

Moulsford Events

Nigel Baker

Autumn greetings! What a great end to our summer social season with a very well attended wildlife BBQ. It was great to see regulars and newcomers, creating a lovely atmosphere accompanied by the delicious BBQ selections, and some excellent salads and sides as well. A very big thank you to all the people that made food, cooked food and contributed their time to providing us all with a glorious culinary experience, with a special mention for Ollie and Danielle as our pitmasters. Throughout the summer, we've had a wonderful selection of Friday night dining, so a massive thank you to all our contributors and also to Jo Haywood who co-ordinated the food rota. The Events team put in the work to keep the beer and wine flowing, and with valuable help of volunteers to get the bar sorted out for both opening and closing times. Cheers to all of you whose many hands go such a long way to making it light work for everyone, along the way helping to make Moulsford the special place it is on a summer Friday evening. We've also made a great start on reducing our plastic waste with many folks remembering to bring along their own glasses every night; thank you for helping with this too!

One question that has been asked - and an excellent question it is - is where does the money go from all those pints and carefully measured wines, after we've covered the hire of the Pavilion and other outlays like cleaning and buying the drinks in the first place. The Moulsford Events Committee is still a sub-committee of the Moulsford Parish Council, so basically Events money is Parish Council money and our profits go to MPC to spend where needed to maintain and enhance the village. This can include paying to mow the Rec, emptying dog poo bins, and adding to the funds kept to maintain our Pavilion. But, it will also be helping fund the new football goal posts about to go in, that I know will be a big hit with our village kids. All for a pint of fresh local real ale at £4...

The MEC's other principle remit (and some might say the most important) is putting on social events welcoming everyone in Moulsford with an aim of bringing the community together. The Friday socials are one part; now we can look forwards to the Comedy Night, then the Christmas Gala, and then... Next year is being planned; we might see the return of the Boat trip and do our best to make it affordable, especially for our popular family voyage.

But for now I look forwards to seeing many of you at the Comedy Night, which has been fantastically well supported and is sold out, thank you! Please don't forget to bring your reusable glasses... Then I'll be looking ahead to the Christmas Gala Night Friday, 13th December at the Beetle and Wedge (tickets still available; we'll have them at the Comedy Night, watch out for them on Facebook or contact Stephanie on 07763727860) and then finally, it'll our Christmas social on Friday, 20th December. Santa will be coming...



This month's entry is very detailed and essentially a request for more villagers to get involved in helping maintain the village and support the parish council. This cannot be done by the parish council alone, without significantly increasing the precept in order to allow us to use third party companies to help us. We are also finding that as resources get constrained at district and county level, more is falling on us at the parish level. Finally, there is a significant amount of legislation which we now have to follow in order to ensure transparency and accountability; unfortunately this has a tendency to slow everything down! Please don't switch off at the length of this article but instead read on to find out how you can help us. All ideas welcome.

Village Maintenance - Volunteers Required

Around the village there are various items that require regular maintenance, some of which has been done quietly and with little recognition for some years, such as:

- Bus shelters – the one near The Clock House has been painted regularly by Deb Mansford (I believed she may have roped one of her sons in too!) and the one near Ferry Lane by another villager. However, both are now in need of repainting, having not been done for some years.
- Playground equipment – the council have made all necessary repairs to the playground this summer but new regulations mean that it really should be checked on a weekly basis in summer and a monthly basis in winter. The parish council are preparing a checklist to help villagers participate in this.
- Village bench by river – paint is flaking off and again in need of sanding and repainting.
- Verges – the parish council have found a map of areas that OCC used to cut. However over the years the areas actually cut appear to be less than this. As OCC only pay for one cut a year, the village is therefore looking a bit wild and woolly!

As discussed with several villagers at our last council meeting, we would like to recruit a group of volunteers to join in a working party and carry out some of this work on a regular basis (e.g. 2 – 3 times a year), as well as weed spraying, general gardening, cutting grass or vegetation, and removing weeds and moss on roads.

Please contact spowell@moulsford-pc.org.uk if you can help with any of these jobs.

Meanwhile I will check on getting yellow jackets and kit, a bit like we did for the litter picking day earlier in the year.

