

Moulsford Events

Nigel Baker

What a lovely time it was on the river cruises last week, both trips enjoying perfect weather on the great boat from Salters Steamers. We had around 40 kids on the family cruise, which made for a very special atmosphere, and lots of happy memories were made.

The later cruise headed downriver for a very chilled and enjoyable evening. Thanks to all who came along to make it a special time, to all those who helped organise, and also to Ben and all the staff at the Beetle and Wedge for looking after post-cruise passengers who stayed on for various nightcaps...

All being well, we hope to launch again in 2025.

Now it's July and as ever, plenty to tell you about.

Friday nights continue, with the popular and highly entertaining annual fun village Dog Show on Friday 21st July.

For more details or to enter your four-legged friends, call Hilary on 07880 732381.

Plans for Friday food are still developing; we hope to have some more offerings at socials if we can. Please keep an eye on the village Facebook page for updates on this and all things Events.

August tends to be a bit quiet, and at the moment we're looking a bit short of bar volunteers, particularly on the later stints. So, if we haven't got the help for packing down, we may well call last orders at 8.30pm to close by 9 unless we're very busy. Normal hours will resume in September and we hope to have full catering on all nights including the wildlife BBQ on September 8th.

As we're past midsummer, apparently it's officially time to start looking ahead to winter and Christmas!

There are only a few tickets left for the Comedy Night at the Pavilion on 7th October; to bag them call Tracey Lee on 07866 625521.

A date for your diaries is Friday 15th December for the ever popular Village Christmas Gala, this year at the Beetle and Wedge.

Keep in touch with us, and we look forwards to seeing you soon!

COMEDY NIGHT - SATURDAY 7th OCTOBER

This is proving to be a very popular event and will be a first for Moulsford. We'll be having 4 stand-up comedians, including the Master of Ceremonies to entertain us for the evening at what looks to be a great night out. We'll be running the bar as I'm sure all the laughter will make everyone thirsty!

We only have around 15 tickets left, so if you want to come along and haven't yet ordered any tickets please get in touch with Tracey Lee ASAP. Tel. 07866 625521. Once they're gone - they're gone!



Parish Council Report

The new session of the Parish Council has started with a flurry of activity! We were delighted to welcome 4 members of the public at our June parish meeting, raising concerns regarding river access, the state of the roads (particularly on the A329 as you come into the village from the south side), and overgrown footpaths. Dates for upcoming meetings are shown elsewhere in this newsletter and I would encourage you to come along, find out what we do, and raise any concerns you may have directly with us.

At that same June meeting, we were delighted to vote in Melanie Mousley Jones as our 5th Moulsoford councillor; we are now up to full strength. Melanie brings experience in project management, charity, and counselling roles, as well as a keen interest in the environment.

At time of writing, meetings are being scheduled with both private schools in the village to discuss future plans and how we continue to work together. An on-site meeting is also set on 30th June with Oxfordshire County Council Highways to discuss traffic, congestion, and parking issues in Moulsoford and how these might be resolved. Whilst on the administration side, we are going through the annual audit process for the first time as a new council; a learning process!

A reminder that the Neighbourhood Priority Statement village review is due to come to an end soon. As yet we have had limited comments. Please don't forget that you can download a copy from our website - simply scan the QR code below or enter the following URL:

<http://www.moulsoford-pc.org.uk/community/moulsoford-on-thames-15214/home/>



Any problems downloading the report, please let me know. You can also pick up printed copies of this report at the Friday night village socials, or from myself directly. Please email all feedback to spowell@moulsoford-pc.org.uk.

Planning Applications and Decisions

Moulsoford 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 planning portal here:

<http://www.moulsoford-pc.org.uk/community/moulsoford-on-thames-15214/planning-applications/>

Planning App	Brief Description	SODC Update/ MPC Comments
P23/S0692/HH Old Hall, Moulsoford, OX10 9JD	New external insulation, single storey rear extension, new front entrance and internal alterations (as amended by plans and information received 14 June 2023).	MPC: Object SODC: Considering

Pavilion Management Committee

Marketing the Pavilion - Are you a future marketing star?

Perhaps you are studying Business Studies at school or University and have loads of ideas about how to successfully engage with customers. Well, here is an opportunity to put theory into action!

