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WONDERFUL WOODCOTE – AN ARTIST’S INSPIRATION

"The charm of a woodland road lies not only in its beauty but in anticipation. Around each bend may be a discovery, an adventure" Dale Rex Coman

Woodcote – a village punctuated by majestic beech forests with a network of soul nourishing walks. In the last couple of years, Woodcote artist, Jo Lillywhite, has been focusing her artwork on capturing local woodlands through the seasons. Here she takes us on her creative journey:

I walk among the trees a lot — it's so good for wellbeing and they are just beautiful, whatever the weather.

I try to capture what I see at different times of the year.... the changing palettes and the flowers and foliage which grow and develop in certain months.

My painting style is bright and joyous – I ramp up the colour of what I see and focus on the lines and perspective of a scene. I strip back the chaos of

branches and the forest floor to make a strong and different representation of the natural world.

I like to use layers of paint and pigment so that the colours underneath come through and combine to make interesting colours and patterns. Each piece is unique and there is a certain excitement about what happens on the canvas or paper as I build up the image and refine the work.

I don't tend to paint much outside, preferring the comfort of my studio and proximity to the kettle! But I do take hundreds of photos for reference. A walk with me is never fast!

My paintings are often of local scenes — High Wood, Long Toll Woods, the snowdrop glade down Green Lane etc. I'm always looking for new walks and places of interest, so do get in touch if you have any suggestions. You can contact me at enquiries@jolillywhiteart.co.uk and see examples of my work at www.jolillywhiteart.co.uk.

Jo Lillywhite



Woodland Light © Jo Lillywhite 2022



Beechwood Sunbeams © Jo Lillywhite 2022

COMMENT FROM THE VICARAGE

For reasons that will become clear I have been forced to do quite a lot of clearing out over the last few weeks. It is not a job that I relish. I seem to have so much stuff! There are all the books and papers in my study, as well as all the household items. I wasn't one of those people who spent the lockdowns doing their 'life laundry' and now surveying the house and its contents is all a bit overwhelming.

Several years ago, I helped a clergy colleague who was joining a religious community to sort out her belongings. Since she was going to live in a communal house and also take a vow of poverty, she needed to make some really hard decisions about which items she could take with her and what had to go. I knew then that I could not do what she was doing, never mind choosing such a different life, but giving away one's belongings when so many of the things we own have memories attached to them would be for me nigh on impossible. I'm not one for clutter but there are small ornaments and so on that are a reminder of a place visited on holiday, or which were a gift from a friend. Then there are the bits and pieces of childhood which are kept in the loft never seeing the light of day except perhaps each time we move. Who am I keeping them for? Is now the time to let them go? And I still have some of the things I promised to keep for my friend as she really couldn't bear to part with them but they couldn't go with her and so I said I'd keep them for her. What to do with those?

My friend is very happily settled in her life under vows and the letting go of her belongings was only the start of a much deeper journey of letting go of her old life and all its hopes and dreams in order to be free to serve God as she felt called to do. The order to which she belongs is that follows the way of St. Francis of Assisi. His story is one of shedding his life of wealth and status for one of poverty and utter dependence on God. I was fortunate to spend quite a lot of time with the Franciscan Sisters and on one visit I wrote this;

They call me by name, they hug me and they love me.

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What love is this that knows no bounds,
that welcomes all with a quality profound?
It's the love of Christ filling their hearts
and spilling over and over and over
so that we who come are drenched in love,
in joy, in hope and finally humility.'

It was that sense of humility that really affected me, as I saw that all the store I placed in the things that made up my life had the potential to make me proud and protective and to ultimately shield me from a life fully lived.

So what purpose does my clearing out serve? Well, I too need to make space for a new start on a different sort of life. Bill and I are leaving Woodcote at the end of the month. We will be moving to the West Country and whilst we are sad to leave all our dear friends

and neighbours, we are excited for what is to come. We're not entirely sure what that will be yet, but we live in faith and trust the plans that God has for us both. We fully expect to be doing a fair bit of decorating and gardening to begin with but after that, who knows? We will be forever thankful for the thirteen years we have spent here and for the wonderful memories made. When we came here, we realised that we had landed in a church and a village that really valued community and we have been blessed to be welcomed and made to feel like we always belonged here. It is so hard to leave but we know that we must. It is time to make space for the next stage of life. Thank you for all you have shared with us, for your generosity of spirit and your trust and your love. None of it is lost, it is all stored up and held in our hearts.

With all blessings

Linda

Revd. Linda Smith, Tel. 01491 680979

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Services at St. Leonard's

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9.45 am Parish Communion

Sunday 11th September

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9.45 am Worshipping Together

Sunday 18th September

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& Farewell Service

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9.45 am Parish Communion

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

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

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

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



Welcome to the first official month of autumn! Are you ready for the next season or are you still hoping for a bit more heat? I suspect by now, a lot of you are looking forward to some autumnal colours and a decent dose of RAIN!

In this issue you'll see that Woodcote must soon say a fond farewell to its much-loved Reverend, Linda Smith. Linda has contributed hugely to village life (including writing her monthly articles for us) and she will be sorely missed. The Correspondent team wishes her the best of luck with her next adventure.

Also in this issue, you'll see that excitement is brewing again in anticipation of the Woodcote Fete. Plus, don't forget to attend the Pete Aldridge Memorial Match and Picnic on the Green on the 4th September; it's becoming a very popular event!

Enjoy the last of the summer weather; before you know it, you'll be wearing jumpers again and baking crumbles!

Yvette

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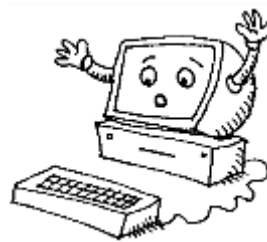


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WOODCOTE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFERENDUM

SODC has set the 29th September for the referendum on the Woodcote Neighbourhood Plan. As noted in the August Correspondent, the Examiner of the Plan came down firmly on the side of the community by approving the NPAG's proposed growth of 5%, considerably less than the 15% proposed by SODC, and approving the creation of a settlement boundary to limit future incursion of development into the countryside surrounding Woodcote.

