collection + extra bin of garden waste		
Mon	11	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall	8.00pm
Wed	13	Drop-in Coffee Morning	Cricket Club	10.30-12.30pm
Wed	13	Mobile Library	Cricket Club entrance Sandy Lane, M.C.	10.35-11.10am 11.25-11.40am
Thu	14	WI Resolution "Organ donation"	Village Hall	7.30pm
Sun	17	Family Service	St Helen's, Albury	9.30am
Sun	17	Cluster Service Rogation Sun	Waterperry	6.00pm
Mon	18	Food waste and rubbish collection		
Wed	20	Art and Craft Group	Village Hall	9.00am-12.00
<b>Wed</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Newsletter copy deadline</b>		<b>12.00noon</b>
Sun	24	Holy Communion C Worship	St Helen's, Albury	9.30am
<b>Tue</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Food waste, recycling &amp; garden waste collection</b>		
Wed	27	Art and Craft Group	Village Hall	9.00am-12.00
Wed	27	Mobile Library	Cricket Club entrance Sandy Lane, M.C.	10.35-11.10am 11.25-11.40am
Sun	31	Cluster Service	Holton	11.00am