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Meetings & Dates

Parish Council

Merry Bells, 19:30

6th June

4th July

Planning Cmte.

Merry Bells, 19:30

8th June

13th July

Finance Cmte.

Merry Bells, 19:30

20th June

Open Spaces Cmte.

Merry Bells, 19:30

18th July

District Councillor Surgery

Parish Office

10:30—11:30

11th June

9th July

WHEATLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION

A separate WNP Information Sheet addressed to every household in Wheatley and Holton comes with this edition of Wheatley News.

It contains contact details relevant to the two documents which you are asked to read and respond to in the Pre-Submission Consultation for the Wheatley Neighbourhood Plan Review [WNPR]. The Consultation, commencing in June, will last seven weeks, and is to be followed by a Referendum organised by SODC.

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Chair's Column

As I write this, I am sitting at my desk looking up my garden watching the birds gather material for their nests. It seems only a short while ago that the garden was bare, and now it is bursting with life all promising new beginnings.

It is a new start for some of the Ukrainian refugees who have landed in our village and my deep thanks go to the group that is facilitating a safe haven for those who are displaced, as well as the host families for being so welcoming. As a council we are prepared to offer any support to those individuals once they are here and we know what they need. It has been a slow and painful journey for those willing to host families, and the bureaucracy has seemed insurmountable, but there seems to be light at the end of the tunnel now.

During April we asked parishioners to let us know what they felt about the High Street, shopping, seating, parking, room for pedestrians etc and the consultation has now ended. We are now looking at the responses and will feed back the results at the next council meeting on 6th June. Respondents have been excellent in

telling us what they want as opposed to just ticking a box, so the consultation has been incredibly valuable.

Planning for the Jubilee weekend is in full swing, and we have published the full itinerary in this month's newsletter. My particular favourite will be the best 'Decorated House' which will give parishioners the opportunity to go mad with the bunting which will make the village look so cheerful. An opportunity to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's 70th year has come at the right time – there is so much that is worrying and energy sapping that we all need a welcome break from dire headlines.

Finally, I wanted to say that we still have a vacancy on the Parish Council, and I would be very happy to talk to anyone who is interested but is unsure what it involves. For those that care about their community, it is a fulfilling role and involves being part of the decision-making process. Please give it some thought.

Alison Sercombe

Clerk's Column

Firstly, thank you to everyone who came along to the Annual Parish Meeting (11th April). The display of old minutes books, receipts, and correspondence proved a popular feature and sparked lots of conversations, and we were able to discuss topics of concern to those in attendance.

The parish council started the new council year on 9th May, with appointments and representatives remaining the same for the 2022-23 year. We still have one vacancy and would love to hear from anyone who might be interested, now or in the future. Please do get in touch for an informal chat.

The council will be seeking to approve its end of year financial reports at its meeting on 6th June.

Our Health and Wellbeing Committee were pleased to see that the first Wheatley Community Larder went well and hope that the community will continue to support the weekly event. Everyone is welcome to come along and pick up excess food, that would otherwise go to landfill. There is a mix

of dried goods, tins and fresh food and veg.

The community larder runs every Thursday 2.30-4.30 in St Mary's Church. A special thank you to the volunteers who have stepped forward to deliver this initiative.

We are only a short time away from a long weekend, to celebrate HM Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee. This special edition of Wheatley News includes a pull-out programme of events and we do hope that you will be able to come along to the organised events, especially the Community Picnic on Sunday 5th June at Holton Playing Fields (opposite Wheatley Park School). Everyone is welcome to come along, bring a picnic or purchase food, take part in the entertainment and activities, and enjoy being with friends, family, and neighbours.

Finally, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members of the community, who have escaped from the war in Ukraine. We hope that you enjoy your time in Wheatley.

Michelle Legg

The Parish office is open to the public each Wednesday and Saturday 09:30-11:30

Community Larder NOW OPEN

The larder is now up and running on Thursdays from 2.30-4.30 pm at St Mary's Church, Church Road, Wheatley.

We are making available fresh produce, tinned, and dry goods-pasta, biscuits etc from the OXFORD FOOD HUB, a food waste charity.

There is no charge but there may be a limit on the amount of food each person can take depending on numbers. Donations for local charities will be welcome.

We still need volunteers, although we have some lovely people who have already agreed to help. Contact val_farmer40@hotmail.com.

Please come to prevent food being sent to land fill and don't forget to bring your own bag.

Penny Willmott

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Are you willing to make a difference to Wheatley?