Our current Neighbourhood Plan has given the community a strong voice in planning decisions in the village. The updated Plan will maintain that voice. It is important, therefore, that the residents of Woodcote give their final verdict at the referendum so please put the 29th September in your diary and vote.

Copies of the Neighbourhood Plan, and the many supporting documents, can be found on the SODC website by searching for Woodcote Neighbourhood Plan, or click on tinyurl.com/woodcoteNP

WOODCOTE YOUTH CLUB UPDATE

Youth Club is currently closed for the summer but we will be starting up again in September with two new clubs. *Junior Club will be on Mondays and will be exclusively for year 7 students just starting secondary school.* Moving up from primary school can be exciting but daunting and the school will deliberately mix up the feeder schools to help the students integrate. Having a youth club specifically for year 7's is a great way to build those new relationships in a fun and sociable environment.

On Tuesday evenings we will be starting a new Senior Club for school years 8, 9 and 10, so everyone who came to youth club last year should now attend on Tuesdays.

Next term we have several activities planned including mural artwork, enjoying the last of the summer with outdoor sports plus our regular activities (pool, Xbox, Wii, table tennis, music and dancing).

The start dates for the two clubs will be:

Monday 12th Sept: Junior Club – free taster session on the 12th and then £1 per session attended

Tuesday 27th Sept: Senior club - £1 per session attended. We have some staffing issues so won't be able to run both sessions until the 27th.

Both Clubs run from 7.15pm to 8.45pm, but kids can be picked up earlier if needed. The Year 7's are normally quite tired when they first start secondary school!

If you have a child who may be interested in coming to Youth Club, we will be running a fun activity at the Village Fete on Saturday 10th September. Several Youth Workers will be on hand to tell you more about the club and give you a tour of the facilities.

We regularly have 20+ attendees, and although we have three experienced youth workers attending each session - plus a team of volunteers - we do need additional support. The volunteers have a rota system, so if you are interested in working with young people and can spare one evening a month, please get in touch. We have various communications methods:

Email: Woodcoteyouthclub@outlook.com

Facebook: Woodcote Youth Club

Instagram: Woodcoteyouthclub

Facebook is generally pitched to the parents, but messages for the kids go on Instagram, so please encourage your child to follow us if they would like to attend Youth Club. To watch some short promotional videos about the club please search for Woodcote Youth Club on YouTube.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS – SEPTEMBER

As the summer holidays draw to an end and autumn arrives, many of our regular activities and groups in the hall are returning to their regular timetable. These include Yoga, Pilates, Badminton, Table Tennis, Short Mat Bowls, Youth Club, WI (Women's Institute), WADS (Woodcote Amateur Dramatic Society), Woodcote Pre-School and of course, Karate who have continued offering classes throughout the summer holidays. In addition, the Chiltern Health Visiting Team will also be in the Function Room every other Monday throughout the autumn.

As September is now often described as the new January, it's a great time to start something new! So, if you'd like to get involved or find out more about any of the activities at the Hall, do get in touch. You can now view the live Village Hall weekly Diary at www.woodcotevillagehall.com/news-and-events/

As well as the regular activities which take place in the Hall, we also have some more Village Hall events coming up...

Sunday 30th October, 11am-3pm, will be the first Woodcote Food Fair. Entry is free! With Christmas just around the corner, this will be the perfect time to drop in and discover some of the very best local artisan producers and suppliers. We already have a great line up of suppliers and can't wait to share more news with you over the next month or so.

On Saturday 12th November, we will be having a Gypsy Jazz Night with Mike Piggott's Hot Club Trio who will be present "GRAPPELLI A CELEBRATION". Tickets will be on sale soon from the Village Hall website.

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PARISH COUNCIL VILLAGE PROJECT CONSULTATION REPORT

Firstly, the Parish Council would like to thank everyone that took the time to read through our proposals included in the recent project consultation. We were really impressed with the feedback which will be helpful to the Parish Council, so thank you!

We see this consultation in three parts:

Feedback on the projects specifically proposed;

Comments and ideas for the Parish Council to consider generally and for the future;

Feedback on the village hall.

Just over 200 responses were received and a few of us are currently in the process of working through all the data and comments. We will publish the results of the responses on our website and will also follow up with an article in the Correspondent.

All subject matters were very close but what is currently clear is that the respondents considered traffic and highways the most important. This was followed by climate change, recreation and then the future of the village hall.

Out of the specific projects, a zebra crossing on Goring Road, near the junction with Bridle Path and Beech Lane (near Coop) was most strongly supported. In the next few weeks, once all the results and comments have been taken on board, the Parish Council will decide on what projects to move forward with and put together a program for 'capital projects' over the next 3 to 5 years.

In respect of the Village Hall future, there was the least support for a whole new build (with the cost implications). The Parish Council and a separate Village Hall working group, with different representatives, (yet to be formed) will take that on board with their ongoing discussions. If you are interested in getting involved in the working group, please do get in contact with the Parish Council via the Parish Clerk.

Lastly, if you made a comment or suggestion about something else, then the Parish Council will be working through those comments and will be making public the comments and responses to them on our website. This will be done once the analysis of the information on the specific projects you were asked about is finished in the next few weeks.

That just leaves the Parish Council to repeat our thanks to those that responded and we will be in touch again with an update and information on results.

Woodcote Parish Council

PLANNING APPLICATIONS GRANTED BY SODC

P22/S2117/FUL Application proposal, including any amendments : Alterations to existing external doorway to re-form as a window opening Site Location : The Oratory School The Oratory Drive Woodcote RG8 0PJ.

