



Woodcote

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CORRESPONDENT

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VOLUNTEERS FEELING UNDER PRESSURE

“Woodcote Volunteers may have to start turning down requests for transport unless more drivers are found”.

So says Jane Forde, secretary and organiser of Woodcote Volunteers. She goes on to explain, “Requests for transport have shot up in recent months. Our amazing team of office helpers and drivers are hard-working, loyal and committed but are feeling overwhelmed by the workload. We want to do everything in our power to help out our local community, but there is no getting away from the fact that we will not be able to cope without more local people stepping forward to help with driving”.



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To find out more, please either call Jane Forde on 07850 158274, or send an email to woodcotevolunteers.org.uk. Find out more by looking at their web site www.woodcotevolunteers.org.uk

Woodcote Volunteers would not exist without its volunteers, so please do consider joining their friendly team. They look forward to welcoming you!

COMMENT FROM ST. LEONARD'S

Over the past few weeks as I have walked around the shops one thing has stood out for me, and I wonder if it has stood out for you. Christmas is coming, with Christmas gifts, decorations, and lights.

However, before we get to season of Christmas there is a season that the church observes just before Christmas. This season starts on the last Sunday of November and goes right through to the 24th of December. It is the season of Advent.

Advent is a season just like Lent. It is a season of fasting and preparation. However, often this season is overshadowed by the celebrations of Christmas, and it is easy for many of us to miss this time of preparing our hearts to receive the Christ-child, and the hope and love that he brings to each person.

The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming," which translates to the Greek word *parousia*. Scholars believe that during the 4th and 5th centuries in Spain and Gaul, Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany, the celebration of God's incarnation represented by the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus, his baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist, and his first miracle at Cana. During this season of preparation, Christians would spend 40 days in penance, prayer, and fasting to prepare for this celebration; originally, there was little connection between Advent and Christmas.

God's promises are accomplished within the boundaries of time. The promise of a Saviour was made in the Garden of Eden, but it was fulfilled slowly, and many centuries were to pass before the coming of Jesus.

The scripture readings that the church offers us for Advent, invite us to recall our faith history, to assume the posture of the hopeful people of Israel, waiting in joyful hope for the coming of the Messiah.

Seeing what is happening in our world today, we realise, like our ancestors in the faith, that we have a very real need of a Saviour. So, words like waiting, yearning, hoping, longing, listening, praying, and staying awake are Advent words, Advent concepts. Through them, we enter the wistful atmosphere of the Advent season.

Three times in chapter 13 of Mark's Gospel (which is read on the First Sunday of Advent), Jesus tells us, Stay awake! When we're waiting, we're "awake", we're on the alert for something or someone: news, a bus or a train, a dear friend, a family member, a letter, an email, a phone call, a Whatsapp or text message, a sign or a sound, some information that is important to us.

While we wait, we will experience God's presence in what is happening around us.

Waiting can give us the opportunity to see and hear and feel things we're often too busy to notice. And while we wait, we may see other waiting people, pensioners, parents, people living with disabilities and chronic illness, teenagers, young children, and notice the look in their eyes, the joy, the pain, the

hope, the despair; we may see beautiful things, sad things; we may hear a kind word, a cruel word, a baby's cry, a shout of rage, a snatch of music... Such experiences are all part of the Advent journey.

"Waiting in hope" is the signature tune of Advent, and this year, perhaps more than ever because of the pandemic, we long to hear the melody of hope in our lives.

So, this advent why not stop for a while; why not read part of the Bible or have a time of silence just to sit to ponder on the hope and the love that God offers us. Why not join us on a Wednesday evening in St Leonard's church and sit for an hour in the silence stillness of God's love.

May you have a blessed Advent,

Reverend David Benskin
Team vicar for the Langtree Team

Services at St. Leonard's

We are delighted to offer the following services over November. You are most welcome to attend any or all of them. Please know you are welcome also to bring people with you.

November Services:

Sunday 5th November

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.45 am Parish Communion

4pm In Loving Memory

Sunday 12th November

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.55 Remembrance Service

Sunday 19th November

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.45am Open Door

Sunday 26th November

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.45 am Parish Communion

Online Services

We continue with our online service of Night Prayer every Tuesday at 8.30 pm on Zoom. This follows the ancient monastic pattern of Compline and lasts for about 20 minutes. Join us from the comfort of your home with a hot drink as we finish the day with prayer. A warm welcome awaits.

If you would like to join us, please email me:

Rev'd David Benskin: revdbenskin@gmail.com for the contact details.

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



As I was editing this issue, a theme started to emerge. Several local organisations are looking for more volunteers. So many of the groups that help make Woodcote a great place to live rely on volunteer effort.

I'd like to thank all the villagers who give their time for others. Like many other organisations, the Correspondent is a team effort, brought together by many members of the community. From the many contributors who write articles, to the small team that gather them into each issue, and the small army that then deliver them to your door. Thank you all.

I'd also like to urge readers to see if they can find a little time to help one of our many great organisations. The Woodcote Volunteers provide mobility to enable members of the community to attend medical appointments and to live more fulfilling lives. Could you spare a couple hours a month to give someone a lift?

The Parish Council help keep the village in good running order and deal with a range of issues to help other villagers. There are currently five vacant seats on the council. The council is now holding meetings one evening each month, why not attend one to see what's involved?

Langtree Academy Trust is looking for new trustees to help our school to educate the village's children. The Woodcote Conservation Society help preserve many of our village's natural areas and are starting to work on repairing the lower Greenmoor pond. These two organisations are looking for local volunteers with a wide range of skills and expertise.

Volunteering to help these organisations is good for both you and them. The ties between volunteers are often the foundation of a strong local community. I've also personally found that volunteering in local groups to be fun and rewarding. The articles in this issue all contain contact information for those willing to help.

Nick

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The Parish Council has been trialling holding monthly meetings for the last three months.

This has proved to be successful. At the Council meeting on 4th October 2023 the decision was made to hold monthly meetings for the foreseeable future. They will hold an extra meeting if necessary for urgent business.

This is a major change for the Parish Council as for years it has held two meetings a month. It is hoped that this reduction will encourage volunteers to come forward to be Parish Councillors as the council are five councillors short of their quota of ten. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please request information from the Parish Clerk details below.

You can find information on the Parish Council website www.woodcoteparishcouncil.org.uk.

Parish Clerk Telephone 01491 681861

Email clerk@woodcoteparishcouncil.org.uk

Parish Council Facebook page for current information and announcements.

