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CRICKET TEAM WIN SOUTH OXON CUP

Two Finals and Triple Winners

In a very busy month of matches we have contested not one but two cup finals, winning one and losing the other.

The win came in the South Oxon Cup on 31st July when we travelled to the South Oxon League winners Clifton Hampden and achieved a win by 33 runs. Star of the match for Woodcote was Keagan Sheppard who scored 80 runs. We were very pleased that a large number of Woodcote supporters travelled to the match helping to create a really good atmosphere. We have now completed the remarkable feat of winning this trophy for three consecutive years.

In the Berkshire League T20 final we were less fortunate, losing to a very strong Bracknell United by 6 wickets. Our opponents strong bowling had us in trouble throughout and we were bowled out for 73. We did well to take four Bracknell wickets with Tom Brownlow taking 2 for 22. James Worsfold was named the Player of the Match, his 27 in the Woodcote innings being the highest score of the day. Prior to that we had a comfortable 72-runs win in the semi-final against Stratfield.

In the Berkshire League Premier Division, we have won three and lost one match. Wins came against Sandhurst by 9 wickets and in the local derbies against Checkendon, by 59 runs and Peppard Stoke Row by 6 wickets. Strangely, the defeat came at home to Stratfield Turgis, a game we played at the lovely Oratory Cricket Ground by invitation of the school. We might have expected to raise our game that day, but in the event we were under-par and lost by 21 runs.

The 2nd XI in the Berkshire League Division 4B has struggled recently and suffered some heavy defeats. We lost to Goring by 61 runs, to Crowthorne & Crown Wood by 39 runs and in an improved performance, by 19 runs against Bracknell United VI. Our Friendly XI has played two matches achieving a win against Moreton, by 65 runs, as part of the Moreton Beer Festival and a defeat, by 3 runs, in our annual match against the Old Merchant Taylors Tour Team. Joe Parkins, a new member this season, took a hat-trick in this match (3 wickets in 3 balls).

Individual Performances

Batting:

- 80 - Keagan Sheppard v Clifton Hampden
- 71 – Jonny Clark v Stratfield Turgis
- 60 not out – Matt Webber v Peppard Stoke Row
- 57 – Ryan Van Heerden v Checkendon
- 53 not out – Richard Ashton v Moreton
- 50 not out – Simon Fuller v Old Merchant Taylors
- 50 not out – Keagan Sheppard v Old Merchant Taylors
- 44 not out – Joel Pridmore v Stratfield Turgis
- 42 – Jonny Clark v Peppard Stoke Row
- 41 not out – Joel Pridmore v Moreton
- 40 – Jez Mayo v Checkendon

Bowling:

- 4 for 17 – Keagan Sheppard v Checkendon
- 3 for 11 – Aeden Griggs v Crowthorne & Crown Wood

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COMMENT FROM ST. LEONARD'S

All through the vegetable plot that is in my garden, you can see that harvest time is approaching.

Harvest Festival is a tradition that stretches back centuries, with celebrations rooted in different cultures. In ancient Egypt, offerings were made to the Nile River, considered the source of life and bountiful harvests. The Jewish festival of Sukkot commemorates the harvest and the Israelites' wandering in the wilderness after their escape from Egypt. In many European countries, Harvest Festival is a time for community gatherings, feasting, and expressing thanks for a successful harvest.

As we gather our harvest this year, let us not only be thankful for the abundance of food that nourishes our bodies, but also for the many blessings that enrich our lives. From the warmth of the sun to the abundance of rain that we have had, to the tireless work of farmers, from the fertile soil to the supportive community around us. We have much to be grateful for.

However, this Harvest Festival is also an important reminder of the millions of people worldwide and here in the UK who are experiencing food insecurity and hunger. This Harvest festival, if you feel able to, please consider contributing to our food bank collection, where we are putting together nutritious, non-perishable foods to support people in Reading. Also, if you are in need, or are concerned about a loved one, with regards to food poverty, please do contact us. We are here to listen, support and signpost however we can.

We also warmly welcome everyone to join us for a special Harvest Festival service on Sunday 6th October at 9:45. The service will include beautiful music, inspiring readings, and a special offering to support our local food bank. We look forward to celebrating the season of gratitude with you! In this spirit of giving, may our hearts overflow with compassion and our actions reflect the true meaning of this special season, of Harvest.

You may find this guide, put together by a registered nutritionist and representative from the World Health Organisation Fides Programme, helpful for donating to the foodbank, for ensuring donations are nutritious and supportive for individuals and families.

Nutritious Donations for Foodbank:

- Tinned fish, like salmon, without skin or bones.
- Tinned vegetables in water (with no added salt).
- Tinned fruit in water (with no added sugar).
- Whole grains such as oats, brown rice and pasta.
- Nuts, seeds, and legumes are great source of vitamins, minerals and fibre.
- Herbs and spices serve as a wonderful injection of flavour, whilst possessing a long shelf life.
- Fermented foods such as sauerkraut and kimchi, which will last and also support gut health.
- Long life dairy products, such as whole milk, dairy free alternatives, such as unsweetened almond, soy and oat milk.
- Tea, coffee and herbal teas like peppermint, green tea, chamomile and redbush.
- Toiletries are also important donations for supporting hygiene and wellbeing. Soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorants, sanitary items and toilet rolls are often things that those most in need have difficulties accessing, so please donate these also.

"We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand.
God sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes, and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain."

God bless, Reverend David Benskin
Team vicar for the Langtree Team
revdbenskin@gmail.com, 01491 550367

September Services at St. Leonard's

We are delighted to offer the following services offer this month. You are most welcome to attend any or all of them. Please know you are welcome also to bring people with you.

Sunday 1st September

- 8.00 am Holy Communion
- 9.45 am Parish Communion

Sunday 8th September

- 8.00 am Holy Communion
- 9:45 am SLOW church on the Village green

Sunday 15th September

- 8.00 am Holy Communion
- 9:45 Open doors

Sunday 22nd September

- 8.00 am Holy Communion
- 9.45 am Parish Communion

On each 4th Sunday of the month, we will be having some space within the service, for children to have some special crafts and activities to learn more about God and the Bible.

Sunday 29th September

- 10:30 am Team services at Ipsden

Online Services

We continue with our online service of Night Prayer every Tuesday at 8.30 pm on Zoom. This follows the ancient monastic pattern of Compline and lasts for about 20 minutes. Join us from the comfort of your home with a hot drink as we finish the day with prayer. A warm welcome awaits.

