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CORRESPONDENT

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A NEW HEIR IN CRAYS POND?

There were many Jubilee celebrations in South Oxfordshire on Sunday 5th June and Crays Pond was no exception. Residents invited everyone along to join a picnic at the Goring Heath Scout Hut. It was beautifully decorated and the event was really well attended. There was a regal cake competition (won by Josie Hurst), a sing song, A LOT of bunting (homemade — special thanks go to Lucy



McCalla and friends) and the kids played many ball games.

Crays Pond is lucky to have many skilled residents.

Beryl Rutherford is renowned for her displays at the bus shelter and phone box and she didn't let us down! But the real star of the show was this amazing crown crocheted by Maz Elsome.

Everyone enjoyed trying it on!

Pictured here is Colin, the oldest attendee. Could he be the new Heir?

**The Crown
made by Maz
Elsome**



**Beryl Rutherford
trying it on for
size...**



COMMENT FROM THE VICARAGE

Fancy a day off? A day to do just what pleases you? A day to relax, or to do something creative, or go somewhere you've always wanted to go? We all look forward to a day off, I certainly do. As much as I love my 'job' and my church it is good and refreshing to get away and do something different. Nowadays far too many people work far too hard, and that's probably not going to change anytime soon. Although I did read something recently about some firms trialling a four-day week, on the basis that there is some evidence that people work better and have higher productivity if they know they will have three days off each week.

But even if you don't have a job as such, it is still sometimes difficult to give yourself permission to take break. So, this month I want to encourage you to make some time for yourself, to take the principle of the four-day week and see for yourself if some 'me-time' does have positive effects on the rest of the week.

One of my personal inspirations for this is a children's book called 'Jesus' Day Off', by Nicholas Allan. As much as I love the Bible, sometimes a fresh take on the message of the Gospels can really make us think differently. I have read this story many times in church, and not just to children as its story line is good for adults too.

In the story, Jesus is tired after all the miracles and the travelling and teaching, and he feels quite jaded and under the weather. He goes to the doctor who tells him to take some time off, 'relax, enjoy yourself, sit in the sun'. So Jesus does just that. He goes for a walk, does cartwheels across the desert, has a picnic and goes for a swim. But at the end of the day, he feels sad and wonders if he has wasted the day because he hadn't helped anyone. He goes to his Father and tells him how he is feeling. God says, 'where you did your cartwheels, fountains of water appeared in the desert, when you went swimming, the fishermen had lots of luck, everyone who saw you felt happy. When you're feeling better yourself, you can only make others feel better too.' It's a simple story that reminds us to stop and rest awhile, not just for our own sakes but for other's sake too. So give yourself a break, have an early night, go for a run or simply sit in the sun and watch the flowers grow – it's good for you!

Another thing that's good for you is trying new things and being with friends. So don't miss SLOW Church on Sunday 18th July (see below). Coffee and pastries, music, conversation, and activities for the children. What's not to love!

With all blessings,

Linda

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Services at St. Leonard's in July

Sunday 3rd July

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.45 am Parish Communion

Sunday 10th July

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.45 am Worshipping Together

Sunday 17th July

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am SLOW Church in the Village Hall.

Sunday 24th July

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.45 am Parish Communion

Sunday 31st July

10.30 am Team Service at Whitchurch on Thames

The church is usually open for private prayer each day between 10am and 4pm.

Online Services

We will continue with our online service of Night Prayer every Wednesday at 8.30 pm.

This follows the ancient monastic pattern of Compline and lasts about 20 minutes.

We'd love people to feel that they can join us at any time – we are a very friendly and relaxed bunch! So please do email me if you would like details of how to join this online service.



In the centre of this magazine you will see the exhibit guide for the Fete in September. Please do look through and start planning your entries and encourage other family members to do the same. Please keep the guide safe until then. It really helps on the day if the entry form is completed in advance.

If you'd like to help out on the day, or have any questions do get in touch by emailing woodcotefete@gmail.com or call 0777 3447504.

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



Now it's officially summer, we have a good couple of months of sunny/rainy/windy weather ahead of us. But that is classic British weather, after all.

In this issue, we share lots of Jubilee photos from last month's special event. Woodcote and its surrounds experienced an eclectic mix of scones, beer, Jubilee medals and music plus a helicopter fly-past and a visit from a world explorer/TV presenter.

Also in this issue, we have a tale about a sea-snake (or possibly not) and one wise pre-schooler raises the question: *Is the Queen as real as Father Christmas?*

Thank you as always for sending us your updates but please remember that our copy deadline is the 12th of every month. This gives us all enough time to put the magazine together.

Have a good month!

Yvette

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CAROLE GRIFFITHS RIP

Readers of the Correspondent will have been shocked and saddened to learn of the death of Carole Griffiths, who, over the past four decades, has made an enormous contribution to the well-being and fitness of generations of local adults and children through her involvement in and leadership of the Woodcote Swimming Club. A full tribute to Carole will be published in the August Correspondent.

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GREENMOOR PONDS UPDATE

As many of you will know, the Lower Greenmoor Pond recently experienced sudden mass deaths of a number of different pond species, including frogs and toads, newts, fish and invertebrates.

This was immediately reported to the Environment Agency and Thames Water, who visited the site within hours and removed water samples from different parts of the pond for analysis, as well as from the underground water source.

Through the Conservation Group membership, a number of other organisations have been consulted, including a lecturer in Environmental Chemistry at Reading University, experts at The Centre for Ecology and Hydrology and aquatics experts from The Freshwater Habitats Trust. Bodies of dead amphibians were also removed and examined by a wildlife vet at the London Zoological Society.

We have been advised that deaths across such a wide range of animal species would not be caused by any known natural phenomena, such as disease or algal blooms.

Unfortunately, this means that some chemical or toxin, has entered the water either as a result of an accidental or a deliberate act by person or persons unknown.

Although we are all very keen to discover what this substance is, and how it ended up in the Lower Pond, the Environment Agency will not release any information or results of their analysis until they have completed all their tests. Thames Water have concluded their own analysis, and submitted the results to the EA who have confirmed that Thames Water assets are not responsible for the incident.

The Parish Council put up appropriate warning notices at all the entrances to the site, and red and white warning tape put up to ensure that walkers understand the potential risks. It is clear that not everyone thinks this is a good idea, as the tape has been regularly removed by one individual who apparently believes that the

individual's 'right to roam' is more important than ensuring that dogs and small children do not come into contact with a potential toxic substance!