Parish Office open Monday 9.00 to 12 noon to visit in person.

WOODCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB

The League season began on Saturday 2nd September with the first team in Division 1 of the North Berks League and the development team in Division 2.

The first team got off to a great start in Division 1 with an 8-1 away win at Drayton. We had two hat-trick heroes that day, with Toby Nowell and Dan Wallace scoring three each. The other two goals came from Joe Webber. After a winning start, missing a number of regulars, we were held to a 2-2 home draw by a predictably physical Berinsfield. Joe Webber got both Woodcote's goals that day. A week without a game followed before a quite brilliant performance brought a 12-3 away win at East Hendred on 30th September. Toby Nowell got 5 goals that day and Joe Webber 4. The other goals were scored by Dan Wallace, George Scoffham and Rhys Gray. The team sits top of the table with a vastly superior goal difference than the other three teams on the same number of points.

The first team has also made progress in the North Berks Cup after a 6-1 win at Long Wittenham on October 7th. Our prolific strikers, Toby Nowell and Joe Webber scored two goals each to take their individual tallies for the season to ten goals apiece.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE OF LAND

BY NICHOLAS DUFFIELD, MARIE-PASCALE LO, MARGARET EDWARDS AND JOEL WHEELER ON BEHALF OF THE ORATORY SCHOOL TRUST

Notice is hereby given of the proposed sale of three plots of land - Plots 1, 2 and 3 as shown on the plan below (the "Land") by Nicholas Duffield, Marie-Pascale Lo, Margaret Edwards and Joel Wheeler (the "Trustees") on behalf of The Oratory School Trust.

This notice is given for the purposes of Section 121 Charities Act 2011.

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Plot 1: Land adjoining the Ward Farm Industrial Site, The Oratory School, Woodcote, Reading RG8 0PJ.

Plots 2 and 3: Woodland opposite The Oratory School, Woodcote, Reading RG8 0PJ.

The Land is to be sold freehold on the open market.

The sale of the Land will be marketed by Adkin.

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Mrs Fiona Yates
Bursar/Secretary
By order of the Trustees
Date: 25 September 2023



Our Development team has made a steady rather than spectacular start in Division 2, starting with a 2-0 defeat at Frilsham. This was followed by a good 5-4 home win over Sutton Courtenay on 23rd September. This was a particularly exciting match with over seventy supporters watching and Tommy Brownlow scoring the winner very late in the match. The other goals were scored by Jasem Ferjani, Archie Clark, Toby Nowell and Andy Taylor. On 30th September the 'Devs' lost 3-1 at home to Lambourn, our goal coming from Archie Clark. On 7th October, Dan Wallace hit a hat-trick as the team won 5-2 at home against Drayton Reserves. The other goals came from Jasem Ferjani and Tommy Brownlow.

We are delighted to have a large number of talented young players, mostly in their teens and local to Woodcote, playing regularly in the first and Development teams. We are keen to attract even more players to the club and anyone interested should contact our manager, Chris Bark, on 07414 458318, chris.bark@hotmail.co.uk. Training sessions are held on Wednesday evenings on the practice pitch at the top of the Green, starting at 7.00 pm. We have our own set of portable floodlights for training. New players are welcome to just turn up to take part.



The Team



Archie Clark



Joe Webber



Laymar Clibbon-Collins penalty save

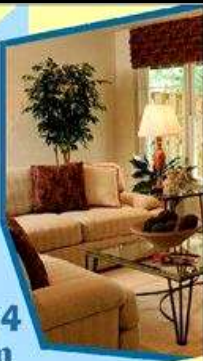
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WOODCOTE'S BOXING CHAMPION

Harley Hancock Hearn won the 2023 Barum Box Cup. Harley trains six days a week and he boxes for Pinewood Starr Boxing Club. Everyone in the club is very supportive to one another, and I would like to say all the coaches are absolutely amazing. A massive shout out to all the coaches, especially Jimmy Ball and Jimmy Smith for taking Harleys corner, Lee Stevens, Michael Smith, Stephan Swanton and his friend Stano for helping Harley achieve his success.



Harley is now the 2nd best boxer in his age and weight category in the whole of England. In March he was in the finals of the junior championships.

Harley has lived in Woodcote village all his life. He went to Woodcote Primary School, and he is now in Langtree Secondary School in year 11 doing his GCSEs. His family are born and bred from Woodcote, dating back to great grandparents. Harley's granddad passed away in October, so it's been a tough year. Harley said to me "I've done this for you, Grampy". I'm so proud to call him my son.

Tina Hearn

WOODCOTE CONSERVATION GROUP

Lower Greenmoor Pond - an update

Woodcote Parish Council has given the Woodcote Conservation Group (WCG) permission to take the lead on a project to scope out the required work and raise funds to restore the pond. WCG members with professional expertise in engineering, hydrology, ecology and fund raising have formed a working group and we will keep you updated on progress. If anyone with relevant skills or knowledge would like to contribute to the Pond Restoration Working Group, please email info@woodcotecg.org.uk.

Reducing our personal carbon footprint

It is now widely recognised that our climate is changing rapidly as global temperatures rise. Governments all over the world have set targets and made commitments to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases to help us alleviate some of the

worst effects of climate change. Woodcote Parish Council's 'Project Cool' is taking action around the village including by planting trees. By making small changes to alter our own lifestyles, we all have the power to make a difference as small actions by individuals add up to make a large, positive cumulative effect.

Following the usual business at our AGM, there will be a talk about how we can reduce our personal carbon footprint. Based on his personal experience, our guest speaker will outline some simple changes he and his family have made to their lifestyles. Many of the steps which we can all take will save money too. Here are a few examples.

Around the home

Closing your curtains on winter nights to reduce heat loss through the windows and stop draughts will make your home warmer as well as reduce your heating bill. Conversely, closing your curtains when the sun is shining on your windows on sweltering summer days will keep your house cooler.

Turn off lights you're not using and when you leave the room. Replace old incandescent light bulbs with LED ones which use much less power to give the same amount of light.

Make water-efficient choices when purchasing shower heads, taps, dishwashers and washing machines. If your loo has only one flush button, putting a brick in the cistern will reduce the amount of water used in every flush and save you money.

Transporting food requires petroleum-based fuels so eat fruit and veg which is in season and grown in Britain where possible or grow your own.

In the garden

If you don't already have one, get a washing line and do your washing on a dry day so it can dry on the line, thanks to solar and wind power!

Fit a water butt to down pipes to collect rainwater which can be used to water the garden instead of tap water.