In the pouch of the church right now we have we have a small book stall with some puzzles for sale. Please do come in and have a look, sometimes we have jams and over things. Come in and have a little look.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



Congratulations to the cricket team on their cup success.

On the 18th of September, the parish council will be hosting an event for villagers to help reduce speeding through Woodcote. I'd like to encourage everyone to attend.

Hopefully many of you are busy preparing entries for the craft and produce show at the fete on the 14th.

Nick





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- 3 for 19 – Callum Ahmed v Crowthorne & Crown Wood
- 3 for 22 – Rakesh Patel v Bracknell United VI
- 3 for 33 – Joe Parkins v Old Merchant Taylors (hat-trick)

Pete Aldridge Memorial Match and Picnic on The Green

- Woodcote V The Red Lion
- Sunday 1st September
- Cricket starts at 1.30 pm

Please come along and support this annual end-of-summer event. We are hoping for the usual bumper turn out. BBQ food will be on sale.

Fixtures in September

- Saturday 14th: Ist XI v Silchester (away) Berkshire League Premier 1.00 pm
- Sunday 15th: Friendly XI v Whitchurch (home) 1.00 pm



Cup Winners



Keegan Shepherd



Alec Curtis



Mark Pearson



Rakesk Nair



Tommy Brownlow



Jonny Clark



Woodcote spectators







SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Councils purchase 45 homes for those in need

A new era for genuinely affordable, high-quality, council-owned housing has begun in South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse.

It is over 20 years since the last council houses were sold in the districts and house prices and rents have spiralled. Now South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils are tackling the problem head-on.

The first of 45 homes being purchased and refurbished for those in the highest level of housing need are now ready for people to move in as phase one of the councils' drive to become long-term social landlords for local residents.

Once purchases are completed on the homes (27 in South Oxfordshire, 18 in the Vale) they are then renovated and furnished ready to become a stable home for as long as people need them.

This move has been largely funded by immediately available grants that are intended to initially support those in high housing need, including families fleeing conflict in places such as Ukraine and Afghanistan, and can then be used to support long-term housing need in the local community.

Cllr Maggie Filipova-Rivers, Cabinet Member for Housing, South Oxfordshire District Council said: "Making use of this national funding was an incredible opportunity to tackle two issues: the immediate and urgent need to find homes for people fleeing conflict, and the long-term need to provide members of our local communities with a supply of good quality, genuinely affordable homes. Energy efficient measures such as new combi boilers and double glazing will help to keep energy bills as low as possible.

"Not only are we using external grant funding, we are also contributing money to buy these homes to help with our district's housing issues in the long term. Ultimately, this process will be much more cost-effective than having to deal with homelessness issues in the future."

Councillor Sue Caul, Cabinet Member for Housing, Vale of White Horse District Council said: "Becoming social landlords once more will help us to help those in most need within the Vale. We're determined to help improve people's living situations and make the most of all opportunities to do that. Using the funding to help build up a stock of council-owned affordable homes will ensure people on lower incomes can live and thrive here.

"We're delighted to see the properties refurbished and freshly decorated, ready to provide a welcoming home for those who need it most, both now and into the future."

In the longer-term, these properties will support the councils' Housing Delivery Strategy to provide access to suitable, affordable homes for local people. This will help the councils address a long-term issue of the availability of affordable housing for people in

South Oxfordshire and the Vale, which are expensive places to rent or buy on the open market.

The councils support refugees across a number of schemes including Homes for Ukraine, Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy scheme, Afghan Citizens Resettlement scheme, UK Resettlement Schemes and the Hong Kong British National (Overseas) visa scheme.

Free places at green skills courses available for South and Vale residents

More than 80 fully funded places are available on eco-friendly home improvement courses for people based in South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse districts.

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils have partnered with Abingdon & Witney College, OxLEP (Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership) and education charity SOFEA to upskill local residents and businesses.

The councils have funded 82 places for 'green' building and construction courses from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. These courses at Abingdon and Witney College, include *Installation and Maintenance of Heat Pumps*, *Understanding Domestic Retrofit* and general awareness courses.

The councils have also contributed funding to OxLEP and SOFEA's 'No Limits' programme, designed to offer support for residents into green skills training and employment. The programme includes assistance for those who need help to get a job, including free laptops and mobile phones to develop digital skills as well as travel grants for those needing financial help to get to work, school or college. A full-time member of staff will be on hand to help with any queries and offer advice.

Councillor Robin Bennett, South Oxfordshire District Council Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Regeneration, and Deputy Leader, said: "Many of us would like to adapt our homes to use less energy, or would like to generate our own using renewables, to reduce both our climate change impact and our household bills. Many homes will need new types of heating systems, such as heat pumps. Having people with the right skills is vital to make this a reality, and I'm happy that the council is working with some great local organisations to provide a variety of opportunities to learn."

Councillor Bethia Thomas, Vale of White Horse District Council Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate Action, said: "These green courses are designed to help residents and businesses to gain essential skills and knowledge to excel in the green skills sector, playing a crucial role in creating a sustainable future."

Jacqui Canton, Principal and Chief Executive at Abingdon & Witney College said "We are thrilled to launch this initiative, offering free courses that will empower individuals with essential skills in green technology. At the heart of our education is the vision 'Be You Be Extraordinary,' where everyone achieves more than they believe is possible. This initiative underscores our commitment to enhancing employability and supporting a sustainable future for our community."

Sally Andreou, Skills Hub Manager at OxLEP, said: "Ensuring our businesses are able to benefit from a top-class and well-trained workforce is a key priority for OxLEP. Therefore, the fully-funded provision to be delivered by Abingdon and Witney College means our construction sector will continue to be in a superior position, meeting the demands of a greener future and even support the county to capitalise on the opportunities the green economy will present.

"We would encourage residents across South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity."

Taraji Ogunnubi, 'No Limits' Programme Manager at SOFEA said: "Our partnership to offer fully funded green skills courses is a vital step towards building a resilient, eco-friendly future. At SOFEA, we are committed to empowering our community through education, sustainable practices, and direct support.

"In addition to education, SOFEA operates food larders across Oxfordshire, which serve as key community hubs. These larders not only help in addressing food insecurity but also facilitate regular engagement with residents, providing them with opportunities to learn about and participate in green initiatives.

"By equipping local residents and businesses with the skills necessary for eco-friendly developments and engaging them through our larders, we are enhancing employability and driving significant environmental change. We encourage everyone to seize this opportunity to become pioneers in the green economy, transforming their homes and workplaces and community into models of sustainability."

