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CORRESPONDENT

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VILLAGE FETE FEELING HOT, HOT, HOT!

What a scorcher! When we started planning for this year's Village Fete we had not anticipated record temperatures. The day of the fete was also the hottest day of the year. Fortunately, this is Woodcote and those seeking shade were able to sit under some trees

A massive thank you to all of you who braved the heat and turned up to support the fete. As well as bringing the local community together and making memories, the fete also raises money to improve our Village Hall.

We had a fabulous array of talent on display in the Village Hall. Congratulations to our award winners and to everyone who entered the competitions. We thought all the entries were amazing! It was also lovely to hear the piano being played while perusing the exhibits, courtesy of two talented pianists in the village.

The music of Baum, Maggs and Taylor sounded perfect in the sunshine, and everyone enjoyed eating and drinking alfresco. Jester Giggles enchanted all the little ones with his magic show and lots of fun was had by those who joined in the silly races and the tug of war! Making their debut at the fete were Bubbles Man and Smelly Wellies, which I think we can all agree were popular attractions. It was rather hot for bouncing but the inflatables were also enjoyed and the rides.

We had a fabulous selection of stalls and sold a large number of raffle tickets. Thank you for your support in buying raffle tickets and well done to our lucky winners!



We have some great photos of the fete and are in the process of adding them to an album which can be found under Photos on our Facebook page @WoodcoteVillageFete. Please take a look! If you have any of your own photos that you would like us to add to the album, we would be delighted to receive them on the proviso that they will be put on a public page and by sending them to us you are giving your permission for them to be posted publicly.

We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped us put on this event. You know who you are! We could not do it without you and are very grateful for your support. This includes the local businesses who generously donated raffle prizes and our amazing sponsors: SoHa Housing, The Oratory Prep School, the Booker family at Church Farm and Hazell & Jefferies.

If you love our Village Fete and want to see it continue, please do get involved and help us put on the event next year. We'd love to hear from you! Call 0777 3447504, email woodcotefete@gmail.com or via our Facebook page @WoodcoteVillageFete.

The Fete Team

COMMENT FROM ST. LEONARD'S

In the church's year we go through different seasons where we think on different aspects of life. October and November are seasons where we remember. We remember people who we have lost on All Soul Day on November 1st, and we remember those people who have given their life for our country on Remembrance Sunday.

Jesus lived a human life; he knew the joys and hardship of a human life. Jesus mourned following the death of his friend Lazarus.

Jesus knew that you do not just have a funeral and move on; he knew that grief could stay with you and that it is a part of you. However, Jesus died on a cross so that we can experience forgiveness and live with him in Heaven.

Jesus says in John's Gospel chapter 14: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

The book of Ecclesiastes has a line that is so appropriate for this season of Remembrance: "For everything there is a season".

I have always found it is interesting that several thousand years ago Solomon, the writer of Ecclesiastes, penned these words that seem so appropriate for us: "For everything there is a season. A time to be born and a time to die."

In one short sentence, the author has expressed how fragile life is.

"There is a time to be born and a time to die."

The author also goes on to say, "There is time and season for every event under Heaven. There is a time to weep and a time to mourn."

And it is ok to mourn the person you have lost and to remember them, to light a candle that represents that loved one. On the 5th of November at 4pm in Woodcote church you can have a candle lit for your loved one and have that person's name read out in church in the service of loving memory.

"There is time and season for every event under Heaven. There is a time to weep and a time to mourn."

As I have said Jesus himself lived a human life and mourned at the side of the grave of his friend Lazarus. He understands the pain of loss and grief.

And in the service of loving memory, you have a chance to share those memories with each other, and with other people.

Even in the midst of death, Jesus says, He will never leave us, or forsake us.

I believe that the one who conquered death will never leave us. Here is here with us comforting us, wiping each tear away, we are never alone.

I hope in this session of remembrance that you will feel Jesus close with you at this time and always, as we remember that precious person that you love and celebrate their life.

Everlasting God, our maker and redeemer,
grant us, with all the faithful departed,
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection,
that, in the last day,
when you gather up all things in Christ,
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

God bless,

Reverend David Benskin
Team vicar for the Langtree Team

Services at St. Leonard's

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

October Services:

Sunday 1st October

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.45 am Harvest festival

Sunday 8th October

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Slow Church in the village hall

Sunday 15th October

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.45am Open Door

Sunday 22nd October

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.45 am Parish Communion

Sunday 29th October

Team Service at Ipsden

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

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.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



Summer seems to have finally arrived just in time for a hot Village Fete. This was my first fete since moving to Woodcote, and I really liked the range of baked goods, arts, crafts and veggies that people entered.

Unfortunately, even the late blast of sunshine didn't encourage my tomato plants to produce any impressive fruits to enter.

At the fete, I was particularly interested to find out the history of the Greenmoor Ponds and to learn about plans for restoring the lower pond, which leaked away earlier this year. The Woodcote Conservation Group will keep us updated with articles for the Correspondent as this effort continues.

I'm very happy to hear from the Parish Council that they will be continuing Project Cool, with plans to plant more trees around the village this Autumn. Hopefully the trees will help cool villagers for years to come, more than justifying the efforts to keep them hydrated over our warming and drying summers for the first few years until they can establish deep roots.

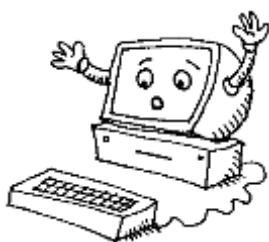
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PROJECT COOL IS OFF TO A GREAT START & LEADING THE WAY IN OXFORDSHIRE



Trees planted in Project Cool – Phase 1

Project Cool is the Woodcote Parish Council's initiative set up by Kevin Davies to enhance the environment by planting trees around the village. Correspondent readers will certainly have noticed that this initiative is well underway as already 39 new trees have been planted on the Green, West Chiltern entrances, the Close, the Bridle Path and the area behind Croft Way, known as Downlands (shown in the map above). The PC would also like to show recognition of the work carried out by Pete Sudbury in donating, planting and watering the new trees.

The Parish Council acknowledges that this is not an entirely private initiative and is grateful for the support being received from other agencies, the South and Vale District Council, Oxfordshire County Council, the Housing Association SOHA, the Village Green Committee and the Woodcote Conservation group. At a recent meeting in the Village Hall involving all these agencies, the County Council's Tree Officer praised the Parish Council for being the first in the County to fully embrace this initiative. We are leading the way in the same way as we did with our Village Plan.

The next phase is already in progress, with a further 40 – 70 plantings planned for 2023-24. A vital part of this process is to select the right species of trees which are drought tolerant, able to deal with climate change, provide a good canopy for shade and even provide food such as fruit and nuts. As the climate continues to heat up, the aim is to provide shade with a 30% canopy cover. Having the available expertise of the OCC Tree Officer as part of our team is proving invaluable in the selection of species.