P22/S2032/HH Application proposal, including any amendments : Single storey store outbuilding. Site Location : 4 Wayside Green Woodcote RG8 0QJ

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

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If you would like to volunteer to be a driver, the next step is to contact our secretary Jane Forde, either by calling 07850 158274 or

email info@woodcotevolunteers.org.uk

Social and Recreational activities

Many of our clients find it hard to get out. They are not the only ones who might like to get out more locally but don't know where to start. The Woodcote Correspondent has some useful listings but there is so much more out there! We are compiling a list of local, daytime social and recreational activities to put on our website. Here are a few ideas to be going on with:

Woodcote Chatterbox, Bowls, Table Tennis, Armchair Yoga, University of the Third Age (U3A), Chance to Chat, Goring Lunch Clubs, Church Coffee mornings, Cholsey Day Centre (lunch and activities), Age UK activities, Women's Institute, Move Together (an Oxfordshire CC health initiative), Oratory School Sports centre, library board games afternoons, Walking Football, Croquet.....you get the idea – there is a lot going on!

If you don't have access to any form of transport, please call us and we will try to find a volunteer driver to take you to one of these groups.

Help with the cost of transport to hospital

We have put information on our website about NHS support for people on a low income.

Our website

Please do visit us at www.woodcotevolunteers.org.uk and take a look. You will find everything you always wanted to know about our service in one place, including volunteer and client stories, the history of Woodcote Volunteers, and of course, how to book a driver or join our team.

Other news...

We welcome a new volunteer driver to our team, Catherine Mayer, who has lived in Woodcote for 7 years. She will be a fantastic addition to our pool of drivers and we thank her for giving us a few hours each month.

We are sorry to say goodbye to one of our long serving volunteer drivers, Rhys Hamilton, and wish him the very best in his new free time. Thank you so much for all you have done for us.

We hope to see you at Woodcote Village Fete on 10th September – we have a stall and our volunteers will be on hand to greet you and answer any questions.

And finally...

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WOODCOTE VILLAGE FETE – WE'RE COUNTING DOWN!

We can't wait for this year's Woodcote Village Fete on Saturday 10th September between midday and 5pm. We hope the local community are looking forward to it too. It will be wonderful to see as many of you as possible to enjoy the day together.

There's still time to enter our competitions and the competition guide can be found at Woodcote library or on our Facebook page. Do join in with the fun! The exhibits will be on display in the village hall as usual for everyone to admire.



Don't forget about the dog show as well – always guaranteed to provide some fun entertainment. Please bring along your canine companions to take part.

With live music, a variety of stalls and refreshments, inflatables and lots of other fun for the children (including Jester Giggles at 3pm), there will be plenty on offer.

Just a reminder – please bring some cash to the event as some stalls may not take card payments. Chana's have an ATM and the Co-op can also provide cashback if anyone needs some on the day.

See you on the 10th!

The Woodcote Village Fete Team

TIME FOR TEA IN WOODCOTE



On Saturday 10th September, *St Leonard's Flower Team* will be running the Old School House Coffee Shop from 10am to 12.30pm. With the usual scrumptious home-made cakes, tea and coffee for sale, it could prove the perfect stopping place. Either as a pick-me-up for those involved in the early morning setting up of stalls or as a meeting point with friends for coffee 'n cake before the Woodcote Village Fete. Ultimately, whatever the reason, we look forward to welcoming you!

NIBBLES AND MUSIC

Please come and join us for a fun-filled evening concert at St Leonard's on Sunday the 25th September at 7pm. We are hosting the popular barber shop choir Thames Valley Chorus. Help us raise funds for St Leonard's whilst enjoying a fun night out! Tickets are £12 each, which includes nibbles and a glass of wine. There will be a raffle also on the evening. If interested, please call Gillian 01491 681711.

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Lisa Trood – Woodcote Library Manager

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WOODCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL

What a beautiful summer we have had. Difficult for the grass and the garden as a whole but super sunshine for feeling in the holiday spirit. September is upon us all too soon and the Autumn Term is here.

It is always a pleasure to welcome everyone back to school and hear their tales of family days, holidays and friendships across the break. It is also a real joy to welcome our new children into Oak Class and across the school in other years. We are really looking forward to getting to know the children and you. Welcome to the Woodcote family.

We have begun planning for Harvest and look forward to working with Reverend Linda and meeting some of you around the village when we deliver our boxes. Plans are underway for a couple of trips this term – more news to follow on those.

Speaking of trips: on the final day of the July term, year 2 were lucky enough to have their exclusive time with Mr Barber, the Royal Swan Marker once again this year. He always gives them so much of his time and they come away excited and full of information about both the centuries-old tradition and the swans. It meant that the children were much later home to their summer break than the rest of the school but everyone thought it was truly worth it. It is a spectacle and we are very grateful to Mr Barber and his team for the opportunity once again.



If you would like to come and visit Woodcote Primary School or are thinking of sending your child here from September 2023, or perhaps moving from

another primary school to join us, we welcome visits at any time. We do have two Open Mornings coming up this term: Wednesday 12th October and Wednesday 9th November. If you would like to join one of these or have your own tour of the school, please call the school office on 01491 680454. We would love to welcome you to the school.

Mrs L. Hunt

WOODCOTE PRESCHOOL

The children had a very busy and fun-filled end of summer term. They had the last of their transitions to Primary School which they really enjoyed. On the day before we broke up, all the children attended Preschool for our end of year party. There was lots of dancing, glitter tattoos, face-painting and we had a picnic lunch. Thank you so much to all the parents and children for all the presents they bought the staff; we really appreciate it.

We can finally announce that we received our visit from Ofsted on 6th July. It was a little bit stressful due to the fact that it was also our Sports Day but the inspection went really well and the inspector loved being able to sit and watch the children and parents join in with sports day. We were given a 'GOOD' rating.

Overall, the inspection went really well and we are really pleased with our result. A big thank you to all the staff and committee who work so hard to make Woodcote Pre-School the wonderful setting that it is.

We have been running Holiday Club for the first 3 weeks of the summer and yet again it has been a great success with lots of old and a few new faces. The children have been enjoying lots of arts and crafts, making clay shapes and pots, bracelets, keyrings, hamma bead designs, sticking, colouring, baking and making paper aeroplanes. There have been various role-play areas chosen by the children the favourites being playing with babies, washing and caring for them and the tool kit station and lots of emergency services ranging from Police, Firefighters to Racing Drivers. We have been out on the recreation ground playing football, bats and balls. We've visited and watered our allotment and picked some green beans and herbs and visited the park. All the children have had a fantastic time.