For more information visit https://abingdon-witney.ac.uk/free-courses-in-green-skills-and-care.

WALLINGFORD PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

The Wallingford Photographic Club (wallingfordphoto.club) is on summer break but returns for an exhibition and a new season in September. Come along and join our informal and inclusive group of enthusiasts and amateurs as we start our new weekly programme of talks, presentations, competitions and practical sessions. We discuss a wide range of topics, not just technical, including getting feedback on your photos if you're keen to show them. We meet on Thursdays from 730pm at Crowmarsh Pavilion, and we'll have a few sessions online (later in the season) where we make the most of speakers from far away.

On 19th September the season begins with our welcome evening including an introduction to the club, programme, committee and membership, and we have a local guest photographer Benji Walker presenting some 'live music' photography. On the 26th, Robert Harvey joins us to show and discuss effective use of lenses ranging from long telephotos to fish-eyes and stitched panoramas to capture the most impact.

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WOODCOTE VOLUNTEERS

Tea Party for our clients

The new Tea Parties are proving very popular with our clients. In October, they are re-starting with plans for a new activity. We are putting on a bingo session (with small prizes!) and are very pleased to have the services of Ian Adams to be the caller. It will be a lot of fun!

Tea Parties are held for our clients on the first Wednesday of each month from 2.30pm – 4.00pm at the Community Centre in Woodcote. We provide tea and home-made cakes and there is no charge. You can enjoy a new activity each month and will have time for a chat to other clients and volunteers.

Please let us know several days in advance if you need a lift.

Please note, there will be no tea party in September due to volunteer holidays. We will recommence on Wednesday 2nd October and look forward to seeing many of our clients there.

Blue Badges

Remember, we have a team of volunteers who are helping those clients that are eligible and have all the correct documentation to apply for their own blue badges if they don't already have one. If you are a client who struggles with their mobility and does not already have a blue badge, please contact our office, ask for our secretary to contact you and we will try to help.

New Volunteers

We would like to say a huge thank you and welcome two new volunteer drivers to our team. One may already be known as she is returning after a period of ill health, Pat, and the other is new to our team, Mel. They will be an enormous help and are looking forward to their first drive!

Woodcote Fete

We have a stand at the fete and are looking forward to greeting lots of people there. Whether you are wishing to find out more about us, want to find out about volunteering or a client stopping for a chat, we will be very pleased to speak to you.

Date for your diary…

Some advance notice of our fundraising coffee morning being held at Woodcote Community Centre on Saturday, 5th October from 10 am to 12.30 pm. We have a number of volunteer drivers who can bring you to the coffee morning if you need a lift. However, we do need at least a week's notice, please.

To Finish…

If you could help in any way, we would love to hear from you! Please go to our website to find out more about the various roles and how to contact us.

If you need a driver, please give us at least three days' notice as it can be hard to find someone at the last minute, but we will always try!

To book a driver, call 01491 681171 giving as much notice as possible. To volunteer, email:

info@woodcotevolunteers.org.uk. Find out more about us at www.woodcotevolunteers.org.uk or www.facebook.com/woodcotevolunteers. For general enquiries, call 01491 681171.

WOODCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB

The football club has had a busy pre-season preparing for the start of the league season in late August. So far seven friendlies have taken place with the following results:

- Burghfield, drew 2 - 2
- Henley Town, won 4 - 1
- Woodley United, lost 6 - 5
- Kintbury Rangers, won 5 - 0
- Wallingford & Crowmarsh, lost 5 - 2
- Steventon, won 12 - 0
- Mortimer, won 5 - 2

The defeats against Woodley and Wallingford were against teams who play in higher leagues.

The first team, led once again by Chris Bark, will be playing in the Premier Division of the Thames Valley Premier League after leaving the North Berks League at the end of last season. The Development Team, again under the leadership of Chairman, Pete McAlister, will continue to play in the North Berks League Division 2. All the signs are that we will have a good supply of players including a very promising crop of teenagers.

SP



Steve McMullen



Woodcote v Wallingford



Joe Webber



Woodcote v Mortimer

WOODCOTE RALLY 2024 – REPORT

New location: Ipsden. Off Church Lane. Thanks to farmer Roland!

New site layout. Thanks to Martin Allwright for planning this!

Being a new field we had a few issues during the set-up week as things didn't quite go to plan as we had expected. We had to move the main ring from where we thought it should be and then we had to move the vehicle lines so that we could fit in the country area. One trader who had booked a 15 feet spot said they couldn't fit their stand in where we'd allocated them but then they realised they should have booked 15 metres! Still, we overcame the difficulties and managed to fit everything in.

Although in a completely new location, thousands of people visited the 58th Woodcote Rally on the 13th and 14th July. The Rally is undoubtedly the biggest event in Woodcote's calendar and probably of this type, in South Oxfordshire. This year's event rose to the occasion. With a vast number of attendees through the gates, the team had their work cut out to make sure everything ran smoothly and ensure people were safe and having a good time. They definitely did! Despite the challenge of having a smaller footprint than recent years, the Rally Committee and many volunteers worked hard to deliver an event jammed packed with fun things to do for all the family. Many people gave feedback that the smaller footprint, in fact, enhanced the event as it was so much easier to get around between the different areas.

The weather was fine with very little rain and didn't affect the event. This was good because we'd had some very heavy rain during the set-up week and then during the break-down on the Monday after the Rally. (Yes, it takes a week to set up the Rally Field but only a day to take it down!)

Friday night saw the locals descend on the bar area (this year run by Bootleg Bars). There was live music provided by several local bands, and the food stalls were in full swing.

On Saturday and Sunday, the main action took place inside the ring with shows of classic cars, motorbikes, tractors, commercial and military vehicles and steam engines and many games and races. A highlight was when the ring was opened up so that people had the opportunity to drive some of the steam engines. We had a working tractor area demonstrating all sorts of vintage farming activities. The vehicle class winners were delighted with their winning positions and are listed below.

On Saturday and Sunday mornings we had a flying display of birds of prey from Hawkwalk (thanks David), and they also had a permanent display in the craft and country area throughout the weekend.

In the craft and trade areas it was great to welcome back lots of previous exhibitors, and to welcome many new ones. There was a wide variety of stalls, both in the trade areas and the craft marquee, and lots of food outlets available to suit all tastes. In the country area an assortment of traditional skills was being demonstrated and proved to be popular all weekend. The fairground and children's areas including the farm animals seemed as popular as ever.