Moulsoford Pavilion has established a diverse customer base, but we are keen to see if we can generate more hirers from our community and beyond. This is a short-term voluntary project of a few hours that will identify and help implement a new customer engagement plan.

Great experience if you need a case study for your CV and you'll be supporting an important village asset.

For more information mail: clockox@aol.com

Dear Friends,

I always look forward to the Summer, time to go away, to no longer be surrounded by distractions of work, or jobs to be done. Time to explore a new area, walking new countryside and seeing the children having fun. But the best bit about going away is no TV, no tablets, no internet, being a little disconnected from the world, so that we have time to enjoy each other as a family, to listen to each other, to play games and to remember how to have fun together. Time together is so important and so is time with God. Just getting to be with him on our own, learning to enjoy God's presence.

God delights in us and we are called to delight and enjoy him.

There is a verse Psalm 37:4 "Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart."

Delighting in God is such an enjoyable activity, it is really its own reward. A person is never more fulfilled than when he or she delights himself/herself in the Lord. And I think that's the point. God releases grace, ability, and resources to those who delight in him because he can trust them.

This Summer you are invited to "Delight in the Lord" through attending our parish Sunday services 9:30am.

I pray that as the Summer season approaches that you would really know a sense of God's joy, that you would learn again to delight in him, as you spend time enjoying his creation by relaxing and resting with family and friends.

Rebecca Peters - Vicar

rev.cholseyandmoulsford@gmail.com



St. John the Baptist, Moulsoford, July

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
				1	2	09:30 CW Contemporary Rev'd Canon Martyn Griffiths
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10:00 Thanksgiving Service 11:00 Keep Fit Cholsey Meadows Contact 599 433		14:30 House Group contact 651401		11:00 Communion Old Vicarage Revd Chris Stott		09:30 Faith Explored Jill Atkins/Megan Carter 16:00 Youth Group BBQ contact 651401
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
11:00 Keep Fit Cholsey Meadows Contact 599 433		10:30 Coffee Shop Pavilion 14:30 House Group contact 651401		11:00 Morning Praise Old Vicarage Laity		09:30 CW Contemporary Revd Rebecca Peters
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	09:30 L Team Kingstanding House		15:00 Cakes, Tea, & Chat 10 Glebe Close	11:00 Morning Praise Old Vicarage Laity		09:30 CW Contemporary Revd Chris Stott
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
19:45 PCC				11:00 Morning Praise Old Vicarage Laity		09:30 Benefice Service CW Contemporary Revd Allan Gates
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A short morning service is available each day in conjunction with our Partnership Parish of St. Phillip the Apostle, Huhudi, SA by Zoom, WhatsApp and e-mail. Contact Janet Knowles 651401 for further details.

St. John the Baptist, Moulsoford, August

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2	3	4	5	6	09:30 CW Contemporary Rev'd Josue Miodwinter
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		10:30 Coffee Shop Pavilion		11:00 Morning Praise Old Vicarage Laity		09:30 Faith Explored Jill Atkins/ Sarah Brudenell
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Elli the Gardener



Hello, welcome back. As you may have noticed, there was no Elli the gardener article last month. A few people have told me how they missed my article last month, which made me really happy that you guys like it. But I have decided to only write an article once every two months from now on, as I am quite busy at the moment with schoolwork and other things. I hope that that is ok with all of you. Now back to the article!

Gardening diary

These last two months I have done a fair bit of gardening. First, I planted some runner beans around a wigwam of poles. Now, a month later, they are already fairly high, and have twisted themselves around the poles nicely, without any guidance from us. We didn't even need to tie them on once! I am very happy with their progress. I have harvested my shallots, and they are drying next to the garlic (which I planted in October or November last year in our big bed) in the greenhouse. Of course that means that we have more space where the shallots used to be, so we went to the garden center, had a nice (vegetarian) full english breakfast and got some dwarf french beans. Me and Emily also picked five alpines which my dad then put in an old sink afterwards. They look very pretty! The dwarf french beans have been planted into pots so that they can be put into the bed once they are big enough, so that the slugs and snails don't eat them up before they've had a chance. We have also all planted a pumpkin, for halloween. Mine is called THE OMEGA PUMPKIN. I am hoping that it grows bigger than all the others. I think that's it for this month. Bye!