This is a really ambitious plan, but one to which the Parish Council is fully committed. Once the young trees are planted, a watering regime will be essential. This is an initiative in which we can all be involved. With over 100 trees to establish it will be a great opportunity for individuals, groups or families to



Proposed trees to be planted in the next phase

demonstrate community spirit by helping the new trees to thrive. Would you, your friends or your family be willing to take responsibility for one, or more than one tree? This would involve being responsible for watering in dry weather and keeping an eye on your tree to check that it is healthy. This is not a short-term commitment as it takes 2 to 3 years for a new tree to establish its root system.

Please look out for further information in the coming months for details of the Adopt a Tree scheme.

The map above shows the next phase where Season 2023/24 trees are proposed. This list is subject to resident reviews, ground services checks, etc. Please feel free to nominate any sites that are near or on the edge of your property you may have and could support.

Cllr Kevin Davies
kevin.davies@woodcoteparishcouncil.org.uk

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council has installed two new notice boards in the village. One on the rear of the Village Hall and one on the corner of Whitehouse Road leading onto the Village Green. They will be used to post information for residents. If you are a local organisation and wish to have a poster for any of your events or activities, please drop an A4 poster into the Parish Clerk using the post box at the front of Village Hall.

A vacant plot is available to rent, if interested contact the Parish Clerk.

You can find information on the Parish Council website, www.woodcoteparishcouncil.org.uk. The Parish Clerk is available by telephone: 01491 681861 or email clerk@woodcoteparishcouncil.org.uk. Check the Parish Council Facebook page for current information & announcement. The Parish Office is open Monday 9.00 to 12 noon to visit in person.

WOODCOTE VOLUNTEERS

Woodcote Village Fete

Visitors to our stall had great fun participating in our Car Logo Challenge quiz. There were 32 car logos to identify, and six clever people correctly identified them all. As we had a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize to give away, the 3 winners were chosen at random from the six people who got all the right answers. Well done to them and thank you to everyone who participated and made generous donations.

We had an incredibly successful book sale, with a wide selection of nearly new books donated to us by our volunteers and some generous residents of the village. Again, we asked for donations in exchange for books and would like to thank all those who donated so liberally.

We made an astounding £189 from both activities on our stall, which will be put to good use, helping our clients who need to get to appointments and activities in the local area.

Helping to overcome isolation

We have been exploring ways in which we can assist in alleviating loneliness and isolation in Woodcote and surrounding villages. We made a list of all the activities we know of that might suit our clients, there are more than you might imagine in and around the village. The list is available on our website, and all our drivers also have this list. In addition, one of our volunteers will be calling our clients over the next few weeks to let them know what is on offer and that we have drivers who can help them get there.

Call for drivers!

We do need more drivers, so please consider it if you have a few hours spare each month. It is very rewarding and totally flexible, so if you are not free, you don't have to do a drive. All expenses are paid. If you would like to know more, please either look at our website – www.woodcotevolunteers.org.uk, or call our Secretary, Jane Forde, on 07850 158274.

To finish

Whether or not you are currently one of our clients, if you aren't able to get yourself out but need a driver, please don't hesitate to call our office on 01491 681171. We collect from Woodcote and immediately surrounding villages.

Please give us as much notice as possible before the date you need us. One of our friendly office workers will answer the phone between 9.30 and 11am on weekdays (excluding public holidays) and you can leave a message on the answerphone at other times.

Find out more about us by looking at our website www.woodcotevolunteers.org.uk or visit www.facebook.com/woodcotevolunteers



Woodcote Volunteers stall sold books as well as running a car logo quiz



Players of our quiz deep in thought!



Harry Herbert won first prize - a luxury set of Auto-Glym car care products, kindly donated by Malcolm and Heather Preshner

THE CASE OF THE 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT

It is now several weeks since a 20 mph speed limit was introduced in Woodcote, and I must say it does seem to be having some effect. Yes, you still get the usual suspects tearing along the Goring Road or up Whitehouse Road at fifty but most people do now seem to be keeping down to a sedate thirty five or so.

I have observed mixed reactions to the new limit. It is, of course, very difficult to have a rational debate about such matters. Sooner or later someone will come out with something on the lines of 'Well, if it saves the life of one child I'm all for it', and unless you wish to be perceived as a child murderer it is difficult to argue against this. Or someone may quote an alleged government statistic, and the fact is that without a good deal of research very few of us are qualified to evaluate a single statistic quoted out of context: it is all too easy to make statistics mean what you want them to mean.

I am reminded of the time my wife and I were with our young grandson in the car and we passed a notice saying "Twenty-seven accidents on this road in the past three years". 'Wow, this must be a very dangerous road', said my grandson. My wife thought this was a good opportunity to discourse on the difficulties of statistical interpretation. 'Well, yes, it might well be, but we don't know how long a stretch of road they mean, and we don't know how that compares with the national average for road traffic accidents, and we don't know whether these were all serious incidents or included minor bumps. And think if it had the word "only" in front - "Only twenty-seven accidents on this road in the past three years" - then you'd be thinking "Wow, this is a nice safe stretch of road", wouldn't you?' My grandson went quiet for the rest of the journey and we thought he was mulling over these instructive new revelations. Not a bit of it: back home he couldn't wait to burst in and announce to his mother 'Granny doesn't care how many people are killed on the roads!'.

Personally, I find myself midway between two camps, the ultra risk averse and the reckless free spirits. I grew up in a time before cycle helmets, crash helmets and seatbelts, and on the whole I think cycle

helmets, crash helmets and seatbelts are perfectly sensible precautions to take when indulging in a clearly dangerous activity. But the trouble with the 'save a child' argument is where do you draw the line? Reducing the limit to 10 mph might save even more children. Better still, stop people driving these big dangerous metal objects altogether. Although I note that in 1815, the year of Waterloo, one of my Suffolk ancestors still managed to get himself crushed under the wheels of a horse-drawn farm wagon.

One thing I have particularly noticed in my eighty years on this earth is how greatly our perception of risk has changed. My parents' generation were frankly a lot tougher-minded than we are today. They had been bombed; they had been burnt out; they had seen friends, neighbours and relatives go off to die, and they took an element of everyday risk in their stride, or countered it with a kind of stoic fatalism: my father during the war resolutely refused to avail himself of the local shelter during air-raids saying that if he was going to die he'd do it in his own bed, thank you very much. And such attitudes certainly affected the kind of childhood I enjoyed in the fifties, when the war was still casting a long shadow: it is hard now to imagine mothers letting their seven year old offspring go off to roam the woods and fields all day, just reappearing at meal-times, or to hunt each other with home-made bows and arrows, or come November 5th to light bonfires and let off fireworks quite without adult supervision.

And in some ways, they were incredibly innocent times. I remember once I was walking home from school with a satchel full of school books and a young man drew up beside me in a car and asked if I wanted a lift. I politely declined, not because I had any notion of 'stranger danger' but simply because I liked the exercise of walking. I mentioned it to my mother when I got home and she said 'Oh, you cuckoo, why on earth didn't you go with the young man when you got a kind offer like that?' And she was in all probability right: in those days the relatively few people with cars did often stop and offer perfect strangers lifts, just in a spirit of helpfulness.

Innocent times indeed, but there's no going back to them now. Ah well, mind how you go.

David Sutton

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WOODCOTE CRICKET CLUB RETAIN THE SOUTH OXON CUP

The season is now almost over with just one Sunday friendly match left to play. August was an eventful, if not entirely successful final full month of the season. The main highlight was that on Wednesday August 9th we retained the South Oxon Cup with a local derby win over Goring in the final. Goring, the home team, batted first on a damp wicket and managed only 84 against some very tight Woodcote bowling. When we batted, we also found the conditions difficult and won by 3 wickets with only two balls to spare. Matt Webber was our batting hero with 42 not out.

Unfortunately, the first team has had a disappointing end to the season in the Berkshire League Premier Division, losing their last four matches against Goring, West Reading, Sandhurst and Stratfield Turgis to finish just outside the relegation zone. The second team fared a little better with one win in their last four, against Sandhurst on the last day of the season. This means that they finished seventh in Division 4. We played one friendly in August against Hambleden away. We lost by 103 runs against strong opposition, but it was an enjoyable match in lovely surroundings and Jonny Clark scored a very fine half-century (58).

On Sunday 3rd September, we had a really good day for the annual Pete Aldridge Memorial Match. On this occasion the Woodcote team just managed to pip the Red Lion to avenge defeat in 2022. Both teams enjoyed the fun and, as usual there was a good attendance for the picnic on the Green.

On the weekend of 8/9 September we embarked on our annual tour to Cheltenham. Once again, we were successful in winning both games, against Redmarley and Apperley, and both of our opponents showed us wonderful hospitality. As ever, a good time was had by all participants.

Individual Performances

Batting

64 Jez Mayo v Shinfield

58 Jonny Clark v Hambleden

42 not out Matt Webber v Goring

Bowling

James Worsfold 4 for 45 v Goring

Alec Curtis 3 for 26 v Sandhurst.

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Red Lion and Woodcote teams



Paul Clark and sons Lucas and Dan players in the Pete Aldridge match



Paul Clark and sons Lucas and Dan players in the Pete Aldridge match



Luke Preece receives the Pete Aldridge Trophy on behalf of Woodcote

WOODCOTE CONSERVATION GROUP

Lower Greenmoor Pond

At the village fete, we were heartened to hear so many people consider the Lower Greenmoor Pond a community asset that you want restored. Woodcote Conservation Group has asked the Parish Council (custodian of the site) for permission to take the lead on a project to raise the necessary funds required to restore the pond, and to appoint contractors to do the work. We will keep you updated.



Remember, remember ... our wildlife this autumn

With wildlife preparing to overwinter, please leave an 'untidy' corner in your garden where insects can hibernate, e.g. in long grass, bug hotels, piles of leaves, twigs or logs. Although Guy Fawkes' night is fast approaching, please avoid having a bonfire if possible.

Hedgehogs are in particular danger as bonfire log piles appear to be ideal places for shelter and, unfortunately, our favourite prickly native mammal is regularly killed in bonfires. The lovable creatures were recently named on The Mammal Society's Red List of endangered mammals which makes the warning for bonfire night more crucial than ever. Since 2007, numbers of wild hedgehogs in the UK have halved, and there are now thought to be fewer than a million left in the UK. As Woodcote is fortunate to still have hedgehogs in the village, this month we share our top tips to ensure bonfires are as safe as possible for hedgehogs and other creatures.

Don't build a bonfire until the day that you will light it. The longer it's left for, the more likely that a hedgehog will find its way into your bonfire.

If you need to build your bonfire in advance, make sure you place chicken wire one metre high all the way around the bottom. This should be placed at an outward angle to make it more difficult for hedgehogs to climb.

If you have stored materials for your bonfire outdoors before building it, move them to a different patch of ground before you start.

Always place the bonfire on open ground, never on a pile of leaves as a hedgehog may be hiding underneath.

Always check the entire bonfire for hedgehogs before lighting it as they tend to hide in the centre and might have climbed up to two feet off the ground.

When checking, lift parts of the bonfire section by section using a pole or broom. Do not use a fork, spade or rake as this may injure a hedgehog.

Use a torch to look inside the bonfire and listen for a hissing sound, as this is the noise that hedgehogs make when they are disturbed or distressed.

Always light your bonfire from one corner, rather than in the centre, in order to give hedgehogs a chance to escape if they need to.

If you do find a hedgehog, it's important to move slowly and calmly in order not to alarm it. Even if the bonfire is lit, if you have followed the steps above you should be able to rescue the hedgehog.

Wearing a pair of gardening gloves, pick it up (along with any nest material it may have been sitting in) and place it in a high-sided cardboard box. Ensure this contains plenty of newspaper and relocate the box to a safe and suitable location that is far from any fires. Wait until the bonfire is over and dampen down the fire site with water before releasing the hedgehog under a bush or a log pile to ensure its safety.

Save the date

Our AGM will be held at the Community Centre on Thursday 9th November, starting at 7.30pm. Following the usual business, including an update about the restoration of the Lower Greenmoor Pond, 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 steps we can all take to tread more lightly on the Earth. Everyone is welcome.

ST LEONARD'S FAIR: SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

Our annual Fair is on Saturday 4th November in the Village Hall at 2 pm.

We shall be delighted to receive donations including cakes, jams and preserves, jewellery, bric-a-brac, and books, plus items for the bath and beauty and the gift stalls. There will be many attractions and Christmas bargains. Please, put the date in your diary now. If anyone is able to help, please contact Janet Casson (681483), Sue Udell (681618), Peggy Allum, Rosemary Humphris (681511) or Sandy Worsfold (680574).

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2023 WOODCOTE SUMMER FETE



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Autumn is upon us, and this means the return of the Village Hall Film Nights. We will be kicking off the season with a showing of Barbie on Friday 29th September. Our screening licence allows us to screen Barbie before the film's general release for mainstream viewing. So, it's no surprise that tickets are flying off the shelf faster than Barbie herself at Christmas! If you would like to come along you can hop over to the website and grab a ticket or 2 before they're gone.

Barbie (12A)

Friday 29th September.

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm. Reasonably priced bar, soft and hot drinks available. Comfy seats and a warm welcome!

The arrival of autumn also means the Woodcote Food Fair is just around the corner! Following the success of last year's inaugural Food Fair, we will be back slightly bigger and even better. There will of course be a fantastic selection of artisan food and drink producers making up an indoor and outdoor marketplace. Expect top-quality staples, ingredients, treats and gifts to delight and impress the most discerning foodies, as well as hand-crafted kitchen and cookware. Katy's Vintage Tea Room will be back serving epic cakes to help your tea go down! But, if a speciality coffee is more your thing, the Fox and Bear Coffee Bar will be at the ready. Street food will be available for those who fancy staying for lunch, alongside some hot sweet treats, the SOX bar and quite possibly, some live music too so come along and join the fun!

Woodcote Food Fair

Sunday 29th October, 10.30am – 2.30pm.

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This year, we will again be providing boxes of poppies and pins to all our usual, very supportive, businesses and shops. As well as school packs to all the local schools. Anyone else who would like to support the Poppy Appeal please contact us. This year's appeal starts on 27th October.

Although there will still be our usual collecting tins for cash donations, there will also be a QR code to enable online payments.

We have also ordered wreaths for all the usual recipients, in readiness for Remembrance Sunday on the 12th November. But if you need a wreath please order from us ASAP, so I can get it in time.

Please contact Linda on 07956 136750 or at dla.burton@btinternet.com if you have any questions.

Thank you as ever for your support toward this very worthy cause.

Linda Burton and David Jennings
Joint Poppy Appeal Organisers
Woodcote & Goring Heath

LANGTREE SCHOOL



Langtree School is thrilled to report outstanding achievements by our students in their qualifications this summer.

Despite the challenges the students have faced, they have collectively attained the highest grades in the school's history! Our attainment 8 score of 58.6 is Langtree's best result from examinations since this measure was introduced in 2016. 83% of students achieved 5 or more GCSEs including English and maths at grade 4 or above and 27 students (nearly a quarter of the year group) achieved an average grade of 7 or higher.

Against the backdrop of falling results nationally as grades are brought back into line with pre-pandemic results. We are delighted that our students have exceeded even our high expectations of them. This is a great achievement for our students and the staff that worked so hard to support them.

It can be invidious to name students who did extremely well as so many of our students achieved, or even exceeded, the extremely high targets set for them. Nevertheless, students such as Amy (seven 9s, three 7s), Eva (five 9s, two 8s, two 7s and a Distinction*), Lola (five 9s, five 8s), Hannah R (five 9s, four 8s and a 7) and Hannah B (four 9s, five 8s and a 7), deserve a special mention. Also, to be especially commended are Hazel, Sam, Teagan, Rachel, Giacomo and Amy all of whom achieved 10 or more GCSEs at grade 7 and above.

Staff at Langtree are proud of all our students, and it is impossible to list them all individually, however, particular recognition is much deserved by the many students who worked extremely hard and exceeded their targets and predictions, including Tommy, Leon, Hope, Dan, Mia, Hannah, Paige and Beth. All of these students achieved high grades, and generally exceeded even the highly aspirational targets their teachers set them. In all cases they significantly surpassed the progress expected of them based on their prior attainment.

Some of our greatest successes are students who will not top any attainment lists but battled incredibly hard to overcome significant personal challenges to achieve results that they should be very proud of.

Simon Bamford, the Head Teacher of Langtree School, said: "More importantly even than these outstanding results is the wonderful young people this year group is made up of. They have been exceptional to work with and we have thoroughly enjoyed our time with every single one of them whether in lessons, on residential and other visits, on the sports field, in the performing arts or just around school generally. I wish them every success in the next stage of their lives and hope that they stay in touch and let us know all about all of their future successes".

WOODCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL



What tremendous weather we had at the start of this term! Short-lived however and the autumn weather is now here. We have welcomed our new children and staff to the Woodcote

Primary family and are now looking forward to October Harvest Celebrations at St Leonard's and visiting all our friends in the village very soon.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Steve Tomlinson and the team at The Oratory School for handing the site over to us for a Summer Fun Day at the end of July. We had a fabulous day of cricket, tennis, swimming, exploring, walking and picnicking! Our piano teacher even came with us to conduct piano lessons from the Cricket Pavilion, so we had music blending in with the giggles and laughter. What a treat!

Year 2 and year 5 ended last term with their annual trip to meet the King's Swan Upper. They learnt all about the history of this great tradition, dating back as far as the 12th Century. They also helped to weigh the cygnets and learnt some important information about swans.

Looking forward, this term we have once again signed up for the Oxford School's Challenge at The Oxford Half Marathon and will be taking a large group of pupils, aged between 4 and 11 years, to run in October. Training is underway and we are all very excited!

Year 3 has been out and about on a walk around the village this September to look at the local history. This term they are answering the key question of the historical importance of Woodcote Library to the village. Thank you to those who stopped to talk with the class and answer their questions. They really enjoyed meeting you all and came back to school fascinated with all the information they had received.

Year 5 and 6 have begun rehearsing for their January concert at the O2 Arena in London. Their teachers are planning for their respective residencies, and our Key Stage 1 team are already planning the Nativity rehearsals – oh how time flies! We have so much to look forward to this term. Watch this space and we will keep you updated with all our news.

We have two open mornings coming up this term. Please come along on either Wednesday 11th October or 1st November. Spread the word to anyone you know who may wish to come and visit our lovely school.

Have you got some time in the middle of the day? Would you like to come and join our Lunchtime Supervisor Team? We are currently recruiting. Please give the school office a call on 01491 680454 or pop into the school to find out more.

Take care everyone and come and visit.

Mrs L. Hunt

CABIN PRESCHOOL



We are all feeling very privileged to be looking after such a lovely group of children. They have all returned and settled in very well, with lots of

very imaginative playing at looking after babies and animals. They love the *Octonauts*' deep adventures in the ocean, love reading, building, colouring, and making the staff lots of sand tea.

The Cabin is incredibly lucky to have been awarded an Everyone Active grant from the community enablement team. This is to enhance our outdoor space, playing outdoors and will allow us to encourage positive well-being. The children now have a double water table with a hand pump, some stands to hold bamboo channels which can be used to move sand, water, cars and trains. Some enamel plates, cups and bowls which are perfect in the mud kitchen, plus a collection of wooden food for the store cupboard, which will enhance their imagination.

At the end of last term, a year six young lady Amalie, very kindly offered to fundraise to replace our guinea pig run, so we are incredibly lucky to have a brand-new run. I cannot tell you how talented Amalie is,

printed and sold. We have not been able to thank her personally, so I am sure someone reading this will be able to send her a copy, as you can see the piggies are incredibly happy in their new enclosure.

This term we are focusing on our topic *All About Me*, giving us the opportunity to really get to know all the children, their families, and our community. We will be celebrating Harvest later in the term with our friends at Woodcote Preschool on October 3rd at St Leonard's, everyone is welcome.

We also made steam engines to enter the Woodcote Fete and we were happy to receive our first rosette. The steam engines came in a variety of colours, pink, yellow, golden, baby blue. Some had doors, steering wheels whilst others just had chimneys with steam. I'm not sure what would happen if they all turned up full size in the ring next year at Woodcote Rally.

Finally, we are also extremely proud to announce and celebrate Charlotte achieving her level 3 qualification in childcare. Heidi from Aunties training centre, came in specially to present her certificate and said, "Charlotte has passed this to such a high quality, she really has a sound and extensive knowledge of her profession." Well done.

A few spaces available, if you are interested and want to know more, call Jayne on 01491 682465 or email us info@thecabinpreschool.co.uk.



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We hope that everyone has had a summer filled with excitement and adventures, enjoying the lovely sunny weather. We are delighted to welcome back old friends and say hello to lots of new friends too. We are refreshed and ready for another exciting new term.

This term we are focusing on the well loved story classic *The Hungry Caterpillar*, encouraging a wide variety of learning such as counting, nutrition, symmetry and the life cycle of a butterfly.

We will also be exploring their interests and incorporating this into their learning. Thinking about what we enjoy doing as well as making new friends and bonding with their key person. We will also be enjoying our new yoga class and welcome back our well loved Diddi Dance, Work out Wednesday and Little Chefs!

We will also be celebrating Harvest, reading the story of *The Little Red Hen*, using vegetables and fruit to do paint printing and learning about how crops are harvested. We will also be making the most of the continued good weather exploring the outdoors and looking at changes in the environment and seasonal change as well as many other celebrations such as Rosh Hashanah and Halloween.

To find out more about Checkendon Pre-School, visit our website www.checkendonpreschool.co.uk, call us on 01491 682589, e-mail preschoolcheckendon@gmail.com or just pop in. We always look forward to welcoming you to Checkendon Pre-School.

Saturday Crafts!

Woodcote Library
10.30-11:30am

30th September - Junk Modelling
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14th October - Harry Potter Book Day
(join us for magical fun!)

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

9th December - A Winter Wonderland

We look forward to welcoming you at our family friendly drop in sessions!

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 - Les, if you have any queries about Saturday crafts. Les.Dodd@oxfordshire.gov.uk

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WOODCOTE PRESCHOOL

Welcome back to a very busy and sunny Pre-School! We have been really busy in our first week back preparing for the Woodcote Fete. We would like to welcome Harrison, Hallie, Felix and their families who have joined us this term.

The fete was an extremely hot day, and we would like to thank everyone for all their help, support and hard work. We raised an amazing £612.91! Some of our competition entries won rosettes and certificates for the individual and group activities, we have great pleasure in congratulating the following:

Jasmine: 1st place, Pasta Necklace

Woodcote Pre-school: 1st place, Fairy Garden

Sapphire-Ann: 1st place, Decorated Biscuit

Brodie: 2nd place, Handprint Painting

Mia: 2nd place, Decorated Biscuit

Reggie: 3rd place, Handprint Painting

Poppy: 3rd place, Decorated Biscuit

Bertie: 3rd place, Pasta Necklace

Woodcote Pre-school: 1st place, Group Painting

This term we are busy preparing for the Harvest Festival, learning songs and collecting donations. We will be attending a service at St Leonard's church, led by David Benskin, where we will be joined by our friends from The Cabin.

Toddler group is back on every week except bank holidays. The health visitors will be attending every other week and will be there next on 25th September. Please come along and enjoy a drink and snack and some fun activities.

Please keep an eye out for further details about our upcoming Quiz Night, it will be held on 25th November. Watch out for more information on our Facebook page and contact us at Pre-School as tickets must be booked in advance.

We are also beginning to prepare for our big Christmas Raffle. If any companies or individuals would like to donate a prize, we would be extremely grateful. Please email, phone or drop in to donate. Thank you!

We still have a few spaces left but we are filling up fast. If you would like to book a visit, please phone on 01491682300 or email on woodcote.pre-school@hotmail.co.uk.



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WOODCOTE WI

Our garden meeting was held in the Maker Space at the Crown, Nuffield. It was a lovely sunny day and our thanks to everyone at the Maker Space, the tables looked wonderful with all the vintage embroidered tablecloths and the prettily decorated bone china cups, saucers and plates. That's not mentioning the wonderful sandwiches, scones, jam, cream and then the amazing cakes.

Celebrating her birthday this month was Ann Larden. We hope she had a lovely time.

We enjoyed the trip to Dorchester Abbey and then lunch in the Snug. The flowers in the Abbey were stunning.

Thank you to everyone who supported our stall at the Woodcote Festival on such a hot day!

In October we will have our Harvest Bring and Share and quiz.

Come and join us for a 2.30pm start in the village hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, you will be very welcome.

Judy Williams

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 will be available for £10 from the 1st of October by phone (07956 136 750) or at <https://woodcotedrama.co.uk>.

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

JOHN BUCKLEY OPENS HIS STUDIOS TO THE PUBLIC FOR READING INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

The acclaimed British sculptor, John Buckley, best known for his iconic and controversial *Headington Shark* sculpture, invites art enthusiasts and the public to experience a unique and extraordinary exhibition of his work and creative process, in support of Reading International Festival.

John Buckley's extensive travels to conflict-ridden regions of the world have yielded numerous exceptional sculptures, a selection of which will be shown at the upcoming open studios exhibition.

The collection includes pieces from his Landmines Exhibition. This remarkable exhibition toured many UK cathedrals including St James's Piccadilly, Canterbury, Coventry, Portsmouth, and Rugby. It was shown at The Royal Society of British Sculptors alongside a letter of support from Diana, Princess of Wales, who described it as "fascinating, yet deeply moving". Subsequently, John became a patron of Mines Advisory Group (MAG), one of the original NGOs of the International Campaign to ban Landmines (ICBL) that was co-awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1997. More recently, the exhibition was shown at the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford (2004) and at the United Nations Anti-landmines conference in Vienna (2017).

Large sculptures in the collection include *Dry Riverbed Nursery*, *Dance of the Amoeba*, *Embrace*, and *Albion* each with their own unique and fascinating narratives.



His sculpture, *Nuba Survival* (above), a chilling portrayal of the struggles faced by the Nuba peoples of Sudan is located nearby, in an isolated field at Hammond Farm, Checkendon, RG8 0NS. Created by John following his eye-opening visit to the Nuba Mountains in northern Sudan.

John Buckley's open studios exhibition, in collaboration with Reading International Festival, promises an immersive experience blending art, social awareness, and a call for change, in a unique opportunity to witness the transformative power of art in highlighting the pressing issues of our time, and underscores the importance of unity, inclusivity, community, and positive change.

John Buckley's Open Studios will run from October the 9th to November the 6th at The Art Studio, Braziers Park, Wallingford, OX10 6AN. Opening Hours are 11:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays. Admission is free.

Nuba Survival is displayed at Hammond Farm, Checkendon, RG8 0NS. Admission is free.

For further information and inquiries, please contact Karen Goonewardene, neocartouche2020@gmail.com.

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Please look at the website (www.cornexchange.org.uk) for updates.

Tickets £10 for adults and £5 for under 15s unless otherwise stated.