Wheatley Parish Council have one vacancy for a parish councillor. Being based in the community the parish council is best placed to support its residents and local groups, as well as trying to tackle local issues. As a councillor you will be instrumental in helping to deliver the council's strategic plan and help to make positive changes.

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As part of the village's Jubilee celebrations, Wheatley Parish Council will be presenting a commemorative bookmark to primary school children who live within the Wheatley. We are working with Wheatley Primary School to mark this occasion, but if your child lives in Wheatley and attends a primary school outside of the village, please contact the Clerk or complete and return the form below:

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News from The Trust

The Trust has carried out some pitch maintenance and improvement during the Easter holidays. These included deep-tining the whole field and applications of weedkiller and fertiliser. In addition, the floodlit training pitch has been reseeded and top dressed with sand. We would ask everyone to keep off this pitch.

Other pitch restoration includes making good the wear and tear in the football goal mouths. Unfortunately, much of this work has been spoiled by unauthorised users of the field, dragging the goals back onto the pitches. We ask that the goals are not moved onto the pitches to allow them to recover.

The Trust is looking to re-align the rugby pitch during the summer. Some 30 years ago the pitch was moved when it was thought that an access road was going to be built from the Forest Hill turn to the Holton turn. Putting the pitch back to its original position will help reduce the confusion created by the numerous lines of the running track cutting across the pitch.

The tennis courts are available for use by residents of Holton and Wheatley for community use outside school hours. We would ask that users complete the form on the Trust website to let us

monitor numbers and to accept the terms of conditions for use. Unfortunately, there has been some damage done to the nets and posts recently.

There are some events taking place on the playing field this Spring and Summer. The dates are as follows:

- Wheatley FC 5-a-side tournament 21st May,
- Wheatley Oaks women's football festival 25th June,
- Wheatley Play Day 16th July.

An additional event taking place on the playing field is the Community Picnic, organised by Wheatley Parish Council, to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5th June from 12pm to 3pm.

If there is anyone in the community who is thinking about playing netball, football or rugby or just wants to improve their fitness, please contact the clubs directly or use the Trust contact details below.

Do get in touch at:

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Paul Willmott | Chairman

Our Lady of Lourdes

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Studying the Scriptures

Although the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes is open daily for private prayer, the principal service of the Eucharist is held only once a week; Sunday Mass is celebrated each Saturday evening at 6pm and is known as the Vigil Mass. Daily Mass and three Sunday Masses are celebrated at our main Parish Church of Corpus Christi in Headington.

Although the Liturgy of the Eucharist is thought of as the central part of Mass where bread and wine are consecrated and received as the Body and Blood of Christ, it is not often realised that the Liturgy of the Word is an essential first element which enables a study of the scriptures over a three-year cycle. This year, after Easter and Pentecost, we are studying the Gospel of St Luke, with readings each Sunday preceded by related readings from the Old Testament and the letters of St Paul.

Luke is often given the title scribe of the gentleness of Christ, portraying Jesus as an immensely compassionate and caring person. At this time of the year, we enter the travel narrative and look at the positive qualities required of the followers of Jesus – dedication, charity, the spirit of prayer together with vigilance and humility (Luke Ch 9 – 14).

The Liturgy of the Word always includes a sermon, or homily, in which Fr Mervyn, himself a recognised scripture scholar, assists us interpret the meaning of the word and apply it to our everyday lives before we express our faith together in reciting the creed. The Liturgy of the Word concludes with prayers of the faithful: for the Church, the world, those in difficulties and the local community.

Over a three-year cycle, we cover the three synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke; the Gospel of John is covered in the most solemn parts of the year, Lent and Easter.

Visitors are welcome to join our growing community at Our Lady of Lourdes.

John Guy

St Mary's Church

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From the Vicar

Around us, spring is gradually turning into summer. School terms wind down and we begin to think of holidays. For the church, this season includes Trinity Sunday, falling this year on 12 June. On this day, we celebrate the Trinity, the mystery at the heart of the Christian faith. Christians believe that God is one and three, in other words a triune-unity, a trinity. The Christian Bible makes clear that there is one God, but that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are all God, but different from each other. For centuries, Christians have wrestled with how to say 1+1+1=1! But the point of the Trinity is not to tie us in philosophical knots. The Trinity proves that the God Christians worship is a relational God. The God Christians worship is not a heavenly emperor, sitting in grand isolation,

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commanding his subjects. He is a family, a friendship group, three persons who selflessly and unconditionally love one another. That means this time of year is a reminder of the goodness of human relationships. Human relationships reflect the very being of God! As we selflessly love and support our friends, our families, even our neighbours, we are living like God. We are living in tune with who God is. No one can fully understand the Trinity and many people have tried and argued for centuries. But perhaps the way to truly enter into the mystery of the Trinity is to see how people love one another and to try and love others a bit more ourselves. When we do that, we will become like the Trinity.

