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LOCKDOWN LIFE – A STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

By Ellen Bentley

This GCSE year has been tough! Every day seemed to bring new changes and it was hard to keep on top of everything. Covid has hit a lot of people hard, and students are no exception. Exams are stressful enough without them being 'cancelled' and then 'uncancelled'.

Since the last lockdown, every order the government has issued to schools has been confusing. The number of times that information was withheld, late, or frustratingly vague was innumerable, for teachers as well as students. At the beginning of lockdown, we would spend hours pressing teachers with questions, trying to get our heads around the idea that - although we weren't technically doing the usual exams - we still had to be assessed in school, in the style of GCSEs. We didn't even have enough information from the government to truly prepare until a few weeks before we took them. Madness!

What really helped me pull through personally, and which I hope every student across the UK had access to this past year, is good teaching. Teachers who put in the effort to mark work even though it's online, who created their own quizzes for students to do at home, who recorded or presented virtual lessons so that students could grasp some foggy sense of normality whilst learning in their kitchens.

With this help, we managed to get through our exams, which were

extremely tough. Completing them after being away from a strict learning environment was something no one could fully prepare us for - not because we didn't possess enough knowledge for the tests, but because the changes over the past year had shaken everyone. During that exam period, I couldn't help but wish school was over.

However, when school did finally end, the guidance from Langtree didn't stop. I was given further support from a few of my teachers, who helped me with some English Literature and German skills I'll be needing for my A-Levels. I also had the opportunity to take part in the school production, even though I hadn't taken Drama for GCSE.

Then Prom happened. Despite it having to be postponed, the school still didn't give up - and honestly, it was way better than my post-Covid expectations had allowed! Thanks to our Head of Year, Mr. Sinnamon, as well as many other teachers, we were still able to assemble on the school field to eat with our friends, take photos and (in my case) awkwardly bop around to music!

At the time of writing, I'm collecting my GCSE results in a few days, and am extremely nervous, hoping that the effort I've put in will amount to the grades I want. At the same time, though, I have faith in my teachers that - with all the hard work they put in - I will obtain the grades I deserve. All I have left to say is *thank you, Langtree*, for sticking with me right to the end, and for giving me so many opportunities!



A taste of normality for the Year 11s as they performed their summer play, *Les Enfants Terribles*.

COMMENT FROM THE VICARAGE

One of the things I have enjoyed in recent months is baking my own bread. There is something very pleasing about producing your own freshly baked bread, the aroma for a start but also the process of turning simple ingredients into something that is both enjoyable and good for you. It used to be said that bread was a staple, an essential part of our diet. I'm not sure if that is still the case with so many people nowadays avoiding wheat and carbohydrates, but I'm also not convinced that it is the bread itself that is bad for us; maybe it's the lashings of butter or chunks of cheese that often accompany it that cause the problems for our waistlines and digestion!

I'm sure that most of you reading this will be aware of the importance of bread in the New Testament. Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life' and he went on to give us the sacrament of Holy Communion by breaking bread at the Last Supper and proclaiming that it was his body broken for us all. The meaning is clear; we need bread for life, and we need Jesus for life too; again, he said, 'I have come that they may have life in abundance.' Abundant life, fullness of living is a wonderful thing and perhaps we are even more aware of this having lived through many months of having our lives restricted due to the global pandemic.

Thankfully life does seem to be regaining some of its fullness again and we are able to look forward to many of the things we have missed, not least our village events. In a few days' time, thanks to the generous efforts of the organisers, we will be gathering on the Green once again for the Village Fair. There will be stalls and music, craft and garden produce competitions and no doubt some scrumptious food and drink as well. It will be the first real opportunity for us to be together again as a community as well as giving a much-needed boost to the funds of our local groups and charities.

Having organised one or two events myself over the years I know that a lot of work goes into the planning and preparation and that there are a multitude of things to think about, but in the end what you need is mostly quite simple: willing people, lots of goodwill and plenty of energy. With those elements you can make almost anything happen. In that respect I'm reminded of my breadmaking (stay with me!) where flour, salt, yeast and water combine to make a loaf that will not only nourish us, but also taste good and satisfy our hunger. A community that is fully alive will also be a source of goodness, pleasure and satisfaction. Such a community will be a place where we are known and where we have a sense of belonging and where we feel we can contribute to the wellbeing of others. I hope that the Village Fair is the first of many more occasions when we can come together again and enjoy the blessings of this life, and I pray that you will also know the abundant and eternal life to be found in Jesus.

With all blessings and prayers for your safekeeping,

Linda

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Services at St. Leonard's

At the time of writing, our plans for further services in church have not been finalised. However, I anticipate that services for September will be as follows:

Sunday 5th September

8.00 am Holy Communion in church

9.45 am Holy Communion in church

Sunday 12th September

8.00 am Holy Communion in church

10.00 am 'Worshipping Together' online

Sunday 19th September

8.00 am Holy Communion in church

9.45 am 'The Open Door' in church

Sunday 26th September

8.00 am Holy Communion in church

(Later morning service to be confirmed).

Please check our noticeboard or Facebook page for confirmation of these times and services.

We are also open for private prayer on Wednesday afternoons from 2pm – 4pm.

Online Services

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

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

WOODCOTE CATHOLIC CHURCH

As you may have seen if you have walked down South Stoke Road in the last few months, the Catholic Church of Christ the King has been looking surprisingly unused. In 1966 it was opened as a mission church for the Catholic parish of Goring which covers 30 square miles from Whitchurch to Crowmarsh and the river to Nuffield.

