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THE CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL IS BACK



Following its success in 2022, The GAP Festival's Children's Film Festival is back and open for entries

Once again, the Goring & Streatley GAP Festival is offering the chance for local children to get digitally creative and take part in a short film competition. The chosen shortlisted films will be screened, and the winners announced at a red-carpet event on Sunday 9 June, in Goring Village Hall as part of this year's GAP Festival.

All children (primary, secondary and sixth form) within Oxfordshire and Berkshire are invited to get creative with filming and producing their own short films. You can enter as an individual or join up with friends and make a film together.

Films can be on any subject matter, but content must be suitable for the respective categories e.g. under 12s or 18s. This time judges are looking for strong storytelling!

There are three categories for entries:

- Best Short Film: Under 12 (Oxon and Berks only)
- Best Short Film: Under 18 (Oxon and Berks only)
- Best Short Film: Under 18 (Worldwide entries)

Plus, special awards for 'Emerging Filmmaker' and 'Children's Jury'. If you reside in Berkshire or Oxfordshire, you can enter your film into both the local Under 12/18, as well as the Worldwide category.

Not forgetting, the winning entries (thanks to sponsors Screen Berkshire and The Arts Society Goring) will receive an amazing prize to further their interest in filmmaking!

Entries are free before the regular submission deadline of 9th April, and shortlisted films will be announced on 14th May.

Full details including key dates, terms of entry, categories and how to submit your film can be found at filmfreeway.com/TheGAPChildrensFilmFestival.

To get the creative juices flowing, the festival team are running some free local workshops to help you and your child/children get started:

- Script Writing Workshop: Sat. 10th Feb, 1pm-4pm
- Directing/Camera/Editing Workshop: Sat. 23rd March, 1 pm - 4 pm

To join any of these workshops, please email: film@gapfestival.org. An adult will need to stay onsite for all under 12s attending. Location: Goring Community Centre, Goring, RG8 9AZ.

COMMENT FROM ST. LEONARD'S

Lent is coming fast. It is hard to believe as we have just had Christmas. Lent begins a time of self-reflection.

Lent is traditionally observed as a season of repentance, fasting, for preparation of Easter. It is 40 days where we wonder into the wilderness, just like Jesus did to grow closer to God.

Lent starts with Ash Wednesday, where we embark on the solemn journey of Lent. The Ashes that we put on are foreheads as a physical mark, signify what Jesus did on the cross for us and that we all fall short of God's glory.

Lent invites us to confront our weaknesses, to acknowledge the aspects of our lives that need improvement. It is a season to ask ourselves the hard questions, and then to come out of the wilderness being closer to God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Lent often involves the practice of fasting and self-denial. Beyond giving up certain foods, this is an opportunity to fast from negativity, bitterness, and self-regard. By creating space through self-discipline, we make room for spiritual nourishment and a deeper connection with the Divine. However, it is also a great time to take up something as well. This could be praying more or taking time out of the day to study God's word. Or it could be to do some more exercise, improving dietary habits or doing some volunteering in the community.

Lent is not only about self-denial, but also about acts of compassion and love. As we navigate this season, let us actively seek opportunities to serve others to serve are Community. Whether through simple acts of kindness or more profound gestures, in the church we try and let our actions reflect the love and generosity modelled by Jesus Christ.

Lent is a pilgrimage toward the joy and the hope of Easter, where we look deep into ourselves. Each day is a step forward, a chance to grow closer to God but also a day to learn about us and grow to be a better person. In the church we believe it is a chance to embrace the transformative power of God's grace and his love.

It is not a joyless march but a purposeful journey where, in surrendering certain comforts, we discover the abundance of Gods blessings.

As we immerse ourselves in the reflective waters of Lent, let us do so with open hearts and minds. May this season be more than a ritualistic observance, but a profound encounter with ourselves, our souls, our faith, our humanity, and the boundless grace that surrounds us.

In the surrender of self, may we find the richness of the promise of Easter's resurrection.

May this Lenten season be a time of blessing, and a time to grow closer to God's love and his grace.

God bless,

Reverend David Benskin
Team vicar for the Langtree Team

February Services at St. Leonard's

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

Every Sunday:

8.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 4th February

9.45 am Parish Communion

Sunday 11th February

9:45 am Worshipping together

Wednesday 14th February

7:30 Ash Wednesday Checkendon

Sunday 18th February

9:45 Open doors

Sunday 25th February

9.45 am Parish Communion

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.

If you would like to join us, please email me:

Rev'd David Benskin: revdbenskin@gmail.com for the contact details.

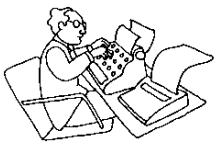
WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

We want to welcome a new Councillor. Cllr David Ellis joined the Council at our meeting on 10th January and immediately got involved with helping the council to meet the needs of the parish. We now have two seats open. One individual has expressed interest, and we are looking to have at least one more person put their name forward to join. If anyone is interested, please ask the Clerk for an Expression of Interest form or contact the Clerk or any Councillor to raise any questions about what being a Councillor is about. Contact details are on the website, or feel free to email clerk@woodcoteparishcouncil.org.uk.

We also wanted to let you know about a current Thames Valley Police Local Crime survey. This survey is an opportunity for Thames Valley residents to share their experiences and have a say in how policing services are shaped in the local community. The information you provide will help inform the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) on any gaps or improvements that could be made in the future. To participate please use the online form at https://www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/survey/.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 7th February at 7.30pm in the Function Room of the Woodcote Village Hall.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



January has seen Woodcote and the surrounding area hit by a range of bad weather. Early in the month the storm winds knocked down several trees. I was diverted twice when driving home one day. A fallen tree blocked the A4074 near the Woodcote junction. I attempted to divert via Cray's Pond but was blocked by a second tree fallen across the road. The Long Toll road remained open so I got lucky on my third attempt. Only a few days later I was forced to abort a trip into Reading as the Thames had burst its banks. Whilst navigating the traffic in Caversham I drove past a park where the nets of the tennis courts were only just poking out of the water. Seeing that the Thames seemed to be flooding all along its route made me grateful that Woodcote sits safely up the hill.

The children's film festival really interests me as I'm always keen to see kids try out creative activities. If villagers or local groups are submitting an entry, then please contact us at wood-co@runbox.com if you'd like a review your entry in an upcoming issue.

It was good to see the Parish Council heading back towards a full strength. Over the last couple of months three new councillors have joined and others have shown interest. We hope to profile some of the new councillors in upcoming issues.

Nick

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We are entering a busy time now that Christmas and the New Year have passed. Our drivers and office team are working hard to provide Woodcote and surrounding villages with a service that some describe as a lifeline. Our clients are so amiable, so interesting to chat to, it really is a pleasure to be of use.