**Curate Revd
Michael Dormandy**

Wheatley Community Church

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The Mark Drama

There's lots of uncertainty around: many of us struggle to decide where we wear facemasks and who we shake hands with, and currently even the weather can't decide whether to bake us or drench us!

According to 2019 research, it turns out that people also struggle to decide who Jesus was and is: the UK population is pretty evenly split between God (21%), normal human (17%), prophet (29%), and mythical person (22%) with the rest being unsure.

In the light of this, WCC have decided to stage a production of the shortest and punchiest eyewitness account of Jesus's life: the Gospel of Mark. The Mark Drama, an adaptation of the gospel that lasts 90 minutes and takes place in the round, will be playing in Wheatley for one night only on Saturday June 25th at Wheatley Primary School. Come along and make up your own mind! For full details, see wheatleycommunitychurch.org/events.



The Mark Drama: The Gospel of Mark in 90 mins

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Al McNicoll | Pastor



REVIVAL at St Mary's

Revival Events at St Mary's Church

The last month has been a hive of activity, with a number of events organised taking place at St Mary's.

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With good wishes and thanks for your support,

For more information about the Revival Project and ways to support it, visit to our website: www.revivalatstmarys.org.

The Revival Team

The Shotover School 1950-1972

On Saturday 23rd April over 80 members of the community attended an exhibition and talk by Kevin Heritage, on the history of Wheatley Secondary/The Shotover School between 1950 and 1972.

The logbook of Fred Anson, Headmaster of the school during all of those years, has been transcribed and published with commentary by Kevin Heritage.

Copies of the book are available at £10.00 from The Wheatley Archive, in The Merry Bells, and Country Collections on the High Street, or through Wheatley Park School Reception, or through Kevin at kmharchive22@wheatleypark.org.

Kevin Heritage

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Children from Wheatley CE Primary School have used their creative talents to help decorate the hoarding around the site of a new care home that is being built in the village.



The new 65 bed purpose-built care home on Park Hill in Wheatley, due to open in 2023, will be operated by care home provider St John's Care Trust (SJCT). The provider asked children at local Wheatley CE Primary School to produce a piece of artwork that reflects what caring means to them and some of the resulting pieces have been selected to decorate the hoarding surrounding the building site.

Submitted by children between the ages of six and 11, many of the pieces included hearts and rainbow motifs, inspired by the outpouring of gratitude felt by the nation during lockdown for key workers like carers.

SJCT Deputy CEO Kerry Dearden said: "It has been very touching to see what caring means to children of different ages, and we are honoured to display their artwork on our hoarding."

Gill Standing, Headteacher of Wheatley CE Primary School, said: "We are really pleased to be able to be involved with our local community in this way and the children love doing anything artistic so they enjoyed this challenge.

She added: "'Loving' is one of our key school values and we spoke to the children while they created their artwork about what it means to be loving and caring."



ng caring decorates site of new care home

Colleagues from SJCT met with Mrs Standing and some of the children involved to award them with art supplies to thank them for their involvement with the project.

Kerry Dearden added: "At SJCT we pride ourselves on having great relationships with the local communities surrounding our homes and we are delighted that the community in Wheatley have been keen to be involved with our newest home right from the beginning of the development. We very much look forward to more future interaction with



Wheatley Primary School and its creative pupils."

The new luxury home, which SJCT is developing alongside Frontier Estates and Lawrence Baker Limited, will provide older adults with all-inclusive residential and dementia care.

An SJCT spokesperson says the home will provide opportunity for employment, living, and social engagement in the Wheatley community and its residents will benefit from landscaped gardens and state-of-the-art facilities, including a bistro café, fitness suite and private dining room.



ASDA Wheatley Community Update

My update this time is going to focus on the incredible fundraising which has been supported by customers and colleagues at the Wheatley Store in recent months.

In their last collection in April, Blood Bikes raised £883.50, with all contributions going directly to providing out of hours transportation to the NHS.

On Friday 6th May, we held a food drive, with volunteers from the Community Emergency Food Bank. Three volunteers supported the drive-in store to speak to customers and more than four full trolleys were taken back to provide immediate help. Our food bank trolley is always present by checkouts on the shop floor for anyone wishing to donate items such as sugar, milk, UHT juices, toilet rolls, coffee, and a number of other tinned items. Please do not leave any fresh or chilled items, as the trolley is only emptied weekly. The list on the trolley provides up to date information of what stock is running low.

