

## Moulsford Events

Dave Reynolds

Rain stops play!

Hopefully Summer shall arrive soon!

Unfortunately due to bad weather our first social of the summer was cancelled but hopefully by the time Moulsford News drops through our letterboxes the rain shall have stopped and our Friday night socials have commenced.

As a reminder, our Friday Night socials shall be 'outside only' until 25<sup>th</sup> of June, at which point normal service shall resume.

The Events team is working on a number of special events and we aim to show all the England European Championship football matches and also hold a village camping evening on Friday 2 July.

## Parish Council Report

This is the time of year when we are required to hold the Annual Parish Council Meeting to formally confirm appointments of Chair and Vice-Chair. This meeting will be held at 19:30 on 26<sup>th</sup> May and will be held in person at the pavilion. We would usually also have annual reports from the various committees and clubs that operate in Moulsford but, as we still have Covid restrictions on numbers in the pavilion, we will publish the reports in the Moulsford News.

There are other small signs that things may be returning to something resembling "normal". The events committee are arranging the resumption of Friday evening socials outside the pavilion even though their first event was thwarted by the inclement May weather. Further outdoor events are planned from 28<sup>th</sup> May and, hopefully, we can resume the full Friday evening pavilion events later in June if the government releases its restrictions.

Meanwhile, back at the recreation ground ...

The Recreation Ground Working Group, including most of the PC, met up last month for a wet and windy walkabout of the Rec to look at how all the ideas that had been discussed at meetings might work on the ground. We are now in the process of getting an updated map which shows all these ideas ready for consultation with the community. The emphasis has been very much on making the most of what we already have (including the beautiful location) and ensuring that the open, green, treed character of the Rec is preserved, while making some careful additions here and there. We are also preparing to get some essential tree maintenance underway and when Covid restrictions have eased and if the weather gives us a break, we will be holding some woodland and playground work parties to which villagers will be most welcome. Watch this space...

## Moulsford News Editor required

The Moulsford News needs a new editor. Can you spare 2-3 hours a month for just 10 months of the year?

If you have access to a PC, have a basic knowledge of Microsoft programs (Publisher desirable but not essential) and a keen eye for detail then please get in touch for an informal discussion about the role. Please contact Bernadette on [moulsfordnews@moulsford-pc.org.uk](mailto:moulsfordnews@moulsford-pc.org.uk).

## Thank you

Thank you to all those who sent us cards of sympathy for the death of our wonderful son Rupert. They were much appreciated and gave us some comfort at this most unhappy time for our family.

Morris & Jo Elvin

My Dear Friends,

By the time you see this we will have just celebrated what is often known as *Whitsun* or *Whit Sunday*. You may be surprised to know that traditionally it is regarded as the second greatest festival in the Christian calendar after Easter – in other words even more important than Christmas!

So what is *Whitsun*? It was called *Whitsun* (i.e. “*White Sunday*”) because for many centuries it was one of the main days, like Easter, when new followers of Christ were baptised, traditionally wearing white clothes as a sign of their new life. It always takes place 7 weeks after Easter, which means that like Easter it doesn’t have a fixed date but ranges from early May to early June and celebrates the day when the Holy Spirit was first poured out on Jesus’ disciples at the great Jewish festival of Pentecost.

After Jesus had risen from the dead, over a period of nearly 6 weeks he frequently appeared to the disciples and instructed them that they would be witnesses to who he was, to his teaching and to his resurrection, throughout the whole world. The disciples felt totally inadequate to such a great task, but Jesus told them not to try and do anything until the Holy Spirit had come upon them. 10 days after Jesus had ascended into heaven the disciples were praying together in an upper room in Jerusalem when they had the most extraordinary experience of the Holy Spirit coming upon them. There was a sound like a mighty rushing wind, they saw what looked like tongues of flame resting on each of their heads, they were filled with a wonderful joy and found they could not stop proclaiming the wonders of God.

Having previously been anxiously hiding away for fear of being arrested by the religious authorities or the Romans, Jesus’ disciples now found themselves being catapulted out of that upper room into the streets, and fearlessly proclaiming who Jesus was and what he had done to the vast crowds that had gathered in Jerusalem for the Jewish festival. St Luke tells us that about 3,000 people became followers of Jesus on that day and that was just the beginning. This is why Pentecost or *Whitsun* is sometimes referred to as “*the birthday of the church*”. From Jerusalem, those very ordinary disciples spread the good news about Jesus across the whole of the known world. It was the beginning of the most remarkable and influential movement in the whole of human history.

Many of us have been locked in not only by the official restrictions, but by our own, albeit well-founded, fears of the effects of *Coronavirus*. Even as restrictions ease, some may feel apprehensive about going out into the big wide world and resuming what used to be our normal human face-to-face contact. There will no doubt be setbacks from time to time, but we can take great encouragement from those early disciples of Jesus: they knew that they could do nothing in their own strength, but as they prayed and opened themselves up to God, they were given a divine energy and power, which enabled them to do far more than they or anyone else could possibly imagine!

With warmest regards,



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## 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.

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**Deadline for July/Aug edition Weds 23rd June 2021**

## Church Services June 2021

6 <sup>th</sup> June	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	9.30am Parish Communion	Church
13 <sup>th</sup> June	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	9.30am Parish Communion <i>Faith explored</i>	Church
20 <sup>th</sup> June	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	9.30am Parish Communion	Church
27 <sup>th</sup> June	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	9.30am Morning Praise	Church
4 <sup>th</sup> July	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	9.30am Parish Communion	Church

For those who cannot attend church services in person, there will continue to be services broadcast by Zoom at 9.45am each Sunday. For details of how to attend these services online please contact the Vicar, [andrewpetit@virginmedia.com](mailto:andrewpetit@virginmedia.com)

## Monthly Coffee Shop

Gail Slinger



The next **Village Coffee** is on **Wednesday 9th June 2021 via Zoom from 11am to 12 noon**, so put your kettles on and have a great cup of coffee/tea with a well deserved treat and a good catch up chat.



**Just send me your email address so I can reply with the Zoom link - [gailslinger2601@gmail.com](mailto:gailslinger2601@gmail.com)**

Fingers crossed that the June gathering will be the last via zoom and the July gathering will be in the pavilion, we will keep watching and listening to the government guidelines just in case the guidelines change. It is so important that we keep everyone safe until we can all meet up again in person.

We will be fully prepared for the July 2021 gathering in the Pavilion in Wimbledon style with Strawberries and Scones with a special bubbly drink too, as long as we have the Green Light from Boris.

### Future Dates

9th June; 14th July

## Planning Applications & Decisions

Moulsford News and Planning deadlines invariably mean that the planning information above is out of date by the time of reading. For a current view of planning, please visit the online planning portal here: <http://www.moulsford-pc.org.uk/community/moulsford-15214/planning-tracker/>

P21/S1624/FUL Moulsford Preparatory School, Moulsford, OX10 9HR	Existing single classroom and WC block - extension to time limited existing planning permission for a further 3 years.	MPC No strong views. SODC Considering.
P21/S1011/HH Barn Cottage, Willow Court Lane, Moulsford, OX10 9HZ	Erection of part width double storey extension, and single storey extensions. Creating a new ground floor dining/family room with boot room/WC, a first-floor bathroom and bedroom (as amended by Plans received 2021-05-13).	MPC Considering. SODC Considering.
P21/S1147/HH Laburnham Cottage, The Street, Moulsford, OX10 9JD	Single storey timber orangery to replace existing extension.	MPC No strong views. SODC Approved.

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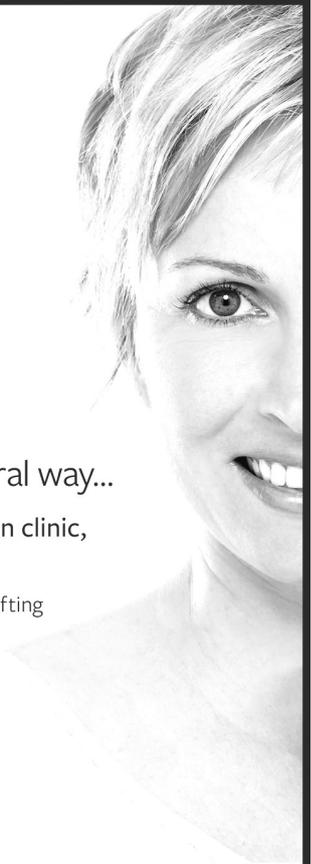
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