Many exhibitors and stallholders commented that Woodcote Rally is the best organised event they attend each year. There were loads of positive comments about how well the Rally is organised and marshalled. Many were so impressed that they have already booked their space for next year.

The Rally wouldn't be possible without the fantastic group of volunteers we have. The Committee work hard throughout the year to plan the best event possible and there are so many people behind the scenes bringing that plan to life. From the Marshals to the Cadets, to the people that provide food for the Marshals (thanks Cabin Mum's and others), they all come together to make the Rally work with the primary goal of raising as much money as possible for local groups and charities. Everyone that came through the gates contributed to this amazing cause and that's why the Committee worked so hard to make each year's Rally better than the last.

Many thanks too to the pupils of Langtree School and to the members of Checkendon Brownies for their excellent efforts of litter picking after the weekend had finished and we'd finished the break-down.

Last year the Committee were able to donate £25,000 to local groups and charities (bringing the total since 1964 to £532,000) and we hope that, with your input this year, we will be able to add significantly to this total. We shall update you when we have done all the profit and loss calculations and confirm this year's donation!

The dates for next year are the 12th and 13th July so please put them in your diary/calendar so as not to miss out.

We are always looking for new volunteers and/or committee members. Please do get in touch if you'd like to get involved in this very rewarding activity. Contact: director@woodcoterally.org.uk.

Andy Crockett; Publicity Officer, Woodcote Rally
publicity@woodcoterally.org.uk



WOODCOTE RALLY – 13TH and 14TH JULY 2024

A Charity Fund Raising Event for Local Organisations

RALLY TROPHY WINNERS

Class	Award	Winner	Vehicle
A. Large Steam	*Ran Hawthorne Memorial Shield*	Michael Crump	1920 Marshall 7nhp General Purpose Traction Engine
B. Vintage Tractors	*Dick Vernon Memorial Award*	Dave Deakin	1936 Farmall F12
B. Classic Tractors	*NatWest Trophy*	F G Rumsey	1963 Fordson Super Manor
C. Stationery Engines	*Allum Award*	Wayne Coker	1929 Lister J
D. Small Commercial Vehicles	*Dave Sarney Memorial Cup*	Andy Bennett	1934 Bedford WHG BMC 838
D. Large Commercial Vehicles	*Ray Main Memorial Cup*	Ron Mobbs	1952 Bedford O Type UVS 189
E. Veteran Car	*George Ballard Award*	John Breakspear	1972 Ford Mustang
E. Vintage Car	*Morland Cup*	Eamonn Galligan	1936 Singer Le Mans Special Speed
K. Classic Cars over 1940-1972	*Castrol Research Cup*	Keith Rance	1952 MG TD
F. Historic Motorcycles over 40 years old	*The Albert Goldsmith Award*	Jim Martin	New Imperial 23
F. Motorcycles 1940-1980	*The White Lion Cup*	Sean Brennan	1976 Kawasaki 2900
M. Military	*Main's Motors Military Cup*	Keith Orpin	DMO 922 1942 Dodge WC51
S. Steam Models	*Autovolks Trophy*	Derik Farrow	Burrel Road Loco
Exceptional Exhibit, Victorian period onwards	*Paul Harrison Award*	Nick Sanders	Inne Chaff Cutter
Military Display	*Evening Post Cup*	Nivelle Company, ACF	Modern display and cadettes on parade
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WOODCOTE CONSERVATION GROUP

The wonder of trees

This month we are turning our spotlight on two species in the Sorbus family that can be seen around the village, rowan and whitebeam. Both thrive in calcareous or slightly acidic soils, so are suited to the Chilterns where a cap of clay overlies the chalk hills.

Rowan (Sorbus aucuparia) grows almost anywhere, even rocky hillsides hence its other name, Mountain Ash. It is commonly found in the woods, particularly in scrub and woodland edges as it prefers open, sunny positions, but it is also widely planted as a street or garden tree. A slender, deciduous tree with steeply ascending branches, mature rowan trees can grow to 15 m in height and can live for up to 200 years.

Rowan leaves are divided pinnately into leaflets (like a feather), with 5–8 pairs of leaflets arranged opposite to each other, plus one 'terminal' leaflet at the end. Each leaflet is long, oval and toothed. Rowan flowers are less than 1 cm across and borne in large, flattened and heavily scented heads up to 15 cm across. The creamy flowers appear in May and provide pollen and nectar for bees and other pollinating insects.

Rowan berries ripen considerably earlier than the other Sorbus species, so you may have seen them already. Berries are round, 6-9 mm, yellow at first and maturing to orange or red depending on weather and soil conditions. They are a rich source of autumn food for birds, especially the blackbird, mistle thrush, redstart, redwing, song thrush, fieldfare and waxwing.

Rowan berries are edible to humans when cooked. They are sour but rich in vitamin C and can be used to make a tart jelly which is a traditional accompaniment to cold meat. Did you know that

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squeezing some fresh rowan berry juice into a G&T makes a convincing alternative to Angostura bitters?

Associated with mythology and symbolism, rowan was once widely planted by houses as a protection against witches. The colour red was considered to be the best colour for fighting evil, and so the rowan's bright red berries have been associated with magic and witches. The wood was used for stirring milk to prevent the milk curdling, and as a pocket charm against rheumatism. It was also used to make divining rods and is the preferred wood for making wands.

Whitebeam (Sorbus aria) is usually found in light woodland and, with yew, is one of the earliest colonisers of chalk scrub often then surviving the development into woodland. The compact and domed trees are often seen in the woods on the Chiltern escarpment, but it is also a popular ornamental tree, with lovely blossom and russet autumn leaves. Take a minute to admire the trees at the junction of Medill Close and Wayside Green next time you are passing.

Whitebeam flowers and fruits are similar to those of rowan trees but its deciduous leaves, which appear in late April, are most distinctive. Dark green on top, the thick, oval, serrated-edged leaves are covered in white, felt-like hairs underneath. When the leaves first unfold, they look like magnolia flowers and, in a breeze, the whole tree appears grey. In late September they turn gold or a rich russet colour, but the pale underside remains obvious when fallen.

Sorbus wood is tough, strong, fine grained and coloured white to yellow grey. It turns and engraves well and was traditionally used for making tool handles, cog wheels, and gun stocks. Additionally, whitebeam was used to make knife handles, spoons and billiard cues.