Wheatley Fire Service ran a charity car wash in our car park on Saturday 7th May, raising a total of £1,313.40 with proceeds split between the DEC (Disaster Emergency Committee) for the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal and FireFighters Charity. They worked tirelessly from 10am-4pm to raise such a large amount for these good causes.

Our store ran two events during March and April, one on Mother's Day and one as an Easter Egg tombola raising £212.11. Our recent UNICEF coin collection held on our checkouts raised £120.81.

We would like to give our heartfelt thanks to everyone that continues to provide such community support despite challenging times. We really do live and work in a fantastic community here.

By the time this is printed, we will have started our next round of green token giving, which will run from 1st June until the 30th September. The causes for this vote will be Wheatley Windmill Preservation Society, Friends of Horspath, and Thame District Guide Association. Our next grant round for Empowering Communities and U18 Better Starts reopens in June, so please get in touch to discuss further.

Finally, we are celebrating 10 years of having Community Champions in our store, so we look forward to celebrating some of these successes with you at your jubilee celebrations and events over the summer.

If you wish to get in contact with me, please use email in first instance: community_wheatley@asda.co.uk.

Linda Blackmore

Wheatley Village Produce Association

Words from The VPA

Hopefully, the fear of frost is now behind us, and we can plant out all those flowers and vegetable plants we have been nursing along under cover.

June

Tender bedding plants, hanging baskets and containers can now go out. Watering will become a regular task but try to restrict this to containers and any new plantings. The weeds will also be coming on apace, so regular hoeing and hand-weeding needs to keep up. On the plus side, salads and early potatoes can be harvested. If you have a lawn, then no doubt mowing has become a weekly job. Forsythia and other spring-flowering shrubs can be pruned into shape. If you are lucky enough to have a greenhouse, then you may need to add shading.

July

As summer is now well under way, deadhead flowers regularly to keep them blooming. This is a good opportunity to get up close and see what other jobs need doing. Unless you plan for marrows, keep picking



the courgettes! As last month, water wisely. If you spot apple or pear scab, remove any damaged twigs and leaves to minimise spread. Lawns will benefit from a feed around now. Remove blanket weed from ponds. If you have time to put your feet up, order catalogues for next year's spring bulbs!

Date for your diary – Sunday 26 June, 2-6pm, Ann Buckingham is kindly opening her garden in aid of the VPA. Volunteers to make cakes would be much appreciated!

Send any queries about the VPA or questions about gardening to wheatleyVPA@gmail.com and we will do our best to help.

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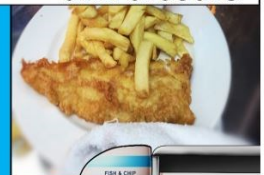
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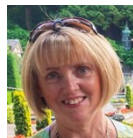
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June 2022 Programme of Events



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Not So Young Club | URC Hall | Fortnightly exc. B/H | 14:00-16:00 | albarjoiner@btinternet.com

Friends of Wheatley Library Fibre Group | 1st & 3rd in month | 14:00-16:00

Friends of Wheatley Library Knit & Natter Group | 2nd & 4th in month | 14:00-16:00

Friends of Wheatley Library Art Group | 16:30-18:30

Beaver Scouts | Scout Hut Holloway Rd. | Term time 18:00-19:00 | 01865 874997

Sweaty Mama (Mum & baby fitness) | Merry Bells | 09:45-11:00 | courtney.leonard@hotmail.co.uk

Messy Mondays | Maple Tree Centre | 10:00-11:30 | bit.ly/mapletreeeb

Wheatley Bridge Club | Holton Village Hall | 19:00 | 01865 874017

Badminton Club | Park Sports Centre | 20:00-22:00 | 07769 827335

Studio25 Dance Academy | Merry Bells | studio25danceoxford@gmail.com | 07808 209243

- Junior Beginners | 16:00-17:00 | Age 7-9
- Senior Beginners | 17:00-18:00 | Age 10+

TUESDAY

Wheatley Library | Open 14:00-19:00

Rugby Club Seniors Training | Wheatley Playing Field | 19:00 | To book 07768 300314

Wheatley Women's Institute | Merry Bells | 3rd in month | 19:15 | 01865 558167

Wheatley Singers | URC Hall | 19:15-21:00 | 01865 872250 | All welcome

Wheatley Village Produce Association | Merry Bells | 2nd in month | 19:30

Flow Fitness Pilates | Merry Bells | 10:00-11:00 | info@flowfitness.org.uk

Story and Rhyme Time | Maple Tree Centre | 10:00-11:30 | bit.ly/mapletreeeb

Merry Bells Coffee Room | 10:00-12:00 | To book 01865 873996 | All welcome

WEDNESDAY

Maple Babies | Maple Tree Centre | 10:00 & 13:00, one hour each | bit.ly/mapletreeeb