We will be attending Woodcote Fete on Saturday 10th September where we will have our Jolly Jar and Bottle Tombola Stall, face-painting and we will be selling our homemade jam with produce from our allotments.

We hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer and look forward to returning in September. We still have some spaces available in September and take children from 18months to school age. If you are interested in your child joining Woodcote Pre-School, please contact Wendy Powell on 01491 682300, email woodcote.pre-school@hotmail.co.uk or via our website woodcotepreschool.co.uk

WOODCOTE PRESCHOOL PICTURES



Camping with the campfire and marshmallows



Water play fun



Enjoying lunch



Fun at the park



Picking herbs and watering the allotment



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WOODCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB

By delivery time for the Correspondent in September, the football season will be underway. An intensive programme of pre-season training has been followed by a number of pre-season friendly matches. We are excited about having started a new second, 'Development', team to complement our first team, which enjoyed such a successful season in 2021-22. The first team will continue to be led by Andy Silver and Rob Wytchard and will continue to play in Division 2 (East) of the Hellenic League. The Development Team, managed by Andy Taylor, a player for the club for many years, will play in the North Berks League Division 2.

Hellenic League matches start on 19th August, with the North Berks starting on 3rd September. Unfortunately, home supporters will have to wait until 17th September to see either team on the Green as the final Saturday cricket match is on 3rd September and the Village Fete is on 10th September. Attendances at home matches were very good last year and we are hoping they will be even better in 2022-23.

If you are a player living locally who would like to play for the club, we'd like to hear from you. In the first instance email sampeates@gmail.com or call me on 07710 858366 and I will put you in touch with the management team. Contact me also, if you think you might be interested in helping the club in a non-playing capacity. We are keen to recruit someone to help with the running of our Development team, and there are other roles available dependent on how much time you are able to devote to the club.

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WOODCOTE CRICKET CLUB



Historic Treble Achieved

On July 27th, Woodcote added the South Oxon League T20 Cup to the Berkshire League Premier title and the Berkshire League T20 Cup, all achieved inside twelve months, in an exciting and wildly fluctuating match at Woodcote against a strong Dorchester-on-Thames on Wednesday 27th July. Woodcote batted first and recovered from 15 for 4 to 121 for 7 with Paul Knox (43) and James Worsfold (29 not out) taking the batting honours. A supreme

bowling and fielding performance by Woodcote saw Dorchester bowled out for only 72. Olly Nicholson (2 for 7) and Steve Henderson (2 for 11) started the rot and then skipper, James Worsfold (4 for 17), finished the job.

Nail-Biting Win For OMT On Mavis' Red-Letter Day

On July 21st, Mark 'Mavis' Davis deservedly took the accolades as he celebrated his 50th Old Merchant Taylors Thames Tour with a host of members and friends from the OMT club and the Woodcote team. The T20 format of the game proved a real winner with a tight finish which saw OMT win by a single run. OMT batted first and scored 143 for 8 with skipper Cassell (41) the top scorer. There were some good performances from the Woodcote bowlers with youngsters, Callum Ahmed (3 for 15) and William Gordon (1 for 38) getting wickets. Skipper Jez Mayo, distinguished himself with three excellent catches. When Woodcote batted, they put themselves in a strong position to win the game with an opening partnership of 61 between Keegan Shepherd (73 not out) and Martin Paige (16). However, the run-rate was slowed by some good tight bowling from Lamb and McCabe and the sporting decision of Jez Mayo to briefly retire Keegan Shepherd. Shepherd returned with the winning total in sight, but going into the last over, fourteen runs were needed for victory and, in spite of Keegan's best efforts, Woodcote ended on 142 to lose by 1 run. A cameo spell of two overs by Mavis, with his characteristic looping deliveries was hugely enjoyed by all present. The match ended with warm applause all around the ground as Mavis led his victorious team from the field.



Dorset Trip Ends In Disappointment

On Sunday, August 7th, Woodcote made the long journey to the stunning ground at Chalke Valley hoping to progress the Southern Regional Final of the ECB T20 Plate Competition, but it was the home team, the Dorset T20 champions, which won the day quite comfortably in the end with a 61-run victory. Woodcote made a great start in the field reducing the home team to 60 for 5 after nine overs, with Olly Nicholson taking 2 for 21 and Mark Pearson 1 for 28 in their four overs. However, with the Chalke Valley captain, Weld, (73), unbeaten throughout the innings and a good innings from Thomas (34), the home side recovered to reach 152 for 6. Woodcote's batters struggled from the start against some very tight bowling, but still looked in a good position to accelerate with the score at 58 for 1 after ten overs. Unfortunately, it was the home bowlers, aided by some exceptional fielding, who gained the upper hand, bowling Woodcote out in the 18th over. Ryan Lennard (21), Paul Knox (17) and Scott Gore (17) were the only Woodcote players to reach double figures.

Pete Aldridge Memorial Match 7 Picnic On The Green – 4TH September

The Cricket Club's annual Pete Aldridge Memorial Match and Picnic on the Green, which has become a regular event in the social calendar for many people, will take place on Sunday 4th September from around 2pm. As usual, the match will be between Woodcote CC and the Red Lion. The Cricket Club will be running a BBQ and, of course the Red Lion will be open all afternoon. Do please come along, bring your picnic chairs and picnics and the whole family. You are guaranteed a leisurely and fun afternoon!

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WOODCOTE WI UPDATE

Patricia Solomons welcomed the members to our meeting. The birthday girls celebrating their birthdays this month are Rose Metcalf, Doreen Knox, Wendy Muchamore and Patricia Solomons.

Our speaker this month was Linda Warren who gave an entertaining talk on 'A funny way to make a living'. She had a wealth of amusing anecdotes about being a fixer for corporate television, adverts, promotions and training videos, many involving working with animals.