We hope you enjoy our articles in the Correspondent. Woodcote Conservation Group run events throughout the year about the wildlife and green spaces around the village. We also meet on the third Saturday of most months for a 'green gym' session at Greenmoor Ponds or Tidmore Pool. For more information about our activities and how to become a member, come and talk to us at the village fete or see our website https://woodcotecg.org.uk/.



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

As the summer holidays draw to a close, we have been busy juggling autumn bookings at the hall. With many of the regular users returning to their activities after the summer break, and many new hirers, the range of activity which takes place at the hall never ceases to amaze. The Village Hall is quite possibly the hardest working building in Woodcote!

To help hirers plan their events and activities at the hall we have a range of useful documents available on the Village Hall website www.woodcotevillagehall.com. These include notes on Event Planning, Housekeeping, Fire Safety and Emergency, Serving Alcohol and more… In addition, we also have a new Hirers Folder available to hand in the hall with an aim to provide all the answers to any last-minute questions hirers may have. We hope this helps to make using the hall as smooth and easy as possible.

We have also been busy finalising our schedule of autumn events which include a mixture of top-quality comedy, film, jazz and of course the return of the autumn food fair. A list of diary dates can be seen below, full details and booking information for all events can be found on the village hall web page: www.woodcotevillagehall.com/news-and-events/.

Friday 27th September:

- Laughter Craft Comedy Night
- With TV comedians Stephen Bailey and Matt Richardson
- Nearly sold out!

Saturday 5th October Film Night:

- The Fall Guy (2024)
- Doors open 7pm, film sarts 7.30pm.

Saturday 19th October:

- Gypsy Jazz
- Fillip Dall 'Asta 'The Hot Club of Tenerife' with Ducato Piotrowski and Nick Lenner-Webster.

Sunday 27th October:

- Woodcote Food Fair, 10.30am – 2.30pm

Friday 15th November:

- Goring Community Jazz Club

And finally, we have a new 10-week literature class starting in the Function Room on Tuesday 17th September. The class will run every Tuesday from 10.30am -12.30pm with Dr Caroline Kanerick leading the discussions based around five books under the theme of *Theatre and Novel*. The cost for the 2-hour, 10-week Course is £90. If you would like to find out more, please contact ckanerick@aol.com or paulinetwyman@gmail.com.

As always, if you have any queries in relation to the Village Hall events or hire, please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can contact us via email woodcotevillagehall@outlook.com or call 07929 203096.

We hope to see you soon!

WOODCOTE VILLAGE FETE

14th Sep 12-5pm

After many months of planning, this year's Village Fete is almost here and will be held on Saturday 14th September 12-5pm. This charity event raises money for our village hall and provides a fun day out for all members of the community. The programme accompanying this article is a handy guide as to what will be happening and when!

A big shout out to this year's fabulous sponsors: The Booker family at Church Farm, The Oratory School and Soha Housing! Without their support the fete could not go ahead.

Please turn up on the day to support the fete. We would also love as many of you as possible to enter our produce and craft show. The entry form is available on our website woodcotefete@gmail.com for those who haven't got a form already. We are always amazed at the amount of talent and creativity in the village.

Please note that although many traders now have card machines it's always helpful to bring some cash with you if you can.

We are hoping the weather will be kind to us, fingers crossed for sunshine (although perhaps not quite as hot as last year…) but rain or shine we will carry on regardless!

See you there! The Fete Team









THE CASE OF THE OLYMPIC OPENING CEREMONY

I watch a lot of the Olympics, but not normally the opening ceremony. It's long, a lot of it is rather boring, and I know that it's going to feature various contemporary cultural icons which, given my advanced years, are likely to mean absolutely nothing to me. This Lady Gaga, for example. Who or what is she? A singer? It would appear not. Is she really a Lady? Is there a Lord Gaga? Was she actually christened Gaga or is it a nickname given her because she's a bit, well… gaga.

So, I wasn't going to watch it this time round, but my wife had it on all evening and I caught bits of it as I wandered in and out. I must admit I didn't really understand what was going on. The first time I came in, a large group of people appeared to be having epileptic seizures. I expressed concern, but my wife explained that this was something called 'breakdancing'. After a while many of them started falling on the floor and writhing about. 'They're exhausted and no wonder', I said, but my wife said no, this was all part of it.

The next time I came in, a figure wrapped in what appeared to be tinfoil was riding what appeared to be a mechanical horse and not getting anywhere. I speculated that this might be Joan of Arc and wondered if they were going to burn her, but then realised that this would be difficult in all the rain.

On my final pop in, a group of figures in white were milling about at the foot of the Olympic torch, possibly arguing about who was going to do the last bit. At one point they gave it to an old chap in a wheelchair, then immediately snatched it back. He looked rather disappointed, as well as wet and miserable, but he'd never have got up the steps, as they probably realised.

'Just look at that rain' said my wife about fifty times. So, I just looked at the rain. I understand rain.

David Sutton

LANGTREE SCHOOL

Langtree School celebrates the end of term with Activity Week.

Langtree School celebrated the end of another successful academic year with an Activity Week for all students. Our Year 7 students embarked on the annual camp to Youlbury Scout Activity Centre in Oxfordshire, where they engaged in team building activities, outdoor adventures and developed new friendships. Our Year 8 students had the opportunity to explore the rich culture and history of Cancale, France. Year 9 students had the unique opportunity to travel to both Barcelona and Amsterdam. These trips were invaluable in providing our students with a wider perspective of the world and its diverse cultures. Our Year 10 students took a significant step towards their future careers by participating in a variety of work experience placements.

In the last week of term, the school held its annual Sports day and a Musical Evening both of which were a wonderful end to the school year. The autumn term starts on Wednesday 4th September for all students with our new Year 7 students starting on Tuesday 3rd September for their induction day.

If you have a child in Year 5 or 6 and are interested in Langtree School, we are holding an open evening on Thursday 19th September at 5.30pm. There will also be several open mornings in the autumn term. Tickets are required for these events and full details will be available on the school website from September: www.langtreeschool.com. The school can be contacted on office@langtreeschool.com or 01491 680514.

Finally, our annual sponsored walk to raise important funds for the school will take place around Woodcote on Friday 20th September.

Langtree School Trustees

WOODCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome back to the Autumn Term.

We finished last term with our annual trip to meet The King's Swan Upper, Mr David Barbor, and assist him with the swan upping on the River Thames. Year 2 and 6 went down to help and even got in a good game of English Cricket while they waited.