Wheatley Library | Open 09:30-13:00 & 14:00-17:00

Pop-up Pilates | Merry Bells | 18:30 & 19:30, 1 hour | info@pop-up-pilates.com | 07731 321991

Cub Scouts | Scout Hut Holloway Rd. | 18:45-20:15 | 01865 874284 | Boys & Girls Age 8-10½

Guides & Rangers | URC | Via Zoom | Term time 19:00-20:30 | Age 10+ | wheatley.guides@yahoo.co.uk

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Baby Music Group | URC | Via Zoom | 10:00 | Term time only | Rachel 07505 131124

Gathering & Short Prayers | URC | Via Zoom | 10:30/18:00 alternating | minister@wheatleyurc.org.uk

Football Fitness | Tiger's Retreat, Garsington | 19:00-20:00 | yohannadam@yahoo.co.uk | Age 30+

St Mary's Church | 01865 872224 | vicar.wheatley@gmail.com

- Holy Communion | 12:00 | Must pre-book

THURSDAY

Mindfulness Sitting Group | URC | via Zoom | 08:50-09:40 | 01865 876288 | tomgoss09@gmail.com

Wheatley Walks | Car park behind 6th Form Centre | 10:00-11:00 | 01865 873430

Wheatley Library | Open 14:00-17:00

Wheatley Wine Circle | URC Church Hall | 1st Thursday in month | 19:30

Little Explorers | Maple Tree Centre | 10:00-11:30 | bit.ly/mapletreeeb

Twinnies! | Stay & Play for twins | Maple Tree Centre | 14:00-15:30 | bit.ly/mapletreeeb

Maple Tree at Forest Hill | Forest Hill Village Hall | 11:00-12:00 | laura@mapletree.org.uk

Wheatley Village Archive | Merry Bells | 14:00-17:00 | Appt only, to book 01865 425909

Rugby Club Seniors | Wheatley Playing Field | 19:00 | To book 07768 300314

Explorer Scouts | Scout Hut Holloway Rd. | 19:00-21:00 | 07745 285938 | Age 14½-18

Merry Bells Coffee Room | 10:00-12:00 | To book 01865 873996 | All welcome

Pilates | Merry Bells | 09:45-10:45

Yoga | Merry Bells | 19:30-20:30

Day by Day

FRIDAY

Wheatley Library | Open 09:30-13:00 & 14:00-18:00

Horspath Hub Coffee Morning | 10:00-12:00 | 07591 933964

Coffee Morning w/ Wheatley Primary Sch. | Maple Tree Centre | 08:45-09:45 | Drop-in

Social Butterflies | Maple Tree Centre | 10:00-11:30 | Drop-in

Scouts | Scout Hut Holloway Rd. | 19:00-21:00 | 07745 285938 | Boys & girls age 10½-14

St. Mary's Bell Tower Practice | St. Mary's Church | 19:30-21:00 | 01865 872250

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Martial Arts | Primary School Hall | 07731 512682 | mrsfox@mattfiddes.com

- Mighty Mats | 16:30-17:15 | Age 3-6
- Junior/Family | 18:30-19:30 | Age 7+

SATURDAY

Wheatley Library | Open 09:30-13:00

Ballet Class | Merry Bells | 10:00-11:00

Wheatley Village Archive | Merry Bells | Last in month | 10:00-12:00 | Appt only 01865 425909

Family Fun | Maple Tree Centre | 3rd Saturday in month | 10:00-11:30 | bit.ly/mapletreeeb

Scrabble Club | Location varies | 1st in month | 19:30 | 01865 872628

Our Lady of Lourdes RC Church | 01865 762433 | corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk

- Vigil Mass | Our Lady of Lourdes, Crown Rd. | 18:00

SUNDAY

Wheatley Windmill Open | 2nd in month | May to October

Wheatley Minis Football | Holton Rugby Club | 09:00-10:00 | Ages 4-7 | 07756 608744