Getting around

Where possible, walk or cycle around the village – taking the kids to school or if you're popping to the Coop. As well as the health benefits of the exercise, you'll avoid carbon emissions completely.

The £2 bus fare cap has been extended until December 2024, so hop on the X40 (which now stops in Woodcote every half hour) if you're heading into Reading or Oxford. Your journey might take a bit longer but will be cheaper even without factoring in car parking charges.

There are many other things we can all do, and grants are often available to subsidise the cost of improving the energy efficiency of homes. Come to our AGM at the Community Centre on Thursday 9th November at 7.30pm to learn more.

Woodcote Conservation Group

Woodcote Library



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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Despite the unseasonal weather, our autumn activities are well underway at the Village Hall. We kicked off with our first Film Night which was a showing of *Barbie*. Despite receiving a mixed review, the audience all left with smiles on their faces, inspired (I'm sure) by Barbie's courage and determination to make a difference in her world. We hope everyone who came along had a fun evening and enjoyed catching up with friends and neighbours.

Next up in the diary is another top-quality night of traditional Gypsy Jazz as we continue to re-establish the Village Hall as a prime venue. The Jez Cook Trio will be joining us on Saturday 11th November. The hall's last gig featured Ducato Piotrowski who brought the house down with his authentic Roma playing and natural charm, not least when he cheerily segued into funk during a traditional style hot club number. Very Roma! As a local promoter, long in the tooth and not easily impressed, put it: "Well! What a great night. Very, very, very good indeed!"

Jez Cook has been active on the British jazz scene since the 1980s and is an accomplished guitarist on both acoustic and electric instruments. Jez will be joined by Ducato (who seems set to become 'family' at Woodcote) and Paul Jefferies on bass. Woodcote loves its bass players, so bass players love Woodcote. Paul, who is new to Woodcote, has therefore caused a small stir of anticipation. No pressure! Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm performance on Saturday 11th November. Tickets cost £11.50 and may be purchased by online. Tickets are expected to sell-out quickly, so prompt booking is recommended.

On Saturday 8th December will be having another Film Night. *Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One* will be showing and we look forward to making use of the additional speakers which have been installed at the rear of the hall. Funded by another generous donation from the Village Fete Committee, the speakers provide an enhanced surround sound to improve film and music nights. Tickets for Film Night remain at £5.50 per person and can be booked online. Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm showing.

Don't forget to keep an eye on the Village Hall website for a full list of everything happening at the hall. You can buy tickets for our forthcoming events, view the hall diary and book the hall/rooms here at www.woodcotevillagehall.com. For enquiries, please call 07929 203096.

ST LEONARD'S FAIR

Saturday 4th November 2 - 4 pm at Woodcote Village Hall

We are holding our annual fair from 2pm to 4pm on Saturday 4th and admission is free! It is our major fund-raising event, and we can guarantee that you will find plenty of bargains.

The fair will give you opportunities to meet and chat with friends. The many, varied stalls and attractions will provide entertainment and the opportunity to

purchase Christmas gifts, home-made cakes, jams and preserves, craft items, bric-a-brac, bath and beauty, books and jewellery. Tombolas and raffles will be there as usual.

We welcome any donations for the Fair, relying on the generosity of Woodcote people to support the maintenance of the parish church. We'll find good homes for those unwanted presents. We would also appreciate it if you would use cash to make payments at the various stalls, raffles and tombolas as card payments are not easy to take at this kind of traditional event.

If anyone has any donations or questions, please contact Janet Casson (681483), Sue Udell (681618), Peggy Allum (680576), Rosemary Humphris (681511) or Sandy Worsfold (680574).

WOODCOTE AMATEUR DRAMATICS SOCIETY

The Summer is over, which can only mean one thing! We are now up and running with rehearsals for our next brilliant production.

The Amateur Killer by Robert Scott is a thriller about an amateur dramatics Society putting on a murder mystery, only the murder isn't supposed to happen for real, is it?

Enjoy this great thriller as WADS once again enthrall our audiences. Relish watching the dealings, confessions and dirty deeds gradually come to life!

We'll be performing at the village hall on November 16/17/18th at 7.45pm. Doors open at 7pm. The bar will be open and we'll have a raffle.

Tickets are available for £10 by phone (07956 136750) or at <https://woodcotedrama.co.uk>.

This play is to be performed on the stage. Please note, this is not a murder mystery supper.

IT'S TIME TO BOOK YOUR COFFEE SHOP SLOTS!

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Saturday morning fundraising coffee shops this past year. It has been wonderful to have them up and running again.

Now is the time to think about the 2024 coffee shop rota. If you would like to run a coffee morning for one or more Saturdays next year, do please let me know.

They are always fun, and I have simple 'How to' checklist if you are new to this type of fundraising. Also, if you would like to fundraise for your favourite charity rather than a village organisation, you are welcome to make a booking. In the past, we have had coffee shops for MacMillan Nurses, Helen House, Guide Dogs for the Blind and many others.

Meanwhile, we do have one slot available in December – Saturday 9 December. If you would like to do some festive fundraising, please email below.

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Frances Cork; info@woodcotecc.org.uk

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This year's Rally was held on the 8th and 9th of July. With good weather, a bumper crowd turned out to enjoy this annual festival of veteran transport. The organisers have now announced that £25,000 is to be donated to local clubs, societies, and other good causes, for the benefit of villagers. Over 20 groups have applied for a donation and the successful organisations will have been notified by the third week of October, and invited to a presentation evening on the 10th November in the Village Hall.

The Rally has been an annual event since 1964. In that time, the Rally has donated £532,000 to local charities and good causes.

This year's Rally was the first since 2019. Covid caused two cancellations and, last year, the organisers were unable to find a suitable field. Thanks to the generosity of the Hildred partnership, a field was identified, and the Rally was able to restart this year. Sadly, this field will not be available next year. The organisers are hopeful that they may have found an alternative site but would be happy to hear from any local landowners who would be interesting in hosting the Rally. Please contact Martin Allright on 07967 278298.

THE CASE OF THE UNNECESSARY PUDDING

It was my wife's birthday recently and for a treat we went for a meal at the Waterside Bistro in Benson. This is a very pleasant ambience, and as usual all went well until we came to the question of pudding. Now I on such occasions tend to have a fairly substantial first course, such as lasagne and chips, while she contents herself with a mere toasted sourdough, and the result is that I really don't want or need a pudding whereas she definitely does.

'What are you going to have for pudding?' she says.