Gardening Quiz

1. What plant grows on trees? Kiwis or apricots?
2. What gives plants their green colour?
3. What is the scale for measuring the heat of peppers? Ampere or Scoville?
4. True or false: Potatoes are in the nightshade family.
5. Malus is the latin name for what?

Challenge

Try going vegetarian for a week, or even just a few days! Meat uses up so much water to produce, that you will be saving lots of water too.

Fun Fact

Did you know that there are more microorganisms in one teaspoon of soil than there are people on earth? Wow!

Answers for the last quiz

1. I realise that the question last month could have had a few answers, but the one I was looking for was aphids.
2. Tomatoes are the plants that normally need staking, but there are a few exceptions. There are the bush tomato and also some trailing varieties, bred for hanging baskets.
3. Potassium is an essential plant nutrient.
4. Deadheading is removing dead flowers from a plant. It stops the plant exhausting its energy on creating seeds, and promotes more flowers.
5. Yes, asparagus is a perennial.

LIVE MUSIC WITH O'RAEL

*Bank Holiday Monday
28th August 2023*



*Call us on 01491 651381 to book your table
boathouse@beetleandwedge.co.uk*

THE
Beetle & Wedge
RIVERSIDE INN AND RESTAURANT

What's on in Moultsford and Surrounding Areas

Monthly Coffee Shop

Gail Slinger



The next **Village Coffee Shop** will be on
Wed, 12th July 2023 in the **Pavilion** from **10:30am** to **12 noon**.



Please come and join us, bring a friend, neighbour or family member, we would love to see you all and have a chat. Please put your name on our Calendar Rota for 'Putting the Kettle on' there is always help on hand if you need it and it's a good way to meet people and have a chat.

The June Coffee Shop was another great success and lovely to catch up with everyone after my 3 month trip away. Some great baking once again, thank you ladies, most enjoyable, the sun shone for us so everything was good.

A Very BIG Thank you to Linda, Daryl, Alison and Gary for all your help running the Coffee Shop in my absence.

Putting the kettle on in **July** will be **Me**. As this will be Wimbledon month, we shall be enjoying some Wimbledon Treats with Strawberries, Fizz and Scones too.

So lovely Moultsford residents, friends and family we look forward to seeing you in July at the pavilion.

Future Dates

- 9th August -
- 13th September -

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Wallingford Country Market

WALLINGFORD COUNTRY MARKET – have YOU visited us yet?

Open each Friday morning in St. Mary-le-More Church, (situated just behind the Town Hall), between 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon. Fresh delicious Home-baked Cakes and Savouries, Local Honey and Seasonal Preserves, Plants, Flowering Bulbs and Hand-crafted items available each week.

Orders taken for most items we sell. New producers always welcome – if interested, please visit us one Friday morning and speak with our Market Manager, Alison Broadbridge, or phone her on 01491-681596.

WALLINGFORD COUNTRY MARKET COMMITTEE

133 Goring to Wallingford via Streatley & Moulsoford

Due to the closure of the A329 Wallingford Road north of Streatley traffic lights for 5 weeks from 15th May 2023 this service will not be able to run through Streatley. Revised times are shown below.

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS ONLY

<i>Dates of Operation</i>	15th May to 16th June 2023		From 19th June 2023 until further notice	
GORING, Railway Stn Forecourt	08:57		09:05	11:20
Goring Library	X		09:06	11:21
Streatley Traffic Lights	X		09:07	11:22
Moulsoford Beetle & Wedge	09:12	11:06	09:12	11:27
Moulsoford Old Vicarage	09:13		09:13	
Wallingford Hospital	R	R	R	R
Wallingford station (LiDL)	R	R	R	R
WALLINGFORD, Market Place	09:25	11:20	09:25	11:45
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WALLINGFORD, Market Place	11:00	15:00	11:00	15:05
Wallingford station (LiDL)	Q	Z	Q	Z
Wallingford Hospital	11:01	15:01	11:01	15:06
Moulsoford Old Vicarage	R	R	R	R
Moulsoford Beetle & Wedge	11:06	R	11:06	15:11
The Coombe		X	R	R
Streatley Traffic Lights		X	11:09	15:14
Goring, Thames Road		X	R	R
GORING, Railway Stn Forecourt		15:30	11:20	15:30

Times in italics indicate service does not operate every day

M,W,F Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only

- X Due to road closure these stops cannot be served.
- Q Please inform the driver on your outward journey if you would like to be picked up here. Does not set down here
- R Sets down here only on request: does not pick up here
- Z Does not serve LiDL

**Sorry no service on other days or
Public Holidays**

What's on in Moulsoford and Surrounding Areas *continued*

THE COFFEE SHOP



WEDS 12th July
10.30AM-12NOON

If you fancy a couple of hours of chatting, relaxing and drinking coffee or tea, do join us, £1.50 donation.

Please do come along, everyone from the village is welcome. For more information call Gail Slinger on 01491 651931 or email gailslinger2601@gmail.com.

Wallingford Accessible Boat Club announces:



A Charity Music Festival for Wallingford's Wheelyboat

What:

A multi-genre live music event featuring rock & country bands, solo artists and local jammers. A variety of Headliners include Definitely 90's, Funky Funks, Cover Bouys and Kennet Delta Cowboys

When:

Sunday 24th September 2023, 2pm-9pm

Where:

Wallingford Sports Park, Hithercroft Road, Wallingford OX10 9RB

Why:

Wallingford Accessible Boat Club's objective is to enable disabled and less mobile people to get out on our lovely River Thames on our Wheelyboat WOW-one free of charge. Our annual costs of £13,000 however have to be covered which is why our Club has to raise funds through initiatives such as WheelyFest. We need every penny we can raise.

How:

Ticket only – Adults £10.00; Under 12's £5.00; Under 5's Free of charge. Available July

Extras:

Hog Roast, Food and Drink from the Bar
A selection of fundraising games, star prize raffle, silent auction. All Donations welcome!

All proceeds for the benefit of Wallingford Accessible Boat Club

Please Save the Date!!

Further information will be available from www.wabc.org.uk at a later date.

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.

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

July Calendar

11th - 15th - A Bunch of Amateurs - 7.30pm - 10pm - Sindodun Players Presents

15th & 16th - A Bunch of Amateurs - 2.30pm - 5pm - Sindodun Players Presents (Matinee)

17th & 18th - Chevalier - 7.30pm - 9.30pm

19th - Oklahoma The Musical - 2.30pm - 5.45pm - One Interval (Matinee)

19th - Oklahoma The Musical - 7.30pm - 10.45pm - One Interval

20th - Tokyo Stories Exhibition - 7.30pm - 9pm

21st - 23rd - Asteroid City - 7.30pm - 9.30pm

22nd - Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny - 2.30pm - 5pm (Matinee)

24th - 27th - Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny - 7.30pm - 10pm

26th - Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny - 2.30pm - 5pm (Matinee)

29th - Oppenheimer - 2.30pm (Matinee)

28th - 31st - Oppenheimer - 7.30pm - 10.30pm

August Calendar

2nd & 5th - Oppenheimer - 2.30pm (Matinee)

1st - 5th - Oppenheimer - 7.30pm - 10.30pm

6th - 22nd Summer Shut Down

23rd - Don Quixote - 2.30pm (Matinee)

23rd - Don Quixote - 7.30pm

Cholsey Community Library

Monday to Friday 2pm to 4.30pm

Friday Evening 6pm to 8pm

Saturday Morning 9.30pm-12.30pm

HENLEY AND DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

Now it is Summer with the warmer and longer days, the club has a break and will be re-commencing in September. On those rainy days why not look at renewing an old hobby?

Have you thought of resurrecting a hobby from your past, like stamp collecting?

You will find it more than just collecting a little bit of sticky paper. If you look into the history and background of the stamps and postal history, there is a lot to learn.

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



To learn more about stamps and postal history why not visit us at Bix one Wednesday evening? You can then meet people who find postal history and the story of stamps fascinating too.

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

Visitors and new members are very welcome.

Further details can be obtained by phoning Brian on 01491 681739 or on our website: -

www.henleyphilatelic.org.uk

Moulsford Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, 13th July 2023

19:30 in the Pavilion
Everyone welcome!

Moulsford Events Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, 12th July 2023
Wednesday, 23rd August 2023**

19:30 in the Pavilion
Everyone welcome!

Wallingford Local Producers Market



Held every Saturday
from 10am to 12.30pm in
St Mary's Church

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.

Usually our food stalls can be found outside with the craft stalls tucked away inside.

Nettlebed Art & Craft Show 2023

will be held in Nettlebed Community School Hall

on Saturday 5th August 12 noon to 6 pm

and

Sunday 6th August 10 am to 5 pm

For Entry Forms to show paintings or to have a craft table:

email: nettlebedas@gmail.com

or phone Susan on 01491 641138

All proceeds go to Local Charities

Free entry and parking. Teas available all day.

Disabled Access

A poster for 'BoogieTOTS' with a red background and yellow and blue musical notes. At the top center is a small crest. The title 'BoogieTOTS' is in a large, yellow, playful font. Below it, in smaller yellow capital letters, is 'JOIN JOSIE & HER GUITAR FOR SINGING, DANCING & STORYTELLING'. This is followed by 'A NEW CLASS FOR CHILDREN AGE 0-4 YEARS'. Then 'DAY THURSDAYS', 'TIME 9.30-10.15AM', and 'VENUE MOULSFORD PRE-PREP OX10 9HR'. Below that, in white capital letters, is 'NO NEED TO BOOK FREE OF CHARGE'. On the right side, there is a circular inset photo of a woman with blonde hair playing a guitar to a young child. At the bottom right, in white capital letters, is 'Contact telephone number: 01491 652511'.

BoogieTOTS

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Repair more in 2023!



CHOLSEY REPAIR CAFE

Sat. 15th July 2023

11 am to 1.45 pm at Cholsey Pavilion.

Bring along your broken item and a team of volunteers will try to help you mend it

Subject to availability of volunteer specialists or equipment on the day, we may be able to offer help with: -

- ✓ bicycles
- ✓ electricals
- ✓ laptops/computers
- ✓ clocks
- ✓ mechanical problems
- ✓ clothing and textiles
- ✓ specialist gluing
- ✓ tool & knife sharpening
- ✓ PAT testing
- ✓ gardening equipment

www.cholseyrepaircafe.com

+ Cholsey Repair Cafe on Facebook 

Cholsey 80th Village Show

The 80th Cholsey Show will be held on
Saturday, 19th August 2023
on the recreation ground next to Cholsey Pavilion,
Station Road, Cholsey.

Judging of the flower show takes place in the morning
and the showground opens to the public from 12 – 5.

Free entry and car parking.

The show will have a vintage flavour this year as it is our
80th anniversary. Entertainment on the showground will include
a Birds of Prey display from Arden Falconry,
Children's vintage carousel, Music from Cholsey Silver Band,
Captain Fantastic children's entertainer, car boot sale, stalls
and food and drink including Real Ale bar.

Show Classes in the marquee include Vegetables, Flowers,
Flower Arranging, Domestic Produce, Handicrafts, Photography
and Children's classes. For details on all classes and to enter visit
our website www.cholseyhortsoc.org.uk.

Moulsford Fun Dog Show 2023

Friday 21st July 2023

Starts: 7:00 pm

In front of Moulsford Pavilion

Fun competition for all ages to enter including:

1. Dog most like it's owner
2. Fastest sit
3. Best 6 legs
4. Best trick
5. Waggiest tail
6. Fun Obstacle Course

Independent Judge from outside the village:

Frances Brindle

Please donate in the collection pot £1 per round
or £5 for all 6 rounds entrance.

If you don't have a dog and want to join in the fun
please get in touch and we will try and supply you
with a suitable dog for your round(s).

Any questions please contact
Hilary Shaw on 07880 732381

Dogs need to be under close supervision
at this event please.

Organised by:

Moulsford Events Committee (MEC).

Please buy a drink from the bar to help support
Moulsford village events

Local News

Wallingford Accessible Boat Club Celebrates as Planning Permission Granted

Wallingford Accessible Boat Club (WABC), the local charity aiming to enable disabled people and the less mobile to get out on the river, are at last, celebrating! The Club has taken a major step towards the achievement of its goal to bring the operation of its wheelyboat, WOW-one, to central Wallingford.