Following this we had a lovely tea, thanks to Shirley Bryant, Betty Thomas and our tea hostess, Wendy Muchamore. The *ladies who lunch* went to the Highwayman, Exlade Street and had delicious fish lunches and scrumptious desserts.

In October we will be playing skittles and having lunch at Hithercroft Sports Centre, Wallingford, which is always much enjoyed.

October will be our Harvest Lunch and our speaker will be Barbara George, Woodcote WI's 'Hello Girl'.

We hope to see you very soon in the Village Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month at 2.30pm,

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THE CASE OF THE METRIC MAVERICK

Our recent July heatwave started me wondering if I was alone in the community in having no 'feel' for these new-fangled degrees Celsius that the media now inflict on us in place of good old Fahrenheit. I spent much of those intolerable days engaging in feats of mental arithmetic on the lines of 'let's see, 35, divide by 5, multiply by 9, add 32 gives 95 – wow, that's hot!'

I guess it's a matter of what you've grown up with, but without this sort of conversion I have very little sense of what 20°, 25°, 30° etc actually mean for one's comfort. Whereas when it comes to Fahrenheit, I know that 60° is a nice spring/autumn sort of temperature, ideal for running, 70° is pleasantly warm shorts and T-shirt weather, 80° is OK for cycling but about my limit for running, and 90° or anything over is stay in the shade and wait for sanity to return.

The fact is that metrically speaking I am a bit of a mess. As a runner I am perfectly happy to move between kilometres and miles, and can tell you without thinking that 10 kilometres, for example, is 6 miles 376 yards. When it comes to height, I am very much a feet and inches man, with only a rough idea of my height in metres; similarly, when it comes to weight I think in stones and pounds and again have only a vague notion of my weight in kilograms. [As an aside, it appears to me that height is one of the non-metric holdouts even among a much younger generation – ask a woman her height and she is much more likely to reply with e.g. 'five feet four and half inches' (with great insistence on that extra half inch) than with something metric. I can't speak for weight since, of course, no man in his right mind ever asks a woman her weight].

As far as area goes, I know that a standard football pitch is about one and a half acres. What a hectare might be when it's at home I have no idea.

Garage forecourts have now forced upon me some acquaintance with litres, but when it comes to getting a proper idea of the outrageous sums now being exacted from me for petrol, I find myself still mentally converting (with increasing difficulty, not to mention horror) price per litre into price per gallon. Now, a gallon contains 4.546092 litres, and last time I bought petrol I paid £1.85 a litre, so (...I may be a while here– real men don't use calculators...) aha, that's £8.41 per gallon. How does that compare with when I started driving in 1967? Well, a further complication arises here in that at that time we were still using 'proper' money, i.e. pounds, shillings and pence, and not this new-fangled decimal stuff. So, I remember filling up my first tank at five shillings a gallon. Five shillings is equivalent to twenty-five of these new pence, though it was actually sixty proper pennies (twelve pennies to a shilling, twenty shillings to a pound).

So, from 25p per gallon in 1967 to £8.41 now, that's a thirty-three-fold increase in fifty-five years. Hm, I suppose that's actually not too bad, at least compared with house prices that have gone up more like a hundredfold.

Ah well, no good living in the past, as my wife frequently tells me. 'Why can't you join the twentieth century?' she says. 'Don't you mean the twenty-first century?', I say. 'No, I think in your case it's best to take it a century at a time...'

David Sutton

THE WEST CHILTERN INCIDENT OF 28TH JULY 2022



Deep inside our planet, about four and a half feet in proper measurements, fate decreed there should be sprung into existence a fresh stream to brighten our mundane lives. A water pipe that had lain in peace for over half a century, undisturbed other than the time it was tickled by a pretentious water meter being inserted into its length, found it could take no more of the stresses of a planet being warmed by a billion airline holidays and unimaginable numbers of chopped down trees, so it simply split and poured fourth its heart. The result: a raging torrent that bubbled to the surface beneath the mighty maple that stands sentinel beside the footpath on the lower reaches of the West Chiltern Estate.

From the spring at the upper edge of the path it swept across the width of the walkway in a series of mini rapids before evolving into a swiftly flowing muddy river, the like of which is seldom seen outside the southern states of America. Much was the excitement generated among residents along its banks, for on the down sloping sides, water was discovering the footpaths to the houses and opening up tributaries where it ran in torrents, threatening to flood front porches.

Here the war time spirit came to the fore and occupants took to bricks and brooms to fight the threatening flood waters. Bricks were used to impede the passage of water as it passed down the lower slopes while brooms were used to propel the deepening pool over a hump in the path in order for it to disappear down a gutter drain. While the public spirited helped damn the flood and others guided passers-by to safety through the as yet dry gardens, the more astute sneaked off to enjoy a cooling shower before the supply was cut. That occurred more than three hours after the event had begun.

Many unsuccessful attempts were made to convince the water authority of the urgency of the situation before, in desperation, the fire service was contacted and persuaded to intercede on our behalf with the water suppliers. When a man did turn up on the scene to find water sweepers in action in the bay, it

took him a further hour to locate the relevant hydrant which would enable him to cut off the supply. Just as this was achieved, three helpmates turned up in convoy with their emergency equipment and were soon at work sinking a deep shaft into the subterranean world of West Chiltern. This task was made difficult by the nature of the subsoil for it was composed mostly of large pieces of gravel and progress was hampered by a couple of tree roots much nearer the surface, which had to be cut away to allow the gallant pot-holers, taking it in turns, space to descend to the offending pipe.

While this went on, our public-spirited volunteers cleaned up what they could of the storm damage before adjourning to their homes to experience life as it will be lived in future periods of drought if folk can't keep their feet on the ground to prevent the planet overheating. It seems half of West Chiltern's residents were in the same predicament that afternoon while the friendly experts sorted our problem.

After it was all over and the crew had departed for a well-earned rest, it was time for reflection. It was in truth a simple occurrence caused by aging infrastructure coupled with a warming planet with ever more frequent temperature changes challenging the durability of metal castings. In terms of water loss at a time when conservation is the order of the day, it probably only amounted to the average garden swimming pool-full that thousands of the more affluent are enjoying the wastage of every day during our dry spells.