But the notices and the tape are there as a warning only. There is no fence around the site and if individuals want to continue to walk around the ponds, that is their decision as there is actually nothing to stop them. Just do so at your own risk, and it would be wise to prevent children from touching the water and to prevent dogs from drinking or bathing in it.

This has been a very distressing incident, and we feel no nearer to finding out the cause and what we might have to do to restore the pond. Please be assured that we are in regular contact with the EA, and we will keep the village informed as and when we have any further updates.

And of course if anyone does have any information about how this has occurred, then do either contact the Conservation Group, or the Parish Council.

The Woodcote Conservation Group
info@woodcotecg.org.uk

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Woodcote Allotments have a vacant plot. If interested, please contact the Parish Clerk (details below).

PLANNING APPLICATIONS GRANTED BY SODC

P21/S4822/FUL Application proposal, including any amendments: Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) in application P20/S2110/FUL (Demolition of Chiltern Rise Cottage, Garden Cottage, Stable Cottage and garden centre structures and erection of 34 two-storey residential dwellings (including 40% affordable housing) with access off Reading Road, including a new pedestrian footway, parking and garaging, removal of TPO trees, landscaping and all enabling works) - Amendment required to the approved footpath link as a result of incorporating a bus lay-by. Site Location: Chiltern Rise Cottage, Stable Cottage, Garden Cottage & Woodcote Garden Centre Reading Road Woodcote RG8 0QX.

P21/S3821/FUL Application proposal, including any amendments: Change of use from Class E business to residential Class C3 (retrospective) (additional information concerning marketing and use of external areas and revised site location plan excluding external areas submitted 11th November 2021 and additional marketing information received 16th March 2022 and 29th March 2022). Site Location: Unit 3 Cleeve House & Unit 4 Goring

House Beechwood Court Long Toll near Woodcote RG8 0RR.

P22/S0934/HH Application proposal, including any amendments: New two-storey rear extension to replace former single-storey kitchen. Rear extension to enlarge sitting room, and square the formerly splayed walls. New dormer window and associated amendments within existing dwelling. New canopy above entrance and alterations to existing garage. Site Location: The Pightle South Stoke Road Woodcote RG8 0PL

P21/S5302/FUL Application proposal, including any amendments: Proposed two storey dwelling and first floor extension to existing dwelling with associated parking and amenity areas (As amended by plans received 22 February 2022 to re-plan the garden area and to include a kitchen window and plan received 14 March 2022 to remove cladding from the exterior of proposed dwelling and amplified by Supporting Energy Calculations received 30 March 2022) Site Location: 3 Beckley Close Woodcote RG8 0SZ.

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WOODCOTE WI NEWS

Patricia Solomons welcomed the members to our meeting.

Celebrating her birthday this month was Hazel Tagg with a rendition of Happy Birthday led by Sally Lambert!

We had a very informative talk from Ray Norton from Thrive which was followed by a lovely tea, thank you to Shirley Bryant, Louise Heathcote and Wendy Muchamore.

Bloom of the Month winner was our green fingered member Carole Shelley – Allen.

Our lunch club will be going to the Ferryboat in Whitchurch always a good get together.

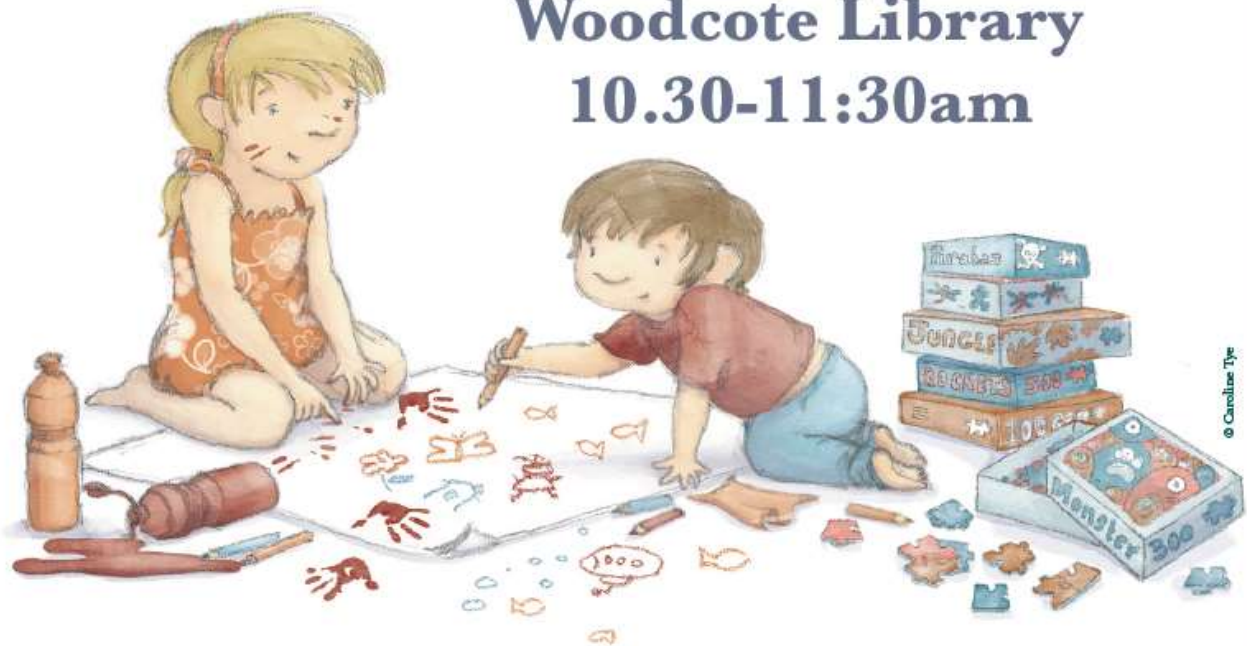
In August we will have a change of venue. We will be having a Jubilee Garden Party at the Maker Space at the Crown, Nuffield, where we will enjoy a cream tea and hope for a sunny day!

We will be back in the Village Hall on the 3rd Wednesday in September, please come and Join us.

Judy Williams

Saturday Crafts!

Woodcote Library
10.30-11:30am



Sessions will run:

Saturday 28th May – Queen’s Jubilee Celebration

Saturday 18th June – We’re Going on a Bear Hunt...

Saturday 16th July – Seaside Fun!