The Planning permission, which covers both SODC and Environment Agency planning, has finally been granted for the development of disabled-friendly facilities for the Club's wheelyboat at Riverside, Wallingford on the site adjacent to Wallingford leisure park. For the past three years WABC have been working with SODC, leaders of the development, to create such a facility and waiting for the past year or so for planning permission. Now, to the delight of this increasingly popular voluntary organisation, they have it!

WABC Chair John Jenkins MBE commented: "I am absolutely delighted by this news as is every member of our Club – what a breakthrough!. At last we can see the light at the end of the tunnel – clearly we still have a long way to go until we have the facilities we need but the way forward is a lot more straightforward. Perhaps now we can realistically hope for Riverside becoming our operating base, our home, for the 2024 season. Wouldn't that be wonderful!"

Jenkins continued: "Whilst the Riverside facilities have been designed primarily for WABC purposes, it will also provide disabled-friendly access to the general public and thus become a major addition to Wallingford's 'leisure and pleasure' facilities for disabled people within our community, something it badly needs."

"Finally, I want to add my thanks to members of the SODC project team who have demonstrated not only real commitment to the development but also great creativity with its design which has been instrumental in overcoming the Environment Agency's initial planning objections."

For further information contact John Jenkins at john.jenkins@wabc.org.uk

Over 400 Walkers take part in North Wessex Downs Walking Festival 2-11 June 2023

Over 400 walkers took part in the third North Wessex Downs Walking Festival which finished last Sunday. Twenty-six walks have taken place over nine days. There were events across the area including walks starting from Devizes, Whitchurch, Uffington, Pangbourne and Marlborough - to name just a few.

The North Wessex Downs has top class walking country on offer and the walking festival is the perfect opportunity for residents and visitors to explore more of this fascinating and beautiful landscape.

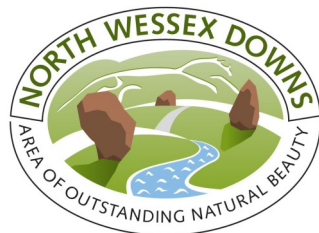
This year walkers have heard intriguing stories from the past, discovered wildflowers and butterflies, strolled across farms, explored the Ridgeway, learnt about ancient trees and even practiced their art journaling skills with the support of a professional artist. Walk leaders have included local historians, farmers and land managers, a Savernake Forest ranger as well as knowledgeable community walk leaders.

Anne Shepley, Communications Officer from North Wessex Downs AONB said: "This year's walking festival has been our best yet with a huge diversity of walks across the AONB. We have been particularly pleased to be able to offer walks on a number of farms where we have been working with farmers on activities which are having a direct and positive impact for wildlife and nature.

Walkers have come from as far afield as Brighton and West London to take part.

We are extremely grateful to all our walk leaders, most of whom are volunteers, for helping us deliver the walking festival."

To hear about future walking events, sign up to the North Wessex Downs newsletter via their website at northwessexdowns.org.



Withymead Nature Reserve and Little Meadow

Withymead Nature Reserve is on the opposite side of the riverbank to Moulsoford. A haven of tranquility, it is a protected nature reserve with a hidden boat-building past, run by volunteers for the benefit of native wildlife and the local community. Visitors are most welcome during our scheduled opening times or by appointment. Why not invite friends and family to join you, especially if they haven't been before?

We have our renowned Cream Tea Sundays 2-5pm on 30 July and 27 August with delicious home-baked scones and cakes, tea, coffee, and squash. We are also launching our first 'Free for All' August Saturdays, offering another chance to just turn up and enjoy the reserve 12-5pm on 5, 12, 19 August during the school holidays. With shady spots, paths to discover and quiet moments with a pair of binoculars in the bird hides, it's another wonderful chance to spend time at the reserve when you are looking for something to do on those long hot summer days. There's no need to book for any of these afternoons, just come along.