Unfortunately, time has taken its toll and the roof has developed significant structural problems which have implications for the walls. For safety's sake, since February, Mass has moved to the church in Goring, to St Joseph's Chapel at The Oratory School, through the kindness of the headmaster and chaplain, with an open-air Mass being offered in the garden at Christ the King on the first Sunday in the month. Thus far, the weather has been kind!

After lengthy conversations involving the diocesan authorities in Birmingham, a plan has been devised to repair the roof and it is hoped that Mass will return to the building in the autumn. Supply problems have delayed the start of this project but we look forward to being back in church in the not-too-distant future.

Fr Kenneth Macnab

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



This is always a pivotal time of year for many Langtree students. Last month, the year 11s got to celebrate another year of academic success, despite the challenges. They are a resilient lot and hopefully

their fine exam results will give them all a much-needed boost of confidence. We wish them the very best in their next step. The vital role that teachers have played is mentioned in *Ellen Bentley's* front-page story – well worth a read.

In this issue, we also feature budding entrepreneur, six-year-old Theo Longland. Hopefully he might inspire other six-year-olds to team up with him.

And it's nearly time for the Woodcote Fete, isn't it? I know, we've been mentioning it for months now. But its significance this year is so much greater for obvious reasons. It will be the perfect opportunity to have fun, meet up with friends, win the biggest pumpkin competition...

We hope to see you all there!

Until next month, Yvette

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DEE SPEERS



Dear Editor,

With great sadness, I write to let you know that my mother, Dee, passed away in May this year.

She lived in Woodcote for over forty years and was a founding member of the WASP group which, among many things, managed to find a new home for the local Youth Club. She also worked at Langtree school as a teaching assistant and in her later years, became a mental health campaigner.

We would like to thank everyone in the village and surrounding area who provided care for Mum and who offered us support.

Tony Speers

ARE YOU HAPPY TO SHARE YOUR NHS DATA?

There are tremendous advantages in having health data available to researchers and policy makers at a local and national level. There is a lot more information in the GP notes held by NHS IT systems than is currently available to people outside your GP Practice.

A plan is underway to upload data from GP IT systems to make a lot more detail accessible to people not directly involved in your healthcare. Protections are in place to protect identity, but these fall short of true anonymisation.

The plan was announced in the Spring, with a short notice period for people to opt out. After pressure from national medical bodies, the planned data sharing was postponed to the first of September. This gives people more time to explore what it means and opt out if they wish.

What you need to know:

- you have the right to opt out
- your decision has no impact on your own care
- the data is going to help healthcare planning and improve services
- there are 2 types of opt out:

1) National Data – must be done online at: digital.nhs.uk/services/national-data-opt-out

2) GP Data (aka Type 1 Data) – to opt out, submit a form online to the Practice or fill in a printed version we have at reception

If you opt out by September 1st, your data will not be shared. You can opt out after that date to stop new data being shared but the past 10 years data will have already been shared and this is not retrievable (there may be a further delay to this opt out date, confirmation awaited).

We can see the real value in this data being shared but feel the importance of informed consent has been set aside by policy makers. For us, the overriding principle is the confidence that you have in us to

protect your confidential information. We have no influence to change this process but wanted to take this opportunity to ensure you understand what is happening and your choices.

Dr Simon Morris, Partner
Goring & Woodcote Medical Practice

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS GRANTED BY SODC

P21/S0983/FUL Application proposal, including any amendments Application for a replacement dwelling (part-retrospective) (As amended by plan 2021-06-22 to show solar panels). Site Location 33 Bridle Path Woodcote RG8 0SE

P20/S2110/FUL Application proposal, including any amendments Demolition of Chiltern Rise Cottage, Garden Cottage, Stable Cottage and garden centre structures and erection of 34 two-storey residential dwellings (including 40% affordable housing) with access off Reading Road, including a new pedestrian footway, parking and garaging, removal of TPO trees, landscaping and all enabling works. (Amended Plans & Additional Information received 23 September 2020). (Updated Ecology and Landscape Information received 29 September 2020). (Updated Arboricultural and Drainage Information received 5 November 2020). (Amended Plans received 2 February 2021). Site Location: Chiltern Rise Cottage, Stable Cottage, Garden Cottage & Woodcote Garden Centre Reading Road Woodcote RG8 0QX.

P21/S2412/HH Application proposal, including any amendments Alterations to porch and windows, extension to create new bedroom, conversion of part of garage into living accommodation. Site Location: Wheal Coates Greenmore Woodcote RG8 0RJ.

P21/S2357/HH, for development work at the following location: Langtree House Woodcote. Removal of existing derelict kitchen garden with overgrown glasshouse and erection of new greenhouse, potting and chicken sheds with run and new kitchen garden with planting beds for growing vegetables and cut flowers.

Parish Council Chairman's Report

The new bus shelter has been ordered and should be installed soon.

The Chiltern Rise and Garden Centre development (one of the sites allocated in the Neighbourhood Plan) has received planning permission and construction of the new houses is underway. The developers – Rectory Homes – are inviting expressions of interest in houses on the site, so, if you know anyone who is looking to move into a new house in Woodcote, tell them to register with Rectory Homes at www.rectory.co.uk – they have called the development Darnell Place. There will also be a number of affordable homes on the site available to those on South Oxfordshire District Council's housing register.

Malcolm Smith

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LANGTREE SCHOOL RESULTS



Another successful GCSE year despite the challenges!

Langtree School is pleased to report some outstanding achievements by its

students in their GCSEs and other qualifications this summer.