Cinema

A Haunting in Venice (12 A)

Friday, 29th September, 7:30pm

Sunday, 1st October, 7:30pm

Monday, 2nd October, 7:30pm

Tuesday, 3rd October, 7:30pm

Wednesday, 4th October, 2:30pm

Wednesday, 4th October, 7:30pm

Bolan's Shoes (15)

Friday, 6th October, 7:30pm

Saturday, 7th October, 2:30pm

Saturday, 7th October, 7:30pm

The Old Oak (15)

Sunday, 22nd October, 7:30pm

Monday, 23rd October, 7:30pm

Tuesday, 24th October, 7:30pm

An Evening with Jonas Kaufmann (12A)

Wednesday, 25th October, 2:30pm

Wednesday, 25th October, 7:30pm

Angel Headed Hipster, the songs of Marc Bolan & T-Rex (12A)

Thursday, 26th October, 7:30pm

The Miracle Club (12A)

Friday, 27th October, 7:30pm

Saturday, 28th October, 7:30pm

Sunday, 29th October, 7:30pm

Tuesday, 31st October, 7:30pm

Live on Stage

Short Drag Roger

Saturday, 30th September, 7:45pm

All Tickets £10

Short Drag Roger began just after the turn of the millennium in the landlocked village of Chalgrove, Oxfordshire. They sing traditional sea shanties, some dating back as far as the sixteenth century. They sing in a strict work rhythm, to keep the true character of work songs. However, in keeping with tradition, they also write their own shanties, and audience participation is an essential part of any Short Drag Roger gig. Short Drag Roger has grown from humble beginnings into a truly committed crew keeping shanties alive!

Sinodun Players with *The Welkin*

Wednesday, 18th October to Saturday 21st October, 7:30pm

All Tickets £12

First performed at the National Theatre in 2020, Lucy Kirkwood's acclaimed play *The Welkin* is set in 1759 on the Suffolk/Norfolk border, while England awaits the return of Halley's Comet. The play tells the story of Sally Poppy, who has been convicted of murdering a child. Sentenced to be hanged, Sally pleads pregnancy. If true, this would save her and her sentence would become her transportation to the Colonies. To determine if she is with child, twelve matrons are pulled away from their housework to form a feminist version of Twelve Angry Men's jury. *The Welkin* explores what it is to be a woman and deals with all the challenges of the female body, from childbirth to menopause. The play draws parallels with the modern world in its observation that "a woman's work is never done".

Peter Knight's Gigspanner Big Band

Monday, 30th October, 7:30pm

THIS EVENT IS NOW SOLD OUT

We welcome Nettlebed Folk Club with fiddle player Peter Knight who formed a trio Gigspanner, in the process establishing their reputation as one of the most genuinely ground-breaking forces on the British folk scene, inspiring Maverick magazine to write "Gigspanner are pushing at the boundaries, expanding the possibilities and in the process making some of the most beautiful music the genre has to offer". Now the lineup (percussionist Sacha Trochet and guitarist Roger Flack) has been expanded to form the Gigspanner Big Band, with acclaimed multi-instrumental duo Edgelarks (Phillip Henry and Hannah Martin - BBC Folk Awards 'Best Duo') and Bellowhead co-founder and melodeon player extraordinaire, John Spiers, joining the fray. As collaborations go, it doesn't get much more mouth-watering than this.

Live Screening

L'Elisir d'Amour

Thursday, 5th October, 7:15pm

£18 (adults), £15 (seniors), £10 (under 18s)

Live from the Royal Opera House. A revival of Donizetti's intoxicating and witty comedy. Cast: Nadine Sierra, Liparit Avetisyan, Bryn Terfel, Boris Pinkhasovich, Sarah Dufresne. Conductor: Sesto Quatrini, Director: Laurent Pelly. Sung in Italian with English subtitles.

Expect sun, fun and vocal acrobatics in Laurent Pelly's much-loved staging. Conductor Sesto Quatrini makes his house debut, as does soprano Nadine Sierra in the role of Adina with the incomparable Bryn Terfel as the genial wheeler-dealer Doctor Dulcamara. Country boy Nemorino is determined to win the haughty Adina's heart, but she refuses to give him the time of day. Can Doctor Dulcamara's so-called 'elixir of love' work its magic?

Coming Soon

Don Quixote

Tuesday, 7th November, 7:15pm

£18 (adults), £15 (seniors), £10 (under 18s)

Live from the Royal Opera House. A revival with Choreography by Carlos Acosta after Marius Petipa and Music by Ludwig Minkus. Teeming with wit and an abundance of bravura choreography, this energetic 19th-century ballet is enlivened by Ludwig Minkus' spirited score and is a wonderful showcase for the virtuosity of The Royal Ballet's Principal dancers. Created for The Royal Ballet a decade ago, Carlos Acosta's exuberant production brings the sunshine and charm of Spain to the stage with Tim Hatley's characterful designs.

Moonage (a David Bowie Tribute band)

Saturday, 25th November, 7:45pm

All tickets £19

Space Oddity, Life on Mars, Ziggy Stardust, Starman, Jean Genie, Let's Dance, China Girl, Ashes to Ashes, Heroes, Fame, Absolute Beginners... the list goes on and Moonage will play them all... plus our signature song *Moonage Daydream*. Moonage are a David Bowie Tribute Band comprising acclaimed musicians, with a wealth of experience, that have featured in many other tributes (Pink Floyd, Queen, Free, Abba) and are fronted by an amazing singer, Andrew Walker, who has David Bowie's vocals off to a tee. The classic "Spiders from Mars" line-up is enhanced by keyboards, saxophone and female backing vocalist whilst images accompany each song and are displayed behind the band. Whether you are a fan of Bowie's early years, the Glam Rock era, Plastic Soul, Berlin or 80s Pop eras, there will be something for you in their two-hour show.

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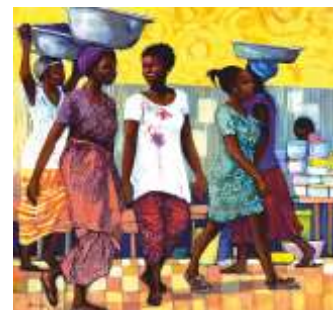
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WALLINGFORD & DISTRICT ART CLUB (WADAC)

This month's demonstration on Tuesday 17 October is entitled *Vibrant Street Scenes* in oil, given by Anne Blankson Hemans. It will be live online via Zoom and relayed onto a large screen in Centre 70, Wallingford.

Anne studied Fine Art at the College of Art, KNUST, in Ghana and came to live in the UK in 1984. She is a multi-award winning artist and a full member of the Society of Women Artists and was selected to take part in two BBC TV programmes: *Show Me the Monet* and *The Big Painting Challenge*.

Anne has three elements she tries to bring to her work: composition to draw the viewer's eye into the painting, colour to attract, and contrast to add depth. The more she develops as an artist, the more she finds herself thinking consciously of these aspects and now starts every painting with a thumbnail sketch, something akin to the bullet points you make before writing an essay.



In terms of subject matter, it really depends on what draws her attention, though in the main she will swing towards the figurative and landscape. It could be a bustling African market scene with bright colours and loads of energy or the cool tranquil colours of an English landscape. Anne is quite fortunate to have the span of two cultures and continents, having grown up in Ghana and now living in the UK.

Please contact admin@wallingfordartclub.org.uk for zoom link reference code.

Tuesday morning and afternoon art classes: the autumn term started on 12 September. 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.

Congratulations to Adrian Chesterman in winning the art category at the Woodcote Fete and the £20 Art voucher, sponsored by WADAC, to purchase art materials. Also, a big thank you to the nine artists who exhibited this year.

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, Kinecroft, off Goldsmith's Lane, Wallingford, OX10 0DN.

1ST GORING HEATH SCOUT & GIRL GUIDE GROUP AT THE VILLAGE FETE

Saturday 9th September saw us running the Tea and Cake stand at the Woodcote Village Fete.

As we all know, it was the last day of a very hot week, and it turned out to be the hottest on that day! But being scouts and girl guides, we still hoisted up event shelters, put up tables, filled the hot water Burco boiler in readiness of serving tea and coffee, (we did supply squash and lots of water too!), put out cups, saucers, and plates; as well as lots & lots of scummy home-made cakes!

A huge thank you goes to all the following contributors of cake:

Marie and her neighbour (who made 5 between them), Andrea, Katharine, Rachel, Heather, Emma, Helen, Natalie, Lisa, Caroline, Kerry and Viki.

And for all the help on the day: Nicola, Helen, Heather, Katharine, Hanna, Rachel, Ruth, Keith and Ed.

Many thanks as the day wouldn't have been a success without your help.

We made a profit of £230, which considering how quiet it had been due to the heat, was excellent, and will help us buy some much needed kit.

If you'd like to make a donation, please contact our treasurer on treasurer@1stgoringheath.org.uk

We also provided the Tug of War rope for the very competitive teams that wrestled for glory later in the day! I think great fun was had by all!

We brought along our large Lego, a free activity for younger children, which, as ever, was enjoyed by many children for the whole afternoon!

Finally, a huge thank you to the Village Hall & Fete Committee for putting on the Fete and Produce & Craft Show. It was a great day. Well done and thank you.

1st Goring Heath Scout & Girl Guide Group

GORING CHAMBER CHOIR PRESENTS WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

As the season of remembrance approaches, Goring Chamber Choir is taking a fresh look at music that has been written over the centuries for times of grieving. Familiar music such as the *In paradisum* from Fauré's Requiem and Purcell's *Thou knowest, Lord* (sung at the funeral service for HM the late Queen Elizabeth II), set beside new and contemporary settings giving a positive light, such as Richard Shepherd's *Holy is the true light*. The choir will also sing glorious ecstatic music, such as Bainton's *And I saw a new heaven*, Ireland's *Greater love* and Wood's *Hail, gladdening light*, which will ensure that everyone comes away uplifted! The audience will also have a chance to join in amidst choir and readings.

Music director: Frances Brewitt-Taylor

Accompanist: Steve Bowey

St Thomas' Church, Goring on Saturday 28th October, 2023 at 3pm. Tickets are £15, free for under 18's. Obtainable from Inspiration, Goring, or from a choir member, or on the door. www.goringchamberchoir.org.uk/

HENLEY AND DISTRICT STAMP CLUB



I was hoping for an Indian Summer but at the time I am writing it looks pretty hopeless. We have re-commenced our meetings in Bix Village Hall and we are looking forward to an interesting season. One thing you can say about the Bix Village Hall is that the heating is very good and you don't get cold.

One of the things you are able to do when you collect stamps is look into the history that surrounds the stamp and the reasons it was produced. It is surprising what you can find out.

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 find out about 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 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. Wednesday 11th of October is a members evening displaying "Ephemera". On Wednesday 25th October we have a guest speaker, Peter Wood, with a display on the subject It's an Irish World.

Visitors and new members are very welcome. Further details can be obtained by phoning Steve on 07767 251670 or on our website: www.henleyphilatelic.org.uk.

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WHITCHURCH & GORING HEATH HISTORY SOCIETY

We're very much looking forward to an illustrated talk by local author Carolyn Kirby entitled *Women with Wings. When We Fall* is a fictional story of the Polish women pilots of the second world war, based on extensive research, and dealing with the moral compromises of wartime. It's a gripping award-winning thriller.

A graduate of St Hilda's, Carolyn Kirby will reveal her historical research and her twelve-year writing journey.

Join us at Goring Heath Parish Hall, on Thursday 19th October at 7pm for coffee, with the talk starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome, £3 for non-members, to include coffee and biscuits.

GORING HEATH BRIDGE CLUB

Goring Heath Bridge Club started their season on 5th September and are looking for new members. We play Duplicate Bridge on Tuesday evenings at the Community Centre in Goring and are a small friendly club and not affiliated to the EBU. Ideally, we are looking for 2 or 3 pairs to join but we may be able to match individual players if you don't have an established partner.

Our standard of play ranges from competent to intermediate so if you fall into this bracket (or above) you would be very welcome.

If you feel you would like to give us a try then please contact our treasurer, Linda, on lharris8676@gmail.com or our chairman, Tony on a.robinson278@btinternet.com or mobile no. 07836522640. We would love to hear from you.

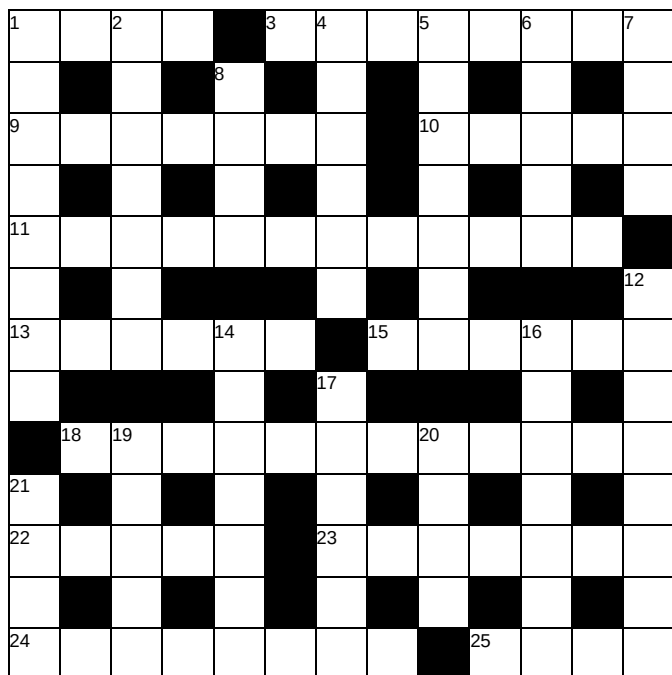
PANGBOURNE ART GROUP



Pangbourne Art Group's annual Exhibition will be held at Pangbourne Village Hall on Saturday and Sunday October 14th and 15th (10.00 am - 5.00 pm).

More than 150 original paintings by local artists, as well as greetings cards and craft jewellery will be on sale. Homemade cakes, tea and coffee will be available. See www.pangbourneartgroup.com.