We also spent a morning out on a ramble through the lovely woods surrounding Woodcote. We had a wonderful picnic to end the morning before coming back to school together. We do love the outdoors!

August was obviously much quieter, although Summer Camp was here for four weeks. I am sure it was heard around the village as they had a lot of fun playing the days away.

We begin the new school year with a new Breakfast Club. Our grateful thanks to Woodcote Breakfast Club and all that Charlotte Hall did for the children over the years before taking the tough decision to close in July. This will now move to the school with childcare available from 7.15am.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new children in Oak class and many new children across the school this year. We are also looking forward to working with Mrs Heath.

Perhaps you too would like to come and work here? We have two Lunchtime Supervisor positions and, of course, you could volunteer to come and hear the children read. They do love to read to an adult! Just let us know if you would like to know more about either of these.

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CABIN PRESCHOOL

We are so excited to welcome Toby, Isaiah, Nicholas, Micah and Oakley.

Good luck to all those starting big school, here in Woodcote, Goring, Whitchurch, Nettlebed and Kent. I am always pleased to see them on their first day looking so tiny in their new school uniforms.

We are starting the term preparing for the Woodcote Festival, I am sure you will all come and support us and have a bounce on Bouncy castle, the children have been busy making woodland creatures for our tuff tray competition entry.

The children will be thinking about *Who is Who?* Using the term to think about who is in their families, where they belong, pets and other people important to them. Where they live, Woodcote and the community (does anyone have an ariel photo of the village we could borrow) and most important themselves looking at their hair colour, eyes, height. Such a great way to start the term and get to know our new littlies.

Then we will be celebrating Harvest and Autumn. We will be reading *Marvelous Me*, *The Three Little Pigs*, *Goldilocks*, *The Little Red Hen*, *Oliver's Vegetables*, *Don't Wake the Bear, Hare!* and *The Gruffalo* as our focus books. We'll make displays with characters, allowing the children to interrupt the stories into their imaginations and also setting up colour displays to reinforce colours and shapes.

We have applied to be part of the Healthy Smiles accreditation, which is something we have become very passionate about. Looking at the criteria we already meet a lot of the conditions, so we will be asking parents to help and participate in this. We will make a brushing chart, use big teeth to practice tooth brushing, get a dentist to visit us, make a smiles poster, guessing who is who's smile. The we will restrict sugar consumption having different tasty snacks such as fresh fruit, vegetable sticks. Breadsticks, pita fingers, tortilla wraps, plain rice cakes, crumpets with butter, crackers, cheese cut into strips rather than chunks, soft cheese, oatcakes, many we have already. Charlotte worked hard to get this together, thank you.

At the end of term in July, we had an exciting trip out to Bucklebury park farm. The children looked exhausted as they headed home, we loved being able to take our work experience student from Langtree School (who the children loved) along with us, she was great. Thank you for a lovely week.

I also took some time to show one of our leavers some old photos from our archives of his nanny, a lady I enjoyed working with when I first arrived at Cabin just a few years ago. We managed to find one of his Mum too, then later found out his Dad also came to Cabin, and even found one of him, mini Vinnie. What a find and so funny, we have a lovely time capsule of memories.

Lastly, I want to say a huge thank you to Anya who has been with us over the past two years, doing work experience whilst completing her level 3 in childcare. She is truly an inspiration. She is passionate and

enthusiastic. It is so great to see in a young person. She is leaving to further her career and am so proud to say that she will be training to be a Norland Nanny, how amazing to say Cabin helped set the foundations for her early training, we do hope you will pop in to see us and in full uniform. Good luck for the future Anya, you truly deserve it.

We do have a few full-time spaces and several part-time sessions, filling up quickly, if you want to enrol your child this year please get in touch.

Call to arrange a visit on 01491 680854, or email info@thecabinpreschool.co.uk for more information or advice. We accept all funding and childcare vouchers. Childcare does not have to be expensive if you can support your local preschool.

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Would you like to join us? We have a couple of vacancies, and September is a good time to take up new activities. We read all sorts of writing and have discovered authors new to us and read books we would not normally have picked up.

We meet on the third Monday of the month at the library, at 6pm. We discuss the book, supplied by Oxfordshire library service (so no cost involved), and related issues. It's a friendly group, though we do not always agree!

Ask at the library, or phone 01491 682323 to express your interest.

WOODCOTE WI

Sally Lambert welcomed the members and a visitor who we hope enjoyed herself.

Celebrating their birthdays this month are Joan Comley, Rose Metcalf, Wendy Muchamore and Patricia Solomons. However, those with very special birthdays are Doreen Knox and Maxine Wilde, congratulations.

The lunch club this month are looking forward to going to the Cherry Tree at Stoke Row, always a popular outing.

Kerry Jones, one of our members, demonstrated how to make a table decoration and a hand tied bouquet which was beautiful. Kerry then tested our knowledge of everything to do with flowers and plants with a quiz which had us scratching our heads. This was followed by an amazing tea thank you to Maxine Wilde and another birthday girl!

In September we will be back in the Village Hall, our speaker will be Hugh Warwick, who will tell us *All about Hedgehogs*. The competition will be for a handmade toy animal.

The Bloom of the month winner this month was green fingered Carole Shelley–Allen and the competition for best travel photograph was won by Penny Edwards with the Sunset on Waikiki Beach, Honolulu.

Judy Williams

WOODCOTE PRE-SCHOOL

By the time this is printed it will nearly be time to return for a new school year. We would like to welcome Lochlan and Nola who have joined us this term. Sadly, we would like to say a very sad goodbye to Nikki who has decided to leave us and move onto new things. Nikki has worked for us since Covid and will be very greatly missed!

We are looking forward to Woodcote Fete and entering some of our produce from our own allotments into the competition. The children will be very busy preparing all their crafts and decorating biscuits. Pre-School will have a stall with Jolly Jars, Face Painting, Glitter Tattoos, Bottle Tombola and Balloons. Please come and visit us and support us.

We will be starting the term with the topic *My Family and Me*, we will also be celebrating international literacy day, world animal day and world space week.

Summer Holiday Club has been a great success again this year, with some new and old children. We have had lots of fun with crafts, walks, visits to the allotments and garden centre, painting, making jewellery, hairbands, stone painting and wildflower collages just to name a few activities. It's great to be able to go out and about and explore the wider community and we have now been offered to adopt our own trees which are in front of the play park. The Holiday Club will running again next Easter.