'Oh, I really don't need a pudding. But you go ahead and have whatever you want.'

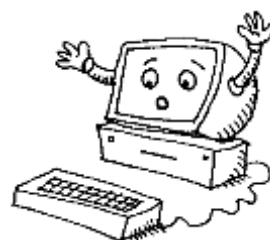
'I can't have a pudding if you're not having a pudding', she says. This is stated as if it were an immutable scientific fact, like the Second Law of Thermodynamics.

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'But why not? You had a much smaller first course.'

'You'll just sit there watching me eat it and wishing you had one'.

'Certainly, I won't. I'll just sit there taking a quiet unselfish pleasure in your pleasure, it's what being a husband is all about.'

'Well, I can't have one if you're not having one'.

I sigh. I do find this tends to happen in marriage: you're strolling along quite happily when the ground suddenly opens under your feet and you are plunged into an abyss of unreason.

'What if we share an Eton mess and ask for two spoons and I'll just have one spoonful of it?'

'No, I know what you're like when you get near an Eton mess, you'll have eaten over half of it while I'm still on my first spoonful.' This is a gross slander, as I am scrupulously fair in any such dealings, but it's the kind of accusation we husbands have to put up with.

'Well, I really don't want a whole pudding just for myself'.

'But it's my birthday...'

And so it is that I end up eating an entirely unnecessary large slice of cheesecake with clotted cream that's going to take me at least six miles of hard running to burn off. Ah, the sacrifices we men make for love...

David Sutton

THE CASE OF THE EMPTY WOODLANDS

I read David Sutton's October article with great interest, as usual. It reminded me of my childhood days which, like Woodcote, were surrounded by woodland. But where are the children?

Well, after much reflection, I realised the differences. For starters, I am even older than David, and the war was still raging on. But it did not bother us kids. Apart from a few soldiers stationed in the fields behind the nearest wood with a searchlight, who taught us to play *Come to the Cookhouse Door Boys* on the trumpet, and a few planes passing overhead

en route for Liverpool, it more or less passed us by. We used to go en famille with mattresses etc., under the stairs when the siren went, and wait there for the All Clear. Quite exciting really, and no bombs dropped on us.

Our days were spent in the woods, largely up trees, but often in the stream in the Other Wood, where you could catch minnows and sticklebacks, or wriggle across the pipe to the Other Side, where our enemies lived. We chased them, waving our sticks, if they dared to come over to our side. We knew the whereabouts of dozens of bird's nests, but of course never disturbed the eggs. We built dens, had post boxes in trees, and even established a headquarters in an old gardener's hut which we managed to burgle and furnish. In winter we made for The Pit, which was a largish cattle pond that used to freeze over in winter. Word used to fly round "The Pit's bearing" and kids used to appear from far and wide and line up to take their turn to have a long exhilarating slide right across. No adults were present, nobody fell in.

It is amazing what kids can do when just left to it. Perhaps we were just lucky. We also used to go on long expeditions to "find the source of the Nile" (the stream through the woods). We didn't find much, but when we reached the railway line outside Crewe we packed it in and went home. Happy days though. The school holidays were never long enough and I am still in touch with my old mate of those days.

I guess that is enough of my rambling on about the old days "Playing in the Wood".

But you will see why I was surprised by the empty woods here, unless there is a teacher or a Brown Owl with them. Alas, the local children are living different lives.

P.S. My father did not really want children playing round in his garden anyway. Gardens were for growing things. He grew apples, pears, plums and vegetables. There Was a War on You Know!

Dian Crawford

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Langtree School believes that every one of our students deserves the best possible opportunities and support required to achieve their full potential. We aim to provide not just a fantastic academic, social, and cultural education, but also abundant pastoral support for our whole Langtree community.

New trustees are offered free, online training in the first few months after appointment to better understand and fulfil their role. We encourage trustees to become involved with the educational aims and priorities of this small, but highly popular local secondary school, and expect them to attend as many of the regular committee and board meetings as possible, either in person or remotely (a total of 12 meetings per academic year).

The Trust Board would be glad to hear from interested parents but would particularly welcome applications from members of the wider community. Anyone who is interested in learning more about this opportunity to make a very real difference at a local level should contact me at adunstan@langtreeschool.com. Thank you!

Alan Dunstan
Chair of Trustees, Langtree School

WOODCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL

October has been a spectacular month with warm weather and sunshine. Harvest was a wonderful celebration with the children. We held our annual double service at St Leonard's Church with Reverend Benskin. KS1 children sang harvest songs and had learnt a poem all about the season. KS2, for their

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service, presented a beautiful harvest loaf, spoke about Harvest from around the world, had studied in depth how potatoes are harvested, presented some riddles in the form of Harvest Kennings, wrote their own prayers and sang Autumn Days beautifully with the wonderful sound of the church organ accompanying them.

The harvest produce taken to church for the services, was brought back to school and packed into nearly 50 boxes to be taken out around the village. Included in every box was a personal card and poem written by one of the year 6 children for the recipient of the box. We are always so delighted to receive letters back and hear how you are. If you cannot write back, please do not worry, giving the box and being able to speak to you on your doorstep is a moment that the children treasure.

Our partnership sports events have begun for the year. We took part in cross-country over in Stoke Row. The whole team of 20 ran extremely well and represented Woodcote with pride. Thank you to all our runners. Particular congratulations go to Angus, who was placed 3rd in the year 5/6 boys' race and to Martha who placed 1st in the girls' year 5/6 race. Both the year 5/6 boys' team and the Year 5/6 girls' team were awarded 3rd place in their events.

In the Chiltern Edge series of cross-country events on Saturdays, the first held over at hilly Greys' Court, congratulations go to all our runners once again, but in particular to Albie in year 3 who was placed 3rd and to Martha in year 4 who placed 2nd.

Year 1 and Year 3 recently welcomed PCSO Susan Haynes to their classrooms where they spent some time finding out what the police do. Year 1 first researched facts in order to think of some questions to ask a Police Officer. She shared a story called PC Ben and gifted the Year 1 class a story about him. They enjoyed finding out about the police drones, what PCSO Haynes keeps in her pockets and what to do if they get lost. In Year 3 they talked about differences and respect. They concluded that we can all be different and yet still all be friends.

In early October, 25 children from year 5 and 6 enjoyed an afternoon at the Henley Literary Festival listening to David Beddiel talking about being a children's author, how he gets his ideas, finds time to write and the inspiration for his new book. They were lucky enough to spend a few private minutes with him as he signed copies of his book and dedicated it to them. It is always inspirational to meet people in real life and to hear how they continue to use the skills we teach at school as they progress through adulthood and their careers. The children were buzzing with excitement when they left. Who knows, maybe one of them will follow his inspiration and become an author. We certainly have some very talented writers.