We cover the following villages: Woodcote, Ipsden, South Stoke, Whitchurch Hill, Crays Pond and Checkenden. Residents of Goring have their own volunteer driver service. We can take people to medical appointments, social and recreational activities and probably anything else you can think of! As long as you live in our area and have no access to transport (including public transport) we can take you to where you need to go, with the only proviso it is relatively close. We take people as far as Oxford hospitals but that is about the limit, about 20 miles radius of Woodcote, give or take. We do not charge but ask that you cover a driver's expenses, currently 45p per mile. We ask for a flat rate of £1.50 per journey if the drive is entirely within Woodcote.

If you would struggle to pay a driver's expenses, please mention this to our office team when you book, as we may be able to help.

To Finish...

A warm welcome to our latest new driver, Robin. Thank you so much for giving your time. As I write, he has already done his first drive and found it really enjoyable. If you are considering becoming one of our drivers, we would love to hear from you! Please go to our website to find out more and how to contact us.

As usual, if you need a driver, please don't hesitate to call our office on 01491 681171. We collect from Woodcote and immediately surrounding villages. Please give us as much notice as possible before the date you need us. One of our friendly office workers will answer the phone between 9.30 and 11 am on weekdays (excluding public holidays) and you can leave a message on the answerphone at other times.

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

As the New Year races away, we may have been quiet at the Village Hall but that's not because we've been asleep, far from it! We've been beavering away working on our kitchen improvement project.

This has involved much sorting of crockery and other bits and pieces which have been gathered and well-used over the years, rearranging of cupboard spaces, updating and improving the range of cooking and serving equipment available, as well as updating all the major appliances. Our aim is to have a clear, usable space which is modern and well-equipped and we're making great progress.

It's worth a reminder that the main kitchen at the hall is a commercial kitchen and the hourly fee is just £4 for residents (and £6 for those further afield). We'll bring you a full update in next month's edition when we aim to have the project complete.

Tickets are selling fast for Woodcote's first Comedy night with Laughter Craft Comedy on Friday 1st March. Three TV comedians will be coming to the village including Mike Gunn (*Michael McIntyre's Road Show*), Laura Lexx (*Live at the Apollo* and *Mock the Week*) and Award-Winning Comedian Keefy Jewell. At this point there are around a third of the tickets remaining so be quick if you'd like to come along.

And there's another first taking place on Saturday 16th March when Goring Jazz Club will be coming to Woodcote to entertain us. Keep an eye on the website for more details and tickets as they will become available any day now.

And finally, don't forget The Remi Harris Hot Club Trio joining us on Saturday 13th April for a night of the very best Gypsy Jazz. Acclaimed guitarist Remi Harris will be joined by double bassist Tom Moore and rhythm guitarist Chris Nesbitt, they present an evening of music ranging from the acoustic jazz of the 30s and 40s to the electric blues of the 60s and 70s; influenced by such greats as Django Reinhardt, Peter Green, Wes Montgomery, Jimi Hendrix and more. Unsurprisingly, tickets are selling very fast for this show and it's highly unlikely there will be any remaining for sale at the door so please do buy in advance if you would like to come along.



You can find full information about Village Hall events and hall hire at www.woodcotevillagehall.com

Alternatively, please feel free to call Louisa on 07929 203096.

Don't forget to check out the huge range of regular clubs, meetings and activities which take place at the hall. Join us on social media to keep up to date with everything happening at www.facebook.com/woodcotevillagehall/.

2024 Village Hall Diary Dates

- Friday 1st March: Comedy Night
- Saturday 16th March: Goring Jazz Club
- Friday 22nd March: Film Night
- Saturday 13th April: Gypsy Jazz - The Remi Harris Hot Club Trio
- Sunday 28th April: Woodcote Spring Fair
- Saturday 14th September: Woodcote Village Fete
- Sunday 27th October: Woodcote Food Fair

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Roe Deer

Dear Editor,

I too love Woodcote and the wider Chilterns and enormously value the beauty of the chalk grassland and woodland and the wildlife found there (see the article about Roe Deer in the December 2023 issue of the Correspondent). Although I have seen roe deer in the last month, I agree that they are the least numerous of the local deer populations.

However, fallow deer and muntjac numbers have increased dramatically over the last twenty years and in the absence of any natural predators are likely to continue to increase. Deer cause significant damage in woodlands and prevent natural regrowth of young trees, the most sustainable way of managing woodland, which avoids use of plastic tree guards. For this reason, most environmental organisations are looking for ways to keep deer numbers under control.

I am making the case that for anyone who eats meat, wild venison is an environmentally and ethically sound choice (as well as being organic). Animals farmed for meat make a significant contribution to climate change by emitting greenhouse gases, as well as needing use of farmland for growing feed which could be used for crops for human consumption.

So, in addition to eating less meat overall, perhaps eating venison from fallow or muntjac deer on occasion is a reasonable decision. In my experience, local deer stalkers are careful about both numbers and breeding season.

Now what about the grey squirrels?

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WOODCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB

A combination of the wet weather and the annual two week break at Christmas means that there is less to report than usual this month.

Two matches were played in December, the Development side gaining an impressive 2-1 win away at Lambourn Sports, with goals by Joe Morgan and Kartel Barlow.

Unfortunateley, the first team were eliminated from the Oxfordshire Intermediate Cup at the quarter final stage, losing 3-1 at home to Easington Sports. Woodcote's consolation goal came from Joe Webber.

The new year began on a brighter note with a very pleasing performance in a 9-0 win for the first team at home to Dorchester. Toby Nowell was again on top-scoring form with four goals, the others coming from James Stewart, Teddy Norris, Leon Mannion and two own goals. On the same day, the Development team travelled to Letcombe where they lost 3-0.

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Dorchester





Easington

WOODCOTE CONSERVATION GROUP

The wonder of trees

At this time of year, when the countryside can seem dull and grey, this month's tree looks spectacular.

Silver birch (Betula pendula)

Silver birch will grow in most places making it one of the most common broadleaved trees. These graceful trees have light deciduous foliage and open branches so leaves appear to flutter. In winter there appears to be a purple 'haze' in the tops of silver birch trees which comes from the twigs, but the most distinguishing feature is the peeling bark which is pinkish brown in young trees turning silvery white with maturity. Professional gardeners sometimes wash the bark of silver birch trees to remove algae and dirt to ensure the bark glistens and sparkles in the sunshine. This is a great job for February, before the trees have leafed-out in the spring. Look online for advice and short videos.



One of the many silver birches at The Oratory School.

Birch trees occur from Europe to Asia Minor and North into the sub-Arctic. Birch is a very hardy pioneer species that can grow well on thin, rocky soils and it is thought it spread to Britain following the retreating ice sheets. Found in gardens around Woodcote as well as our local woods, it is fast-growing and requires plenty of light for strong growth.

Birch trees start flowering when five to ten years old. Birch is monoecious meaning both male and female flowers (catkins) are found on the same tree, from April to May. Male catkins hang in drooping groups throughout winter and open into 4-5 cm yellow tassels in spring. Female catkins are shorter, green at first in spring and upright. The catkins, which are pollinated by the wind, contain clusters of tiny flowers which develop into masses of tiny, winged seeds in autumn. Each seed has two papery wings, more than twice as wide as the seed, and one tree can produce a million seeds in a good year.

Silver birch grow to about 25 m but, in the south of England, trees tend not to live beyond 80 years (in Scotland they can be healthy at 180 years old). However, during their lives they support more than 300 invertebrate species, surpassed only by oak and willow. Birch leaves attract aphids which provide food for ladybirds and other species further up the food chain. The leaves are also a food plant for the caterpillars of many moths, including the angle-shades, buff tip, pebble hook-tip, and Kentish glory.

Did you know that birch trees are particularly associated with specific fungi, including fly agaric, the red toadstool with white spots which is home to fairies and magical creatures? Leathery strips cut from another fungus, birch polypore or razor strop, was used by barbers to 'strop' or sharpen their cut-throat razors.

In early Celtic mythology, the birch symbolised renewal and purification. Bundles of birch twigs were used to drive out the spirits of the old year, and gardeners still use the birch besom (the classic witch's broom) to 'purify' their gardens. The thin bark was used to make cups and ladles and is still used for tanning leather. The sweet sap was used to make a solid sugar and birch wine, and the wood was used for small turned items such as tool handles, toys and to make hardwearing bobbins, spools and reels for the Lancashire cotton industry.

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 including guided walks. We also meet on the third Saturday of most months to care for Greenmoor Ponds and Tidmore Pool. Join us and lend a hand at one of these 'green gym' sessions! For more information about our activities and how to become a member, see our website at https://woodcotecg.org.uk/

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THE CASE OF THE ADDRESS BOOK

If there is one possession that my wife cherishes more than most (and quite possibly more than she cherishes her husband) it is the little address book that she has possessed for some sixty-five years. It is quite probably the last address book in the country, everyone else having moved on to smart phone applications years ago.

As a storage device it is wildly inefficient. For one thing it is rather small, being designed to fit in the pocket, and in the course of sixty-five years a sociably inclined woman can garner quite a lot of acquaintances. The S page, with not only every line filled but every scrap of marginal space also covered in minuscule writing indecipherable to anyone but her, would long ago have overflowed on to the Q page but that was already taken up with surplus Ps, so now one has to look for a large number of Ss under XYZ, which they share with a quantity of surplus Ws.

Also, there is no mechanism for removing names, and the sad fact is that over half the entries relate to people who are now dead. Now in an application I once used, when people died you could drag their names to a wastepaper basket icon that then incinerated them in a brief burst of flame, which I'm sorry to say gave one a certain macabre satisfaction, at least in the case of more casual acquaintances. Sadly, that piece of software stopped working several iterations of Windows ago and I had to re-enter everything in a newer app. 'Ha', says my wife, 'so much for silly computers. My address book will never stop working'. I suppose I have to give her that one.

Not only is there no mechanism for removing the redundant dead, but there is no mechanism for simply altering addresses when people move. One of my sons has moved at least ten times since he left home. But of course, if you know where to look his latest address can always be found somewhere down the bottom of the XYZs.

There is also the matter of name changes on marriage. This is less of a problem nowadays when many women keep their maiden names on being wed, or simply cohabit, but in the disgracefully patriarchal past this was much less the case. My much-married niece has migrated from page to page

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four times over the years, but ending up with a surname starting with W can now of course be found under XYZ.

In defence of all this my wife points out that her address book provides a valuable and indeed now almost unique historical record. It is true that when, say, she is trying to remember a college friend's maiden name, or where they lived sixty years ago, which for some reason is the kind of thing she does these days often wish to remember, then all she has to do is pore over her address book with a magnifying glass for an hour or so until an entry jogs her memory. And should historians of the future wish to emulate her in this, they will know what to do. Hint: try looking under XYZ.

David Sutton

RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION

In 2024, the renewable energy generated in the UK exceeded fossil fuel production for the first time. Energy from gas generation remained the highest single source, producing 9.9 GW on average. This was closely followed by wind power (9.0 GW). When combined with solar (1.4 GW) and hydroelectric (0.4 GW), the renewable sources combined generated 10.8 GW, exceeding that of fossil fuels at 10.2 GW.

UK average yearly power generation

Source	2013	2018	2023
Coal	14.4 GW	1.8 GW	0.3 GW
Gas	9.2 GW	13.2 GW	9.9 GW
Nuclear	7.5 GW	6.9 GW	4.4 GW
Wind	2.8 GW	6.2 GW	9.0 GW
Solar	0.4 GW	1.3 GW	1.4 GW
Biomass	0.4 GW	1.8 GW	1.5 GW

There has been a dramatic change in UK energy production over the last decade. In 2013, energy production was mostly from coal power stations which produced 14.4 GW. By 2019 the coal production had dropped to only 0.7 GW. The UK has experienced a slight reduction in energy consumption over this period but has mostly transitioned from coal to other energy sources. Early in the transition the energy production from gas was increased, but this has now returned to similar levels as seen in 2013. In effect, generation from coal has been replaced by renewable sources. By far the biggest renewable source is from wind power, with additional contributions from solar.

Over the decade there has also been a steady decline in nuclear power generation, which has been balanced with the increased renewable generation. Power generated from biomass has also increased from a negligible amount in 2013 to 2.5 GW in 2024.

The move to renewable energy generation has mostly occurred due to the falling cost of production. It is now significantly cheaper to produce energy by wind power than by burning gas. This has led to the steady increase in wind farms, despite the planning system working to minimise the installation of new onshore wind farms. Local, renewable energy production also has a major advantage in being independent of various global factors. For example, Russia's invasion of Ukraine caused a large increase in global gas prices. The Houthi's current attacks on shipping in the Red Sea are expected to put further pressure European gas prices, as many tankers are forced to travel a longer route around the South of Africa, rather than via the Suez Canal. Wind power is both cheaper and has a more predictable generation cost.

Live and historic data about energy production and consumption can be found at https://grid.iamkate.com/.

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RG8 BADMINTON

We play at the Langtree Community Sports Hall in Woodcote on Thursday evenings.

Our Christmas games night this year was in memory of Chris Uden. Chris was a member and chair of the club for many years and made the club the success it is today. Chris was also our social secretary and organised our annual Christmas games and parties with great enthusiasm. Chris sadly passed away in October after a short illness. He offered his time as a volunteer for Reading Samaritans. We had a collection at the Christmas session and along with a club contribution we donated £191 to this worthy cause. Congratulations to the winners of this year's Christmas games night, Martin and Perdy.