St Mary's Church | 01865 872224 | vicar.wheatley@gmail.com

- Holy Communion | 08:00
- Parish Praise | 1st Sunday in month | 10:00
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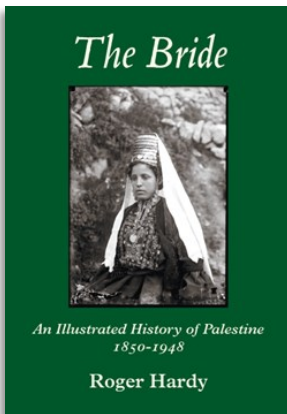
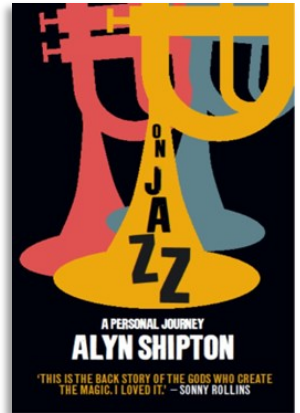


THE WHEATLEY SOCIETY

Parish Newsletter

June / July 2022

The current programme of events started on Friday April 22nd, with Alyn Shipton's Jazz Evening. The Merry Bells was set up in a more informal club style and members and their guests brought along their own refreshments to enjoy whilst listening to Alyn share music and anecdotes from his latest book "On Jazz". It was a full house. Alyn illustrated the evening with music and interview excerpts from many of the characters and remarkable artists he has met and worked with as player, broadcaster, and critic; from New Orleans pioneers to avant-garde players such as Ornette Coleman, by way of such giants as Oscar Peterson and Sonny Rollins. And he covered his own playing with the likes of Ken Colyer and Chris Barber. Copies of the book are available directly from Alyn at ashipton@me.com.



By coincidence, the second event on Thursday 12th also focussed on a newly published book. Wheatley seems to have quite a range of authors. Roger Hardy took us on a thought-provoking journey through the complex history of Palestine 1850-1948 effectively illustrated by means of 12 Photographs based on his latest book 'The Bride: An Illustrated History of Palestine, 1850-1948'. He described how this small territory -- a bride with many suitors -- was transformed from a backwater of the Ottoman empire into the object of sustained Western rivalries and ambitions; how, after the First World War, it became part of the British empire; and how, in its final metamorphosis, Palestine ceased to exist and the state of Israel was born. Roger's book is also available directly from him rghardy2014@gmail.com.

Unfortunately, due to Covid, the joint presentation by Age UK and Wheatley Good Neighbour Scheme on Tuesday 5th April, had to be postponed. This will now take place on July 5th at 2.30 in the Merry Bells. Members and non-members are most welcome. Come and find out about all the support and services these two entities can assist you with.

Events for members to look forward to include a Walk around Oxford's Jewish Quarter on June 21st and the return of our biannual Safari Supper on July 23rd, which is always very popular.

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The grand finale involved his acolytes prancing around an imaginary May pole! It was a delight to see all the smiling faces – a heartening occasion in these troubled times.



Jack Turner | Not the Organiser

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Tuesday:

Story and Rhyme Time at 10:00-11:30am, Baby Massage at 10:30-12:00 and Maple Babies at 1:00-2:00pm

Wednesday:

Cruisers and Crawlers at 10:30-11:30am and Maple Babies at 1:00-2:00pm

Thursday:

Little Explorers at 10:00-11:30am and Twinnies at 2:00-3:30pm

Social Butterflies at 10:00-11:30am (drop in)

Family Fun at 10:00-11:30am 3rd Saturday in month

Village Outreach: The Maple Tree at Forest Hill Village Hall on Thursdays from 11:00am-12:00pm (drop in)

Our sessions are bookable through Eventbrite; bit.ly/mapletreeeb. There is a suggested donation of £2.50 per family per session.

Save the Dates:

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Saturday 2nd July The Maple Tree Magic Show

Saturday 16th July Wheatley Play Day
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A quick update from Wheatley CE Primary – the year does seem to be racing past!

We are delighted to announce that the merger with Wheatley Pre-School has happened! **Acorns Nursery** is now part of our school and we are delighted to have new families and staff join us. Our Reception staff are excited to get to know the children moving up in September and learn from the expertise of the nursery staff. If you are interested in a nursery place for your child, please get in touch to find out more.

We are also delighted that we have welcomed our first child from Ukraine. We hope there will be more in coming weeks, reflecting the welcoming position of the village. It is great to play a small part in that.

A date for your diaries:

June 18th 1-4pm, is the school summer fête. It will be a super family day – do come along and support us.

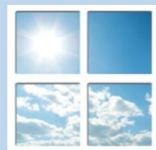
Since the end of lockdown, the school has been welcoming back community groups and others to use our facilities. We will be adding to this offering with the refurbishment of a space at the front of the school (the old Head's office!) into a room to be known as the 'Community Hub'. It will be a great additional space for the school and will be available for hire.

This term saw the realisation of a new partnership with the Dragon School in north Oxford. A group of our pupils are taking part in the Dragon's Saturday morning activities programme, 'Quest', where they get to try out new, varied and enriching activities.

And finally, the issue of traffic on the Littleworth Road ... this month we will be meeting a contractor to look at potential improvements to the car park, with a view to safely re-opening it.

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There was no speaker in March but we welcomed Jane Finnerty, our Group Advisor. The monthly meeting was followed by our Annual Meeting. Our president of five years, Janet Walsh is standing down. After a ballot, with Jane Finnerty acting as teller, Steph Cox was voted in as our new President. Jan was thanked for all the hard work she has put in to keep our Institute going. It hasn't been easy but thanks to various projects undertaken by members, Zoom meetings and the unfailing dedication of Jan and the committee we are still a thriving Institute.

The meeting was followed by refreshments and a quiz.

April saw the first meeting chaired by our new president Stephanie Cox. We welcomed Rosemary and Dennis Edginton, volunteers with the Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. They were accompanied by their hearing dog Teaka. The charity trains dogs to alert deaf people to important and life-saving sounds they would otherwise miss – sounds that many people take for granted like the doorbell, alarm clock and even danger signals like the fire alarm. Being aware of these sounds makes a real difference to deaf people's lives, and can even save their lives in the event of an emergency. It takes about two years to fully train a hearing dog during which time they live with a volunteer trainer. A hearing dog and their deaf partner need to be carefully matched to ensure the partnership will work well. When training is completed they are then matched with a deaf person so the dog's skills and personality suit their lifestyle.

Many deaf people feel isolated so these dogs provide love and companionship as well as giving them their independence and a sense of freedom. We learned that it costs £20,000 to train a hearing dog so it's a charity that needs support.

History Snippets: 1922

A charabanc was hired for a June outing to Bournemouth at a cost of £15.5.00 for the day. Members would pay 10/6d each and other who wished to join them would pay 12/6d. A meeting in June was held in the Vicarage garden and 25 members from the Ickford Institute were invited. After the tea games were played and a tug-of-war arranged between the two institutes! The competition was an article made out of an old stocking.

A fete was being held at Shotover in July and Wheatley ladies were running the tea stalls. We must be very good at this as we are still being called on to make cakes and serve tea at various events.

Our meeting on 21st June will be an evening when we learn about the art of chocolate making, plus tastings. On 19th July two of our members will be leading a craft evening.

Meetings are held in the Merry Bells beginning at 7.15 pm. A donation of £2 is suggested for visitors. Do come, perhaps with a friend, to give us a try.

Stephanie Brooklyn



Welcome additions to the archive continue to be donated and following a talk, in April, on entertainments in Wheatley over the years to the British Legion, some photos were kindly received illustrating their activities. We are also now the proud custodians of the first log book of Wheatley Secondary School from its beginning in 1950 until Fred Anson's retirement in 1972 when the primary school took over the premises and the secondary school moved to Holton Park. Kevin Heritage's book about these 22 years can be obtained in the village.

A walk around Holton Park led by Kevin Heritage has been provisionally booked for all those interested on the afternoon of Sunday 3rd July at a cost of £2. If you are interested do contact michael@wheatleyarchive.org.uk or phone Steph on 07979 867014 for more details.

We recently welcomed Helen to the archive team. She has started a "One Place Study" on Wikitree based on Wheatley which is a world-wide family tree with contributions, like Wikipedia, from individuals. Additional contributors (there are already some) are welcome but it is very important that any family tree additions are robust and well supported by sources in order to

maintain the integrity of these trees. Do check it out on the link at the bottom of the page.

The archive team have chosen photos of celebrations in Wheatley over the years for a village calendar for 2023. Our calendars in 2019 and 2020 were very popular and the new one for next year will be available later in the year. It will go well with a copy of "Wheatley 1890-1910: Reminiscences of the Turn of the Century and a Snapshot of the Village in 1910" which is a popular new addition to the village bookshelves for £7.

Soon after I joined the archive team, I was volunteered to transcribe local parish registers onto an Excel document to help searchers. These transcriptions, baptisms 1851-1963, and burials, 1813-1985, are now complete. As we are uncertain as to whether these might be copyright or publication might infringe GDPR, they are not available on the public part of our website. We can, however, answer any enquiries, please email:

michael@wheatleyarchive.org.uk. There are some interesting facts including the incidence of two unrelated babies being buried in the same coffin!



Library Updates

We're looking to start up more groups here at Wheatley library to keep our residents busy during opening hours, so please see the list below for the kinds of things we're looking to get started!

We would love for anyone interested in either leading the groups or simply joining in to let us know, and if we can gather enough interest then it would be great to get them going as soon as possible.