This week we held a wonderful story time afternoon where parents, friends and families came into school to listen to a story with their children at the end of the school day. It was extremely well attended and very enjoyable. If you would like to attend one of these events, you are most welcome. Please keep an eye on the newsletters on our website and come

along too. An early date for your diary: the Christmas Fair is on the 1st of December, save the date! Come along to buy some stocking fillers and have fun - 5-7pm, food and drink available!

I hope to see you all there!

Mrs L. Hunt



David Baddiel book signing at the Henley Literary Festival



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CABIN PRE-SCHOOL

The cycle of learning starts once again. We are fortunate to be looking after another amazing gang of children. According to google, a bunch of children might be called a pack, herd or a gaggle.

We met our friends at Woodcote Pre-school for a harvest service led by Rev. David, with lots of songs and many gifts donated by the families, Thank you. We sang our favourites: *Driving Along in a Red/Green/Blue Tractor*, signing the colours as we sang along. There were also *The Wheels on the Tractor* and *Dingle Dangle Scarecrow*. The children sat beautifully and enjoyed visiting the church, which looked amazing in all its harvest decorations.

The monster phonic programme we are following is proving fun. The children are learning all about the different characters, the sounds and actions they make. The monsters have been helping the children listen to different sounds, tap out the beat of their names, break down sounds, listening and repeating sounds within the environment. All great pre-reading games.

One of the most important things you should do with your children is to read, every single day. Just 5 minutes to start with, as many times as you can. Inspire them to be readers. This month we have enjoyed reading *The Scarecrow's Wedding*, *Oliver Vegetables*, *Hendra's Surprise* and *Marvellous Me* as our focus books.

Little Red Hen, another focused book, turned into such a fun week providing many inspiring learning opportunities. Not only did they make hens out of shapes and textures, they also made a loaf of bread, which we shared for snack, we learnt about sharing and helping. On Friday, our little chicks that we watched hatch came back for a visit. Katie brought two of the five back for the day. The children got to handle them, feed them, walk them into the Cabin and back out again, much to the amusement of the children.

Olivers Vegetables links nicely to the oral health training and promotion. On Friday we played Musical Vegetables, where you pick a veg, dip into the paint, stamp it onto the table paper and once the music starts again, dance around the table and repeat, see the photo, I think they all loved this.

The staff have all been busy. Katie and Jayne have completed level 1 Makaton training, Charlotte has undertaken Oral hygiene training, which help us promote healthy eating. We already have a lot of the suggestions in place, reduced sugary snacks, eating more veg than fruit, serving water and milk, use brown bread and pasta when possible.

Our last week has been focused on British Values. The children have been thinking of others, sharing, turn-taking, making the right choices, and respecting the culture and beliefs of others.

On Friday, we looked at different varieties of apples, comparing the differences, touching, and feeling each one, and describing how they feel, and look. Then we cut them open and could see that inside they are all the same.

We have spaces available in most sessions, please call Jayne on 01491 680854 for more information or to book an appointment for a show round or email us at info@thecabinpreschool.co.uk.

Friends of the Cabin Preschool is a good place to look on Facebook and see what we have been up to.



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WOODCOTE PRE-SCHOOL

First of all, we would like to welcome Owen, Aron and their family who have just joined us.

On the 3rd October we visited St Leonard's Church for our very exciting Harvest Festival! We were joined by our friends from The Cabin pre-school, and we all sang the songs that we have been practicing. We would like to say a huge thank you to Reverend David Benskin for a fantastic service. The children had baked a loaf of bread which we took along, and we donated a lot of food for the food bank. Thank you to all the parents who donated something and came along to support us at the church.

This term, we will be celebrating different festivals such as Diwali, Bonfire Night and Halloween. The children are looking forward to our Halloween party. The children will be busy learning some new songs, making exciting, spooky crafts and dressing up. We will visit our allotment to collect the pumpkins we have grown and then we will make pumpkin soup! It is an exciting time of year that we all look forward to.

You may have seen posters up advertising our Quiz Night on the 25th of November. Please get in touch to book tickets and join us for a fun evening. You could be the lucky winners, donated by the Booker Family at Church Farm. This event is kindly sponsored by M Read Groundworks, Bouchier Fencing Ltd, The Black Lion and Church Farm.

The children have been very interested in transport and vehicles, so we have been fostering that interest by making vehicles out of boxes and using a lot of our ride on toys. As the weather has been good so far, we have been able to spend a lot of time outside and enjoy watching the buses, cars and tractors go by. We have also been on some walks around the village, collecting conkers and autumn leaves. We also found a backpack on the rec and the children were very excited to deliver it back to the owner at Langtree!

We are now accepting donations for our Christmas raffle, and all of these are gratefully received. Please email, phone or drop in to donate. Thank you!

If you would like to book a visit, please phone us on 01491 682300 or email us at woodcote.pre-school@hotmail.co.uk.



ST LEONARD'S HARVEST FESTIVAL

Chris Rickards has captured the Harvest Festival, along with a brief interview with Reverend David. View the video at <https://youtu.be/Ng6idzL9JMU> or using the QR code below.



WOODCOTE WI

Sally Lambert welcomed the members to our meeting. Unfortunately we didn't have a speaker, but Ann Larden and Barbara George stepped in with two quizzes and we were all rewarded with chocolates! This was followed by tea thank you to Ann Larden and Judy Williams.

The winner of Bloom of the Month was Shirley Bryant with her very fragrant Emma Hamilton rose.

The lunch club this month went to the Packhorse, thank you to Sally for organising this.

Many of our members enjoyed playing skittles at Hithercroft Sports Centre at Wallingford and we were joined by members from South Stoke WI. We enjoyed a lovely lunch with a big thank you to Matt. Margaret Carter was our star player for the day winning the chocolates and Joan Soanes won the prize for the lowest score!

In November we will be paper folding with Debbie Emmett, making a Christmas Tree out of an old paperback, so don't forget the books ladies!

Come and join us on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm, we would love to see you.

Judy Williams

SURVEY SHOWS POSITIVE EXPERIENCES OF TAKING PART IN HEALTH RESEARCH IN THAMES VALLEY

Nine in ten Thames Valley health research study participants surveyed said they would consider taking part in another trial, new figures show.