Saturday 13th August – A Visit to the Zoo

We look forward to welcoming you at our
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Craft sessions are free, however donations are gratefully
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Please contact the Library Manager – Lisa Trood
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WOODCOTE'S BIG PICNIC



With the weather turning progressively cloudy on the bank holiday Friday, there was more than a little nervousness in the Village Hall that attendance at their Jubilee picnic would be sparse and a little damp. In the event, families started setting out their spaces before the nominal opening time. The sun shone fitfully, Sub-Zero provided a range of music not quite stretching back seventy years, and hundreds turned the village green into a sea of red, white and blue. With the bunting, red, white and blue outfits, Union Jack T-shirts and dresses, a Union Jack topped gazebo, Union Jack tablecloths, and more, the village has probably never been so colourful in all its long history.

The children made maximum use of the bouncy castle and practised their demolition techniques on giant Lego structures while queues formed for the Red Lion. Candelabras, Pimms and crowns added to the fun, and many enjoyed the scouts' teas and cakes – especially the chocolate fudge – in the Pavilion. Perhaps the only slight disappointment was the breakdown (meltdown, perhaps?) of the ice cream van's ice cream machine.

It was heartening to see yet another sign of the community returning to normal and enjoying themselves after the problems of the last couple of years and the Village Hall Charity would like to thank all who came along and made it such a memorable afternoon. The Charity would also like to thank the Village Green Committee for their help and all those who helped setting up and tidying up afterwards.



WOODCOTE VOLUNTEERS



Volunteers' week

Can you imagine a world without volunteers? When you think about it, you realise our communities would hardly survive without them:- Foodbanks, Scouts and Guides, Citizens Advice, Charity shops, National Trust, animal welfare charities, sports clubs, environmental groups... you get the idea!

It is so important to recognise the work that volunteers do and their contribution to society, and that is why during Volunteers' Week, it is a good time to celebrate our volunteers. To this end, we put on a "Summer Social" at the Woodcote Village Hall. Our members enjoyed a fun evening, starting with wonderful music, provided by Oratory School Lower 6th students; Martha and Ollie singing, with Sam accompanying on the piano (definitely contenders for Britain's Got Talent). We enjoyed food, wine and the opportunity to chat and unwind. We finished off with a light-hearted quiz on the theme of driving and transport, devised and presented by Brian, one of our volunteer drivers. Thanks to everyone who helped make this such a lovely evening, with special thanks to the Oratory School pupils.

Website

We are very excited to announce the launch of our brand-new website! Our volunteers Kelly, Tim, Jane and Dan, led magnificently by Phil, have been working hard behind the scenes over the last few months to create a website for Woodcote Volunteers. They have done a wonderful job and the website is now officially open! Please do visit us at www.woodcotevolunteers.org.uk and take a look. You will find everything you always wanted to know about our service in one place, including volunteer and client stories, the history of Woodcote Volunteers, and of course, how to book a driver or join our team. The aim of the website is to make us a more accessible service. Although not all our clients have a computer, their friends, relations and agencies who work with them will be able to find us more easily.

Other news

We welcome a new volunteer driver to our team, Kathryn, who has lived in the village of Woodcote for many years. She will be a fantastic addition to our pool of drivers and we thank her for giving us a few hours each month.

And lastly, if you need a driver, please don't hesitate to give us a call on 01491 681171. One of our office workers will answer the phone between 9.30 and 11am on weekdays (excluding public holidays) and at other times you can leave a message.

If you would like to volunteer to be a driver, we would be very pleased to hear from you. Please contact our secretary Jane Forde by calling 07850 158274 or email info@woodcotevolunteers.org.uk

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WOODCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL

This has been a whirlwind of a month and more is set to come before the end of this academic year!

It began with our year 6 children disappearing for a week of adventure in Torquay! They had a terrific time climbing, canoeing, raft building, exploring old mines, visiting a zoo, flying down a giant zip wire and helping each other to overcome tremendous heights by working in pairs on the high ropes of the Jacob's ladder. Everyone had such a good time and the personal triumphs listed by the end of the week should make each one of them so proud.



They had the weekend to catch up on some sleep before boarding another coach, along with our year 5 class, to go down to London and sing in the Young Voices concert. Forty-seven children from Woodcote joined a choir of seven and a half thousand children to sing and dance the night away at the O2 Arena in Greenwich. As we have come to expect, the concert was incredible with stars and performers joining the children to put on the most amazing show for all the parents. You really should come with us – it is well worth the trip!



Later that same week we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a giant party. Our plans for a huge party outside were thwarted a little by the rainy weather but that did not stop us enjoying ourselves and creating memories for the children. Jester Giggles came to entertain the younger children, including Cabin and Woodcote Pre-Schools, whilst the older children partied together. Later that same day, dressed in our best dresses or suits, the

children were joined by invited guests from across the governing board and from the village. We commemorated our new oak tree, which was blessed by Reverend Linda. It was planted as part of the Queen's Green Canopy. We had a huge tea party including scones, jelly and ice cream. All the children were presented with a mug to keep as a memento. It was a great way to begin the weekend of Jubilee Celebrations.



After our half term break, we boarded another coach! The whole school, over 200 of us, went to Waddesdon Manor together. We had the site entirely to ourselves since it was closed to the public and this meant we could explore in depth without disturbing anyone and, remarkably, picnic together on the lawns right outside the front door of the house! The children saw marvellous paintings, jewels you can only dream about, learnt about the evacuees sent there in WW2, developed their knowledge of minibeast life cycles and deployed their map reading skills to take on an orienteering challenge around the grounds.



Tired but buzzing, we returned to school for our next adventure....

Dr Niall McCann, TV presenter, biologist, conservationist and world explorer, came to share some of his knowledge with the children. Niall has been to areas of the world that are uninhabited, previously unexplored and certainly full of species never before seen by human eyes. He shared stunning photographs with us and explained how all these creatures live together. His message to the children explored what they can do from Woodcote and how their part, however small, will help in keeping our biodiverse planet healthy so that everything can continue this way. Niall spent time with classes after his assembly. He was so inspiring that the conversations continued long after he had left and it appears that most of the children now want to be explorers!



In this final few weeks before the end of the year, incredibly already looming, we have two different plays to perform with over one hundred children performing, sports days, a summer fair and much more!

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ADD THE 9TH JULY TO YOUR DIARIES!

We would like to firstly express our sincere thanks to each and every one of you who supported the monthly Woodcote Craft & Produce Fair since it began in January at Langtree School.

We have had great success come rain or shine from month to month and at our peak, we have hosted 43 vendors offering a whole range of goods from local handcrafted metal, glass and woodworks to resin art, hand sewn baby wear and beautiful seasonal items such as hanging baskets. Let's not also forget the tongue-tantalising food and produce makers such as homemade brownies and fresh bread. We have also provided freshly brewed coffee and hot breakfasts served onsite which evidently has proved an absolute hit with our customers and vendors alike.



Stalls at the Craft and Produce Fair

Our aim is to provide a friendly space for our fellow crafters and give the best experience from booking a stall to setting up on the day. If you would like to join us and apply for a booking form, please contact us via email at daisyboutique21@gmail.com.

The next Craft & Produce Fair will take place on *Saturday 9th July*. We will be having a break in August and will return again in September ready for the build up to (dare I say it) Christmas!

I'd also like to take the opportunity to request that if you come across our advertising banners and posters etc in the village, that you do not take them down and they remain in place for us to move, they often are generic with no specified date so we can use them throughout the year. By doing it this way we can reduce advertising costs and therefore donate more to local charities.

We have created this event not to make profit, but to help out fellow crafters and makers and to give local charities and organisations the opportunity to fundraise. If you would like to apply for assistance with fundraising then please also contact us via the email address above.

We look forward to seeing you all in July!

Helen & Steph

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Is the Queen as real as Father Christmas? asked one of our boys as they were getting ready to go and join in with the school celebrations. They all looked so smart, dressed to impress to go to a garden party. In the morning we were treated to a visit from Jester Giggles who made the children (and the adults) laugh, he is always such a hit. Then off for cream teas followed by jelly and ice cream in the school hall. It looked mightily impressive, every child from every class and both preschools. It was such a lovely achievement and quite emotional as I took a few minutes to take it all in. Thank you so much to Mrs Hunt and the school staff, FOWPS and Governors for including the preschools for this wonderful afternoon.

The children made crowns, flags, dressed as knights, prince and princesses, and even made the 'Queen's Knickers' - don't worry this is from a book! We also learnt a new (to them) song. It did not take long and soon they were all standing tall and proud as they were able to join in with the National Anthem. Many parents were quite amazed, and we heard that one even recorded them singing to send to grandparents over the half term break.

Once we returned from afternoon tea, we presented every child with a very special 'medal' from the Queen. Well, in honour of the Queen Jubilee celebrations anyway. Each one chose to bow or curtsy to receive them, it was very cute and we were all very proud.

As a special bonus, they loved the helicopter fly past just before we finished for our half term break. We hope the children enjoyed seeing their wellies they had painted and planted displayed at St Leonard's.

The jubilee celebrations were fantastic across the country and we were so pleased to join in. We hope the children will look back at their Cabin Jubilee Medal with fondness in future years.

After half term, we straight away held our sports day. All the families were invited to join in and bring a picnic lunch to enjoy afterwards, which was lovely for the first time in 3 years. The primary school were out on a trip for the day so we used the chance to take over the field and the playground. The weather was very good to us and we had a perfect day, it was just amazing.

We had a bean bag balance race, an obstacle course, forward and backwards, egg and spoon and a crab race. We divided the ages into two groups and they were amazing showing great balance skills, sharing and cheering on each other, colour co-ordination and lots and lots of fun, laughter and very proud parents. Thank you to everyone for attending.

We have enjoyed all the rest of the fun learning that normally goes on and of course spending most of the days outside where the children should be, enjoying the sunshine.



COMPETITION GUIDE

Saturday 10th September 2022

The hall will be open to drop your exhibits off from 9am until 11 am.

Fill in the entry form which you will find opposite. Please note 'one entry form per person' (if more forms are required please copy the form).

ENTRY FEES: Adults 50p per entry (capped at £5) / Children - FREE

Rules

- You may only show **ONE** exhibit in each category.
- The Hall will be closed for judging and will only reopen once finished.
- All Exhibits **MUST NOT** be removed before 16.00. All exhibits are to be removed from the hall by 17.00; if they are not removed, they will be disposed of.
- Please label any baking entries that may contain nuts
- Sunflower Competition - you will need to take a photo of yourself standing next to your sunflower. The winning entry will be judged on the overall height of stem (ground / top of earth if in pot) to top of flower head).
- The Sunflower competition is open to all age groups. Send entries by email to the Fete Committee: woodcotefete@gmail.com. Winners to be announced at the Fete where your photos will be on display. **Closing date Sunday 4th Sept.**
- Any exhibits entered in this fete must not have been entered in any other show.
- **All exhibits are left at the owner's risk.**
- The judge's decision must be accepted as final.

Thank you for entering your exhibits. We hope that you enjoy the experience and will continue to support the Woodcote Fete in future years. Good Luck

Entry Form

Name	
Age (if 15 or under)	
Address	
Phone / Email	
Exhibitors Number	

	Class Entered Please use code i.e. VG1	Class Entered	Class Entered
1		11	21
2		12	22
3		13	23
4		14	24
5		15	25
6		16	26
7		17	27
8		18	28
9		19	29
10		20	30
Number of Classes entered			
TOTAL Fees due			
Adults @ 50p per entry (capped @£5) / Children - Free			

Keep this form safe: Bring it with you and you will be allocated an exhibitor's number. You can use this number to complete your exhibitor's card when you display your entries at the fete. **Entries must be in place for judging before 11:00am**

Competition Categories

Vegetables

VG1	3 Onions under 250g - single variety
VG2	5 Potatoes – single variety
VG3	3 Carrots - single variety
VG4	6 Runner Beans with stalks - single variety
VG5	Longest Runner Bean with stalk - any variety
VG6	6 French Beans with stalks - single variety
VG7	5 Tomatoes - single variety
VG8	3 Beetroot - single variety
VG9	3 Courgettes - maximum 15cm - single variety
VG10	1 Cucumber - any variety
VG11	3 Leeks
VG12	3 Chillies – single variety
VG13	4 Different Vegetables as gathered (unwashed & untrimmed) in a basket
VG14	2 Pumpkins/Squash - any variety
VG15	2 Marrows - single variety
VG16	Heaviest Pumpkin
VG17	Heaviest Marrow
VG18	Heaviest Onion - any variety

Fruit

FRI	3 Apples – single variety
FR2	3 Pears – single variety
FR3	Mixture of any soft fruits

Flowers

FA1	Open floral display - A single arrangement of mixed flowers and foliage
FA2	An arrangement using only foliage
FA3	A miniature floral arrangement – to measure no more than 15cm high in total
FA4	An arrangement with the theme 'lost of the summer wine' in a wine glass
FA5	3 Dahlia stems
FA6	1 Specimen flower - Dahlia
FA7	1 Specimen flower – Non Dahlia
FA8	House plant

Home Grown Other

HG1	A bunch of herbs – 3 different varieties
HG2	Longest nettle
HG3	3 eggs – one breed of hen or duck
HG4	Any amusingly shaped vegetable or fruit

Preserves

PR1	Marmalade
PR2	Soft fruit jam
PR3	Chutney
PR4	Jelly
PR5	Vegetable pickle
PR6	Flavoured alcoholic beverage

Home Baking

BA1	Victoria sponge
BA2	Lemon drizzle cake
BA3	Vegetable based cake – not carrot!

BA4	4 Identical decorated cup cakes
BA5	Beacon Tart – made to set recipe - found at https://www.cla.org.uk/library/the-queens-platinum-jubilee-beacons-tart-recipe/ Hard copies also at the library
BA6	4 Sausage rolls
BA7	A loaf of bread
BA8	4 Cheese scones

Art

AR1	Landscapes
AR2	Still Life
AR3	Portrait – human or animal

Photography

PH1	Landscape – “Woodland”
PH2	“Jubilee celebrations”
PH3	Portrait (Human or Animal)
PH4	Amusing with a caption

Handicrafts

HC1	Knitting
HC2	Crochet
HC3	Quilting
HC4	Cross Stitch
HC5	Pottery
HC6	Miniature model – woodwork non kit
HC7	Jewellery – an item that is handmade and wearable
HC8	A hat pin to include feathers
HC9	“Weird & Wonderful” – using recycled materials

Writing

AW1	Limerick – 5 lines – to include the word ‘Jubilee’
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Sunflower Competition

CHSUI	Tallest Sunflower Photos and measurements (floor to flower top) to be emailed to the Fete committee: woodcotefete@gmail.com no later than Sunday the 4th of September or bring along your own photo on the day.
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Children’s Competitions

Pre School – Individual entries

PS1	Vegetable animal
PS2	Homemade decorated fairy cakes
PS3	Biscuit tin fairy garden (1 entry per group)
PS4	Decorated crown

Pre School – Group Entries

PSG1	Tuff tray display with the theme “Harvest”
PSG2	A group class painting

Key Stage 1

CHL1	<i>Homegrown cress or mustard in a container</i>
CHL2	<i>Homemade decorated fairy cakes</i>
CHL3	<i>Biscuit tin fairy garden</i>
CHL4	<i>Design and build a Lego model</i>
CHL5	<i>Junk model of an animal that you would like to have as a pet</i>
CHL6	<i>Painting of the Queen</i>

Key Stage 2

CHU1	<i>A selection of homegrown vegetables</i>
CHU2	<i>A posy of flowers in a recycled tin</i>
CHU3	<i>Homemade decorated fairy cakes</i>
CHU4	<i>Design and build a Lego model</i>
CHU5	<i>How many different things in a matchbox (measuring 55mmx35mmx15mm)</i>
CHU6	<i>A model using clay, salt dough or polymer clay (e.g. fimo)</i>
CHU7	<i>Drawing of the Jubilee celebrations</i>
CHU8	<i>Photograph – featuring an animal</i>

11 Plus (Under 15)

SS1	<i>Homemade chocolate cake</i>
SS2	<i>A posy of flowers in a recycled tin</i>
SS3	<i>Miniature model – i.e. made using clay or wood or other material</i>
SS4	<i>How many different things in a matchbox (measuring 55mmx35mmx15mm)</i>
SS5	<i>Wildlife Art – (Media of choice – drawing or painting)</i>
SS6	<i>Photograph – featuring an animal</i>

Congratulations to the 2021 award winners

The Fete Committee would like to extend their congratulations to the winners of 2021. We look forward to passing on the awards to the winners this year. We also have two new trophies for 2022 – the Windmill Sale Award for the Pre School winner and the Bert Wilcox Memorial Award for the Outstanding Entry in Fruit or Vegetables

Award for Best in Show Church Farm Trophy in memory of Yvonne Sopp	Helen McAuslin
Davis Tate Award for Best Homegrown Produce	Pat Booker
The Croft Way Award for Floral Class Champion	Edith Henderson
The Doug Burton Memorial Cup for Baking	Helen McAuslin
The Woodcote Correspondent Award for Photography	Kate Davies
The Isobel Morton Memorial Award for Handicrafts	Polly Lewis
Art (sponsored by Wallingford & District Art Club)	Dianne Jones and Lucy Tomlinson
Adult Writing	Polly Lewis
Tallest Sunflower	Jayne Cole
The Woodcote Parish Council Junior Challenge Award – 11 plus	Ben Hawley
The Oratory Junior Challenge Award KS2	Ru Henderson
Junior Challenge Award for KS1 in memory of James Hawley	Emily Hawley
Pre school	Woodcote Pre School

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WOODCOTE PRESCHOOL

We would firstly like to say hello to our new children and their families. Welcome Mia, Brodie, Ishe and Arabella!

It has been a very exciting few weeks at Pre-School, celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. First of all, we were invited to Woodcote Primary to take part in their Jubilee celebrations. We had a lovely surprise in the morning when we arrived at school, it was Jester Giggles! Our children thought he was so funny and had a brilliant time watching his show. In the afternoon the children dressed in their best and we went back to the primary school to have a tea party. It was lovely to see everyone dressed up and having a fantastic time.

After half term we held our own Jubilee celebrations at Pre-School. The hall was decorated in red, white and blue. The children had a party lunch and music. We made fingerprint flags, a huge collage of the Queen and coloured in a lot of Jubilee themed pictures. In the afternoon we were so happy to welcome in so many of our children's families to enjoy a cream tea and playtime. It was really wonderful to be able to hold such a nice event to celebrate the occasion.

During our "people who help us" week we had a visit from the dentist! This was very exciting and the children were very pleased to receive a little gift bag from the dentist.

Our visits to the allotment have been very productive and we are seeing lots of growing happening. We have strawberries, rhubarb, peas, baby corn, onions, potatoes and much, much more! We are very much looking forward to harvesting and sampling our produce.

We have our Skittles Night coming up on 21st July, tickets will be £10 each and that includes a hot meal and a drink. Please contact us to purchase tickets.