We have a couple of fundraising events coming up soon. Firstly, a Coffee Shop on Saturday 12th October and our Quiz Night on Friday 18th October. Tickets for the quiz will be on sale soon, teams of 6 (minimum of 2), licensed bar and raffle.

We still have spaces available and take children from 18 months to school age. All types funding accepted. If you are interested in your child joining us or would like to come and have a look round, please speak to Wendy Powell on 01491 682300 or email woodcote.pre-school@hotmail.co.uk.













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Cinema

Against All Odds (U)

Rich in footage of many classic steam engines, this is the story of the Cholsey and Wallingford Bunk Line and how it was saved from extinction to become one of Britain's well known heritage railway lines.

- Sunday, 1 Sept, 7:30pm
- Sunday, 1 Sept, 8:15pm
- All tickets £5

Trap (15)

- Monday, 2 Sept, 7:30pm
- Tuesday, 3 Sept, 7:30pm
- Wednesday, 4 Sept, 2:30pm
- Wednesday, 4 Sept, 7:30pm
- Thursday, 5 Sept, 7:30pm

Gosford Park (15)

- Saturday, 7 Sept, 7:30pm

It Ends with Us (12A)

- Sunday, 8 Sept, 7:30pm
- Monday, 9 Sept, 7:30pm
- Wednesday, 11 Sept, 2:30pm
- Wednesday, 11 Sept, 7:30pm

Widow Cliquot (15)

- Friday, 13 Sept, 7:30pm

Kensuke's Kingdom (PG)

- Saturday, 14 Sept, 2:30pm

Widow Cliquot (15)

Saturday, 14 Sept, 7:30pm

Sunday, 15 Sept, 7:30pm

Monday, 16 Sept, 7:30pm

Blink Twice (15)

- Tuesday, 17 Sept., 7:30pm
- Wednesday, 18 Sept., 2:30pm
- Wednesday, 18 Sept., 7:30pm
- Thursday, 17 Sept., 7:30pm

Firebrand (12A)

- Friday, 20 Sept, 7:30pm

Borderlands (12A)

- Saturday, 21 Sept., 2:30pm

Firebrand (15)

- Saturday, 21 Sept, 7:30pm

Live on Stage

The Wallingford Agatha Christie murder mystery weekend, in collaboration with Wallingford Museum and Wallingford Town Council.

- Friday 6th Sept, 7:30pm: The Mysteries of Miss Marple, talk by Mark Aldridge, tickets £15
- Saturday, 7th Sept, 12:30pm: Two one-act Agatha Christie plays by Wallingford School, tickets £5
- Saturday, 7th Sept, 3:30pm: A is for Arsenic, the poisons of Agatha Christie, talk by Kathryn Harkup, tickets £15
- Sunday, 8th Sept, 3pm: How to write a Thriller

The Last Five Years

- Tuesday 10th to Saturday 14th September
- All tickets £15

Written and composed by Jason Robert Brown, musical direction by Sue Huntingford-Ledger, stage direction by Tom Mackriell.

The Sandun Players present this critically acclaimed off-Broadway contemporary show in the intimacy of The Corn Exchange's Studio Theatre. It is an emotionally powerful and intimate musical, which has captivated audiences and critics alike earning cult status. It has been performed in many productions around the world and a film adaptation was released in 2015.

Cathy, a struggling actress, and Jamie, a budding novelist on the brink of wild success, are 20-somethings in New York who meet, fall in love, marry, and divorce over the span of five years. Cathy tells the story from the end of their marriage; Jamie begins from when they first meet. As the musical unfolds, Jamie shares his story from the spark of their relationship's giddy beginning, whilst Cathy's side is told in reverse, from the end of their turbulent partnership. The two characters cross paths just once, as their stories collide during the middle of the show.

Live Screening

The Marriage of Figaro

- Tuesday, 10 Sept, 6:30pm
- Royal Opera House
- Tickets £18 adults, £15 seniors, £10 under 18s

Prima Facia (15)

- Thursday, 12 Sept, 7pm
- National Theatre
- Tickets £18 adults, £15 seniors, £10 under 18s

Miss Saigon (15)

- Tuesday 24 Sept, 7pm
- 25th Anniversary Show
- Tickets £12 adults, £10 seniors, £8 under 18s

Coming Soon

Breath of Spring by Peter Coke

- Tuesday 15 to Saturday 19 Oct, 7:30pm
- Presented by the Sinodun Players
- Directed by Dorothy Hirsch
- Tickets £15 (£12 on Tuesday 15th)

It is the late 1950's London & times are hard! The Sinodun Players present a new production of this witty action-packed comedy, which invites you into a world where you can leave your troubles behind for a few hours and just spend some quality time laughing. How can such a sweet hopeful title lead to such carnage? Dame Beatrice has taken in a disparate group of lodgers; Hattie who has trouble sharing space, Nan a force to be reckoned with and the Brigadier who sets the schedule for the house endlessly ruffling feathers. Imagine the dismay of her ex con maid Lily? Then add in frequent visitor Lady Alice who loves to gamble…

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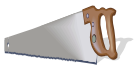
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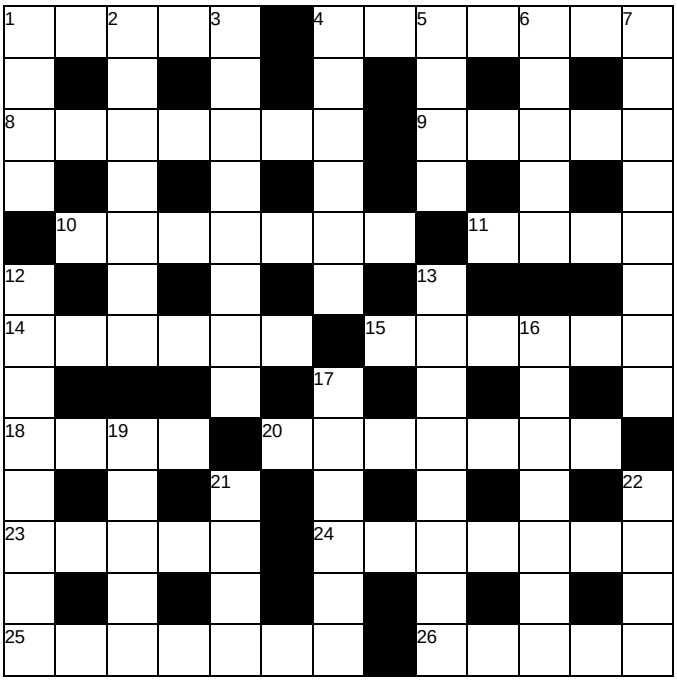


