

Moulsford Events

Dave Reynolds

We held the first winter social on Friday 1st February and despite the snow we had a great turnout – lets hope we have better weather for the next social evenings on **Friday 1st March and Friday 5th April!**

As I mentioned in the last edition there are lots of Events to look forward to this year with the full schedule of Friday night socials starting on **26th April**.

In the meantime we have fish and chip quiz night on **Friday 22 March** – please contact Twinks ford tickets on 01491 651548. Also we are looking for a new quiz master to take us through our Autumn schedule – please do get in contact if you would like to help.

Since my last update there has been some interest in screening the women's final of Wimbledon in July. Please do come along on the 1st March and 5th April where we can vote which to screen (or screen both if there is sufficient interest).

From Your Parish Council

Miles Powell

Parish Council activities in the last month have included selecting a contractor for the pavilion driveway project, completing bus shelters and bench refresh projects, keeping track of SODC activity associated with STP works and allotments, progressing repair to playground equipment, reviewing planning applications, dealing with ad hoc queries and planning for the forthcoming local elections in May 2019.

Parish Council Projects

Projects to cost effectively repair, refresh and repaint the two bus shelters and replacement of almost all of the public benches in the village have completed as planned. New football goal nets and fixings and basketball net are also now in place. A contractor has been selected for the pavilion driveway project so in the next few weeks we expect to have – for the first time – the pavilion driveway with high kerbing up the length of driveway and with posts either side that have low level lights built in.

Local Elections - May 2019



As you'll be aware from recent editions of Moulsford News, the Parish Council is now into the fourth and final year of its term of office. In May 2019 there will be local elections and a new Parish Council will be formed as the current term of office completes and all five current Councillors stand down. If you are thinking of putting something back into the village by standing to be a parish councillor then you'll have the opportunity to quiz some of the current Parish Council at the MEC Winter social on Friday 1st March. The village will need a minimum (quorum) of three candidates to register but ideally five or more so that voting takes place. Nominations to stand as a Parish Councillor will need to be completed within quite a short time period, sometime during week the beginning 18th March - when the notice of election is issued by SODC - up until the 4pm deadline on Wednesday 3rd

April. Submissions must then be **hand delivered** to the SODC offices at 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, OX14 4SB. If there are less than three valid nominations received by 3rd April 2019 another election will have to be run in Moulsford – costing the village another £1,500 (approximately). If after this second election there were still less than three valid nominations then we would lose the Parish Council and control would pass to SODC. Clearly

we don't wish for either of these situations to happen as it is the people of this village that are best placed to represent our particular interests but unless we do have at least three new prospective councillors coming forward, it will happen. More details on how to get nominated will be in April Moulsoford News but very simply, you must be a British, Commonwealth or other European Union Citizen and not require leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom or have indefinite leave to remain. You must also be 18 years old or older.

Underhill - Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) Works

The latest update from SODC is that the wording of the license with OCC for the connection of effluent from the proposed plant to the highway sewer has now been agreed. There is however still work to be completed on other property related agreements that need to be finalised before SODC can go out to tender. Initial internal checks have been completed by SODC procurement and contracts officers and documentation has been sent back to their partner Capita for compilation. It should therefore be a relatively straightforward process to finalise tender documentation once legal and property agreements have been confirmed. Potential start date remains late summer / early autumn 2019 and more likely later. Parish Council will continue to monitor and seek updates from SODC.

Queries?

As always, any Parish queries then do get in touch with any of the councillors by email or phone and we'll do our best to help or point you in the right direction. Meantime enjoy the upcoming MEC social events.

From the Vicar

Andrew Petit

My dear friends,

It's been a great delight to have some of the Cranford House senior school students in Moulsoford Church recently for a short service at which I was asked to talk about the meaning of Lent.

For most people, mention Lent and they immediately think about things that they might try and give up - either because they think this might impress God, or more likely because they think it could be good for them. Sometimes it is good for us to give up something for a period, like alcohol or smoking or meat, especially if we think it has got a bit of a hold over us. If Lent provides you with the incentive to do that, then that's great, but don't think for a moment that this will impress God or for that matter that it is what Lent is really all about. God loves us unconditionally and in any event Jesus himself said that God is more interested in what comes out of our mouth (i.e. our words expressing the thoughts of our hearts) than what goes into them!