We will also have a quiz at The Red Lion on 13th July, the proceeds from ticket sales go towards Pre-School. Teams are a maximum of 5. Please contact The Red Lion on 01491680483 to book your space.

Easter holiday club was a huge success and we are pleased to say that *we will be running our Summer Holiday Club from July 25th until August 12th*. The daily hours will be 9am - 4pm with an early 8:30 drop off option. Children aged 2-8 years are welcome and there are sibling discounts and early bird rates available. Please ring or email for a booking form or more information.

We still have spaces available for children age 18 months-school age. If you are interested in your child joining us, please contact Wendy Powell on 01491 682300 or email woodcote.pre-school@hotmail.co.uk

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WOODCOTE CRICKET CLUB

The season is now in full swing with all three of our teams experiencing that winning feeling alongside a few defeats. The Saturday 1st XI now seems to be getting the measure of things, though they started the defence of their League title from 2021 with two defeats. After losing at Farley Hill in the opening BCL Premier match they lost the following Saturday at home to Stratfield Turgis.

Woodcote's 191 featured a maiden half-century (67 not out) by Joe Webber and 60 from Jonny Clark, but it wasn't enough as Stratfield won by two wickets with three balls to spare. On the same day, the 2nd XI played their very first League game in Division 3 and it proved a baptism of fire as they were beaten by a very good Falkland (Newbury) 4th XI. Woodcote found themselves chasing 249 and were all out for 127. Simon Fuller and new member, Rakesh Nair both batted well to score 34 runs each, while Archie Clark, a great prospect at 17, bowled and fielded exceptionally well.

The following Saturday saw wins for both teams, the 1st XI defeating West Reading 2nds by 5 wickets, while the 2nd XI won by 7 wickets. In the 1st XI match good bowling figures by captain, James Worsfold (3 for 19) and vice-captain, Mark Pearson (3 for 22) helped to dismiss the visitors for 141. Ryan Lennard's 85 then formed the cornerstone of the Woodcote innings to give the team its first win of the season. On the same day, the 2nd XI travelled to play Emmbrook 3rd XI and must have doubted their chances of winning as the hosts posted a score of 174. Archie Clark was the pick of the Woodcote bowlers with 4 wickets for 25 runs. Incredibly, Woodcote raced past the Emmbrook total in only 17 overs, thanks mainly to an opening partnership between Rakesh Nair (73 not out) and Stefan Gordon (59).

The last Saturday in May saw another double win, the 1st XI defeating Shinfield 2nds by 22 runs and the 2nd XI beating Twyford 2nd XI by 24 runs. In the 1st XI match, a brilliant opening partnership of 188 runs between Paul Knox (125) and Jez Mayo (80 not out) enabled Woodcote to reach 265 for 3. Shinfield chased all the way but good tight bowling and excellent fielding won the day. The 2nd XI scored 144 at home to Twyford with good knocks from skipper, Jonny Aldridge (36), Simon Fuller (25) and Stefan Gordon (22). They then bowled and fielded extremely well to win the match fairly comfortably. Paul Clark bowled an excellent spell to take 3 wickets for 3 runs in 3 overs, while teenagers, Archie Clark, Sully Akers and William Gordon took four wickets between them.

The midweek fixtures in the South Oxon League started inauspiciously with a defeat at Dorchester. Chasing 160, Woodcote were all out for 154 with Ryan Lennard top-scoring with 46. At Watlington the following week, Woodcote had a comfortable victory by 77 runs. Chris Clark scored 65 and Mike Higley 45 not out as the team reached 144 for 3. Watlington were then dismissed for 67 with Rakesh Patel 2 for 6 and Frank Dillon 2 for 20 returning the best bowling figures. On 19th May we played Reading Lions in the Berkshire League T20 competition and won by 44

runs. Woodcote scored 172 for 5, Scott Gore top-scoring with 63 and Paul Knox 47. Reading Lions were 128 for 9 at the end with Paul Knox 2 for 6 and James Worsfold 2 for 32. In the semi-final we will be at home to Stratfield Turgis.

The Saturday morning 'Fun Cricket' sessions for primary age children has attracted a good attendance with twenty children turning up on one occasion!

Home Fixtures in July

Saturday 2nd 1st XI v Welford Park 1.00

Saturday 9th 1st XI v Farley Hill 1.00

Saturday 16th 2nd XI v Falkland 4th 1.00

Thursday 21st Midweek XI v Old Merchant Taylors 2.00

Saturday 23rd 2nd XI v Emmbrook 3rd 1.00

Saturday 30th 1st XI v Shinfield 2nd 1.00

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To register for Zoom talks, please email info@bmmhs.org. A donation of £5 is requested per talk to cover costs.

The second July BMMHS talk is at Woodcote Village Hall on Wednesday 13th July at 7.30pm, and is entitled Frontier Ablaze – How the British Army operated on India's NW Frontier in the 1930s. The speaker is Mike Tickner. Service on the NW Frontier was characterised by searing heat, freezing winds, boredom, fatigue and sudden, violent death. Between 1936-7, 60,000 Indian and British troops deployed to Waziristan to fight the Fakir of Ipi in the last major Frontier campaign before independence. Join the Column as it advances through the mountains and is attacked by Wazir and Mahsud tribesmen.

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WOODCOTE CELEBRATES THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE



THE CASE OF THE SEA-SNAKE THAT WASN'T

By David Sutton

On holiday some years back I was walking along the beach at Freshwater West in Pembrokeshire, when a snake was suddenly washed ashore just at my feet and lay there on the sand, flickering its tongue in and out. I was pretty sure it was a grass snake, and my first thought was that I should take it to somewhere safe, like the grassy headland about a quarter of a mile away, before the gulls got it or kids starting throwing rocks at it. I was about to pick it up when I thought wait a minute. You get a lot of oil tankers round this coast, heading for the refineries at Milford Haven. Was there just a slight possibility that it could be one of those deadly green sea-snakes found in the Red Sea, that had stowed away on board one of the tankers and chosen this moment to jump ship? As you may know, these possess a neurotoxic venom a hundred times more potent, drop for drop, than the cobra's: the good news is that they don't inject very much venom when they bite, the bad news is that they don't need to.

So there I was, caught between compassion and caution, when by an amazing coincidence, expert herpetological assistance arrived in the shape of a small girl with a large spade.

'That's a grass snake', she said confidently.

'Oh, right', I said. 'Know a bit about snakes, do you?'