OLI - 8 grade 9s, 1 grade 8 and a grade 7

ELLEN - 7 grade 9s, an A* in her A level EPQ, 2 grade 8s and a grade 7

JASMINE - 7 grade 9s, an A in her A level EPQ, and 2 grade 8s

NIAMH - 7 grade 9s, a grade 8 and 2 grade 7s

ELENA - 6 grade 9s, 3 grade 8s and 2 grade 7s

HAZEL - 6 grade 9s, 3 grade 8s

However, we are also keen to recognise those students who have worked extremely hard to exceed targets and predictions, including:

ELLA, MILLICENT, LOTTIE, OLI, CALLUM, MAYA, ELLIE, SEB, ANNA, EVIE and FREDDIE

All of these students achieved very high grades, and generally exceeded even the highly aspirational targets we set them - and in all cases significantly surpassed the progress expected of them based on their prior attainment.

As most people know, due to the cancellation of exams this year's grades were awarded through a process of teacher assessment, and grades then assigned against a national standard and approved and awarded by the exam boards. The government is not publishing performance data for any schools or colleges this year due to the varying impact of the pandemic, and we have agreed with other schools locally that we will not be publishing any performance data either.

However, we are very confident in the integrity of the process we have followed and the grades awarded, which have been moderated internally, as well as against those of other schools, against national data sets, and are in line with the grades awarded in years when students sat GCSE examinations.

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Simon Bamford, the head teacher of Langtree School, said: "We are immensely proud of all the work and achievements of our students, especially after such a difficult and disrupted year. Our staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that our students achieved the very best results they were capable of, despite many challenges, and are all able to progress onto further education and study. We look forward to seeing what they will achieve in the future."

WANTED! SPRING FLOWERING BULBS

The Friends of St Leonards would like to plant additional flowering bulbs in the churchyard of St Leonards this autumn.

To enable this, we are asking for donations of daffodils and narcissi. If you have any spare spring flowering bulbs, please would you drop them off, clearly labelled, at:

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Thank you for your donations!

Diana Davies
FOSL Chairman

IT'S THE FINAL COUNTDOWN!



Saturday 11th September 12 – 5pm, Woodcote Village Hall & Green

It's time to finish your creations and feed your produce. The countdown is on; it's nearly time for the Woodcote Fete! There is much excitement about the Fete this year. It will be a long-awaited

chance to come together, to enjoy some refreshments, and have some fun and healthy competition!

There'll be a whole lot of fun going on. Inflatables for the children – young and old – together with our favourite wacky races run by the Cabin preschool plus traditional fete and fairground games.

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When it's time to recharge your batteries, you'll be able to enjoy the West Berkshire Brewery beer tent and the Scouts Tea Tent plus a lunch choice of pizza, souvlaki or burgers. All to a backdrop of live music from local musicians, Nadine & Mark.

Whilst many pitches will take card payment, in order to be contactless, we kindly ask you to bring some cash for those that don't – eg: the tea tent, tombolas and raffle – you can't win the fantastic prizes unless you have a ticket! Proceeds from the raffle and the event will go towards the Village Hall.

Inside the hall, together with music from pianist Clare Mayo, you will find a wide variety of competition entries to view. There is still time to grab an entry form and have a go. Collect one from local shops or download one from the Woodcote Village Fete Facebook group. You will need to bring your completed entry form with your exhibits to the Village Hall on the Saturday morning.

We are still looking for helpers on the day itself – there is always plenty to do to get set up and ensure the day runs smoothly. *If you can spare an hour or so, please email woodcotefete@gmail.com or call Linda on 07956 136750.*

We look forward to seeing you on 11th September, 12-5pm!

Joanne Lillywhite

WOODCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB



The football season is underway with regular training sessions on the Green and several pre-season friendlies also played. A remarkable match took place in the first friendly with a 13-3 home win against RAF Benson. Toby Nowell, recently returned from Australia, scored five first-half goals and the half-time score was an incredible half-time score of 9-3. The other goals were scored by Tommy Chapman, Mike Mattimore 2, Joe Webber, Freddie Wilkinson, Frank Dillon, Ben Rusher and James Worsfold. The second friendly ended in a 3-2 defeat at Reading City with goals scored by Toby Nowell and Daniel Boateng.

On Saturday 7th August we contested the inaugural Andy Bryan Memorial Match at Henley Town and came away as cup-winners as we defeated the home team by 2-0. Goals were scored by Toby Nowell, yet again, and Ben Rusher. With the new management team now bedded in and a number of new-signing, Manager, Andy Silver is confident of a good season in the Hellenic League Division 2 (East). The League programme starts on Saturday 21st August when we travel to Haslemere Sports. On 28th we are away to Chalfont Wasps and the first home match is on 4th September against Aldermaston.



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WOODCOTE CRICKET CLUB



As we enter the final weeks of the season, it is very pleasing to be able to report that we remain in pole position on Saturdays in the Berkshire League Premier Division, but over the past month a couple of

defeats have reduced our lead drastically. The two defeats came at home to Stratfield Turgis and away to Crowthorne, the latter now becoming our chief rivals for the title. Wins came in the away game at Sandhurst and at home to the bottom two teams, Welford Park and Twyford. Against Stratfield Turgis we had a dreadful day with the bat and were bowled-out for only 65 and lost by 7 wickets.

Against Crowthorne we were again let down by our batting because, in spite of a really good 43 from Jonny Clark, we were bowled-out for 138 and lost by 6 wickets. Probably our best win came at Sandhurst who themselves had high hopes for the title. Chasing 156 we won by 3 wickets with the winning runs coming on the first ball of the last over of the match. There were some good individual performances in this match with Ryan Van Heerden scoring 33 and Jez Mayo 32, but we were also indebted to some big hitting from Olly Nicholson (25) and Sean Bell (22). The bowling honours went to Paul Knox (3 for 22) and Jonny Clark (2 for 31). Against Welford Park we had a comfortable 4-wicket win, chasing down a score of 107. Star performers that day were Olly Nicholson (4 for 16), Mark Pearson (3 for 32) and batsmen Mike Higley (42) and Jez Mayo (31). Twyford were beaten by 5 wickets with a good all-round team performance, though Mike Higley's name stands out for taking 4 catches, quite a rare feat in local cricket.

The South Oxfordshire Midweek League having been completed with a mid-table finish, the season was completed with some cup matches. Unfortunately, a heavy defeat at the hands of Moreton (Cup & League winners) meant that we contested the third and fourth place match in which we lost away to Goring by 6-wickets. Scott Gore and Josh Blake scored 26 runs each, but the 107 total was too little against a strong and youthful Goring team. On 22nd July we played our annual match against the touring Old Merchant Taylors which we won by 3 wickets. Chasing 138, we were given a good start with an



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opening partnership of 48 between Simon Fuller (24) and Rakesh Patel (21). Youngster, Archie Clark then weighed-in with a useful 20 before a hard-hitting 33 from Steve Henderson saw us over the winning line. Earlier, there had been good bowling spells from Rakesh Patel (3 for 18) and Steve Henderson 3 for 10.

Come along on the 5th September!

The Pete Aldridge Memorial Match between Woodcote and the Red Lion, incorporating the village Picnic Sunday, postponed on 11th July, because of the extended Covid regulations, will now take place on Sunday 5th September. The cricket will begin at 2.00pm and we are inviting everyone in the village to come along and enjoy the afternoon. We will be serving burgers and hot dogs and the Red Lion will be open all afternoon as usual. Everyone at the cricket club is looking forward to a bumper crowd to illustrate how much our village enjoys cricket on the Green.

Home Fixtures in August/September:

Sat Aug 28th Purley v West Reading

Sun Aug 29th BBC v Wheatley

Sun Sept 5th Woodcote v Red Lion (Picnic Sunday)

Sunday 19th Sept BBC v TBA

SP.

YOU'RE NEVER TOO YOUNG TO BE A HERO!



Six-year-old Theo Longland, of Goring Road, Woodcote, wanted to open a shop as a project over the summer holidays. With the help of his mum and neighbours, before long, Theo had a stock of things to sell. These included produce from the

local Woodcote allotments harvested by himself and his green fingered neighbour Linda Booth. Toys, sweets, balloons and plants were also sourced, priced up and put on a stall at the end of Theo's drive.

What made this project extra special, however, was Linda's suggestion of donating to The Thames Valley Air Ambulance. There is no doubt at all that it was this worthy cause that encouraged people's generosity when buying or simply donating...sometimes £10 at a time. **The overall total donated was an impressive £199.34!**

Theo's project enabled him and his family to get to know more members of the local community. This was particularly important to Emma, his mum, who moved here in April whilst her husband was deployed in Afghanistan with the RAF Puma helicopter. Emma was astounded by the kindness of her new neighbours when she moved in and wanted to get stuck in creating connections and building relationships from their new forever home.

They are now considering other fun projects to embark upon so watch this space!

WOODCOTE YOUTH CLUB

Calling all Year 7 and 8's...

Woodcote Youth Club will be opening a new Junior Club on Monday evenings for school years 7 and 8 from September. We will be holding an Open Evening on Monday 13th September at 7.15pm for kids, parents and anyone else interested in youth work. All of the Youth Workers, Volunteers and Management Committee will be there to answer any questions you may have and to give the young people a free taster session. They can stay all evening or just pop in with their parents to see what Youth Club is all about.

All staff are DBS (CRB) checked, first-aid trained and have attended safe-guarding and other youth work related training courses. We charge a nominal entry fee of £1 for every week they attend and have a small tuck shop selling drinks and snacks.

The Senior Club will continue on Tuesdays for years 9, 10 and 11 and will start on Tuesday 7th September. Both clubs run from 7.15pm to 8.45pm.

The club has a relaxed atmosphere and provides young people with a fun and safe environment where they can play pool, Xbox, Wii, listen and dance to music or play a variety of outdoor sports. We often arrange other activities like pizza making, arts and crafts, chalk graffiti, Halloween and Christmas parties plus the occasional trampoline or tenpin bowling trip. Youth Club offers a great meeting place to catch up with friends and to chat to workers confidentially about any issues bothering them.

If you would like to know more before the Open Evening, then Woodcote Youth Club will be running a bouncy castle-type activity at the Village Fete on Saturday 11th September. Several Youth Workers will be on hand to tell you more about the club and give a tour of the facilities.

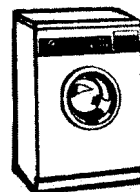
We look forward to meeting lots of young people, parents and other members of the community at our Open Evening on Monday 13th September!

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CABIN PRESCHOOL



So, I did indeed jinx it in my last Correspondent article! We were so sorry we had to close with just four days left of term.

However, compared to all the other settings across the country, I don't think we did too badly. We were so grateful for all the parents' positive wishes of concern to the poorly families involved, and we were so pleased to be able to report that all the children bounced back very quickly.

The worst bit was not being able to say a proper farewell to our leavers. Though it will take more than that to stop us; we already have a date booked in with everyone for a farewell get together before they all start at big school.

However, the big education wheel never stops turning. We are so excited to welcome Chiara, Alberta, Phoebe, Raya, Rupert, Isaac and Arthur's families to join the Cabin family in September.

You might remember I mentioned Ofsted in my last article. Well, just in case you had not heard, we did very well! I'm so proud of all the staff that were on their usual full form that day, as well as all the wishes of luck we had from the committee, parents and other professionals.

It was six years since we were last inspected, which is a long time. No matter how many courses you attend, booklets you read or webinars you attend, nothing prepares you for the day. It feels like so much rides on the outcome of just a few hours, and we all wanted to do well so it was nerve wracking. But the staff kept their cool, and did a fantastic job demonstrating just what we do every day.

The inspector spent 6.5 hours with us, observing the children and chatting to staff, and making sure all our documents were in order. There was a lot of watching and listening. We talked a lot about pre-Covid and how we have adapted the setting. We talked about routines which we will take forward into the next year, for example, washing hands more frequently, parent drop offs at the door, caution with symptoms, the use of Tapestry to keep in touch with parents and having meetings and training online, balanced with face to face.

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The inspector spent a lot of time outdoors, which is where our children like to be, it was obvious to her that is where we spend a lot of time. The children did not fail us, they were their usual amazing selves. Their behaviour was notably worth a mention - they shared and negotiated beautifully. We also discussed diversity and inclusion and she had noticed the boys were playing with a vanity mirror taking turns to use the hair tongs, wearing jewellery and pretending to put on make-up using paintbrushes from the art table.

She asked the staff about their wellbeing, workloads, recruitment, inductions, interviews, references – all of which the staff easily answered to her satisfaction.

We are very proud to have achieved *Good* in all areas. The full report is very positive and is available at: reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/16/EY547894

We have space available from September. You can enrol your child at any time throughout the year. We return on *September the 3rd*, but you can email me until then on info@thecabinpreschool.co.uk. Emails will be checked throughout the holidays but there may be a slight delay. Alternatively call us on 01491 680854.

Jayne Cole

Manager of the Cabin Preschool CIO

WOODCOTE PRE-SCHOOL



It was a very sad and emotional day on our last day of term when we said goodbye to our Owls who are leaving us to move up to 'Big School'. So, we say goodbye to Barnaby, Ras, Sofia, Tilly, Aurora, Florence, Isla, Rollo, Johnny, Harry and Mason. We wish you all the best in your next steps and know that you will all have a wonderful new journey. We will all miss you so much!

Summer Term

We have had a very busy and fun-filled last few weeks of term:

The children had a fantastic Sports Day, running all their races, receiving their certificates and their medals. We are so lucky to have the use of the recreation ground and so much space that we were able to have our parents watch whilst still social distancing.

We sent the children home with some smartie tubes to be filled up with money from their families for their sponsored run. They ran laps around the cricket pitch and most of them managed to complete a total of 57 miles, which is the equivalent to running from Woodcote to London. The children were very keen and loved going for a run around the cricket pitch and racing each other. *We raised over £300* which is amazing considering we haven't had many opportunities to fund raise this year.

Our School Trip

We were very excited to go ahead with our annual school trip this year and went to visit the Cotswold Wildlife Park. The children had been discussing

what animals they would see there and were so excited for weeks. We had an amazing time, nearly all the children and their parents came, the sun was shining, and a great day was had by all.

Holiday Club

Holiday Club was a great success this summer and was very busy! The children played lots of games, role-played camping, Superheroes, café and shops. They went for walks and visited the allotment to dig up the potatoes and courgettes. They have built lots of towers and enclosures for the dinosaurs, had fun playing with the boat run track. There were various crafts for the children to do and they made bracelets, necklaces, playdough, cutting & sticking activities, Superhero arm cuffs, clay shapes which they decorated, painted stones, baked biscuits and fairy cakes, made various items with the Hama Beads. We used our outdoor inflatable arena and the children played football, basketball and badminton.

September

After a nice long refreshing summer break our topic when we first come back in September will be *All About Me*, where we shall be welcoming our new children and families, discussing where we live, what we like and dislike, our favourite toys and food etc. We will also be practising our songs for the Harvest Festival which will be in October when we will be inviting our families to join us at St Leonard's Church.

Woodcote Fete

We will be holding a Jolly Jar and Bottle Tombola stall at Woodcote Fete and would be very grateful for any bottle donations from you. Bottles can be anything from alcohol to ketchup, shampoo, bubble bath, we don't mind! We will also be selling our homemade jam which is made from the produce from our allotments. There will also be a few crafts for children to do for a small fee.

If you are interested in your child joining Woodcote Pre-School in September, we still have spaces available. Please contact Wendy Powell on 01491 682300 or email woodcote.pre-school@hotmail.co.uk We are able to take children from 18 months old.



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THE CASE OF THE LIVING AND THE DEAD

My wife and I were looking at our wedding photograph the other day and the thought occurred to me that for most of us, if we live long enough, there comes a point at which, of all the people we have known in our lives, more are now dead than are still living, and I wondered at what stage in an average life this tends to become true. I mentioned the idea to my wife, who proceeded to analyse the matter with her customary logical rigour, tabulating our acquaintances past and present under four columns: 'Definitely Dead', 'Can Be Assumed To be Dead', 'Definitely Alive' and 'Status Unknown'.

Well, that was a fun evening. And of course, not without a certain amount of dissension. For a start one has to define the bounds of personal acquaintance...

Me: No, you can't count the Queen Mother. Yes, I know she was at your graduation ceremony and you curtsied to her, but that is stretching the definition of 'know' too far.

Wife: All right, but if you must say 'Another one for the dead pile!' every time you think of someone who's passed on, can you do it with a bit less enthusiasm? Especially when it's one of my relatives...

The number of 'Status Unknown' cases also proved a source of frustration for her. We managed to pigeonhole nearly everyone in the wedding photo easily enough, depressing though the result was, but then it became more difficult. She accepted that any adult from our childhood whom we know to have fought in the First World War could safely be assumed to be dead by now, but school classmates were a trickier proposition.

She: I wonder about that John I used to know at primary school? Can't you Google him?

Me: The Google search engine is a thing of wonder, but you do need a bit more than that...

She: Well, 'the John I was at school with in 1954'. No? There must be some way of tracking down people like that.

Me: Well, if it were my school I could try hacking into the police database – they were a dodgy lot, my classmates – but even if I got a contact, what am I supposed to say? 'Hi, you probably don't remember me, but I was just wondering if you were still alive – if not, just ignore this'.

I did realise that in my youth as a member of a running club, I was on at least speaking terms, if not performance terms, with a number of athletes who might not be household names now but were well-known enough in their day to have biographies in Wikipedia, so I started looking them up. This was a bit disturbing – somehow, I had assumed that old runners never die, or at least are likely to make it to their century. Instead, they seem to have started dropping like flies at around the age I am now, or even earlier. 'Good Lord, John M. died at 63. And Mike T. didn't make it past seventy. And even old Bruce only just made eighty. This is worrying...'

At the end of the evening, I surveyed the provisional results of our investigation. One of the columns did seem depressingly long...

Me: (thoughtfully) 'I did not know death had undone so many'.

She: Huh?

Me: Dante. Italian poet. Definitely dead. And no, I didn't know him...

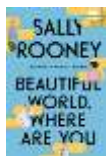
David Sutton

NEED A GOOD READ?

The Wallingford Bookshop team is on hand to offer advice!



September is always a BIG month for new books and this year is no exception. Catch up with Ibrahim, Joyce, Ron and Elizabeth as they puzzle the death of a spy in *The Man Who Died Twice*, the sequel to Richard Osman's phenomenally successful Thursday Murder Club.

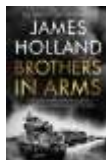


Or perhaps if you enjoyed *Normal People*, then Sally Rooney's *Beautiful World, Where Are You?* might be just the ticket.

Richard Powers *Bewilderment* is on the Booker longlist even though it's not published until 21st September. Other notable releases are Simone De Beauvoir's posthumously published semi-autobiographical novel *The Inseparables*, and *A Slow Fire Burning*, which sees Paula Hawkins (*Girl on the Train*) back on blistering form.



If non-fiction is more your thing, then James Holland's *Brothers in Arms* follows the Sherwood Rangers tank regiment through WW2, and acclaimed Egyptologist, Toby Wilkinson's *In a World Beneath the Sands* tells the intrepid stories of the men and women who uncovered the secrets of Egypt's ancient civilisations.



For children:



8-12-year-olds are also spoiled for choice this month. *Peanut Jones and the Illustrated City*, Rob Biddulph's first middle grade novel, is fabulous, funny and perfect for anyone who loves art and adventure. *In The Great Dream Robbery* by Greg James and Chris Smith, Maya's dad is trapped inside a nightmare and only Maya and the Dream Bandits can save him. With a supporting cast of banana loving llamas and a talking cat named Binbag, this is guaranteed to raise a chuckle!



This is just a taste of September in the Wallingford bookshop, but we love giving personal recommendations, so do pop in and one of us will happily chat books with you to find your perfect read! If you'd like to receive our monthly newsletter containing information about upcoming events, author visits and more, subscribe at www.wallingfordbookshop.co.uk/contact.

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Remembrance Sunday

This is Sunday 14th November this year. With Armistice Day being before this on Thursday 11th November.

Any orders for wreaths, please get in contact with Linda, if you haven't been contacted already.

House to House Collections

All things going to plan, we will still be aiming to do house to house collections this year with the traditional poppies. This runs for the two weeks up to Remembrance Sunday. So if you would like to be a volunteer collector, please contact us to find out what is involved. There will be other methods for people to donate other than cash - i.e.: texting and QR codes, just to make life easier.

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BRACE YOURSELVES FOR 2025...

Did you know that the 7-11 Holiday Club took place each May in Woodcote from 1983 until the pandemic and was staffed by people from local churches? Each club had a theme and linked Christianity with art and craft activities, cooking, drama, songs and sports and all complied with Oxford Diocesan safeguarding policies. Many of the clubs ended with a drama presentation for parents, siblings etc.

The first clubs were organised by St Leonard's Church and included 'The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe', 'King's Club' and 'Scarecrows'. Later clubs were organised by the Langtree Team Ministry. Over the years the themes have included 'Noah and his Ark', 'Communication', 'Light', 'Foundations', 'Shopping for Life', 'Mountains and Molehills', 'Water', 'Friends and Neighbours', 'Journeys', 'Colours', 'Animal Antics', 'Fantabulous Flora', 'Fishy Delights' and 'Treasure Galore' for the 21st Club. 'Countdown to the Millennium' was an obvious choice in 1999 and individual millennium bags, to be opened in June 2025, were placed in a time capsule and stored at St. Leonard's Church. The Golden and Diamond Jubilees provided the themes in 2002 and 2012. (A booklet giving more details is available from St Leonard's Church).

Over the years there were many adult helpers; each brought their own skills to the club and we thank them for their dedication and support. We also thank Catherine, Gemma, Mary, Dominic, Megan and Mia, attendees who were persuaded to come back as 'helpers', and hope they enjoyed their prolonged attendance. We would like to thank the Windmill Sales for their support over several years and those who provide supplies for the junk-modelling.