The most important legacy it left was the memory of a never-to-be-forgotten adventure for the participants.

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READ YOUR WATER METER... IT MAY SAVE YOU MONEY!

Have you ever read your water meter in that hole in the ground?

The water company seems not to have read mine for some time and my latest paper bill showed estimated readings for at least six months. Being inquisitive, I thought I should check this. I read the meter and I found that the water company's latest estimated reading was a major overestimate and I was being charged on this basis. I was able to submit the actual reading on the website and receive a revised lower bill.

Another use for the meter is to check for leaks in your water pipes. If there is a leak, you will be paying for the wasted water. Here is a simple check: turn off all taps in the house and garden, including the indoor stopcock (under the kitchen sink?) before and during the test. Read the meter, wait an hour, read the meter again. If the two meter readings are exactly the same, this indicates there is no significant leak. You can now turn on the stopcock etc.

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It Snows in Benidorm (15)

Wednesday, 7th September, 7:30pm

Fisherman's Friends: One and All (12A)

Friday, 9th September, 7:30pm

Sunday, 11th September, 7:30pm

Monday, 12th September, 7:30pm

Thursday, 15th September, 7:30pm

Friday, 16th September, 7:30pm

Saturday, 17th September, 7:30pm

Live Screenings

Much Ado about Nothing, live from the National Theatre

Thursday, 8th September, 7pm

Katherine Parkinson (The IT Crowd) and John Heffernan (Dracula) lead the cast in Shakespeare's romcom of sun, sea and mistaken identity. The legendary family-run Hotel Messina on the Italian Riviera has been visited by artists, celebrities and royalty. But when the owner's daughter weds a dashing young soldier, not all guests are in the mood for love. A string of scandalous deceptions soon surrounds not only the young couple, but also the adamantly single Beatrice and Benedick.

Tickets Adults £15, Seniors and under 18s £12.50

La Bohème, recorded live at Glyndebourne as part of the 2022 season

Thursday, 13th September, 7pm

'To be alone in winter is a terrible thing' When seamstress Mimi meets the struggling writer Rodolfo they are instantly drawn together. But while Paris is a magical city of love, it's also a very real place of hardship as the two young Bohemians and their friends soon discover, when not just jealousy but poverty and sickness tear them apart. In *La Bohème*, Puccini created an opera in which ordinary people are elevated to the level of the extraordinary, the tragic, the timeless – transformed by a score that has seduced generations of audiences. Conversational

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Wednesday, 28th September to Saturday, 1st October, 7:45

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Sandy and Sylvia were both members of ground-breaking Scottish band Kentigern before pursuing different musical paths. Sylvia and her late husband Jim played in The Battlefield Band and were hugely popular in their own right until Jim's untimely death in 2004. In 2006, Sylvia was voted Scottish Singer of the Year.

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WHITCHURCH HILL CAMERA CLUB

Our new season starts on Wednesday, 7th September with our traditional *Welcome Back* night when we shall be viewing photographs taken by our Club members over the Summer season at our outing and evening walks.

Our programme of weekly meetings continues through to the end of June next year but this season will be very different. Meetings at the hall will be held fortnightly with the alternate dates being held using the zoom platform.

The live meetings at the hall will include our usual competitions when a visiting expert will assess our photographs and offer advice. In addition, we will be including practical evenings when our members will study the intricacies of Adobe Photoshop and other software packages along with a Studio Night where we can refine our portraiture skills with professional models.

The Zoom meetings will feature many great photographers from far and near who will be covering different aspects of photography including travel images taken in a wide variety of different locations.

We meet every Wednesday evening alternating between live meetings at the Whitchurch-on-Thames Village Hall and Zoom meetings starting at 8pm and

would be pleased to welcome you to our club. Details including a full list of meetings and other information are available on our website: www.whitchurchhillcameraclub.co.uk or you can ring us on 01491 681471.

RIVERS QUIZ (Answers on Page 21)

1. What is the longest river in the UK?
2. What river separates Devon and Cornwall?
3. In what river was Jesus baptized?
4. What town is at the end of the Tidal stretch of the Thames?
5. Who composed the 'Blue Danube'?
6. Into what river did 'Sully' Sullenberger 'land' his US Airlines flight in 2009?
7. What river flows through the Grand Canyon?
8. Who is the ferryman that conveys the dead across the river Styx?
9. On what river are the Victoria Falls?
10. In what river is Constable's Haywain pictured?

CHOLSEY REPAIR CAFÉ

Next one is on 17th September!

In case you've not noticed, Cholsey Repair Café operates on the 3rd Saturday of *odd-numbered* months at the Cholsey Pavilion. We open at 11am, finishing at 1.45pm, and early customers are able to enjoy light refreshments courtesy of the Cholsey Community Café, in the foyer next door.

Our service extends to surrounding villages, although we would be more than happy to see similar schemes coming into existence and will be happy to share our experiences with anyone wanting to set up their own repair café.

Sharpening of knives and tools has long been popular but we tackle a wide range of electrical and mechanical problems, broken toys, vacuum cleaners, food mixers and household paraphernalia. Particular recent successes have included an exercise treadmill and a microwave oven that required special internal fuses.

We aim to reduce waste, believing that a lot of things aren't as broken as they look. We hope to see you on Saturday 17th September; details can also be found at www.cholseyrepaircafe.com

Ian Wheeler (Co-ordinator)

A WOODCOTE AUGUST (PICTURED BY JACKIE COMRIE)



The Ponds



Seasonal visitors



Long Toll ... still looking green



Sunset – looking towards South Stoke



Sunset over Woodcote

WALLINGFORD & DISTRICT ART CLUB (WADAC)



This month's demonstration on Tuesday 20th September 2022 is an online live demonstration entitled "Contemporary Landscape" in Oils by Hester Barry.