'I know everything about snakes', she said. 'My daddy keeps snakes. My daddy's got a pet python. You can have my spade to pick it up on if you like.'

Thus reassured I slid the spade underneath to pick up a large wodge of sand with the snake on it, then started carrying it along the beach, uttering soothing words.

'There, there, old chap, soon have you home', I said. 'That's a lady snake', said the little girl scornfully.

'Ah', I said. I thought it best not to enquire how one told the difference. The snake was very calm and seemed to quite enjoy the ride, staying neatly coiled and just moving its head from side to side as if to admire the unusual perspective (I suppose if you spend all your life slithering through grass you don't normally get much of a view). My arm was getting a bit tired holding the spade out at arm's length, and I said as much to the little girl. She gave a contemptuous snort.

'My daddy's arm wouldn't get tired', she said. 'My daddy goes to the gym and he does weight-lifting every night.'

'Well, I expect I am a bit older than your daddy', I said defensively,

'Yes', she said. 'You are very old and my daddy is twenty-one.'

As she was about eight herself this seemed unlikely, but you never know with these muscular python-keeping Welshmen. Anyway, we duly reached the headland, at which the snake clearly thought 'Ah,

home, dinner-time', positively leapt off the spade and slid away into the grass. I gave the little girl her spade back and we parted amicably. So that, I felt, was my good deed for the holiday. Except, of course, from the point of view of the local mice.

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All regular performances normally start at 7:30pm unless stated otherwise.

Tickets £8 for Adults and £5 for under 15s unless otherwise stated.

All events now have full seating. This is in line with the practices and guidelines elsewhere. We are still asking patrons to sanitise their hands, and also wear a face covering when inside the building. We'll continue to fog all public areas after each performance. We have recently installed new air filters as a safety precaution. We're grateful for patrons for their observation of all the Covid rules that we have implemented in the theatre. Please look out for new updates for the programme on the website www.cornexchange.org.uk. *The theatre will be closed for Annual Maintenance from Saturday 20th August to Sunday 28th August (inclusive).*

Jurassic World Dominion (12A)

Friday, 1st July, 7:30pm

Elvis (12A)

Sunday, 17th July, 7:30pm

Monday, 18th July, 7:30pm

Tuesday, 19th July, 7:30pm

Good Luck to You, Leo Grandee (15)

Wednesday, 20th July, 7:30pm

Friday, 22nd July, 7:30pm

Nitram (15)

Saturday, 23rd July, 7:30pm

Sunday, 24th July, 7:30pm

The Quiet Girl (12A)

Monday, 25th July, 7:30pm

Tuesday, 26th July, 7:30pm

McEnroe

Friday, 29th July, 7:30pm

Saturday, 30th July, 7:30pm

Sunday, 31st July, 7:30pm

Live Screenings

Prima Facia (15)

Thursday, 21st July, 7pm

Recorded live at the Harold Pinter Theatre in London's West End. Directed by Justin Martin. Jodie Comer (Killing Eve) makes her West End debut in the UK premiere of Suzie Miller's award-winning play, a solo tour de force. Tessa is a young, brilliant barrister. She has worked her way up from working class origins to be at the top of her game; defending; cross examining and winning. An unexpected event forces her to confront the lines where the patriarchal power of the law, burden of proof and morals diverge.

Prima Facie takes us to the heart of where emotion and experience collide with the rules of the game. This show includes sensitive subject matter including reference to sex, violence and rape.

Live on Stage

Sinodun Players present Bedroom Farce by Alan Ayckbourn

Tuesday 12th July to Saturday 16th July, 7:45

Tickets £12 (special offer of £9 on the first night)

Set in London in 1975, Ayckbourn's comic genius bursts into life with a melee of fast paced events occurring in 3 suburban bedrooms during one evening and the following early morning. This socially observant comedy involves four couples: Delia & Ernest who have booked a restaurant to celebrate their wedding anniversary; newlyweds Malcolm and Kate are throwing a house warming party and have invited many of their friends including Nick & Jan and the neurotic Trevor & Susannah, whose selfish obsession with their own problems has a seismic impact on everyone else. What could possibly go wrong? Bedroom Farce pulls back the sheets to expose a hilariously bleak view of middle-class relationships as the four couples descend into free fall with the inevitable chaos, illustrating the farcical nature of marriage; the play explores the habits, routines and short cuts we create – some playful, some decidedly passive aggressive.

Coming Soon

The Simon and Garfunkel Story

Saturday, 10th September, 7:45pm

The Sinodun Players present Twelfth Night

Wednesday 28th September to Saturday 1st October

JOIN US ON THE 10TH JULY

After two sell-out events, join us again at the Cholsey Pavilion for a relaxed and uplifting evening on Sunday 10th July, when Simon Mayor and Hilary James will delight you, our discerning audience, with a mixture of folk, blues, swing and classical showstoppers. Simon is one of this country's finest exponents of the mandolin, occasionally demonstrating Grappelli-like dexterity on the violin, while Hilary makes light work of many musical styles with her crystal-clear voice, as well as playing a mean mando-bass and guitar. Don't miss them; in fact, you should book early!

Doors open at 7pm for 7.45pm start and there is a well-stocked real ale bar. Tickets are £10 in advance or £12 at the door and are now on sale from concerts@cholsey.com, or phone 01491 652295 for personal service. You can also ask to be added to the Concerts@Cholsey emailing list, which will send you news of future Cholsey concerts and many other live musical events within easy reach.



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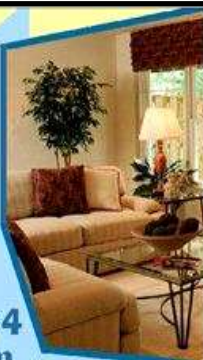