OCTOBER CROSSWORD



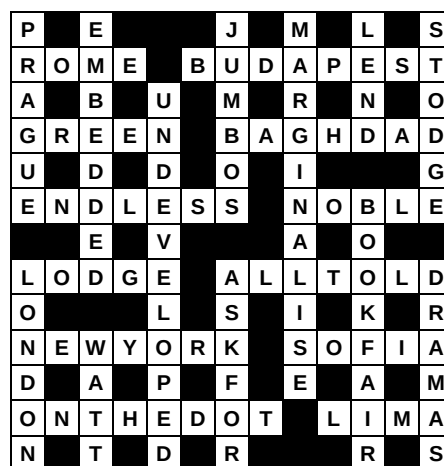
Across

- 1 Spy an English or Flemish arrangement? (4)
- 3 Piping fruit to bring right away (8)
- 9 & 10 Stacks keen on remover of outcome of firing (7, 5)
- 10 See 9 ac
- 11 Work tediously for odd dairy (2,2,8)
- 13 Cockney hears these (6)
- 15 Strange assignment for Bond villain (3,3)
- 18 Fracas after prisoners finally quit building (12)
- 22 Transparent about King (5)
- 23 Thames has one, a coastal area (7)
- 24 Brew two thousand tea mixes for co-worker (8)
- 25 Old you goes back to return to island (4)

Down

- 1 Bad crook makes an entrance (8)
- 2 Joining Pole in poor health (7)
- 4 Pay and display (3,3)
- 5 Abused young woman due treatment
- 6 I trade the best (5)
- 7 Cracks state afterthought (4)
- 8 Begrudge middlemen's hollow victory (4)
- 12 Well supplied sailor and UN lawyer join National Trust (8)
- 14 Tom runs out of snake-oil (7)
- 16 Sign-up Queen to first year building trade (7)
- 17 Politician's way to reverse decay (3,3)
- 19 Nothing very big for Greek character (5)
- 20 Watch out for Den (4)
- 21 Small trim tail (4)

SEPTEMBER CROSSWORD SOLUTION

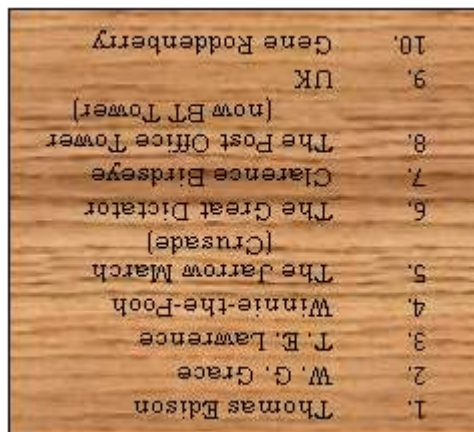


OCTOBER QUIZ

In October, in the year:

1. 1880 who opened the first electric lamp factory?
2. 1915 what man, who many believe to be the greatest cricketer of all time, died?
3. 1918 who led the Arab forces that captured Damascus?
4. 1926 what famous book by A. A. Milne was published?
5. 1936 what march went from the northeast of England to Westminster?
6. 1940 which Charlie Chaplin film premiered in the US?
7. 1956 the founder of the modern frozen food industry died, what was his name?
8. 1965 which iconic building, the then tallest in London, was officially opened?
9. 1978 Tuvalu gained independence from which country?
10. 1991 the creator of Star Trek died, what was his name?

QUIZ ANSWERS



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Regular Weekly Events

Every Sunday

** Holy Communion 8.00am

** For other church services see page 2

Every Monday

** Youth Club – Juniors (year 7's). **Not Oct 23rd**
Woodcote Village Hall. 7.15pm-8.45pm

Every Tuesday

** Youth Club – Seniors (years 8, 9 & 10) **Not 24th**
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

OCTOBER DATES

Tues 3rd	*	BMMHS Zoom talk: 'Salerno'. Email zoom@bmmhs.org. 7.30pm
Wed 4th	*	Wallingford U3A meeting. Crowmarsh Village Hall. 2pm
	*	Whitchurch Photographic Society talk: 'The Art of Judging'. Whitchurch Village Hall. 8pm
Thur 5th	*	Wallingford Photographic Club Zoom talk: 'Chasing the Light'. 7.30pm-10pm
Sat 7th	*	Coffee Shop in aid of Woodcote Volunteers. Woodcote Community Centre. 10am-12.30pm
	*	Goring Repair Café. Goring Village Hall. 11am-1.30pm
	*	Get your treasure valued. Goring Heath Parish Hall. 7.30pm
Tues 10th	*	Board Games Club for adults. Woodcote Library. 3.30pm-4.30pm
Wed 11th	*	Henley & District Stamp Club meeting. Bix Village Hall. 7.30pm
	*	BMMHS Talk: 'The Battle of Jutland'. Woodcote Village Hall. 7.30pm
	*	Whitchurch Photographic Society Zoom meeting: 'Landscape Photography'. 8pm
Thur 12th	*	Wallingford Photographic Club critique evening. Crowmarsh Pavilion. 7.30pm-10pm
Sat 14th	*	Coffee Shop in aid of WADS. Woodcote Community Centre. 10am-12.30pm
	*	Pangbourne Art Group Annual Exhibition. Pangbourne Village Hall. 10am-5pm
	*	Saturday Crafts: Harry Potter Book Day. Woodcote Library. 10.30am-11.30am
Sun 15th	*	Pangbourne Art Group Annual Exhibition. Pangbourne Village Hall. 10am-5pm

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OCTOBER DATES *Continued*

Tues 17th	*	Wallingford & District Art Club demonstration via Zoom: 'Vibrant Street Scenes in oil'. 7.30pm
Wed 18th	*	Woodcote WI meeting. Woodcote Village Hall. 2.30pm
	*	Whitchurch Photographic Society meeting: Digital Competition No 1. Whitchurch Village Hall. 8pm
Thur 19th	*	Wallingford Photographic Club talk: 'Live Portraiture Shoot'. Crowmarsh Pavilion. 7.30pm-10pm
	*	Whitchurch & Goring Heath History Society talk: 'Women With Wings'. Goring Heath Parish Hall. 7.30pm
Tues 24th	*	Chatterbox. Woodcote Community Centre. 2pm-3.30pm
Wed 25th	*	Henley & District Stamp Club talk: 'It's an Irish World'. Bix Village Hall. 7.30pm
	*	Whitchurch Photographic Society Zoom talk: 'Travelling Light'. 8pm
Thur 26th	*	Wallingford Photographic Club competition: NSS1. Crowmarsh Pavilion. 7.30pm-10pm
Sat 28th	*	Coffee Shop in aid of Woodcote WI. Woodcote Community Centre. 10am-12.30pm
	*	Goring Chamber Choir presents: 'We Will Remember Them'. St. Thomas' Church, Goring. 3pm
Sun 29th	*	Woodcote Food Fair. Woodcote Village Hall. 10.30am-2.30pm

FORTHCOMING DATES IN NOVEMBER

Wed 1st	*	Wallingford U3A meeting. Crowmarsh Village Hall. 2pm
	*	Whitchurch Photographic Society talk: 'A Taste of Italy'. Whitchurch Village Hall. 8pm
Fri 3rd	*	Film Night: Mission Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part 1. Woodcote Village Hall. 7.30pm
Sat 4th	*	St Leonard's Fair. Woodcote Village Hall. 2pm-4pm

CLOSING THOUGHT

"When one door closes another door opens; but we so often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door, that we do not see the ones which open for us."

Alexander Graham Bell
(Inventor of the telephone; 1847-1922)