Over the years many children attended and some even sent their children to recent clubs!

There was lots of laughter, fun and mess, but that was what Holiday Club was all about, and who else would make a candy mountain and a rainbow in the village hall and send several large lighthouses into a land-locked village? We hope that everyone who came along over the years felt a little brighter and enjoyed the spoils of their labours over tea. Hopefully some of you can join us when we open the time capsule in 2025...

Janet Casson and Sue Udell
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Wednesday, 1st, 7:30pm	Jungle Cruise (12A)
Thursday, 2nd, 2:30pm	Jungle Cruise(12A)
Sunday, 5th, 7:30pm	Janine Jansen: Falling for Stradivari (U)
Monday, 6th, 7:30pm	The Last Bus (12A)
Tuesday, 7th, 7:30pm	The Last Bus (12A)
Wednesday, 8th, 7:30pm	The Last Bus (12A)
Thursday, 9th, 7:30pm	The Last Bus (12A)
Monday, 27th, 7:30pm	The Courier (12A)
Wednesday, 29th, 7:30pm	The Courier (12A)
Thursday, 30th, 7:30pm	No Time to Die – James Bond

Live Screenings

Sunday, 26th, 7:30pm Dangerous Liaisons

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Tuesday, 28th September, 7:30pm Romeo and Juliet. Tickets £10.

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Live Theatre

Saturday, 4th September, 7:30pm Not the Bunkfest

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Friday, 10th September, 7:45pm Arthur Smith is SYD

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Wednesday, 22nd September to Saturday, 25th September, 7:45pm

Sinodun Players present *A Daughter's a Daughter* is an intense family drama published by Agatha Christie under the name Mary Westmacott, and directed by Lucy Pitman-Wallace. It bubbles with suppressed emotion and has the extra frisson of perhaps being inspired by Christie's difficult relationship with her own daughter, Rosalind. Tickets £12 (adults) and £8 (under 16s)

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Our demonstrations are held at 7.30pm online. To join, please email: davidbooth7@outlook.com or admin@wallingfordfordartclub.org.uk for zoom link etc. All viewing is free to members, friends of the club and local artists/clubs, as part of our "Art into the Community" project.

Tuesday Tutored art classes have now stopped for a summer break but are recommencing on the 14th September.

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We are looking for new Trustees to join our Board. As well as broad experience, we would particularly welcome those with skills in governance, IT strategy or fundraising.

We encourage applications from people of any age, background or identity and are committed to equality and diversity.

We are a local charity providing free, confidential and independent advice to help people in South Oxfordshire and the Vale of the White Horse resolve their problems.

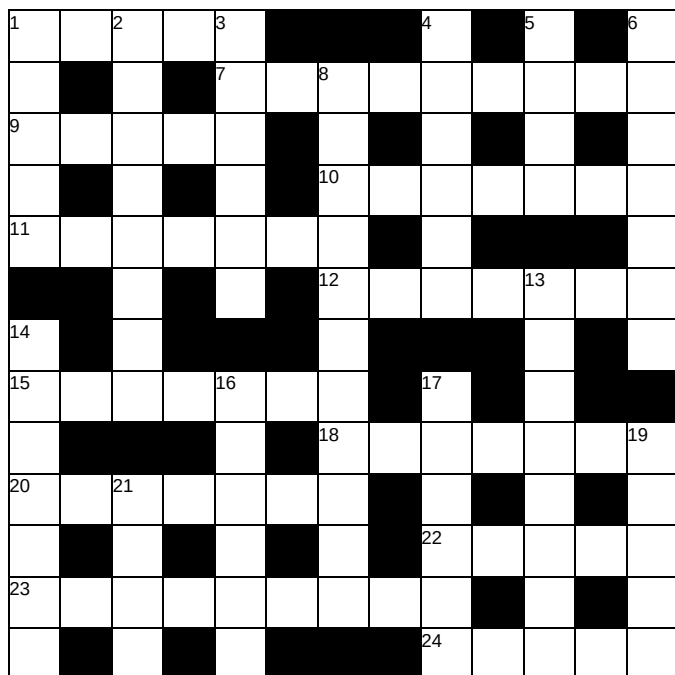
The main issues people bring us concern benefits, debt, employment, housing, relationship and consumer problems. Following advice, four in five people are able to resolve their problem and we help most to find a way forward. We also use evidence to influence policies and practices that affect people's lives.

Our 145 volunteer advisers and 15 FTE staff advise about 10,000 people each year from 4 Advice Centres. Since March, our staff and volunteers have been operating our Adviceline service from home.

Trustees are asked to attend 6 Board meetings a year, held in the evening at various locations (although remotely for the moment). Each Trustee is encouraged to take an interest in a particular aspect of the charity's work.