The origin of Lent dates back to the days of the early church when new Christian converts were baptised at a sunrise service on Easter morning. What better day for someone to celebrate their new life as a follower of Christ than Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the new resurrection life of Christ, having conquered death. Such candidates for baptism would of course have a period of preparation, to ensure that they understood the message of Jesus and what it meant to be his follower. Sometimes this would take as long as 3 years! Many years later when Christianity became the official religion of the Roman empire in AD 380, huge numbers of people wanted to be baptised. Because of these huge numbers, the period of preparation was reduced to the 6 weeks leading up to Easter – probably recalling that Jesus himself had spent 40 days and 40 nights in the desert in order to prepare for his public ministry.

Later still, Christians would renew their baptismal vows every Easter – something that still happens in many churches, including our own cathedral in Christchurch, Oxford at the Easter vigil service on Easter eve. The 6 week period that we now call Lent (from the Old English word *Lenctē*, which simply means *Spring*) was kept as period of preparation for renewing their baptismal vows. These vows are to turn away from sin and a self-centred life to a life that is centred on following Christ as Lord and Saviour and as the way, the truth and the life.

So, the purpose of Lent is not so much about giving up things, as taking the time to draw closer to God and deepen our understanding of the Christian faith. There are all sorts of ways in which we might try to do this: spending more time talking to God in prayer, reading the gospels and the rest of the New Testament – maybe with the help of some daily Bible reading notes, coming to church, or reading one of the many excellent Lent books which are

available. If you would like to explore any of these ways, please get in touch. One thing you might like to consider is our short informal and reflective service of Holy Communion that we hold at 8.30am on Wednesdays throughout Lent (i.e. from Ash Wednesday, 6th March onwards). The service itself finishes at 9am but breakfast is available for those who can stay on.

with best wishes for a deeply fulfilling Lent,
warmest regards,



Andrew Petit, Vicar of Moulsoford

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Church Services, Moulsoford - March 2019

3 rd March	Sunday before Lent	9.30am Parish Communion	Church
10 th March	1st Sunday of Lent	9.30am Parish Communion	Church
17 th March	2nd Sunday of Lent	9.30am Parish Communion 4.30pm Messy Church	Church Church
24 th March	3rd Sunday of Lent	9.30am Annual Church Meeting service (incl. communion)	Church
31st March	Mothering Sunday	9.30am Family service	Church
7 th April	Passion Sunday	9.30am Parish Communion	Church

During Wednesdays in Lent (i.e. during the whole of March and early April) we shall be holding a short informal service of Holy Communion in church, at 8.30am followed by breakfast.

Westminster Update

Ed Vaizey MP



Highways England and the Secretary of State for Transport have been examining options for the location of the new **Oxford-Cambridge Expressway**, and have narrowed it down to one broad corridor. Within this, there are up to one hundred specific routes the road could take. Highways England will be engaging with communities and local organisations along the corridor throughout 2019 and 2020 before announcing their preferred route in Autumn 2020.

There is also an opportunity here to include the A420 in the plans, which would take the route to the West of Oxford and add connectivity to Swindon, a considerable bonus. I also hope that this road can help relieve pressure on the A34, which is not currently fit for purpose and badly needs better infrastructure to support it.

I've no doubt that like me many of you were shocked and surprised to see an article in the 6th February edition of the Herald titled '[Oxfordshire physiotherapy private contract fiasco exposed in full.](#)' I have been trying for some time to lead efforts to coordinate between the different **health care** managers and providers, hosting roundtable meetings and leading discussions on how to move forward in providing the correct services that residents require. Therefore I'll continue to lobby hard locally and in Parliament for better healthcare. I am meeting Ministers in the Department of Health and Social care to discuss these important issues and will continue to engage locally as well.

Constituency Visits

It was a great pleasure to plant a tree as part of the Woodlands Trust Commonwealth Canopy Project at the Sylva Foundation and receive a tour of their fantastic establishment. I've also met recently with a delegation from local

parish councils to discuss improvements to the A420, and attended a working session of 'Didcot First' at Milton Park to hear updates about the local economy, businesses and community actions.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any pressing issues that you would like help with. You can contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, dicksonce@parliament.uk or 01235 768 888. Email is the quickest and most reliable way to get in touch, as I keep a very close eye on my emails and can reply very quickly. Details of my activities in Parliament can be read on my website, <https://www.vaizey.com>. I also send out occasional general interest emails about developments in the Wantage and Didcot Constituency. You can sign up here: <http://bit.ly/EdVaizeyMP>

Monthly Coffee Shop

Gail Slinger



Stroll up the road and meet fellow villagers for coffee or tea and a friendly chat.