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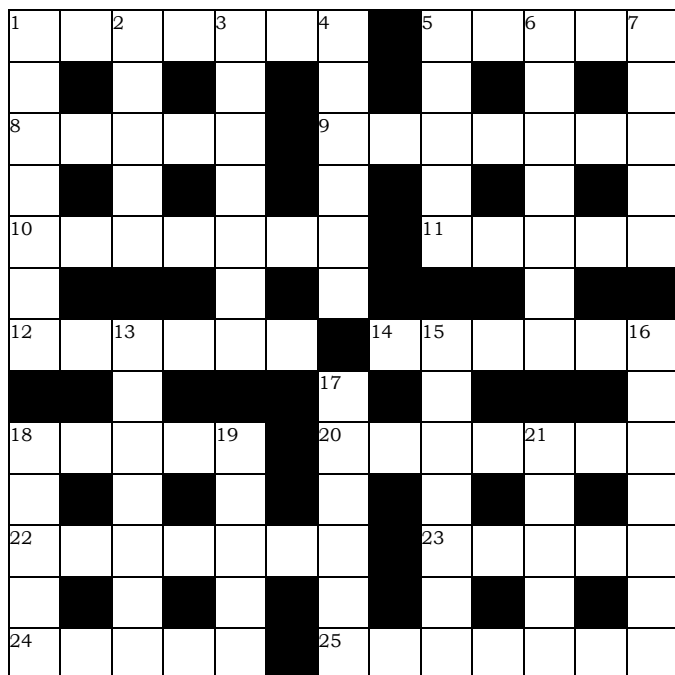
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JULY CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 Colours of artist's little girl friends (8)
- 5 Airline pulls a fast one on the artist (5)
- 8 Bells order coppers (6)
- 9 Nearly corrosion free but pinches (7)
- 10 Torture us at Yard during the weekend (8)
- 11 Lists of cads (5)
- 12 Remodel, reboot and start computer this month (7)
- 14 Expert graduates have a short term (6)
- 18 Movable US cell (6)
- 20 Old exercise I'm nearly all best (7)
- 22 Attenborough loses nearly all to make a bare living (8)
- 23 Artist mounts a back number on doc (5)
- 24 Authentic high-speed train need a single (6)
- 25 Transformed dirt about a gallery (7)

Down

- 1 Was he partly myopic as some artists are (7)
- 2 Steal out with the minimum (5)
- 3 Pedal before starting to study the French (7)
- 4 Snoops around artist starting sketches of bouquets (6)
- 5 Artist sitting in Rambo's chair (5)
- 6 Gather, correct when changing hands (7)
- 7 Snoops about home counties child (5)
- 13 East Asian initially talks to Scotsman about a gamble (8)
- 15 Try to get a stand-in to enter race (7)
- 16 Talked joyously after right opening (7)
- 17 Mob return to grab extravagant seat (6)
- 18 German city's lost one artist (5)
- 19 Expels alien around 6th century (5)
- 21 Artist returns at ten in the morning (5)

JUNE CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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IT'S QUESTION TIME!

Try out our new quiz; this month's theme is...

Prime Ministers -

- 1) Who was Prime Minister during the Brexit referendum?
- 2) Which musical Prime Minister had a yacht called Morning Cloud?
- 3) What is Boris Johnson's real first name?
- 4) Of whom did President Mitterrand say 'She has the eyes of Caligula and the mouth of Marilyn Monroe'?
- 5) What Prime Minister founded the metropolitan police?
- 6) Who is the only Prime Minister to have a blend of tea names after him?
- 7) Who is the only British Prime Minister to have won a Nobel prize?
- 8) Who is the only British Prime Minister to have been assassinated?
- 9) Who was Britain's youngest Prime Minister?
- 10) Who claimed that 'You've never had it so good'?

Answers

- 1) David Cameron
- 2) Edward Heath
- 3) Alexander
- 4) Margaret Thatcher
- 5) Robert Peel
- 6) Earl Grey
- 7) Winston Churchill
- 8) Spencer Percival
- 9) William Pitt the Younger
- 10) Harold McMillan

DATES FOR THE DIARY — JULY

Details of the St. Leonard's Church services for July can be found on page 2.

Tues 5th	*	BMMHS Zoom Talk: 'The Finnish-Soviet Winter War 1939-40'. Email info@bmmhs.org . 7.30pm
Thur 7th	*	Chance to Chat. Woodcote Community Centre Lion's Den. 2.30pm-4pm
Sat 9th	*	Woodcote Craft & Produce Fair. Langtree School. 10am-2pm
Sun 10th	*	Concerts@Cholsey present Simon Mayor and Hilary James in concert. Cholsey Pavilion. 7.45pm
Tues 12th	*	Woodcote Community Centre AGM. Old School House. 7.30pm
Wed 13th	*	BMMHS Talk: 'Frontier Ablaze: How the British Army operated on India's N.W. Frontier in the 1930s'. Woodcote Village Hall. 7.30pm
Thur 14th	*	Chance to Chat. Woodcote Community Centre Lion's Den. 2.30pm-4pm
Fri 15th	*	Woodcote Primary School Summer Fair. Woodcote Primary School. 5pm-7pm
Sat 16th	*	Saturday Crafts - 'Seaside Fun!'. Woodcote Library. 10.30am-11.30am
Tues 19th	*	Wallingford & District Art Club on-line demonstration: 'Animals in Watercolour'. Email admin@wallingfordartclub.org.uk . 7.30pm
Wed 20th	*	Woodcote WI meeting. Woodcote Village Hall. 2.30pm
Thur 21st	*	Chance to Chat. Woodcote Community Centre Lion's Den. 2.30pm-4pm
Thur 28th	*	Chance to Chat. Woodcote Community Centre Lion's Den. 2.30pm-4pm

FORTHCOMING DATES IN AUGUST

Thur 4th	*	Chance to Chat. Woodcote Community Centre Lion's Den. 2.30pm-4pm
Thur 11th	*	Chance to Chat. Woodcote Community Centre Lion's Den. 2.30pm-4pm
Sat 13th	*	Saturday Crafts - 'A Visit to the Zoo'. Woodcote Library. 10.30am-11.30am
Tues 16th	*	Wallingford & District Art Club on-line demonstration: TBA. Email admin@wallingfordartclub.org.uk . 7.30pm

FUN DAYS OUT IN JULY

Stuck for ideas to keep the kids entertained this summer? Here are some suggestions - check out the website for prices and opening hours etc.

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<https://goape.co.uk/locations/bracknell>

The Living Rainforest, Hampstead Norreys

<https://livingrainforest.org/>



Coral Reef, Bracknell

<https://www.everyoneactive.com/centre/coral-reef-waterworld/>

River and Rowing Museum, Henley

<https://www.rrm.co.uk/>

Riverside Pool, Wallingford

<https://www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/south-oxfordshire/riverside-park-and-pools>

Cholsey and Wallingford Railway

<https://www.cholsey-wallingford-railway.com/>

Island Farm Donkey Sanctuary, Wallingford

<http://www.donkeyrescue.co.uk/>

Beale Wildlife Park, Reading

<https://bealepark.org.uk/>

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