BIFFA Visit – Village Declean

On 5th November, maintenance staff from BIFFA (on behalf of SODC) are coming out to do a “deep cleanse” operation in Moulsford. This includes litter picking, sweeping, and removing weeds or moss on pavements. However it does not include the gardening tasks outlined in the section above (e.g. weeding weeds on the road)

Please note, BIFFA only clear land to which the public is permitted access and that is under the direct control of the district council.

The parish council would like to hear from you, as a Moulsford villager, as to whether within these restrictions, if there is anywhere in particular that you would like to be cleaned. We will then collate these requests and pass back to BIFFA/SODC. Please send your input to spowell@moulsford-pc.org.uk no later than 18th October, 2024.

Update on Other Items

Bench for Badgers Bank

As I mentioned in the Sept edition, the parish council ordered a bench for Badgers Bank and had been told it should be with us by early Sept. However, the delivery date was delayed multiple times and it was finally delivered and installed about a week ago, only to realise that they had delivered the wrong item. We are working to resolve this; apologies for the delay.

SODC Councillor Grant

It turned out that the SODC Councillor grant timetable did not tie in with when we wanted to install new goal posts, so we have gone ahead with this project separately and expect the goal posts to be arriving shortly. However, we would be interested in your ideas for what might benefit the village, should we apply for the Councillors Grant for a different project. The front runner right now is a wheel chair ramp and limited tarmac application immediately around the pavilion front door.

Other sources of grants

As well as the SODC Councillors Grant there are other sources of funding available from various public bodies and charities, all with their own terms, conditions, and timelines.

Preston Bemis has kindly agreed to work with the parish council to identify these. As a first step we would like to know from you what you would like to see any grant we secured used for in order to improve the village. Bear in mind many grants are for capital projects – that is for purchase of new goods/services, rather than maintenance. Having this input from you would allow us to prioritise the grants that we can get most benefit from.

Traffic Management Group

This will be starting soon. However, ideally we would still like to recruit one or two more people to get a variety of input. Please contact spowell@moulsford-pc.org.uk if you can help – we would really appreciate it.

Speed Watch

We've had several volunteers for this and I will be contacting the police shortly to get more details of how the scheme would work and what time commitment is required. Afraid with everything else going on, have not had chance to deal with this.

If you are able to give up a little time to help us in these areas, please contact Sue Powell (spowell@moulsford-pc.org.uk) or Hilary Shaw (hshaw@moulsford-pc.org.uk).



From Your Parish Council continued

Changes in Personnel @ the Parish Council

Resignation of Ben Partridge, CFO Moulsoford Parish Council

It is with regret that we have to inform you that Ben Partridge has stepped down from the council, owing to family and work commitments.

We would like to thank Ben for the significant contribution he has made over his time on the last two councils and in particular, for stepping in and helping us handle the financial side of parish council audits for the last two years. Enjoy your hockey coaching, Ben! We really appreciate your support and wish you all the best.

Co-opting a New Councillor

With the resignation of Ben Partridge, there is now a vacancy on the parish council. For those of you not familiar with what Parish Councillors do, it's a volunteer role. Things we are involved with include:

- We represent the views and concerns of the residents of the parish to the parish council itself and through it to the district and/or county authority. For example, we work with SODC on planning applications and Oxfordshire County Council on highways.
- We report back to residents on issues affecting the parish (such as the recent proposal to move to 30mph).
- We make decisions on issues that affect the local community such as planning and managing open spaces.
- We negotiate with and actively influence those other organisations who do make final decisions (e.g. related to schooling, health services, public transport, and policing).

No prior experience is needed and it's a great way to meet new people in the village, develop new skills and make a difference in the community.

New councillors joining are encouraged to undergo basic training, for which the council will cover the cost (for example, introduction to the role of a councillor, planning workshops etc). Note that anyone in employment is entitled to take leave off to attend such training during the day, many courses are also offered in the evenings. In terms of the time commitment involved in being a councillor, it's about 7-10 hours per month, depending on what responsibilities you take on. Ideally a council should include a mix of residents – different ages and skill sets – to get the widest possible range of views in discussions.

Interested? Please see separate advert following this article for more details.

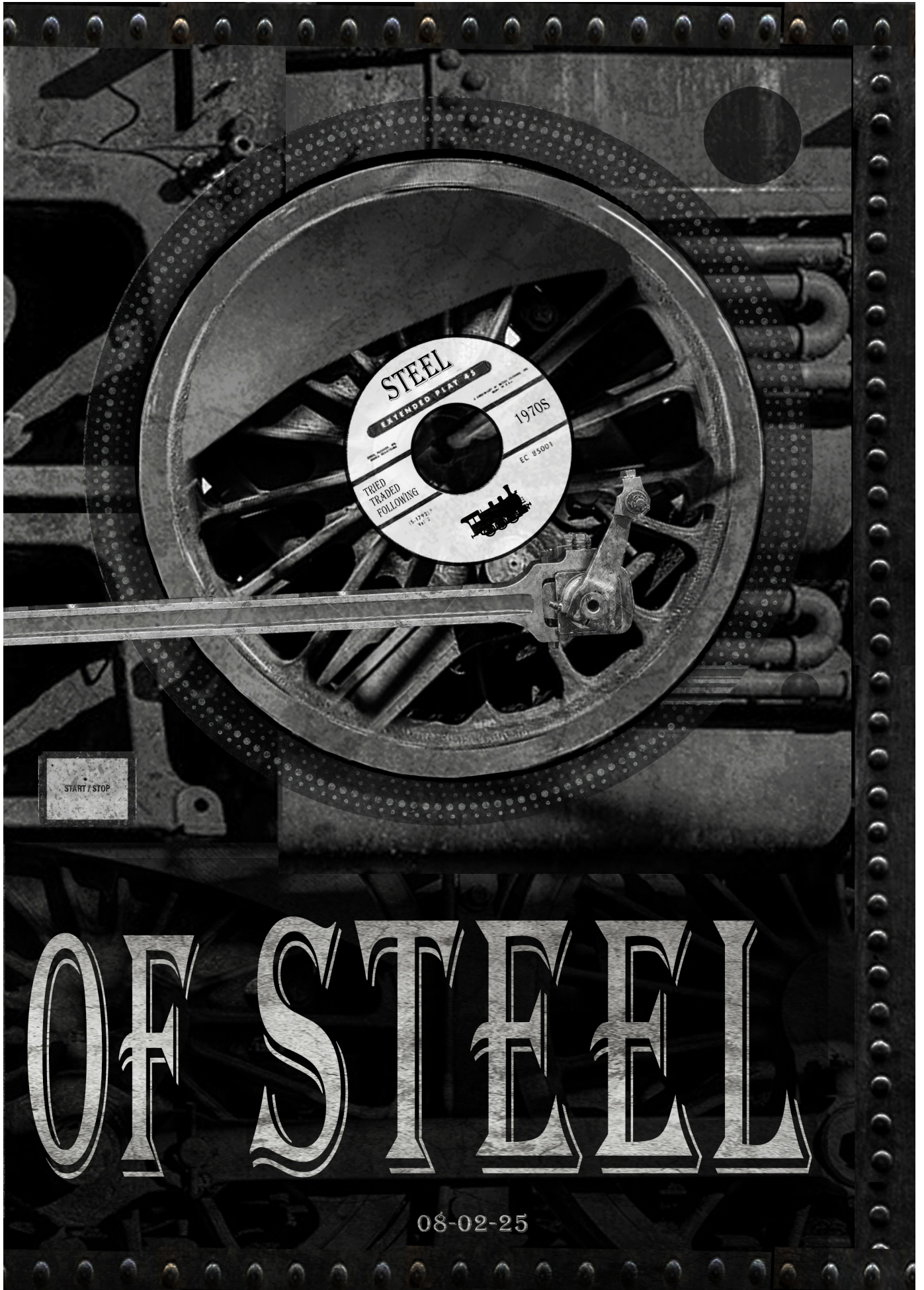
Resignation of Parish Clerk

The role of parish clerk is evolving and now requires a greater time commitment than it used to in Moulsoford. For this reason, our current parish clerk has decided to resign from the role, having made a valuable contribution to the council in the year that he served.

The role of Parish Clerk is the only role on the council which is paid and has a set number of hours. Please see the advert following this article for more details of the role and how to apply.

NOTE: It's always a balance when recruiting a parish clerk as to whether to recruit someone with sound knowledge of government regulations as they pertain to parish councils, or someone with little knowledge of this but a good understanding of our local situation. We are therefore open to people who are either qualified as a clerk, or from the village (though both would be fabulous!). The most important thing is that you are calm, organised, a good communicator, and computer literate. A computer will be provided for use on council work.

Hoping that my Inbox will be full for all the right reasons this month :)



CLERK/RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER MOULSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Part time: 9 hrs/week

Location: home-based

Salary: c. £15.95 - £16.21hr (depending on experience)

Moulsford Parish Council is looking for a new parish clerk, who can spare around 9 hours per week to keep our parish council running smoothly. The Clerk provides administrative and clerical support to the Council, as well as managing the Council's finances.

You'll have experience in administration or clerical work and be able to maintain accurate financial records, demonstrate a calm, organised approach to work, show attention to detail, and possess good communication and customer service skills. You should also be accustomed to using a computer, including Word processing and Excel spreadsheets.

Responsibilities include:

- Helping set up parish council meetings, then subsequently attending and taking minutes.
- Managing administration related to the parish council, including record keeping, managing the review of planning applications, and handling queries from outside organisations.
- Managing the day-to-day accounts for the parish council, as well as assisting with the smooth running of the annual external audit.
- Updating the village website, Facebook page, etc (e.g. notice of council meetings).
- Managing relationships with external contractors, e.g. grass cutting, general maintenance

You will be working largely independently and should be comfortable using your initiative to deal with a wide range of issues. The majority of work can be done from home, at hours to suit you, though you will need to attend the monthly parish council meetings in person.

No prior experience of working for parish councils is necessary. However, should you be successful in securing the role we would encourage you to attend suitable training, for which we would cover the cost. A laptop will also be supplied for your use.

**If interested, please contact Sue Powell, spowell@moulsford-pc.org.uk
for an informal discussion and to get a copy of the job description.**

Parish Councillor Vacancy

- * Are you looking for a new challenge?
- * Passionate about where you live?
- * Want to make a positive difference in our village?
- * Would like to influence decisions that affect our community?
- * Would like to offer your skills and experience?
- * Enjoy working in teams?

You need to be willing to give up some of your time. How much depends on you and your commitment to work for your community without being paid.

Parish Council meets once a month (except August and January), usually on the second Thursday. Meetings normally last around 2 hours.

No prior experience needed; enthusiasm and commitment are more important. You simply need to be 18 or over, an elector and have been a resident or worked within 3 miles of the Parish for the last year.

**If you would like to find out more or be considered, please contact Sue Powell, Chair,
at spowell@moulsford-pc.org.uk.**

Goal Posts

It was agreed some while ago that the goal posts need replacing, as the existing ones are badly rusted and held together with paint. Taking into account the varying and differing needs expressed by villagers, we have done a review of options and believe moveable goal posts best meet our requirements. This is for the following reasons:

- They will be positioned in the same place as the existing goal posts but can be moved as and when needed by a councillor or caretaker - e.g. in the event of the recreation ground flooding
- Should a match be held with younger children - e.g. at a Friday social - the council or PMC can arrange for posts to be moved closer together to facilitate this
- Should the village want to clear the lower recreation ground - e.g. in the event of a fete or other major event - the posts can simply be moved out of the way

There is a small incremental cost for having moveable goal posts compared with fixed posts, but this is not judged significant when installation costs etc. are taken into account; moveable goal posts afford the most flexible option, and there are many in use on other local recreation grounds in the area.

The first stage of replacing the goal posts will be to remove the old ones and any associated fixings. Then the new ones will be installed and it'll only be possible to move them with the permission of a member of the council or PMC. There may be a short interval between removal and replacement during which no posts will be available.

The replacement of the goal posts is made possible by a generous donation from the 100 Club, combined with additional funds from the Parish Council. We would like to thank all villagers whose participation in the 100 Club have helped make this possible. We expect the new posts to be installed by early November.

Repairing and Improving Playground Equipment

Andrew Harris

Each year the Parish Council commission a lengthy report on the condition of the playground undertaken by a regulated inspector. The last inspection was in February 2024.

The inspector marks out any concerns, particularly with regards to health and safety, and suggests any remedial action that should be undertaken. The work that has been undertaken this year has targeted highlighted issues but also included other repairs as well.

Moulsford has been very fortunate in that all the repairs/improvements were completed by a volunteer from North Moreton, Mr Mark Goodman, without charge beyond materials. We are extremely grateful to him for his time and expertise.

Removal of somersault bars	These were damaged beyond repair and marked as unsafe by inspector
Repair of two picnic tables	One needed minor repair but one needed more extensive work
Lower steps and posts at bottom of ramp of Multiplay	All replaced
Safety mats under Multiplay	These have been replaced
Side panels on Multiplay	Missing rivets replaced
Rope bridge on Multiplay	Shackles replaced as recommended by inspector
Swing cradles. Both had been damaged (regrettably most likely by vandalism) beyond repair	Both replaced. It is hoped to be able to make up a spare by the cannibalization of the two damaged cradles

All of this work was completed for just under £750.00.

Longer Term Repairs/Improvements

In 2024, through the good fortune of finding such a capable volunteer, we have been able to deal with the most pressing issues by the specialized playground inspector. This should extend the life of the equipment.

In addition through contact with specialized suppliers we are now much more aware of costs associated. In the next stage the Council will need to consider expenditure for replacing and repairing tiles underneath the swings and other areas.

Inspection

Finally, we are looking for volunteers to help us carry out regular inspections of the playground equipment. Our aim is to set up a rota system for three or four volunteers to take it in turns to run through a simple checklist onsite, a 10 minute process at most. Ideally these inspections would take place monthly during term time and weekly during school holidays, so we can keep a close eye on any emerging cause for concern. If you are able to join this rota, please email us at: parishclerk@moulsford-pc.org.uk

Planning Applications and Decisions

Moulsford News and Planning deadlines invariably mean that the planning information below is out of date by the time of reading. For a current view of planning, please visit the online SODC Planning Register.

Reference	Description	Status
N/A		

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, 10th October 2024

19:30

Pavilion

Agenda will be published shortly on Village Website and Village Noticeboard.

Please advise one of the councilors asap if you have anything you would like included on the agenda.

Moulsford Events Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 12th November 2024

7.45 pm

Pavilion

Everyone welcome!

MPC100Club

Sarah Elvy

We raised £2,490.00 for Moulsford Parish council in our first year (July 2023 to June 2024) some of which has been spent replacing the bench at Badger Bank.

Many thanks to all who have supported MPC100Club.

To apply to join, please see the sign-up form at the back of Moulsford News.

Winning numbers of the last 3 draws:

July draw results:

	Ball Number	Price Money
1st	13	£66.00
2nd	72	£33.00
3rd	87	£16.50

August draw results:

	Ball Number	Price Money
1st	12	£65.00
2nd	69	£32.50
3rd	58	£16.25

September draw results:

	Ball Number	Price Money
1st	75	£64.00
2nd	8	£32.00
3rd	30	£16.00

Next draw:

The October draw will be held at the Comedy Night at the Pavilion on Saturday, 5th October – see you there!

Dear Friends,

As the children settle back at school, the weather turns to rain, the Summer can seem a distant memory. So in order to lighten our spirits as the days draw in, this month I have decided to share a few funny thoughts/jokes with you all.

Pew-sheet notices that didn't come out quite right...

"Would the person who took the church step ladder last week please bring it back, or further steps will be taken."

"After Sunday morning coffee, please empty the teapot and stand upside down on the draining board."

"Our visiting monster today is the Revd Jack Bains."

"Church toilet out of order. Please use floor below."

"Worshippers are asked to wail, until the choir has been served Holy Communion."

How many church members does it take to change a light bulb?

What do you mean CHANGE??? That light bulb was given in memory of my grandmother! My father installed it with his bare hands! He donated his time AND the use of his ladder to do it, too! My family's been members of this church for four generations! And if you think you're going to come in here and make changes all of a sudden, Vicar, you've got another thing coming!

I hope that those jokes made you smile. A thank you to all those who helped to decorate the church for Harvest, it was glorious. Next month is a time of reflecting and remembering. There is an All Souls service on 3rd November 3pm St Mary's Cholsey, to remember those loved ones who have died by lighting a candle and saying prayers together. Sunday 10th November 9am St John the Baptist Moulsoford is our Remembrance service. Normal services are 9am on a Sunday, all are welcome.

Rebecca Peters - Vicar

rev.cholseyandmoulsoford@gmail.com

Carols by Candlelight

Save the Date

Sunday 22nd December

As the nights draw in and we all begin to tentatively address our plans for Christmas, here is a date for your diary. On Sunday 22nd December the church will be decked in holly, ivy, lit with candles creating a truly traditional atmosphere for our "Carols by Candlelight" service. We will provide more details in November, but for now, make a note, 4.00pm, 22nd December, Moultsford church.

Church Notices

Sunday 3rd November 3.00pm St Mary's Cholsey - All Souls Service

You are welcome to an All Souls Day service to remember the departed and light a candle for loved ones who have passed.

Sunday 10th November 9.00am St John the Baptist, Moultsford - Remembrance Service

Please join us to honour the fallen on this Remembrance Sunday.

Sunday 22nd December 4.00pm St John the Baptist, Moultsford - Carols by Candlelight Service

A traditional carol service.

What's on in Moultsford and Surrounding Areas

Monthly Coffee Shop

Alison and Gary Fagg

THE NEXT MOULSFORD COFFEE SHOP

WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER

AT THE PAVILION FROM 10.30 – 12.00



A big thank you for everyone who came to The Coffee Shop in September. There was a huge turnout of 36 people and it was good to see a few new faces and hope to see you again in October.

Ann and Paul will be putting the kettle on in October. Everyone is welcome to come and join us and please bring along your friends, relations and neighbours for a chat.

If you would like to take a turn behind the counter please put your name/s down on the clipboard. Help will be on hand and please don't be put off as cake and biscuits are provided.

The Moultsford Coffee Shop is on the second Wednesday of each month. We just ask for £1.50 to include all refreshments.



From 2nd September 2024 until further notice

133 via Streatley & Moulsoford

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

<i>Service number</i>	133L	133L	133L
<i>Days of operation</i>	F	M, W	F
GORING, Railway Station	09:00	09:10	11:40
Goring, Library*	09:01	09:11	11:41
Streatley Traffic Lights	09:02	09:12	11:42
Moulsoford Beetle & Wedge	09:07	09:17	11:47
Moulsoford Old Vicarage	09:08	09:18	11:48
Wallingford Hospital	R	R	R
Wallingford station (LiDL)	R	R	R
WALLINGFORD, Market Place	09:20	09:30	12:05
<i>Service number</i>	133L	133L	133L
<i>Days of operation</i>	M, W	F	F
WALLINGFORD, Market Place	10:50	11:20	14:25
Wallingford station (LiDL)	Q	Q	Q
Wallingford Hospital	10:51	11:21	14:26
Moulsoford Old Vicarage	R	R	R
Moulsoford Beetle & Wedge	10:56	11:26	14:31
The Coombe	R	R	R
Streatley Traffic Lights	10:59	11:29	14:34
Goring, Thames Road	R	R	R
GORING, Railway Station	11:13	11:40	14:45

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The 133 service on Mondays and Wednesdays is provided by diverting one 134 return journey to run through Streatley and Moulsoford instead of Cleeve and the Stokes

Sorry no services on other days including Public Holidays

What's on in Moulsoford and Surrounding Areas continued

What's On at the Corn Exchange in Wallingford, Cinema/Theatre:

October



CORN
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1st-3rd: **The Goldman Case** (7:30pm - 9:30pm)

4th,5th: **The Critic** (7:30pm - 9:15pm)

<https://www.cornexchange.org.uk/whats-on>

15th-19th: **Breath of Spring - Sinodun Players Production** (19:30 One interval)

19th: **Breath of Spring** (2:30pm - 5pm Matinee, One interval)

20th, 21st, 23rd: **Lee** (7:30pm - 9:30pm)

23rd: **Lee** (2:30pm - 4:30pm, Matinee)

22nd: **The Count of Monte Cristo** (7:30 - 10:30pm)

24th: **The Royal Ballet - Alice's Adventures in Wonderland** (7:15pm - 10:45pm, Two Intervals)

25th: **Megalopolis** (7:30pm - 9:50pm)

26th: **Austen's Women - Lady Susan** (7:30pm - 9pm)

27th, 28th: **Megalopolis** (7:30pm - 9:50pm)

29th-31st: **The Outrun** (7:30pm - 9:30pm)

30th: **The Outrun** (2:30pm - 4:30pm, Matinee)

Cholsey Community Library

Monday to Friday
2 - 4.30pm

Friday (Evening)
6 - 8pm

Saturday (Morning)
9.30 - 12.30pm

Wallingford Country Market



COUNTRY
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Open each Friday morning
in St. Mary-le-More Church,
(situated just behind the
Town Hall), 9.30 - 12 noon.

Selling delicious homemade baked goods and preserves,
home grown plants, fruit and vegetables and many crafts.


Spinning Club - Social Craft

Moulsoford craft group meets on the 2nd Thursday of the
Month and would like to invite anyone who already does
crafting or would like to start crafting to join us.

It is a very sociable and informal meeting and everyone is
made to feel welcome.

We meet between 6.30 and 10pm.

For more information, call Linda Scurr on 652916.



MOULSFORD LADIES' NIGHT
1ST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
7.30PM @ THE BEETLE & WEDGE
COME ALONG FOR A DRINK AND CATCH UP

ALL WELCOME



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SINGING, DANCING & STORYTELLING**

**A NEW CLASS FOR CHILDREN
AGE 0-4 YEARS**

**DAY
THURSDAYS**

**TIME
9.30-10.15AM**

**VENUE
MOULSFORD PRE-PREP
OX10 9HR**

**NO NEED TO BOOK
FREE OF CHARGE**



Contact telephone number: 01491 652511

What's on in Moulsoford and Surrounding Areas continued

Wallingford Local Producers Market

Wallingford Local Producers Market (WLPM) is held every Saturday morning from 10am to 12:30pm.

Markets are held in St Mary's Church in the centre of Wallingford. Usually, our food stalls can be found outside with our craft stalls inside.

WLPM hosts the best of locally-produced food and crafts that are grown, harvested and made within 30 miles of Wallingford. We champion local farmers and vegetable growers, cheese-makers, bakers, and makers of honey and preserves. Every market has a range of craft stalls including textiles, jewellery, ceramics, art and photography, all hand-made by local people.



Wallingford Emergency Food Bank

We are a registered charity operating a food bank based in the centre of Wallingford with the aim of providing emergency food packages to those who need them. Wallingford Emergency Food Bank was set up by Churches Together in the Wallingford Area and we began serving the community in 2011.

Our address is
Wallingford Emergency Foodbank
Ridgeway Community Church
21b/22 St Mary's St
Wallingford
OX10 0EW



In the first year, we provided food for approximately 400 people. The current annual demand is approximately 3000 people. We rely entirely on unpaid volunteers and donations of food and money from the public, churches, and other local organisations.

If you need food please [click here](#) to find out more.

If you are interested in volunteering please [click here](#).

If you would like to donate to the food bank please [click here](#).

Although we are essentially a Christian run organisation, we are by no means exclusive; we welcome volunteers of any faith or none, and we give food to anyone in real need.

HENLEY AND DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

Like many Clubs and Societies we are looking for new members. You would be surprised how wide the range of interest there is in stamp collecting. It is not just collecting little pieces of paper but looking at how they are designed, manufactured or used.

There is a wide range of subjects that come under the umbrella of philately.

The Henley Stamp Club is a friendly group and we would be delighted to see new visitors or members. If you are interested in facts concerning stamps or postal history, why not come along and explore how you can promote your interest?

Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month in Bix Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.
Next meetings are Wednesday, 9th October and 23rd October.



On the 9th we have exciting visiting speakers Janet and Nick Nelson presenting "An evening in Brazil" - the history and culture of Brazil, with a power point display, illustrated using stamps of the country from the first issue to the present day.

There will be plenty to interest both philatelists and non collectors alike; all are welcome.

Visitors and new members are very welcome.

Further details can be obtained by phoning Steve on 07767 251670 or on our website www.henleyphilatelic.org.uk

What's on in Moulsoford and Surrounding Areas continued

Streets of light

St Mary's Cholsey

26th October – 3rd November

Streets of Light ... What is it ??



For one week, at the end of October, people create a design for their home, place of work, school, church, shop....in fact anywhere there is a window!

The windows are then lit up every evening, for people to spot and find.

We would love people to get involved with Streets of Light in order to spread and share a message of light, love and hope throughout Cholsey.

For more info contact familyworker@stmarys.org

Streets of Light is becoming a national initiative with streets, roads, towns and cities all across the UK being lit up over the week of 26th October. St Mary's believe that there are enough dark and scary images around at this time of year and Cholsey have joined in.

We would love more churches, communities and people to get involved with the Streets of Light Trail in order to be part of bringing God's love, light and hope to their communities - turning streets that may be dark and scary, into streets of light, love and hope.

As this happens across the UK, rather than individual homes being a tiny, isolated pinprick of light on a map, we hope instead to see hundreds of these houses of light connected to each other, forming links and chains across neighbourhoods, cities and the country.

The ideas...

Please remember that your window can be really simple – for example using fairy lights or a light box is totally fine.

The key things to remember are:

Every window needs to include the words 'Light' or 'Love' or 'Hope' somewhere in the design.

Please don't have anything scary/frightening or linked to Halloween in your display. If you want to use pumpkins; then perhaps carve them with hearts, or the words light, love, or hope - instead of faces.

Your window needs to be lit from approximately 5:30-9:00pm each night. Just pop your light on and leave your curtains open - or maybe use a lamp on a timer if you won't be in.

Join us

We have registered the Laurence hall and you can register your houses on www.streetsoflight.co.uk.

We have a workshop planned for 19th October where people can come and make their window displays. We can come along for a workshop if you would like one and are unable to attend the 19th.

For children we will be holding a light party and hopefully end with a light festival celebration and reflection for all ages in St Mary's Church.

Please contact Val Bolt for more info at familyworker@stmaryscholsey.org.

Streets of Light windows workshop



Join us at The Laurence Hall to create your window display and help light up Cholsey as the nights draw in

Sat 19th October from 2pm

more info from: National
<https://www.streetsoflight.co.uk>

Cholsey:

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Local News

Wheelyboat club on course to set new records!

Number of voyages made and passengers carried continue to soar!

Wallingford Accessible Boat Club (WABC), the local charity which enables disabled and less mobile people to get out and about on the River Thames, has today announced that its recently introduced 5-day per week service is proving to be a real winner, as evidenced by a sharp increase in the number of voyages made and passengers carried.

With more than one full month remaining of the wheelyboat season (at end of September), the number of both voyages delivered and passengers carried to-date are equivalent to the whole 2023 season. Over that year, 65 river trips were made carrying 252 passengers, at the time setting new records. This year these numbers will be smashed - despite the patchy summer weather!

WABC Chairman, John Jenkins MBE, elaborated: "We are all really excited about the popularity of our wheelyboat service. It is so very pleasing that so many disabled and elderly people in our area are taking advantage of the free-of-charge service we offer. Last winter, we implemented a wide-spread promotional campaign, targeting healthcare professionals across all segments of the community throughout Oxfordshire and today we are witnessing the results of that. The increased demand simply follows increased awareness."

Jenkins continued: "What's more, the increased capacity enabled by our 5-day per week service, announced in early June, enables us to cope with the demand – thanks to our brilliant team of trained volunteers. They are simply wonderful, being so willing and flexible with their crewing shifts, doing all they can to ensure our passenger voyages are always accommodated, if at all possible. I can't thank them enough!"

"I urge all disabled and less mobile people in South Oxfordshire to take full advantage of our service – come and have some fun on the river! There's still time this season but you'll need to hurry. Voyages are free of charge but in order to operate we are happy to accept donations. Simply book a voyage on our website www.wabc.org.uk"

Earth Trust Farm Pumpkin Patch

This October, come down to the farm for a whole host of great activities for visitors of all ages to enjoy at the Pumpkin Patch, with heaps of harvesting fun to be had!

As well as the all-important growing field, where you can pick your perfect pumpkin and select your favourite squash direct from the earth it grew in, there's a storytelling teepee with autumnal stories and harvest-time tales, in Earth Lab's Discovery Zone science experiments and testing tables to delve into the hidden world of soil, plus a mini scarecrow trail around the farm and a mega maize maze to beat in the field!

Dates: Sundays 13th, 20th, 27th and Monday 28th-Thursdays 31st October

Times: 10am-1pm and 1pm-4pm

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Fri, 13th Dec	Village Gala Night	Beetle and Wedge
Fri, 20th Dec	Moulsford Village Social	Moulsford Pavilion
Sun, 22nd Dec	Carols by Candlelight	Moulsford Church

Moulsford News Contributions

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