More than 1,100 people were surveyed about their experience of taking part in research supported by the National Institute for Health and Care Research Clinical Research Network (NIHR CRN) in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Milton Keynes and Oxfordshire.

This included studies in NHS hospitals, mental health settings and in the community, such as completing online questionnaires.

A total 90.2% said they would consider taking part in research again. Other findings from the anonymous survey included:

- 94.6% said research staff always treated them with courtesy and respect.
- 91.6% said the information they received prepared them before taking part.
- 90.8% said researchers valued their taking part in the research.
- 85.6% said they knew how to contact someone from the research team if they had any questions or concerns.
- 69.5% said they knew how they would receive the results of the research.
- 67.8% said they had been kept updated about the research.
- Staff attitudes, effective study administration and helping others were the most common topics participants felt positive about
- Effective study administration, study methodology and receiving results were the most common topics participants felt would have made their experience better.

In the 12 months from 1 April 2022, when the survey took place, the NIHR CRN supported 740 studies in Thames Valley. This included 9,295 participants in Berkshire, 9,279 in Buckinghamshire, 8,044 in Milton Keynes and 37,124 in Oxfordshire.

Among the studies participants volunteered for in the 12 month period were:

- A drug to reduce the risk of heart attacks and strokes in people with vascular disease.
- How best to investigate if a patient with a severe headache has had a brain haemorrhage (a bleed in or around the brain).
- Investigating the link between immune system problems and psychosis, a condition that can cause hallucinations or delusions.
- A system which monitors trends in people who self-harm to provide better care.

Comments from those who completed the survey include:

- "My research experience has been excellent. Everyone has been so lovely and friendly".
- "It's nice to be involved in research of drugs that may help others, just as I'm sure that others did for drugs which I benefit from".
- "The whole experience was excellent. Everyone on the research team was friendly, helpful and kept me informed every step of the way".
- "I felt I was doing something positive to help with future treatments. The staff made me feel valued and made everything as easy as possible".

Among those taking part in research is Jacob Clark, 16, who has been in a trial into the effects of a drug for children with haemophilia B at Oxford's John

Radcliffe Hospital for the last 10 years. The study assesses a blood clotting drug as a preventative treatment for life-threatening bleeds in children.

Haemophilia B is a blood clotting disorder where injured blood vessels cannot heal normally. This can result in bleeds inside the body as well as from the skin. Bleeds can be fatal if they are not stopped or occur in vital organs such as the brain.

Jacob, of Aston Clinton, Buckinghamshire said: "I'm really grateful for all the care and treatment I've had from my haemophilia medical team. Being part of the trial has been a great experience. The treatment meant I could experience my childhood like any normal boy."

Mother Eloise said: "The study had completely changed Jacob's life and I don't know what his life would be like if he wasn't on it. He has broken his arm twice and didn't need any additional treatment for bleeds. He hasn't had any bleeds since he has been on the trial and can't really remember what they are like."

Prof Najib Rahman, Respiratory Speciality Lead at the NIHR Clinical Research Network Thames Valley and South Midlands, which managed the survey in the region, said: "It is fantastic to see that so many people would be happy to consider taking part in further studies. This reflects the importance of the studies that are supported by the NIHR and is testament to the work of our highly skilled and dedicated research teams."

"Completing the research study circle of engagement, initiation, follow up, closure and reporting results back to participants are all key elements to a successful study and a fulfilling participant experience. We will be looking at the survey feedback to see how we can ensure this happens across studies we support."

The survey is used to support researchers to make improvements to how studies are provided. For example, a vaccine study created an infographic to help prepare participants for the blood taking part of the trial following feedback given in the survey.

Participating in health research helps develop new treatments, improve the NHS, public health and social care and save lives.

The NHS, public health and social care supports research by giving patients opportunities to take part in trials. Healthy people can also take part so results can be compared to those with a medical condition.

Patients are also encouraged to ask their doctor or health professional about research opportunities and view and sign up to be notified about trials seeking volunteers at bepartofresearch.uk.

GORING HEATH BEAVERS

Lightly recovered from the tour de force that is the fête teas (nice one Dragon[fly]!), we had our first meeting on 14th September. As is traditional, it was a 'getting to know you' session during which new Beavers were inducted into the arcane rituals of beaver scouting before getting to know their new

chums through a series of games. A bad person might call it 'wing it and pray'.

The following week it was lashing down or, as meteorologically impervious Otter put it: "slightly damp". Beavers, however, do not care about a bit of rain so mini-beast hunting went on regardless. Logs were turned over, grass teased apart and bushes frisked for anything too slow to escape. They found worms, red ants and woodlice. We were delighted that the wet brought out many snails and slugs, some of prodigious proportions. They returned to the Hut, filthy of hand and broad of grin, where they identified their finds on spotter's cards. Initial concern that the quarry might escape their tubs proved unfounded; slugs are not the racehorses of the animal kingdom.

On 21st September we went for a completely new night hike, this time starting and finishing at Kingfisher's house in Peppard. We stopped twice, once to listen (we heard leaders exhorting Beavers to be quiet) and once to smell (we smelled damp, in both senses). Kingfisher's husband had brought back chips from the chippy (good man!) so, as the rain started to fall, the Beavers bedded-in to eat. As observed previously, Beavers are impervious to rain, so long as they either have grub or grubs.

On 5th October the Beavers returned to the Bear Dog Woods, this time in the dark. Next month they will be investigating the topic of 'space', so 'Midge' showed them a flying saucer which had crashed in a clearing. The Beavers followed LED 'space insects' round the wood, finding spaceship parts and scattered Bogons (tentacled aliens) as they went. There were many multi-coloured landing lights, gas tanks, pipes, a 'star drive' and a biosphere into which all the Bogons were crammed ready for take-off later that evening. The Beavers were terribly impressed when it was all put together and lit up. Obviously 'Midge' told them that if they saw lights in the sky at bedtime it would be the saucer taking off. We finished off with marshmallows toasted on a fire which the Beavers lit and built themselves, Midge instructing them to "crack on! You know what you are doing". And they did!



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Wednesday 8th November, 7:30pm

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Wednesday 15th November

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Friday 17th November, 7:30pm

Saturday 18th November, 2:30pm

Saturday 18th November, 7:30pm

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WALLINGFORD & DISTRICT ART CLUB (WADAC)

This month's demonstration, on Tuesday 21st of November, is entitled "*Winter Landscape*" in line and wash and is given by Jonathan Newey, live in Centre 70, Wallingford.