Hester's practice is rooted in traditional representation and methods, but he constantly challenges his understanding of "painting" and the ways paint can represent effects such as light, time, movement and climate. He uses the marks available to him as economically as possible, distilling the image/feeling/moment into what is necessary, so that through objective representation, there is enough room for subjective interpretation.



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

The Club will also have a stand in the Market Place during Wallingford BunkFest on the 3rd and 4th September promoting the club and its events. There will be an artist demonstrating painting and drawing; you can have a go or buy some artist's materials donated by members for budding artists to buy. Proceeds go to support the club's project "Art into the community".

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

WALLINGFORD PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

September sees Wallingford Photographic Club return for a new season; come along and join our informal and inclusive group of enthusiasts and amateurs as we start our new weekly programme of talks, presentations, competitions and practical sessions. We discuss a wide range of topics (not just technical) including getting feedback on your photos if you're keen to show them. We meet on Thursdays at 7.30pm at Crowmarsh Pavilion, and we'll have a handful of sessions online (later in the season) where we make the most of speakers from far away.

Our first session is on 8th September, where Damon Guy will describe the 'photographic rules and how to

break them'. Then on 15th we have a wide-ranging retrospective from Steven Galvin, who has joined us several times, to great reviews. On 22nd Robert Harvey takes us on a tour of the British Coast via his spectacular images. Our first members' evening (on 29th) will allow us to get hands-on with our kit, or new techniques. Join us for any or all of these; see www.wallingfordphoto.club for more information.

SUE RYDER STARLIGHT HIKE — THAMES VALLEY

Sign up to Sue Ryder Starlight Hike Thames Valley and walk 5k under the stars to celebrate the memory of your loved one this October. Get together with family and friends to remember someone special, raise funds and help Sue Ryder create a future where everyone has access to care and support at the end of their life or following a bereavement.

Join hundreds of other supporters at Sue Ryder Starlight Hike Thames Valley on Saturday 22nd October 2022.

Taking place at Pangbourne College, Sue Ryder Starlight Hike Thames Valley will follow a 5k route around the beautiful grounds. During your walk, there will be an opportunity to place a dedication in memory of someone special.

Crossing the finishing line, you will be rewarded with a well-deserved medal and the knowledge that you've done something amazing to remember those close to you.

The funds raised will help Sue Ryder to provide even more expert and compassionate care, ensuring that the end of people's lives can be filled with friendship, family and love in those final moments together.

Sign up now at sueryder.org/thamesvalleystarlight or contact Sue Ryder's Thames Valley fundraising team via email thamesvalley.fundraising@sueryder.org or call 0118 9550433.

Tickets are £15 for adults and £6 for children aged 6-12. Children under six go free. Family and group ticket options are also available.

ANSWERS TO RIVERS QUIZ on p.19

1.	The Severn
2.	The Tamar
3.	The Jordan
4.	Teddington
5.	Johann Strauss
6.	The Hudson
7.	The Colorado
8.	Charon
9.	The Zambesi
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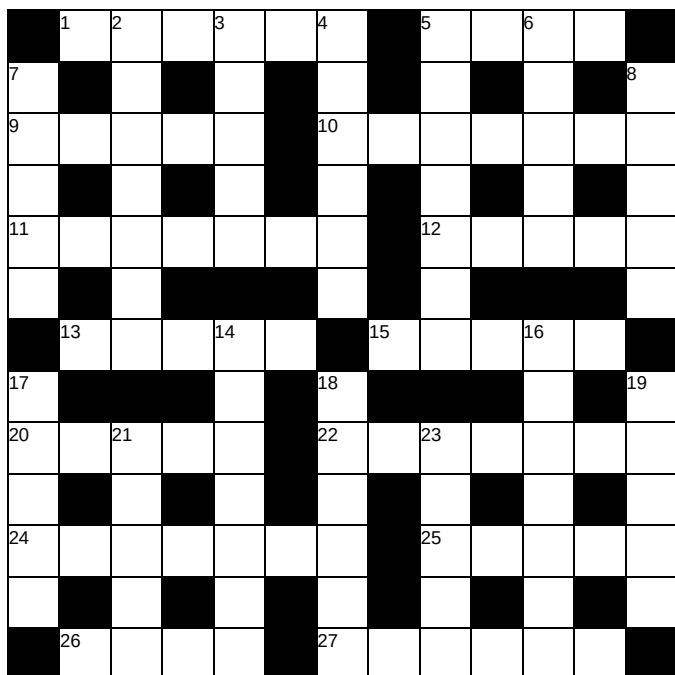
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SEPTEMBER CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 Left me in auto more composed? (6)
- 5 Young gun? (4)
- 9 Cockney's warmer than swimmer (5)
- 10 Sounds like a failure to humiliate (7)
- 11 Ten toss out overhead (7)
- 12 Clear periods to the end of timetable (5)
- 13 Rate reduced for fools (5)
- 15 Hand around second song (5)
- 20 Cut back to front bolts (5)
- 22 Girl, in time, becomes mean (7)
- 24 Humpty Dumpty Ph D (7)
- 25 Grown up kids (5)
- 26 Need to change the garden (4)
- 27 Aim to change gear during race (6)

Down

- 2 Unfeeling he left unaffected (7)
- 3 Reams written about Lunar feature (5)
- 4 Travelling in Yorkshire (6)
- 5 Heard rings for baby birds (7)
- 6 Animal got from a retro shopping centre (5)
- 7 Hack starts here, on right side, early! (5)
- 8 That's flat. In both directions! (5)
- 14 Direction given by confused sea bird (7)
- 16 Escape from un-British dreary time (7)
- 17 Animals caught by crooks (5)
- 18 Group with appeal to lawless type (6)
- 19 Genoese? No, no birds (5)
- 21 Furious at altered grade (5)
- 23 Keen to see a German inside (5)

AUGUST CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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A READER'S POEM

We hope you enjoy this poem sent in by a local resident which perfectly sums up the summer we have all experienced!

WEATHER TO LAUGH OR CRY

Unzip the clouds and let rain drip down,
Brighten up the garden, wash the cars in town,
Dust the sky with sunshine, dry up all the rain,
Put away your brolly and enjoy the sun again.