The groups we're currently looking at starting are:

- **Creative Writing**—We're happy to have groups for both older and younger users, to provide a space for telling stories of all kinds.
- **Games**—Again, possibly for both older and younger users, to spend some time having fun. This can be board games, card games, even D&D. Whatever people want!
- **Rhyme/Story Time**—If singing or reading to children sounds fun, we have just the thing!

We're also looking for Digital Helpers to assist the community with any technological support on a one-to-one basis, so let us know if this is something that interests you. It's a great way to volunteer and gain new skills, while genuinely helping people at the same time.

And if you have any suggestions for any other interest/activity groups, please do get in touch! You can ring us on 01865 875267, or email us at wheatley.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk.



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Handmade Oxford - 23 till 26 June: International Contemporary Arts Festival - a celebration of craft, design, fine art, sculpture, slow living and artisan food.

The Lord Chamberlain's Men present As You Like It - 2 July: One of the UK's finest touring theatre companies present this great play as Shakespeare first saw it performed – in the open air, by an all-male cast and with Elizabethan costumes, music and dance.

Summer Screens - 7 till 9 July: Experience a magical evening at the movies with exciting outdoor screening of some of your favourite films!

Celebrating Ceramics - 15 till 17 July: An artist led event, showcasing the very best in the world of contemporary ceramics.

The Secret Garden Live, New Creations Collective - 23 July: Family-friendly, dance adaptation of the best-selling novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett.

Rapunzel, IK Productions - 30 July: Escape into the open-air this Summer with Rapunzel – an exhilarating, heart-warming production.

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The Trustees and Committee members, who manage The Merry Bells on behalf of the village held an open AGM attended by members of the public on 5th May presenting and discussing activities, developments and accounts for 2021.

Details of the new committee can be found on the noticeboard outside, showing there are nine people at the moment but we can take more and are always looking for fresh ideas. So it's not too late if anyone would like to join us.

We meet once a month as a group and our main purpose is to maintain the building and manage the facilities, which are available to everyone for regular classes, meetings and one-off events.

The Merry Bells has two rooms available for hire – the Main Hall, which can take about 100 people; is ideal for parties, meetings, exercise

classes, quizzes, and talks/presentations. This room includes twenty large tables, about 80 chairs, and wi-fi. There is a built-in sound and projection system, an electric piano and a bar area. Hiring the Main Hall includes a small separate dining area, with a well-equipped kitchen, complete with a large amount of crockery and glasses all available for use.

The Coffee Room is ideal for smaller meetings, seating about twenty people in comfort, with an attached small kitchen area for making tea and coffee.

To book The Merry Bells please either go to our website www.merrybells.org.uk and click on the booking tab, or contact info@merrybells.org.uk, or phone 01865 872073.

Tim Blightman

SODC Waste Collections — June & July 2022

Collection day is Monday unless * (B. Hol)	Which bins and other items?
Jun 13th & 27th Jul 11th & 25th	Green, brown, food & oil waste, textiles
Jun *7th & 20th Jul 4th & 18th	Grey, food & oil waste, small electricals

Key Contacts

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County Councillor Tim Bearder | 07789 754727 | tim.bearder@oxfordshire.gov.uk
District Councillor Alexandrine Kantor | 07581 745221 | alexandrine.kantor@southoxon.gov.uk
South Oxfordshire DC | 01235 422422 | [southoxon.gov.uk](https://www.southoxon.gov.uk)
Planning Applications | 01235 422600 | planning@southoxon.gov.uk
Wheatley Parish Council | 01865 875615 | clerk@wheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Local information:

Wheatley Post Office | 0845 722 3344 | Open Mon-Fri 09:00-17:30, Sat 09:00-13:00
The Maple Tree (Children's Centre) | 01865 236700 | laura@mapletree.org.uk
The Merry Bells Village Hall | 01865 872073 | [merrybells.org.uk](https://www.merrybells.org.uk)
Howe Trust Allotment Assoc. | Secretary | Taff Morgan-Jones | 01865 874413
Wheatley Library | 01865 875267 | wheatley.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk
Wheatley Park Sports Centre | 01865 872128 | better.org.uk/venues/park
Wheatley Park School | 01865 872441 | [wheatleypark.org](https://www.wheatleypark.org)
Wheatley Primary School | 01865 872366 | [wheatley.oxon.sch.uk](https://www.wheatley.oxon.sch.uk)

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Police non-emergency | 101 | www.thamesvalley.police.uk
Citizens Advice Oxfordshire | 03444 111 444 | [caox.org.uk](https://www.caox.org.uk)
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