Jonathan Newey is an award-winning artist with over 25 years of experience in both drawing and painting. Born in Reading, he comes from a long line of artists in his family. He has extensive experience in a wide range of mediums and subject matter but specialises in drawings and paintings inspired by nature. He will demonstrate how to sketch winter landscapes with pen and watercolour wash. Plus, how to mix the colours of winter and how to paint skies, trees and buildings in the landscape, including the technique of sketching with the pen in a loose and lively way.

Tuesday morning and afternoon art classes: the winter term (6 weeks) started on the 31st of October. A few places are still available so please contact us if you are interested.

Tuesday social evening and non-tutored workshops at 7-9pm are open every Tuesday; drop in and have a chat with fellow artists at all levels. Great chance to get back to painting or starting out. All club members are willing to help new artists.

Over 20 members of Wallingford and District Art Club (WADAC) are holding their annual Winter art show from 18-19 November 2023 at Centre 70, The Kinicroft, Wallingford OX10 0DT. Visitors can view over 60 original works using all painting media, plus handmade ceramics, created by local artists.

Where better to find an original, perfect gift for Christmas or other special occasions.



The image featured is an oil and acrylic painting called "Waiting for the King" by club member, Gavin Peacock, who has achieved national recognition. He was recently named winner of SAA's Artist of the Year competition in the amateur still life category. SAA is the world's largest community of artists, with over 43,000 members to date.

WADAC's art show is free to visit and open from 10.00am to 5.00pm on Saturday 18th and 10.00am to 4.00pm on Sunday 19th November. Come along and experience the joy of making and giving original art.

If you are interested in joining us on any of our events or the club, please contact davidbooth7@outlook.com or admin@wallingfordartclub.org.uk or tel. 01491 681400.

The club meets at Centre 70, Kinicroft, off Goldsmith's Lane, Wallingford, OX10 0DN.

Saturday Crafts!

Woodcote Library
10.30-11.30am

30th September – Junk Modelling
(a fun way to recycle)

11th November – Owls, Bats and Spiders...

9th December – A Winter Wonderland

We look forward to welcoming you to our family friendly drop-in events!

Craft sessions are free, however donations are gratefully accepted to fund further library events.

Thank you for supporting your local library.

Please contact the Library Manager, Lisa Smith if you have any queries about Saturday crafts. Lisa.Thorpe@oxfordshire.gov.uk

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HENLEY AND DISTRICT STAMP CLUB



We have just had Halloween. The leaves have fallen, and the hedgehogs are hibernating. We have recommenced our meetings in Bix Village Hall and we have already had some very interesting meetings.

One of the things you are enabled to do when you collect stamps, is that you can select a subject you are interested in. It is not just one country or another; it can be a theme such as animals.

The Henley Stamp Club is a friendly group, and we would be delighted to see new visitors or members. If you are interested in facts concerning stamps or postal history, why not come along and explore how you can promote your interest? To learn more about stamps and postal history why not visit us at Bix one Wednesday evening? You can then meet other people who find postal history and the story of stamps fascinating too.

Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month in Bix Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

WHITCHURCH & GORING HEATH HISTORY SOCIETY

Travels With Auntie is the title of our last meeting this year. An account of former foreign correspondent Alastair Lack's career in the BBC. After studying history at University College Oxford, he taught in India and worked in publishing in New York, before starting his career in the BBC in 1971. We are promised an entertaining and informative evening, dealing with events we all remember from the recent past.

The date is Thursday November 16th, the time 7.30pm and the venue Goring Heath Parish Hall. All welcome, non-members pay £3, which includes tea/coffee and biscuits, served from 7pm.

QUIZ ANSWERS (see page 23)

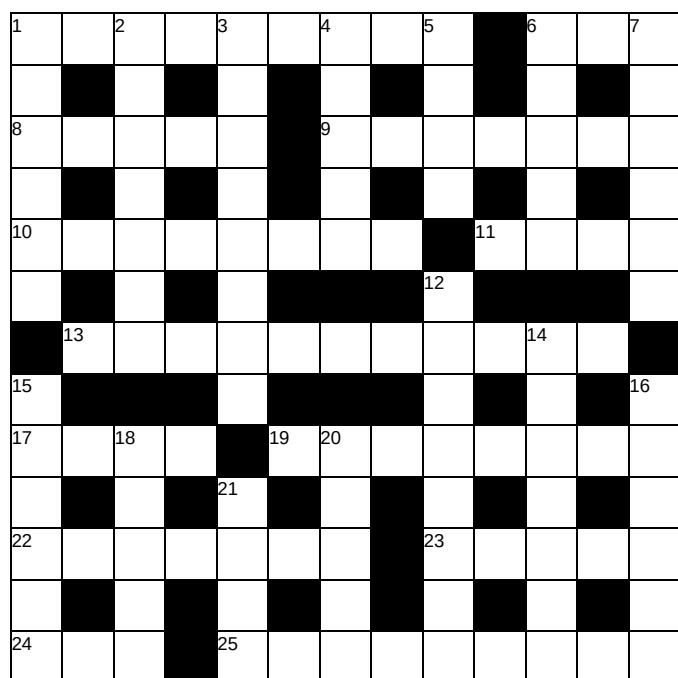
1. Scorpio and Sagittarius
2. 1605
3. Fourth Thursday
4. Edwin Lutyns
5. Plymouth
6. Ninth (November retains its name from the Latin novem, meaning "nine".)
7. November
8. The Gettysburg Address
9. Dallas
10. 30th of November

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NOVEMBER CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 Sign of crop on Italian island (9)
6. Give nothing to the French cat (3)
8. Innocent about time to explode (5)
9. Despicable soldier backs into lord (7)
10. Channel Islands hold back tanks (8)
11. Plucky pheasant (4)
13. A gratis suit tailored for archer (11)
17. Sin of messenger dropping nothing (4)
19. Schedule a state to lend a first repayment (8)
22. George Best left after broadcast (7)
23. Leave car with a heavy jacket (5)
24. Therefore, no right for self (3)
25. Forecast hydrogen or oxygen range (9)

Down

1. Force Circe to drop one for one lacking direction (6)
2. Past state of quiet country (7)
3. Brave? I printed anyway (8)
4. Alternatively, one is working to be a hunter (5)
5. Zero working in Northumbria (4)
6. Balance of disruption of Blair (5)
7. Alumnus looked and observed (6)
12. Forestalls final scrap before explosion of tempers (7)
14. Suffer experience (7)
15. Rat in a river for some years (6)
16. Mysterious curve at a couple of points (6)
18. Harpy loses a sign of late summer (5)
20. Later sort of change (5)
21. Test hotel flier (4)

OCTOBER CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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WALLINGFORD PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

The Wallingford Photographic Club (wallingfordphoto.club) has returned for a new season. Come along and join our informal and inclusive group of enthusiasts and amateurs as we continue our weekly programme of talks, presentations, competitions and practical sessions. We discuss a wide range of topics, not just technical, including getting feedback on your photos if you're keen to show them. We meet on Thursdays from 730pm at Crowmarsh Pavilion, and we'll have a handful of sessions online where we make the most of speakers from far away.