Every month, **Second Wednesday**, there is a coffee morning in the pavilion from 10:30 - 12:00. Unlimited coffee, tea, biscuits and cake all for £1.50.

If you are a mum or dad with young children, bring them along. Perhaps if you are new to the village and would like to meet new friends? You may have lived in Moulsoford for some time, so if you are free during the morning, why not join us. It is suitable for everyone and your friends are welcome to come along too!

A group of regulars take it in turn to set up and 'put the kettle on' with real Coffee and a selection of Tea's too.

A big thank you to **Janet & Breyan** for putting the kettle on at the February Coffee Shop, providing a variety of delicious delights and for the amazing demands for coffee right up until the 12 noon deadline. you are STARS.

The **March Coffee** hosts are **Peter & Marigold**.

We look forward to seeing you all.

NEXT DATE: 13th March 2019

Cooking Oil Recycling

SODC

SODC has just introduced a new cooking oil recycling service for residents as part of food waste collections.

After cooking and once it has cooled, any leftover oil can be poured into a plastic bottle no bigger than one litre in size. The bottle and its contents can then be placed into the kerbside food waste caddy, along with other food waste, and put out for the weekly collection. For those who don't want to use a plastic bottle, oil can also be poured straight into the caddy along with other food waste.

One litre of cooking oil can generate enough electricity to make 240 cups of tea!

AgeUK Information Drop-in at the Pavilion Coffee Shop, 13th March, 2019.



The information drop-in at the Coffee Shop is proving to be well received. We will be pleased to welcome back Kate, our Community Networker to provide local information. The drop-in is an opportunity to come along and find out about local services, groups and activities and also advice on social care or help. Why not come in with any questions or queries? No appointment required! All advice is free!

Planning Applications & Decisions

NB. Only new planning applications and those which have changed status since last being published in Moulsoford News are included.		
P19/S0077/HH Moulsoford Grange, Moulsoford, OX10 9JD	Construction of a single story standalone wooden summerhouse/garden office in rear garden.	MPC: Under consideration. SODC: Under consideration.
P19/S0423/FUL Moulsoford Preparatory School, Moulsoford, OX10 9HR	Extension of time limit to existing permission for single temporary classroom.	MPC: Under consideration. SODC: Under consideration.
P19/S0346/O Land N. of Moulsoford Manor, Willow Court Lane, Moulsoford, OX10 9HU	Erection of 4 dwellings with garaging.	MPC: Under consideration. SODC: Under consideration.
P19/S0039/O Greenlands Farm, Cow Lane, Moulsoford, OX10 9JT	Cessation of scaffold use. Erection of new industrial building (B1c, B2 or B8).	MPC: No Strong Views. SODC: Under consideration.
P19/S0060/HH Karethia, 12 Glebe Close, Moulsoford, OX10 9JA	Proposed two storey side extension.	MPC: Object - overdevelopment. SODC: Under Consideration.
P18/S3913/LB Old Bakery Cottage, Moulsoford, OX10 9JD	Replacement of first floor single glazed bedroom window.	MPC: No Strong Views. SODC: Approved.
P18/S3746/HH Owls, Willow Court Lane, Moulsoford, OX10 9HU	Extensions and alterations.	MPC: No Strong Views. SODC: Approved.



We urgently need extra help to maintain our beautiful Churchyard. Can you spare a few hours during the spring/summer to help us mow the grass, keep the graves tidy and do general gardening jobs. We meet every third Saturday from end March until end September, from 9.30am for a couple of hours. Coffee and biscuits provided!

Any time you can spare will be much appreciated.

Call Lesley Longden on 07846 516895

What's on in Moulsoford and surrounding areas

Moulsoford Men's Night



Every Tuesday evening 8pm onwards the men of Moulsoford gather at the Beetle & Wedge for an evening of socialising, intelligent conversation and a few beers. For info email gpfagg@gmail.com.

Moulsoford Ladies' Night



We meet on the first Thursday of the month from 8pm onwards at The Beetle and Wedge for a glass of wine and a chat. A very good way of getting to know other ladies in the village, especially if you are new to Moulsoford. Please call me on 652099 or my email is carol.bemis@hotmail.com ...or just turn up!

Your Local Choir

We are a friendly choir which rehearses 8:00pm every Monday at Cranford House School. For details, ring Anthony Finn on 01491 835540, email members@cranfordchoral.org.uk, or see our web site:



Spinning Club: Social Craft

Third Thursday in the month at the Pavilion, 6.00—10.00pm, £2 per session. Come and join a group of local craft people for an evening of relaxation. For more information, call Linda Scurr on 652916.

Keep in touch!

If you're planning local events, doing something for charity, or simply have something to say, Moulsoford News wants to hear from you.

You can reach the editor, Bernadette Sachse by email:

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For advertising contact Emma Reynolds at:
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Deadline for April edition
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5th Mar	Dessert Island Photos
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THE COFFEE SHOP



WED 13th MARCH

10.30AM-12NOON

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Please do come along, everyone from the village is welcome. For more information call Gail Slinger on 01491 651931 or email gailslinger@tiscali.co.uk.

Moulsoford Village Meeting Dates

Parish Council

Weds 13th March 8.00pm

Pavilion Management Committee

Weds 6th March 7.45pm

Events Committee

Weds 10th April

All meetings are held at the Pavilion and everyone is welcome to attend.

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To book call Karen Gilmore, Pavilion Bookings Secretary
07707 068151 or email
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March 13 **Auction commences at 7.45**

March 27 Ian Hill will visit the club with his display on 'Aspects of South Africa', an interesting and sometimes humorous display which we are privileged to see.

Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at Bix Village Hall at 7.45 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



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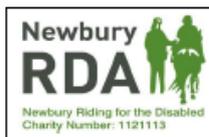
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Diary of Events—in Moulsoford

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>More Info</u>
Fri 1st Mar	6.30pm	WINTER SOCIAL EVENING	Pavilion	
Tues 5th Mar	8.00pm	MENS NIGHT	Beetle & Wedge	Contact Gary on gpfagg@gmail.com for more info, or just turn up!
Weds 6th Mar	7.45pm	PAVILION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING	Pavilion	Everyone welcome.
Thurs 7th Mar	8.00pm	LADIES NIGHT	Beetle & Wedge	Contact Carol on carol.bemis@hotmail.com for more info, or just turn up!
Tues 12th Mar	8.00pm	MENS NIGHT	Beetle & Wedge	Contact Gary at gpfagg@gmail.com for more info, or just turn up!
Weds 13th Mar	10.30am	COFFEE SHOP	Pavilion	For more information call Gail Slinger. 01491 651931 or gailslinger@tiscali.co.uk
Weds 13th Mar	8.00pm	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	Pavilion	Everyone welcome.
Tues 19th Mar	8.00pm	MENS NIGHT	Beetle & Wedge	Contact Gary at gpfagg@gmail.com for more info, or just turn up!
Fri 22nd Mar	7.30pm	QUIZ NIGHT	Pavilion	£7.50 per person to include Fish & Chips. Call Twinks on 01491 651548.
Tues 26th Mar	8.00pm	MENS NIGHT	Beetle & Wedge	Contact Gary at gpfagg@gmail.com for more info, or just turn up!
Fri 5th Apr	6.30pm	WINTER SOCIAL EVENING	Pavilion	
Weds 10th Apr	7.30pm	EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING	Pavilion	Everyone welcome.
Sun 21st Apr	11:15am	EASTER EGG HUNT	Pavilion	
Fri 26th Apr	6.30pm	FIRST SUMMER SOCIAL	Pavilion	Join us for free fizz tasting!

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Tuesdays and Fridays only

**Revised service commencing
Tuesday 4th December, 2018**

WALLINGFORD Market Place	11:15	WALLINGFORD, Market Place	09:00	14:05
GORING Railway Station Forecourt	11:35	Wallingford station (Lidl)	09:03	14:08
Swan Hotel	11:37	Cholsey, The Meadows	09:09	14:14
Streatley, Primary School	11:39	Moulsoford, Old Vicarage	09:12	R
Streatley, The Coombe	R	Moulsoford Beetle & Wedge	09:13	14:17
Moulsoford Beetle & Wedge	11:44	Streatley, Primary School	09:18	14:22
Moulsoford, Old Vicarage	R	Streatley, The Coombe		R
Cholsey, Papist Way (A329)	11:47	Swan Hotel	09:20	14:24
Wallingford station (Lidl)	11:53	GORING Railway Station Forecourt	09:25	14:35
WALLINGFORD Market Place	12:01	Wallingford station (Lidl)	09:43	
		WALLINGFORD, Market Place	09:50	