We welcome both junior (14+ years) and adult members. All that we ask is that you are not totally new to badminton, that you know the rules and basic shots (even if they don't always work). Juniors should have received some form of coaching. Fees are the equivalent to £3 per session, half for juniors.

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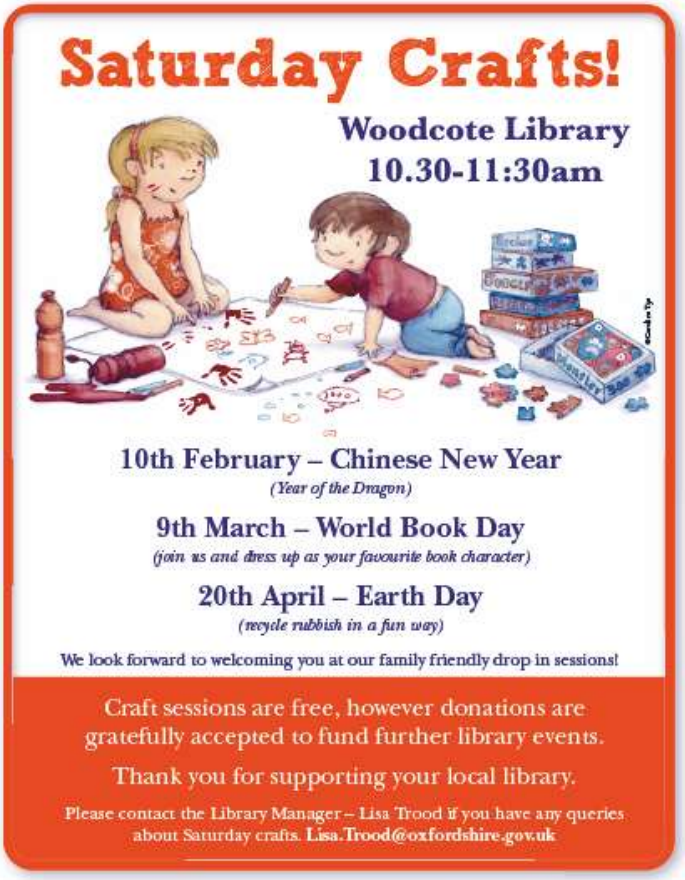
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CABIN PRESCHOOL

All the children and staff were excited to return to enjoy the delights we have in store for this term. We welcome Robyn and Lottie this term.

We are one week in, and I thought I would explain how it works, what we have done and why. Glimpse into just one week at Cabin:

When we returned to preschool after the Christmas break, there was so much to talk about. What Santa brought, and which was their favourite present. Santa seems to have very snowy boots, as he left footprints all over Woodcote. Children told us about their family visits and recalled the Christmas lunch. This gives the children the opportunity to express their feelings about an exciting event in their life, recall information and talk about family and people special to them. We asked them which part of the lunch they liked the best One liked the cheese biscuits "Did you know Jayne, these ones are very special you only have them with cheese, I liked the rounds ones". I now know this child can recall events, knows shape, and can talk about traditions and occasions. Three parts of the EYFS ticked off: maths, PSE, communication and language.

Next, we made a spaceship and turned the Cabin into Space school. Using different types of brushes and giving the children options to make choices, we covered a very tall box with white paint, then cut shapes out of tin foil and decorated the outside. The children wanted to include a window, so we cut out a round window. All the children worked together and yes most of them went home, with painted tops, and flecks in their hair and on their faces, but the smiles on their faces told me they'd enjoyed themselves. Waiting for it to dry, the children learned that not everything is instant. They have played in it all week and had to adhere to rules that apply as many of you will agree, children love a box. They have practised the skill of turn-taking and used their imagination. I have heard them talking about going to the Moon, Mars and aliens they have met, "You can be the green one".

I couldn't wait for them to meet the real Aliens that arrived in Cabin, happily sitting and waiting in the spaceship. "THERE'S AN ALIEN IN THE SPACESHIP", "I am an Alien", walking around like a robot, they also have been spacewalking after we discussed gravity and weightlessness. This teaches the children about the world around them and improves their understanding of the world.

We have read the book *The Loon on the Moon*, which has a lot of nonsense names and actions. We also named the aliens. Alien Alien and Fizzbungle (after a character in the book which means something rude on the Moon, the children of course found this hilarious). We listened to rhymes, and sang space-themed songs, all of which covered our literacy targets very well.

Our role-play areas are a space rocket control centre and a rocket repair and building centre. The children can dress up in space suits and pretend to fly their rockets and use the tools to build or repair spaceships.

Carla made a space obstacle course in the garden. The children were challenged to balance, crawl, step over objects, perform side-to-side steps, jump, walk in different ways, duck down through hula hoops and stretch. All these activities reinforce and extend a child's physical development. We also play outside every Wednesday with Oak class for Wheelie Wednesday. I read an article recently stating that 1

in 5 children are not achieving the recommended 1-hour of physical exercise per day. I can say that we get outside every day and try our best to fulfil that need.

The children have also used their creativity and expression by creating handprint aliens with Katie and making paint print planets. The aliens linked in well with our topic of being helpful and kind and the children were asked to describe ways they can help at home. It amused the staff when one little one said, "I can help but I won't tidy my room!" Creating paint planets meant the children were able to experiment with a variety of paint colours which they could mix, use alien shapes for printing and body buffers to create texture in the paint.

We have enjoyed meeting our two new baby guinea pigs as our female Guinea pig had babies over the Christmas break. They are very sweet, and the children were very keen to take care of them. We will be helping them to understand how we treat animals, what we need to do to care for them, and how to handle them properly.

During the day we actively promote the children's mathematical knowledge. Each day we count how many children are in the Cabin, count objects, look at the corresponding digit, write invisible numbers in the air, tap, clap, jump or stamp out a given number and match written numbers to objects. We play games where the children must find certain shapes in the environment, say the names of shapes they are shown, and speak about the properties of shapes including describing the number of sides. We measure volume in the sandpit, in the water tray and whilst using playdough. There is always a weighing scale, rulers, tape measures and containers of various sizes available for them to explore and talk about.

We are privileged to look after children who are non-verbal, we have taught many of them to sign the initial sound of their names, colours and various characters in our focus books, and the staff as well are very keen to learn more Makaton, it is very interesting and fun, as well as being so rewarding to get a sign back. I am so proud of everyone at Cabin that has undertaken this learning.

All that by Wednesday, so if you've ever wondered why the children are tired when they get home, this is why!

The rest of the term will continue with the space theme for two more weeks, then we will celebrate Chinese New Year, a very short but fun term.

If you want to learn more about us and would like to visit, please give us a call and we can arrange a tour. Call Jayne on 01491 680854 or email info@thecabinpreschool.co.uk









WOODCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL

January has brought cold weather to the village and reminded us that winter is here. We are warm and enjoying learning, whatever the weather.

Reception class are planning a trip to the Garden Centre. They have already visited St Leonard's Church and a Library visit is in the planning stage. They are making a map of their local area and understanding what each of these places offers to the village where they live.

We welcome Mr Neal to the KS1 teaching team. Year 1 are very excited to show him the ropes and the term has started well, with great enthusiasm for learning. They have spent their first week working scientifically to conduct an investigation using ice and working out how different objects can impact the amount of time it takes to melt an ice cube.

Year 2 have welcomed new class pets. They have stick insects living in the classroom and are taking very good care of them, although their names are currently Sticky 1, Sticky 2, Sticky 3 and Sticky 4. We will have to work on that.

Year 3 have been busy learning about Europe and the cities within it. In science class, they have explored what a light source is and how they can describe it. They are looking forward to learning more about light and shadows this term.

Year 4 have begun their new topic for the term, Rainforests. Whilst being part of their geography curriculum, they are also linking it to their English lessons, based on the book *The Explorer*, by Katherine Rundell. They are already hooked into the story and keen to find out if the children, who have been stranded in the Amazon rainforest after their plane crashed, will manage to survive.

Year 5 are about to embark on their Bikability lessons. They will be out and about around the village with their instructors. This is something we offer every year to the older children to give them a safer understanding of riding their bikes both around the village and beyond.

Year 6 have begun this term by introducing their new topic of *Restless Earth* for geography. This will build throughout this term and next. They will look at everything from biomes to volcanoes and will have presentations of project work at the end of March for which parents and families are invited.

We are very proud to hear that Martha and Will, both year 4, represented The White Horse Harriers in a South Oxfordshire Cross Country Tournament. They both won their races and Will won the overall Champion for his age group with Martha coming third in her category. Well done to you both.

Year 5 and 6 together are finishing rehearsals for their performance next week at The O2 Arena in London. They are extremely excited. They have worked very hard to learn the 12 songs they need, and the dance moves associated with them. It will be fabulous, I am sure.

A busy start to the term all over the school!



White Horse Harriers: Will and Martha

We are currently recruiting for a Lunchtime Supervisor and also for a 1:1 Support Worker over lunchtimes. If you would like to work here or perhaps just come and hear some readers, please get in touch. We would love to welcome you to our family.

Mrs L. Hunt

WOODCOTE WI

Sally Lambert welcomed the members to our Christmas meeting. The tables looked festive with the tablecloths and table decorations. The members were welcomed with a glass of cheer!

Sandra Dickson celebrated her birthday this month and Patricia Solomons was presented with a bowl of hyacinths for her birthday earlier in the year.

We were entertained by the excellent Close Knit Band, who had a large repertoire of songs and music. Many thanks to Jenny, Elaine and Mark for getting our celebrations off with a swing. This was followed with tea by the committee.

The AGM in January for the Homes and Gardens came up with lots of ideas for trips and visits, so an excellent start to the New Year. This was followed by a lovely lunch at the Miller of Mansfield at Goring many thanks to everyone there for making it a lovely occasion.

In February we will celebrate our 80th birthday when Martyn Harrison will present a tribute to the music and mirth of Harry Secombe.

Come and join us and have some fun, we meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm in the Village Hall.

Judy Williams

WOODCOTE PRE-SCHOOL

Welcome back! We have been so looking forward to welcoming all the children back and hearing about their Christmas. We have heard all about all the presents that Santa brought them and all the fun things that they got up to over the Christmas break.

During this half term we have a lot of fun activities coming up. We will be focusing on *People Who Help Us* so there will be lots of doctors, dentists, police officers, fire fighters, vets, post masters and school staff.

We will also be celebrating Burns Night with a traditional Scottish dinner. Our families can look forward to some beautiful Valentine's crafts coming home. We are looking forward to learning all about Chinese New Year and celebrating by playing restaurants in the roleplay area and trying some Chinese food. Pancake day is also coming up and the children love reading *The Runaway Pancake* and enjoying a pancake breakfast.

We are enjoying some crisp but cold weather and the chance to spend plenty of time running around in our secure outside area.

We still have some spaces available, but we are filling up fast so if you are interested in your child/children joining us please contact Wendy and to arrange a visit.

The government have introduced new funding for 2-year-olds from April and we are offering this to eligible families. You can check your eligibility on www.childcarechoices.co.uk or we can help and advise you. If you would like to enquire about a space or book a visit, please call us on 01491682300 or email us on woodcote.pre-school@hotmail.co.uk.

Easter Holiday Club will be running again this year from Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th of April for children aged 2-8 years. We look forward to welcoming both old and new faces for some more fun activities. Please look out for booking details on our Facebook page and our website soon.













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GORING HEATH BEAVERS

Christmas may seem like a distant memory but, as (at the time of writing) we have yet to start the new term, it's what we shall be blathering on about.

As has been traditional for the best part of twenty years, we spent the two weeks before Christmas carol-singing to forewarned victims, then compensating them with hampers. It is one of the most worthwhile things we do, though this year proved something of a challenge. Even Otter (who astute readers will recall is meteorologically impervious) described the conditions on the first week as "appalling". In heavy rain (it really was persisting it down) the Beavers knocked on doors, smiled and sang; Rudolph was not the only one with a very shiny nose! Such is the mettle of our leaders that they even managed to take some photos whilst going like one-armed paperhangers keeping everyone safe in horrid conditions (just trying to make oneself heard in heavy rain is a challenge). It was so wet that the traditional wheelbarrow (used to carry the hampers) had to be abandoned as it would quickly have become a mobile pond. Thankfully, Mowforth House was our final call of the evening, so we were able to get out the rain, drip onto their carpets and steam up their windows. Fortune was, however, smiling on us during week two; it was dry, so the wheelbarrow made a triumphant return. It would appear, from the photos and the quantity of chocolate given to the Beavers, that our victims enjoyed their visit as much as we did.

Our three oldest Beavers (Little Ern, Rosaline and Cara) left at the end of term, Little Ern and Rosaline 'swimming up' to Cubs and Cara moving on to Brownies. We shall miss you all. Ernie, as often happens with leaders' children, started coming whilst still in his larval stage so it's going to be particularly weird without him.

Happy New Year to one and all, and congratulations to our editor who could, doubtless, give even our leaders tips on being a one-armed paperhanger.

WALLINGFORD CORN EXCHANGE

All regular performances normally start at 7:30 pm unless stated otherwise. Please note that we will start on time and that latecomers will only be allowed in after the start of the film where there is no disruption to sitting patrons. This means that we may have to reseat some latecomers. For Live Screenings we reserve the right to seat latecomers in the Curtis Room where there is a large screen relay. The bar and auditorium will open from 7 pm so there's plenty of time to collect drinks beforehand.

Films with subtitles will be shown on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons at 2:30 pm. Please look at the website (www.cornexchange.org.uk) for updates. Tickets £10 for adults and £5 for under 15s, unless otherwise stated.

Cinema

Priscilla (15)

- Sunday, 28th January, 7:30 pm

- Monday, 29th January, 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, 31st January, 2:30 and 7:30 pm

Maestro (15)

- Friday, 2nd February, 7:30 pm
- Saturday, 3rd February, 2:30 pm
- Saturday, 3rd February, 7:30 pm
- Sunday, 4th February, 7:30 pm

One Life (TBC)

- Monday, 5th February, 7:30 pm
- Tuesday, 6th February, 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, 7th February, 2:30 pm

Poor Things (18)

- Friday, 9th February, 7:30 pm
- Saturday, 10th February, 2:30 and 7.30pm
- Sunday, 11th February, 7:30 pm
- Monday, 12th February, 7:30 pm

The Boys in the Boat (PG)

- Tuesday, 13th February, 7:30 pm

Corn Exchange Archive Film Evening

A free evening of film with an 8mm film from 1975, when the Sinodun Players first purchased the Corn Exchange, plus TV screenings and interviews from 1990 & 2000.

- Thursday, 15th February, 7:30 pm

Anatomy of a Fall (15)

- Monday, 19th February, 7:30 pm
- Tuesday, 20th February, 7:30 pm

Peppa Pig's Cinema Party (U)

- Special offer: Adults £5, Children £3
- Wednesday, 21st February, 2:30 pm

Wonka (PG)

- Wednesday, 21st February, 7:30 pm
- Friday, 23rd February, 7:30 pm

Peppa Pig's Cinema Party (U)

- Special offer: Adults £5, Children £3
- Saturday, 24th February, 2:30 pm

The End we Start From (15)

- Saturday, 24th February, 7:30 pm
- Sunday, 25th February, 7:30 pm

Painting the Modern Garden: Monet to Matisse Exhibition on Screen

- Tuesday, 27th February, 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, 28th February, 2:30 pm

The Holdovers (15)

- Wednesday, 28th February, 7:30 pm
- Thursday, 29th February, 7:30 pm

Live on Stage

Jazz and Blues Divas

- Friday, 16th February, 7:30 pm
- All tickets £20

An unforgettable, one-off evening bringing together three of the UK's leading jazz singers honouring the legacy of Nina Simone, Ella Fitzgerald, Peggy Lee and other great women singers in Jazz and Blues. From Ronnie Scott's to Sadlers Wells Vimala Rowe is a truly unclassifiable and astonishing talent. Her training in Hindustani classical music in India to World music, Soul and effortlessly swinging Jazz has helped make award winning singer Vimala Rowe a much-admired talent on the British Jazz scene. Rebecca Poole's new album has recently been the record of the week on Jazz FM and you may have spotted her at the Royal Albert hall with Jools Holland, or Cheltenham Jazz with Jamie Cullum or even spotted her in *The Crown*. Fleur Stevenson may be our local star and founder of Crowmarsh Jazz, but she's also played with UK Jazz greats in the top London venues and gained a reputation as a gifted musician who's rich, honeyed voice is always true, always passionate and never fails to move an audience.

Part of Wallingford Winter Blues & Jazz Weekend https://wallywinterbluesnjazz.co.uk/

A Night of Frank and Louis

- Saturday, 17th February, 7:30 pm
- All tickets £20

A Night of Frank & Louis with Enrico Tomasso and Denny Ilett. Denny Ilett has had a lifelong love affair with the music of Frank Sinatra and his voice evokes both the rich tone and the effortless, cool swing. If Frank was jazz's biggest star for many years, the Daddy of the whole art form must surely be Louis Armstrong – the greatest of them all (Frank worshipped him too!). Enrico Tommaso has been famous on the British jazz scene for his beautiful recreations of Louis tunes but he also has an astounding personal connection with Louis. Come to the show and find out what that is!

Part of Wallingford Winter Blues & Jazz Weekend https://wallywinterbluesnjazz.co.uk/

Live Screening

Royal Opera: *Rusalka*

- Recorded live at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden
- Tuesday, 30th January, 6:45 pm
- £18 (adults), £15 (seniors), £10 (under 18s)

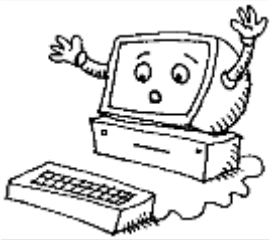
A new production of Dvorák's *Rusalka* with cast (Asmik Grigorian, David Butt Philip, Emma Bell, Sarah Connolly, Matthew Rose, Ross Ramgobin, Hongni Wu, Vuvu Mpofu, Gabrielė Kupšytė, Anne Marie Stanley, Josef Jeongmeen Ahn), Conductor (Semyon Bychkov) and Directors (Ann Yee and Natalie Abrahami). A poetic, contemporary new staging of Dvořák's lyric fairytale opera starring Asmik Grigorian as Rusalka.

Sung in Czech with English subtitles. Running time: 225 minutes with one interval.

NT Live: *Dear England*

- Filmed live on stage at the National Theatre, London
- Thursday, 1st February, 7:00pm
- £18 (adults), £15 (seniors), £10 (under 18s)

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With the worst track record for penalties in the world, Gareth Southgate knows he needs to open his mind and face up to the years of hurt, to take team and country back to the promised land. Joseph Fiennes (*The Handmaid's Tale*) plays Gareth Southgate in James Graham's (*Sherwood*) spectacular hit play that explores nation and game. The country that gave the world football has since delivered a painful pattern of loss. Why can't England's men win at their own game? With the worst track record for penalties in the world, Gareth Southgate knows he needs to open his mind and face up to the years of hurt, to take team and country back to the promised land. Director - Rupert Goold.

Royal Ballet: *Manon*

- From the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden
- Wednesday, 7th February, 7:15 pm
- £18 (adults), £15 (seniors), £10 (under 18s)

A revival of Macmillan's *Manon*. Choreography: Kenneth MacMillan and Music: Jules Frédéric Massenet. Kenneth MacMillan's passionate ballet tells the story of Manon, who is torn between her desire for a life of splendour and riches and her devotion to her true love Des Grieux. This adaptation of Abbé Prévost's novel embodies Kenneth MacMillan at his best, his acute insight into human psychology and his mastery of narrative choreography finding full expression in the impassioned duets of the central couple. Running time 195 minutes with two intervals.

Kinky Boots, The Musical

- Filmed live at the Adelphi Theatre, London
- Thursday, 8th February, 7:30 pm
- £18 (adults), £15 (seniors), £10 (under 18s)

Kinky Boots, The Musical, is strutting onto the big screen! With songs from Grammy and Tony award winning pop icon Cindy Lauper, book by legendary Broadway playwright Harvey Fierstein (La Cage Aux Folles), and direction and choreography by Jerry Mitchell (Legally Blonde, Hairspray), the musical is based on the film written by Geoff Deane and Tim Firth.

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My Favourite Things, The Rodgers and Hammerstein 80th Anniversary Concert

- Wednesday, 14th February, 2:30 pm and 7:30 pm
- £18 (adults), £15 (seniors), £10 (under 18s)

Featuring a 40-piece orchestra and international stars of the stage and screen, this special anniversary concert was filmed at London's newly restored Theatre Royal Drury Lane – the same venue that premiered the original West End productions of Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Oklahoma!*, *Carousel*, *South Pacific* and *The King and I*. Featuring a star-studded cast including Joanna Ampil, Michael Ball, Maria Friedman, Daniel Dae Kim, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Audra McDonald, Rita Moreno, Julian Ovenden, Lucy St. Louis, Aaron Tveit, Marisha Wallace and Patrick Wilson, the landmark event was accompanied by the 40-piece Rodgers & Hammerstein Concert Orchestra, conducted by Simon Lee. Directed and staged by Tony Award-winning director and choreographer Christopher Gattelli (Broadway's *The King and I*, *South Pacific*), the celebration of the historic partnership of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II showcases original arrangements of the most iconic songs from *Oklahoma!*, *Carousel*, *South Pacific*, *The King and I*, *Cinderella*, *The Sound of Music* and more!

NT Live: *Vanya*

- Thursday 22nd February, 7 pm
- Filmed live in London's West End
- £18 (adults), £15 (seniors), £10 (under 18s)

Andrew Scott (*Fleabag*) brings multiple characters to life in Simon Stephens' (*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*) radical new version of Chekhov's *Uncle Vanya*. Hopes, dreams, and regrets are thrust into sharp focus in this one-man adaptation which explores the complexities of human emotions.

WHITCHURCH & GORING HEATH HISTORY SOCIETY

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? is the title of our talk by Nick Brazil on Thursday 15th February. You might be surprised. Come along and find out at the meeting to be held at Whitchurch Village Hall at 7.30pm, with coffee and biscuits being served from 7pm. Not a full dinner unfortunately!

The talk follows the Annual General Meeting of the Society, which is now thirty years old. Looking at our records I see that Doreen Godley was on the steering committee right at the beginning and has been treasurer and then committee member ever since, always active and involved in our discussions. She will be greatly missed.

As time moves on there is a danger that the history society itself becomes history. There is a need for an influx of interested people to carry on the study of the past as there is indeed always more to find out about our area, the people, the buildings, the events. Why not join us? Our subscription of £12 is a bargain against the £3 we must charge for each meeting attended by a non-member.

WALLINGFORD & DISTRICT ART CLUB (WADAC)

Join our friendly Wallingford and District Art club for our AGM and an art talk at Centre 70 from 7.30pm-9.30pm on Tuesday 20 February. Leading local artist and lecturer, Anthony Wilder, is giving a talk on Wallingford's Victorian artist dynasties, together with illustrations of their work. The meeting is free for club members and £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.

HENLEY AND DISTRICT STAMP CLUB



Hopefully we are now at the start of Spring, and we are seeing the plants refresh, maybe a bud or a flower. The one that you may consider is starting a new hobby, could it be stamp collecting?

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

To learn more about stamps and postal history why not visit us at Bix one Wednesday evening? You can then meet other people who find postal history and the story of stamps fascinating too. Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month in Bix Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

On Wednesday 14th February we have a guest speaker give a talk on *Smithy, Australia's Most Famous Aviator*. Wednesday 28th. February is Auction Viewing evening showing the material to be auctioned on the 13th March.

Visitors and new members are very welcome. Further details can be obtained by phoning Steve on 07767 251670 or on our website: www.henleyphilatelic.org.uk.

TREEHOUSE SCHOOL, CHOLSEY

5k, 10k and Family Run - Sunday March 24th

Looking for a challenge for 2024? Train for the Treehouse School 5k or 10k run, set in and around the village of Cholsey, Oxfordshire. The course is almost entirely off-road. The full 5 km and 10 km routes are shown on the website. We use chip-timing, wooden medals and offer to plant a tree or to give a t-shirt to all pre-registered runners. For more details or to book your place, or if you would like to volunteer, visit https://treehouse10k.org.uk.

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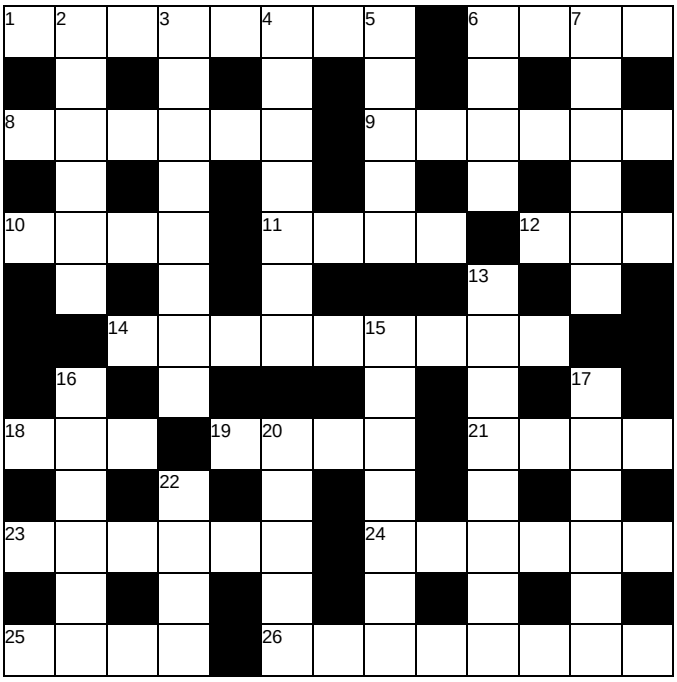
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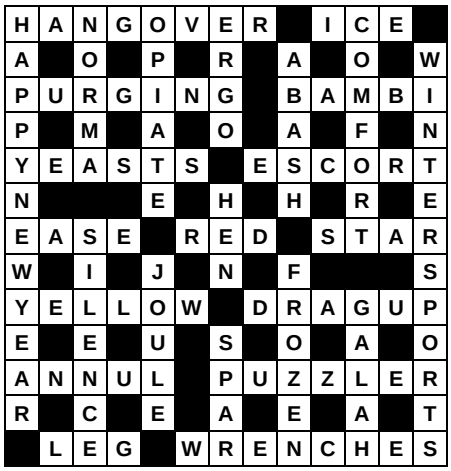
Across

1. Delightful – letting on quietly (8)
6. Pen shop (4)
8. New but second hand to the United Nations (6)
9. Engineer tried incorporating old cutter (6)
10. Favourites step back (4)
11. Cereal having nothing at days end (4)
12. Lead sow to yonder enclosure (3)
14. Stuffing drug at musical (9)
18. Throw backward (3)
19. No affection (4)
21. Cast off finished piece (4)
23. Street tunes steps (6)
24. She's a giant steam ship (6)
25. Cross about emotional archer (4)
26. Star marks its storms (8)

Down

2. Stretched loner has first go (6)
3. Fools endlessly cross at examiner (8)
4. Sir! Do no work at home (7)
5. Gus captures alien visitor (5)
6. Country without a prominent feature (4)
7. Nothing left round this city (6)
13. Take off here for flight around pole (8)
15. He'd have ring now prepared for the dance (7)
16. Less guilty than wife who struck king (6)
17. Only room for cot and perch (6)
20. Old fool has one in watering hole (5)
22. Overlook failure to strike (4)

JANUARY CROSSWORD SOLUTION



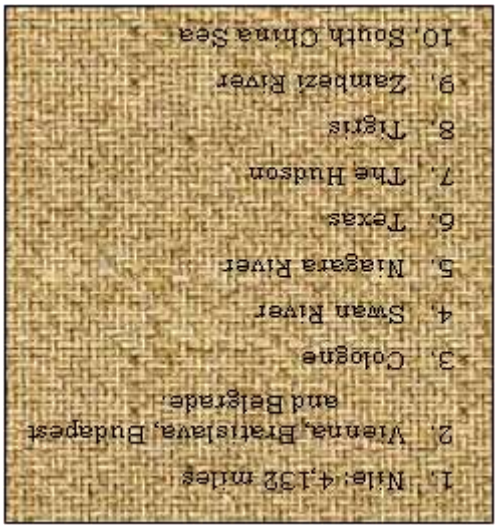
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JANUARY QUIZ

All about rivers

1. Which is the longest river in the world?
2. Name all four European capital cities that the river Danube passes through?
3. What is the largest city on the river Rhine?
4. Which river flows through the Australian city of Perth?
5. Which river forms part of the border between the province of Ontario in Canada and the state of New York in the United States?
6. The Rio Grande serves as part of the natural border between Mexico and which U.S. state?
7. On which River did captain 'Sully' land US Airways Flight 1549 on the 15th of January 2009?
8. Which river flows through Iraq's capital Baghdad?
9. The Victoria Falls in southern Africa is on which river?
10. Where does the Mekong River in China outflow?

ANSWERS



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Regular Weekly Events

Every Monday

** Youth Club – Juniors (year 7's). Woodcote Village Hall. 7.15pm-8.45pm.

Every Tuesday

** Youth Club – Seniors (years 8, 9 & 10). Woodcote Village Hall 7.15pm-8.45pm..

Every Thursday

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

** Chance To Chat.
Community Centre Lion's Den 2.30pm-4pm

FEBRUARY DATES

Thur 1st	*	Wallingford Photographic Club members' evening: Competition image selection. Crowmarsh Pavilion. 7.30pm-10pm
Sat 3rd	*	Coffee Shop in aid of St. Leonard's Church (cash only). Woodcote Community Centre. 10am-12.30pm
	*	Goring Repair Café. Goring Village Hall. 10am-12.30pm
Tues 6th	*	LEGO Club. Woodcote Library. 3.30pm-4.30pm
	*	Whitchurch Photographic Society Zoom meeting: Rosebowl Competition - Round 3. 8pm
	*	BMMHS Zoom talk: 'Warsaw Uprising'. Email zoom@bmmhs.org. 7.30pm
Wed 7th	*	Wallingford U3A meeting. Crowmarsh Village Hall. 2pm
Thur 8th	*	Wallingford Photographic Club talk: 'The prints and the paper'. Crowmarsh Pavilion. 7.30pm-10pm
Sat 10th	*	Saturday Crafts: Chinese New Year. Woodcote Library. 10.30am-11.30am
Tues 13th	*	Board Games Club for adults. Woodcote Library. 3.30pm-4.45pm
Wed 14th	*	BMMHS Talk: 'The Guinea Pig Club'. Woodcote Village Hall. 7.30pm
	*	Henley & District Stamp Club meeting. Bix Village Hall. 7.30pm
	*	Whitchurch Photographic Society meeting. Digital Competition 3. Whitchurch Village Hall. 8pm
Thur 15th	*	Wallingford Photographic Club competition: NSS4. Crowmarsh Pavilion. 7.30pm-10pm
	*	Whitchurch & Goring Heath History Society talk: 'Guess Who's Coming to Dinner'. Whitchurch Village Hall. 7.30pm
Fri 16th	*	Goring Unplugged. Goring Village Hall. 7.30pm
Tues 20th	*	Wallingford & District Art Club AGM & illustrated talk: 'Wallingford's Victorian Artists'. Centre 70, The Kinecroft, Wallingford. 7.30pm

SMALL ADS

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LOCAL HANDYMAN :: No job too small. DIY jobs in and around the home. Kitchen and bathroom renovations undertaken. Call James 07961 882281

FEBRUARY DATES *Continued*

Wed 21st	*	Woodcote WI meeting. Woodcote Village Hall. 2.30pm
	*	Whitchurch Photographic Society Zoom meeting: 'Is Photography Art?'. 8pm
Thur 22nd	*	Wallingford Photographic Club members' evening. Crowmarsh Pavilion. 7.30pm-10pm
Sat 24th	*	Coffee Shop in aid of Woodcote Pre-School (cash only). Woodcote Community Centre. 10am-12.30pm
	*	Goring Heath Parish Charity Quiz Night. Goring Heath Parish Hall. 7.30pm
Tues 27th	*	Chatterbox. Woodcote Community Centre. 2pm-3.30pm
Wed 28th	*	Henley & District Stamp Club meeting. Bix Village Hall. 7.30pm
	*	Whitchurch Photographic Society meeting. Print Competition 2. Whitchurch Village Hall. 8pm
Thur 29th	*	Wallingford Photographic Club competition: Abingdon Battle. Crowmarsh Pavilion. 7.30pm-10pm

FORTHCOMING DATES IN MARCH

Fri 1st	*	Comedy Night. Woodcote Village Hall. 8pm
Tues 5th	*	BMMHS Zoom talk: 'The British Army during the Korean War'. Email zoom@bmmhs.org. 7.30pm
Wed 6th	*	Whitchurch Photographic Society Zoom meeting: 'Las Vegas to Dallas'. 8pm
	*	Wallingford U3A meeting. Crowmarsh Village Hall. 2pm
Thur 7th	*	Wallingford Photographic Club talk: 'Self-drive safari, Namibia'. Crowmarsh Pavilion. 7.30pm-10pm

QUIZ NIGHT AT GORING HEATH PARISH HALL

Mike Holland has kindly agreed to host a quiz night on Saturday February 24th, starting at 7.30pm. The cost is £15, to include a fish and chips supper and there will be the usual drinks to buy. Always an entertaining evening, book your table for a team, up to six people, at events@goringheathparishhall.uk.