If you would like to discuss this opportunity, please contact Jon Bright, the Director, via jon.bright@osavcab.org.uk

SEPTEMBER CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 Dance back as business graduate (5)
- 7 Crazy thing put on a suit for late venue (9)
- 9 The French can make old Italian (5)
- 10 Nettle a soprano over time (7)
- 11 Pull a cart shakily after a race (7)
- 12 Fashionable taste I initially decided was bland (7)
- 15 Indian spirit! Man, I broke out to get it (7)
- 18 Deranged in a cult? Mad! (7)
- 20 Brew ale, quit drink (7)
- 22 Top girl and another tumbler (5)
- 23 Prophet, unknown to aid premier Habsburg queen (9)
- 24 Time's right for a drink (5)

Down

- 1 Saucy steps (5)
- 2 Change it, mount a variation (8)
- 3 Cancel importing a short almanac (6)
- 4 Lapses about the heartless mugs (6)
- 5 Thump then carries back to front (4)
- 6 Doubter is disposed to push out (7)
- 8 Indicate wave signal (11)
- 13 Cancellation after rating (8)
- 14 English politician draws drains (7)
- 16 Court case over premier behaving clannishly (6)
- 17 Board champion (6)
- 19 Soft throw after copper (5)
- 21 Mosquitoes have to go (4)

AUGUST CROSSWORD SOLUTION



WALLINGFORD COUNTRY MARKET



We are looking for new producers, especially bakers, plant/produce, preserves and egg producers, to ensure we continue to offer our loyal customers a good range of products. If, during the

lockdowns you have honed your baking skills, or indeed, discovered the pleasure of home cooking and growing your own plants, vegetables and fruit and are looking for a new interest, (perhaps recently retired), then why not join our current team of producers by becoming a shareholder, which enables you to make a little profit from your efforts. Anyone over the age of 16, male or female, can become a producer. The market is open in St. Mary-le-More Church each Friday morning between 9.30 a.m. – 12 noon.

If you are interested and would like to discuss things further, please contact:

Alison Broadbridge (Bakery) email: alisonbroadbridge@gmail.com

Sandra Halstead (Gardening) email: s.halstead2@btinternet.com

Alternatively, come and visit us one Friday morning and speak with them then.

Wallingford Market has been trading in the town since 1974, formerly known as the WI Market until 2003 when the name changed to Country Markets, becoming independent from the founding organisation but still maintaining the high standards of the products sold. It has always been a successful and well attended market and a valuable asset to the town.

If you would like to look at the Country Markets Ltd. website, it will give you all the information you need about the organisation – www.country-markets.co.uk

Do come and join us, we are a friendly and welcoming group.

Wallingford Country Market Committee

DATES FOR THE DIARY – SEPTEMBER

- Sun 5th * St. Leonard's open for service of Holy Communion. St. Leonard's Church. 8.00am
- * St. Leonard's open for service of Holy Communion. St. Leonard's Church. 9.45am
- Wed 8th * St. Leonard's open for private prayer. St. Leonard's Church. 2pm-4pm.
- * BMMHS Talk: 'MI9 Escape and Evasion'. Woodcote Village Hall. 7.30pm
- * St. Leonard's online Night Prayer. Email woodcotevicarage@btinternet.com. 8.30pm
- Fri 10th * Wallingford Photographic Club Zoom talk: 'Photographing Babies, Infants & Families'. www.wallingfordphoto.club. 7.30pm
- Sat 11th * Woodcote Village Fete. Woodcote Village Green. 12pm-5pm
- Sun 12th * St. Leonard's open for service of Holy Communion. St. Leonard's Church. 8.00am
- * St. Leonard's online church service 'Worshipping Together'. Email woodcotevicarage@btinternet.com. 10.00am
- Tues 14th * BMMHS Zoom Talk: 'The Second Mounted Division at Gallipoli'. Email zoom@bmmhs.org. 2.00pm
- * Goring Gap Photo Club talk. Goring Free Church Hall. 8pm
- Wed 15th * St. Leonard's open for private prayer. St. Leonard's Church. 2pm-4pm.
- * St. Leonard's online Night Prayer. Email woodcotevicarage@btinternet.com. 8.30pm
- Fri 17th * Wallingford Photographic Club Zoom talk: 'Creative Flower Photography'. www.wallingfordphoto.club. 7.30pm
- Sun 19th * St. Leonard's open for service of Holy Communion. St. Leonard's Church. 8.00am
- * St. Leonard's open for 'The Open Door'. St. Leonard's Church. 9.45am
- Tues 21st * Wallingford & District Art Club on-line demonstration: 'Portrait in Acrylics'. Email admin@wallingfordartclub.org.uk. 7.30pm
- Wed 22nd * St. Leonard's open for private prayer. St. Leonard's Church. 2pm-4pm.
- * St. Leonard's online Night Prayer. Email woodcotevicarage@btinternet.com. 8.30pm
- Fri 24th * Wallingford Photographic Club Zoom meeting: 'Members Evening - Critiquing you own images'. www.wallingfordphoto.club. 7.30pm

SMALL ADS

LOCAL HANDYMAN :: No job too small. DIY jobs in and around the home. Kitchen and bathroom renovations undertaken. Call James 07961 882281

- Sun 26th * St. Leonard's open for service of Holy Communion. St. Leonard's Church. 8.00am
- * St. Leonard's later morning service - TBC.
- Wed 29th * St. Leonard's open for private prayer. St. Leonard's Church. 2pm-4pm.
- * St. Leonard's online Night Prayer. Email woodcotevicarage@btinternet.com. 8.30pm

FORTHCOMING DATES IN OCTOBER

- Fri 1st * Jeremy Nicholas presents: 'One Man on the Bummel - The Life and Works of Jerome K. Jerome'. The Catholic Parish Church, Goring. 7pm
- * Wallingford Photographic Club Zoom talk: 'The Way I See It'. www.wallingfordphoto.club. 7.30pm
- Sun 3rd * St. Leonard's open for service of Holy Communion. St. Leonard's Church. 8.00am
- * St. Leonard's later morning service - TBC.
- Tues 5th * BMMHS Zoom Talk: 'The Blitz in London December 1940'. Email zoom@bmmhs.org. 2.00pm



CLOSING THOUGHT

The world and the universe is an extremely beautiful place, and the more we understand about it the more beautiful does it appear.

Richard Dawkins