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8. Ideas could get son into trouble (7)
9. Deceit of German woman and daughter (5)
10. Corrupt one midsummer test (7)
11. Smart church in charge (4)
14. Get Kindle from back street in Giza (6)
15. Proust wandering about in a trance (6)
18. Dropping queen check back (4)
20. House clemency (7)
23. A French one working for coalition (5)
24. Pal covers it up after I take off (7)
25. Stop before exit (7)
26. Cry welcome (5)

Down

1. Line of soldiers humming (4)
2. Opener from servant taking third position (7)
3. Get guards from oafs having nothing. OK? (8)
4. Floating chatterbox? (6)
5. Felt wrong so quit (4)
6. Disagree about adding pound to other money (5)
7. Beauty treatment price due to change (8)
12. Gone off to start competition (4, 4)
13. Beginning a con about painting (8)
16. Feed on before (7)
17. Introduce youngster to first painter (6)
19. Sound feature I installed (5)
21. Formerly working on church (4)
22. Crooked grass (4)

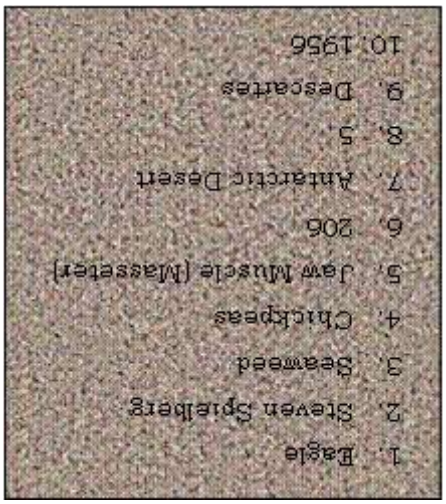
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SEPTEMBER QUIZ

1. What is the national bird of the United States?
2. Who directed the movie "Jurassic Park"?
3. What is sushi traditionally wrapped in?
4. What is the main ingredient in hummus?
5. What is the strongest muscle in the human body?
6. How many bones are there in the adult human body?
7. What is the world's largest desert?
8. How many stars are there on the flag of China?
9. Who first said, "I think, therefore I am"?
10. In what year were Premium Bonds introduced?

SEPTEMBER QUIZ ANSWERS



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Regular Weekly Events

Every Thursday

**** Rhymetime for pre-schoolers.**
Woodcote Library 10.15am-10.45am

**** Coffee and Browse**
Woodcote Library 9.30am-12.30pm

**** Chance To Chat.**
Mowforth House 2.30pm-4pm

SEPTEMBER DATES

Wed 4th	*	Wallingford U3A meeting. Crowmarsh Village Hall. 2pm
	*	Woodcote Parish Council meeting. Function Room, Woodcote Village Hall. 7.30pm
	*	Goring Green Fingers Gardening Club. Storton Lodge, Icknield Rd, Goring. 7.30pm-9.30pm
Sat 7th	*	Coffee Shop in aid of St. Leonard's Church flower team (cash only). Woodcote Community Centre. 10am-12.30pm
Tues 10th	*	Board Games Club for adults. Woodcote Library. 3.30pm-4.45pm
Wed 11th	*	Henley & District Stamp Club meeting. Bix Village Hall. 7.30pm
Sat 14th	*	Woodcote Village Fete. Woodcote Village Green. 12pm-5pm
Tues 17th	*	Wallingford & District Art Club demonstration: 'Harbour scenes in acrylics/watercolour'. Centre 70, The Kinecroft, Wallingford. 7.30pm
Wed 18th	*	Woodcote WI meeting. Woodcote Village Hall. 2.30pm
Thur 19th	*	Wallingford Photographic Club Welcome Evening. Crowmarsh Pavilion. 7.30pm-10pm
	*	Whitchurch & Goring Heath History Society meeting. Whitchurch Village Hall. 7.30pm
Sat 21st	*	Coffee Shop in aid of St. Leonard's Church (cash only). Woodcote Community Centre. 10am-12.30pm
	*	Cholsey Repair Café. Cholsey Pavilion. 10am-12.45pm
Tues 24th	*	Chatterbox. Woodcote Community Centre. 2pm-3.30pm
Wed 25th	*	Henley & District Stamp Club meeting. Bix Village Hall. 7.30pm
Thur 26th	*	Wallingford Photographic Club talk: 'Which lens for which landscape'. Crowmarsh Pavilion. 7.30pm-10pm
Fri 27th	*	Comedy in Woodcote. Woodcote Village Hall. 8pm
Sat 28th	*	Coffee Shop in aid of Langtree School PTA (cash only). Woodcote Community Centre. 10am-12.30pm

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FORTHCOMING DATES IN OCTOBER

Tues 1st	*	BMMHS Zoom talk: 'The March East 1945'. Email zoom@bmmhs.org. 7.30pm
Wed 2nd	*	Wallingford U3A meeting. Crowmarsh Village Hall. 2pm
	*	Woodcote Volunteers Client Tea Party. Woodcote Community Centre. 2.30pm-4pm
	*	Woodcote Parish Council meeting. Function Room, Woodcote Village Hall. 7.30pm
	*	Goring Green Fingers Gardening Club. Storton Lodge, Icknield Rd, Goring. 7.30pm-9.30pm
Thur 3rd	*	Wallingford Photographic Club - Practical Evening. Crowmarsh Pavilion. 7.30pm-10pm
Sat 5th	*	Coffee Shop in aid of Woodcote Volunteers. Woodcote Community Centre. 10am-12.30pm
	*	Goring Repair Café. Goring Village Hall. 10am-12.30pm
	*	Film Night: The Fall Guy. Woodcote Village Hall. 7.30pm

WALLINGFORD & DISTRICT ART CLUB



Join our friendly Wallingford and District Art club for a live demonstration as professional artist, Chris Forsey, paints a beautiful harbour scene in acrylics and watercolour.

Self-taught, Chris is an elected member of The Royal Institute of Painters in Watercolours (RI) and The Society of Graphic Fine Artists (SGFA). The demo will be held at Centre 70 (off Goldsmiths Lane in Wallingford) from 7.30pm-9.30pm on Tuesday, 17th September and is free for club members or £5 for visitors. If you would like further information about this event or other club activities, please visit the club website at www.wallingfordartclub.org.uk or email admin@wallingfordartclub.org.uk.