That was how it used to be until we sampled
drought,
Now we pray for downpours to put the fires out,
So welcome back you friendly clouds, please
come and have some fun,
We've had enough of summer and no longer
worship sun.

PaperWaite

HENLEY AND DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

How quickly the summer is disappearing and it is nearly time to think about our autumn/winter hobbies. If you are interested in anything postal e.g. stamps, postcards or the history of the post and all its various aspects, why not visit us at Bix one Wednesday evening. You will see the enjoyment and interesting hobby you can have collecting with like-minded people.

Wednesday 14th September- the 1st meeting of the new season – latest acquisitions when members bring up to 8 pages of their newest items.

Wednesday 28th September – a display about the Belgian Congo by guest Gerald Mariner

Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at Bix Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Visitors and new members are welcome. Further details can be obtained by phoning 01491 681739 or on our website: - www.henleyphilatelic.org.uk

DATES FOR THE DIARY – SEPTEMBER

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

Thur 1st	*	Rhymetime for pre-schoolers. Woodcote Library. 10.15am-10.45am
	*	Chance to Chat. Woodcote Community Centre Lion's Den. 2.30pm-4pm
Tues 6th	*	BMMHS Zoom Talk: 'The Mesopotamia Campaign in the First World War'. Email info@bmmhs.org. 7.30pm
Wed 7th	*	Whitchurch Hill Camera Club meeting: Welcome Back Night. Whitchurch Village Hall. 8pm
Thur 8th	*	Rhymetime for pre-schoolers. Woodcote Library. 10.15am-10.45am
	*	Chance to Chat. Woodcote Community Centre Lion's Den. 2.30pm-4pm
	*	Wallingford Photographic Club talk: 'Photographic rules and how to break them'. Crowmarsh Pavilion. 7.30pm
Sat 10th	*	Coffee Shop in aid of St. Leonard's Church. Woodcote Community Centre. 10am-12.30pm
	*	Woodcote Village Fete. Woodcote Village Green. 12pm-5pm
	*	Concerts@Cholsey present Sylvia Barnes and Sandy Stanage in concert. Cholsey Pavilion. 7.45pm
Mon 12th	*	Woodcote Youth Club - Juniors (year 7's). Woodcote Village Hall. 7.15pm-8.45pm
Wed 14th	*	BMMHS Talk: 'Dudley Pound and the decision to scatter convoy PQ17 – July 1942'. Woodcote Village Hall. 7.30pm
	*	Henley & District Stamp Club meeting. Bix Village Hall. 7.30pm
	*	Whitchurch Hill Camera Club Zoom meeting. 8pm
Thur 15th	*	Rhymetime for pre-schoolers. Woodcote Library. 10.15am-10.45am
	*	Chance to Chat. Woodcote Community Centre Lion's Den. 2.30pm-4pm
	*	Wallingford Photographic Club talk: Steven Galvin 'Retrospective'. Crowmarsh Pavilion. 7.30pm
Sat 17th	*	Cholsey Repair Café. Cholsey Pavilion. 11am-1.45pm
Mon 19th	*	Woodcote Youth Club - Juniors (year 7's). Woodcote Village Hall. 7.15pm-8.45pm
Tues 20th	*	Newbury Riding for the Disabled Autumn Gift Fair. Hillfields Farm, Lower Basildon. 5pm-8.30pm
	*	Wallingford & District Art Club on-line demonstration 'Contemporary Landscape'. Email admin@wallingfordartclub.org.uk. 7.30pm
Wed 21st	*	Newbury Riding for the Disabled Autumn Gift Fair. Hillfields Farm, Lower Basildon. 9.30am-4pm

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SEPTEMBER DATES (cont.)

Wed 21st	*	Woodcote WI meeting. Woodcote Village Hall. 2.30pm
	*	Whitchurch Hill Camera Club meeting. Whitchurch Village Hall. 8pm
Thur 22nd	*	Rhymetime for pre-schoolers. Woodcote Library. 10.15am-10.45am
	*	Chance to Chat. Woodcote Community Centre Lion's Den. 2.30pm-4pm
	*	Wallingford Photographic Club talk: 'By The Sea'. Crowmarsh Pavilion. 7.30pm
Sun 25th	*	Thames Valley Chorus Barber Shop Choir. St. Leonard's Church. 7pm
Mon 26th	*	Woodcote Youth Club - Juniors (year 7's). Woodcote Village Hall. 7.15pm-8.45pm
Tues 27th	*	Woodcote Youth Club - Seniors (years 8, 9 & 10). Woodcote Village Hall. 7.15pm-8.45pm
Wed 28th	*	Henley & District Stamp Club meeting. Bix Village Hall. 7.30pm
	*	Whitchurch Hill Camera Club Zoom meeting. 8pm
Thur 29th	*	Woodcote Neighbourhood Plan Referendum.
	*	Rhymetime for pre-schoolers. Woodcote Library. 10.15am-10.45am
	*	Chance to Chat. Woodcote Community Centre Lion's Den. 2.30pm-4pm
	*	Wallingford Photographic Club members' evening. Crowmarsh Pavilion. 7.30pm

FORTHCOMING DATES IN OCTOBER

Mon 3rd	*	Woodcote Youth Club - Juniors (year 7's). Woodcote Village Hall. 7.15pm-8.45pm
Tues 4th	*	Woodcote Youth Club - Seniors (years 8, 9 & 10). Woodcote Village Hall. 7.15pm-8.45pm
Wed 5th	*	Whitchurch Hill Camera Club meeting. Whitchurch Village Hall. 8pm
Thur 6th	*	Rhymetime for pre-schoolers. Woodcote Library. 10.15am-10.45am
	*	Chance to Chat. Woodcote Community Centre Lion's Den. 2.30pm-4pm

CLOSING THOUGHT

Both optimists and pessimists contribute to society. The optimist invents the aeroplane, the pessimist the parachute.

George Bernard Shaw (Irish playwright, 1856 – 1950)