You can also make a private booking on Fridays and Saturdays through to the end of August (excluding August Saturday afternoons from 12noon). Routine time slots are 10:00-12:00hrs, 12:00-14:00hrs, and 14:00-16:00hrs. You can check availability and book on our website, allowing at least 24 hours in advance of your visit. Make the most of your visit and bring a picnic to enjoy sitting at our waterfront deck, or a flask of tea, coffee or soup to sip whilst perched in one of our hides. These are open to all individuals, families, friends, clubs, not for profit organisations and educational groups or anyone who wishes to savour this local wildlife site. If you'd like to book a commercial hire, you are welcome to book under site hire.

The charity (ACCT) and its volunteers also manage Little Meadow, a floodplain wildflower meadow south of Goring, just before the railway bridge. Thames Path users will soon see some path improvements taking place, all being well, in July. Local contractors will re-engineer the path to provide a hard wearing surface so you can run and walk more safely in future years. It will also be restored to its original route closer to the river. Work will take approximately three weeks. For pedestrian safety, the work area will be fenced off and a temporary path created through the meadow. We advise keeping dogs on leads. Thank you in advance for your patience and respect for the measures and signage in place to manage the work safely, particularly when heavy plant machinery is being moved or is in use.

We also look forward to visitors once again being able to read our noticeboard and enjoy sitting on the benches at either end of the meadow!

The work is funded by a substantial grant from the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE) with funding from Grundon Waste Management Ltd through the Landfill Communities Fund. Partial match funding has also been provided by the Thames Path National Trail. We'd like to thank them for their generous support.

The Anne Carpmael Trust, which owns the Withymead Nature Reserve, is seeking someone with a financial background to join the Trustee Board and take over the role of Treasurer. The trust has an annual income of around £30,000. The duties of the Treasurer include maintaining the financial records and preparing the annual accounts. If you are interested, a more detailed job specification is available from our Chair of Trustees, Jenny Hedge.

E: jenny.hedge@tiscali.co.uk

Moulsoford News Contributions

Planning a local event?

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Share your news, plans and stories with us!

You can reach the editor, Katja Abel, by email:

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Deadline for September edition: Wednesday, 23rd August 2023

Local News continued

Nettlebed Art and Craft Show

Start painting and crafting to exhibit at Nettlebed Art and Craft Show in Nettlebed School Community Hall. This is open for two days: Saturday 5th August 12 noon to 6pm and Sunday 6th August 10am to 5pm. Entry forms will be issued with full instructions. If you would like to show your work, please email: nettlebedas@gmail.com or phone 01491 641138 to get on our mailing list.

Come and support us over the weekend. There is free parking and free entry. Teas are available on both days. This show has something affordable for everyone including wonderful paintings and various crafts including sculpture, woodturning, cards, glass mosaics, textiles and jewellery. Our profits are donated to local charities.

Cholsey Repair Café

Cholsey Repair Café rides again on Saturday 15th July, when you can bring your broken household items to the Cholsey Pavilion for advice and possible repair by a team of experienced volunteer fixers. Doors open at 11.00 and the session will run until 13.45. Repairs and advice are given free (apart from the cost of any spare parts) but donations towards running costs are appreciated. Tasty refreshments and hot drinks, courtesy of the Cholsey Community Café, will be available next door until midday. You can learn more about Cholsey Repair Café at www.cholseyrepaircafe.com, or email repaircafe@cholsey.com with questions.

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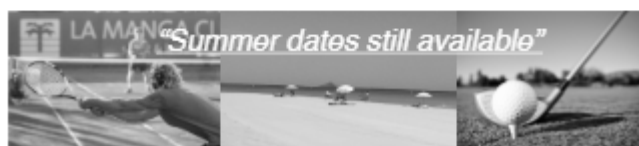


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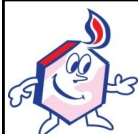
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Date	Event	Location
12th July	10:30 Coffee Shop	Moulsford Pavilion
21st July	Dog Show	Recreation Ground
9th August	10:30 Coffee Shop	Moulsford Pavilion
8th September	Wildlife BBQ	Moulsford Pavilion
13th September	10:30 Coffee Shop	Moulsford Pavilion
7th October	Comedy Night	Moulsford Pavilion
15th December	Christmas Gala	Beetle & Wedge