In early November we'll be out and about for a day trip to Oxford (Saturday 4th so no meeting on the 2nd) followed by a members' evening on 9th to share the results and stories from the day out. Then we head online for 16th as Andy Phillips joins us on Zoom presenting his still life work called *The Inner Landscape*. On the 23rd Mark Seymour will be present to show some of his street and travel documentary photography. Finally, on the 30th we have our next 'no set subject' competition.

NOVEMBER QUIZ (answers on page 22)

1. What are the two zodiac signs for the month of November?
2. In which year was the Gunpowder Plot?
3. On which November Thursday do Americans celebrate Thanksgiving Day?
4. Who designed the Cenotaph?
5. For what city did Nancy Astor become Britain's first woman MP in 1919?
6. What number month was November in the ancient Roman calendar?
7. What name is given to November's annual moustache-growing charity event?
8. What famous speech did Abraham Lincoln give on November 19, 1863?
9. In which city was John F. Kennedy assassinated on November 22, 1963?
10. On which day in November is Saint Andrew's Day?

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Regular Weekly Events

Every Monday

** Youth Club – Juniors (year 7's).
Woodcote Village Hall. 7.15pm-8.45pm

Every Tuesday

** Youth Club – Seniors (years 8, 9 & 10)
Woodcote Village Hall 7.15pm-8.45pm

Every Thursday

** Rhymetime for pre-schoolers.
Woodcote Library 10.15am-10.45am
** Chance To Chat.
Community Centre Lion's Den 2.30pm-4pm

NOVEMBER DATES

Wed 1st	*	Wallingford U3A meeting. Crowmarsh Village Hall. 2pm
	*	Whitchurch Photographic Society talk: 'A Taste of Italy'. Whitchurch Village Hall. 8pm
Sat 4th	*	Coffee Shop in aid of Woodcote Pre-school (cash only). Woodcote Community Centre. 10am-12.30pm
	*	St Leonard's Fair. Woodcote Village Hall. 2pm-4pm
Tues 7th	*	LEGO Club. Woodcote Library. 3.30pm-4.30pm
	*	BMMHS Zoom talk: 'Nelson & Trafalgar'. Email zoom@bmmhs.org. 7.30pm
Thur 9th	*	Wallingford Photographic Club member's evening. Crowmarsh Pavilion. 7.30pm-
	*	Whitchurch Photographic Society Zoom meeting: Rosebowl Competition Round One. 8pm
Sat 11th	*	Coffee Shop in aid of St. Leonard's Church (cash only). Woodcote Community Centre. 10am-12.30pm
	*	Saturday Crafts: Owls, Bats and Spiders.... Woodcote Library. 10.30am-
	*	Woodcote Village Hall presents: The Jez Cook Trio. Woodcote Village Hall. 8pm
Tues 14th	*	Board Games Club for adults. Woodcote Library. 3.30pm-4.30pm
Wed 15th	*	Woodcote WI meeting. Woodcote Village Hall. 2.30pm
	*	BMMHS Talk: 'The Guinea Pig Club'. Woodcote Village Hall. 7.30pm
	*	Whitchurch Photographic Society meeting: Print Competition No 1. Whitchurch Village Hall. 8pm
Thur 16th	*	Wallingford Photographic Club Zoom talk: 'The Inner Landscape'. 7.30pm-
	*	Whitchurch & Goring Heath History Society talk: 'Travels with Auntie'. Goring Heath Parish Hall. 7.30pm
	*	WADS present: 'The Amateur Killer'. Woodcote Village Hall. 7.45pm

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NOVEMBER DATES *Continued*

Thur 16th	*	WADS present: 'The Amateur Killer'. Woodcote Village Hall. 7.45pm
Fri 17th	*	WADS present: 'The Amateur Killer'. Woodcote Village Hall. 7.45pm
Sat 18th	*	Coffee Shop in aid of Woodcote Primary School FOWPS. Woodcote Community Centre. 10am-12.30pm
	*	Wallingford & District Art Club Winter Art Show. Centre 70, The Kincroft, Wallingford. 10am-5pm
	*	Cholsey Repair Café. Cholsey Pavilion. 11am-1.45pm
	*	WADS present: 'The Amateur Killer'. Woodcote Village Hall. 7.45pm
Sun 19th	*	Wallingford & District Art Club Winter Art Show. Centre 70, The Kincroft, Wallingford. 10am-4pm
Tues 21st	*	Wallingford & District Art Club demonstration: 'Winter Landscape in line and wash'. Centre 70, The Kincroft, Wallingford. 7.30pm
Wed 22nd	*	Whitchurch Photographic Society Zoom talk: 'How I See Photography'. 8pm
Thur 23rd	*	Wallingford Photographic Club talk: 'Street and Travel Documentary Photography'. Crowmarsh Pavilion. 7.30pm-10pm
Sat 25th	*	Woodcote Pre-School Quiz Night. Woodcote Village Hall. 8pm
Tues 28th	*	Chatterbox. Woodcote Community Centre. 2pm-3.30pm
Wed 29th	*	Whitchurch Photographic Society talk: 'Curiosities in New Zealand'. Whitchurch Village Hall. 8pm
Thur 30th	*	Wallingford Photographic Club competition: No Set Subject 2. Crowmarsh Pavilion. 7.30pm-10pm

FORTHCOMING DATES IN DECEMBER

Sat 2nd	*	Coffee Shop in aid of Woodcote Community Centre (cash only). Woodcote Community Centre. 10am-12.30pm
	*	Goring Repair Café. Goring Village Hall. 11am-1.30pm
Sun 3rd	*	Christmas Market. Woodcote Village Hall. 11am-3pm
Fri 8th	*	Film Night: Mission Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One. Woodcote Village Hall. 7.30pm

CLOSING THOUGHT

“Hell is empty, and all the devils are here.”

Ferdinand, in *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare