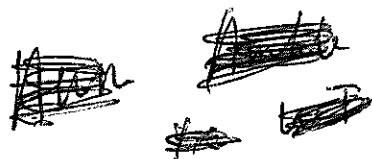


PARISH OF WHEATLEY



MINUTES of the 2010 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING of WHEATLEY held on Monday 29th March 2010 at The Merry Bells at 7.30 pm

Chairman Janet Carr, Chairman of Wheatley Parish Council
Officer: Gareth Morris, Clerk to the Parish Council

PRESENT: 30 members of the public including: Parish Councillors: J Carr (Chairman), C. Dalton, R T Bell, N Messenger, C Sprent, G Birks, J Reilly, M Fyffe, P Devlin and 16 other electors of Wheatley.

ALSO PRESENT: County Councillor Ann Purse and PCSO K Cooney

APOLOGIES: Parish Councillor E Stacey, Mrs Bernice Rye and Ms J Morters (Headteacher, Wheatley Primary School) and Mr M Carr

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out the Health and Safety and housekeeping announcements.

1. Presentation by Cynth Napper (Oxfordshire Nature Conservation Forum) on Section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 relates directly to parish councils and sets out their responsibilities with regard to their local biodiversity
2. **MINUTES** of the previous Annual Parish Meeting of 16.04.09 were signed as a correct and accurate record
3. **MATTERS ARISING** - None
4. **REPORTS**
 - i) **THAMES VALLEY POLICE & NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP**
PCSO Ken Cooney gave a breakdown of recent crime statistics and a comparison between Dec/Feb 2008/09 and Dec/Feb 2009/10 which showed overall crime reduced by 26.7%. He also gave advice on how to avoid a 'distraction burglary'. This information to be placed in the newsletter.
See Report A
 - ii) **OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL** County Councillor Ann Purse spoke to her report – **See Report B**
 - iii) **DISTRICT COUNCIL** – District Councillor J Carr spoke to her report – **See Report C**

- iv) **WHEATLEY SPORTSFIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** – Mr Roger Bell spoke to his report – **See Report D**
- v) **WHEATLEY PARK SCHOOL, HOLTON** – Ms Kate Curtis, Headteacher gave a verbal report. Since the inspection in September 2009, the school had been in 'Special measures'. An inspection was now undertaken every 4-6 months. The first one of these had been very pleasing in terms of the progress made. The hope was that the school would be out of these measures by the end of 2010.
The school wished to extend its community activities especially in the areas of photography, film and print making.
A number of Councillors said how impressed they had been with school, its staff and students at the meetings they had attended
- vi) **WHEATLEY CHARITIES** – Mr Peter Targett spoke to his report
See Report E
- vii) **WHEATLEY PRODUCTIONS** – Mr Ian Germaine gave a summary of the productions that had been presented in the last 12 months and ones for the future which were to be; in June, "Poet and the Plumber", written by Kit Arnold with music by Roger Simmonds followed, in October, by "Oh What a Lovely War". Both shows to be performed at Wheatley Park School.
- viii) **MERRY BELLS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** – In the absence of the Chairman of the MBMC, Mr M Carr, Mrs Janet Carr spoke to his report – **See Report F**
- ix) **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WHEATLEY AND DISTRICT BRANCH**
Mr Peter Jackson spoke to his report – **See Report G**
- x) **WHEATLEY SCOUT GROUP** – Mr R Lowrie spoke to his report
See Report H
- xi) **WHEATLEY GIRL GUIDES** – In the absence of Mrs Bernice Rye the Clerk read out the report she had sent in – **See Report I**
- xii) **EMMA WILSON TRUST FUND** – No report – The Clerk, as a trustee made the plea on behalf of the Trust for names of any young person that those present knew about who would be eligible for an award for their service to the community to let him know
- xiii) **WHEATLEY COMMON ALLOTMENT-THE HOWE TRUST** – Dr Malcolm Benson spoke to his report – **See Report J**
- xiv) **WHEATLEY WINDMILL RESTORATION SOCIETY** – Mrs Caroline Dalton spoke to her report. The Society would be changing its name to the 'Wheatley Windmill Preservation Society' – **See Report K**
- xv) **WHEATLEY SOCIETY** – Dr Jim Watson spoke to his report – **See Report L**

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- xvi) **ST MARY'S CHURCH.** – Mr Christopher Sprent gave a verbal report
- xvii) **FUSION YOUTH AND COMMUNITY** – Mr Gordon Ewbank spoke to his report
See Report M
- xviii) **COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP**– Mr Paul Bailey spoke to his report.
see Report N
- xix) **WHEATLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL** - Mrs E Hess, Chair of Governors, spoke to her report – **See Report O**
- xx) **REPORTS FROM OTHER VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS** – No Reports
- xxi) **PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE REPORT** - Cllr P Devlin spoke to his report
See Report P
- xxii) **PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** – Cllr Janet Carr spoke to her report - **See report Q**

At the end of the meeting all those attending were invited to stay for refreshments

The meeting closed at 10.00pm



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REPORT FOR WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL MON 29/3/10

CRIME MAPPING FOR ENTIRE WHEATLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD

DEC 2008-FEB 2009 COMPARED TO DEC 2009-FEB 2010.

OVERALL CRIME REDUCED BY 26.7%

	08/09	09/10
BURGLARY	27	16
<u>REDUCED BY 40.7%</u>		
ROBBERY	4	1
<u>REDUCED BY 75%</u>		
VEHICLE CRIME	50	25
<u>REDUCED BY 50%</u>		
VIOLENCE	19	22
ASB	89	59
<u>REDUCED BY 33.7%</u>		



Wheatley calls to TVP 01/01/10-28/3/10

Total= 218

Robbery	1
Assault	1
ASB	19
Traffic	75 (includes parking and accidents)
Misc	76 (intel, info, rubbish etc)
Burg	1
DV	5
Misper	3
Crim dam	3
Drug find	1
Alarms	8
Fear for Welfare	3
Theft	8 (includes bilking and shoplifting)
Sexual	1
Theft of MV	4
Theft from MV	6
Sudden death	2 (not sus)
Arson	1

Current crime trends to be aware of:

Plant theft
Distraction burglaries
Theft of land rovers

NAG priorities for Wheatley

Speeding
ASB

Rural: Fly tipping



County Council Report

This report will be mostly dealing with roads and transport, although the County is responsible also for education, care for the elderly and disabled and for vulnerable children, the fire service, trading standards etc.

It will not come as a surprise to anyone that local government has to make cuts in services in the wake of the recession. Basically there is less money from central government, and this situation does not look as if it will improve over the next few years.

Money comes from the government both as a settlement to be divided between services and also as pots of money for specific things that have to be bid for, such as the money for Local Transport Plan 3. The County Council sets its priorities etc, and then bids for money for the work needing to be done. I managed to ensure that traffic noise was one of the criteria that could be used to get schemes included under the Local Transport Plan, since noise from the A40 continues to be a very important issue for Wheatley and other affected villages. It is good that the villages affected by this noise problem are now working alongside each other. However, any money from central government is likely to be significantly reduced compared to what we have received in previous years.

Last year, Wheatley like many other villages was suffering from the spate of potholes that followed the bad spell of weather in early February 2009. Repairs happened, but now we are very much back in the same situation with the whole county's roads feeling the effect of the severe winter we have just come through. The County is putting some extra 'one off' money into getting pot holes etc repaired.

I would like to thank everyone who contacted me about the problems that happened here in the two recent episodes of snow and ice. There is to be a Scrutiny Review at the County Council to look at what happened regarding roads and transport in the recent bad weather, and I have a place on that review, so all the information will be very useful, and I hope the outcome of the review will benefit this area in any future unusually bad weather.

Locally, it has been good to see the work done in and around Cullum Road, part of Wheatley that badly needed resurfacing.

Brooks University has been drawing up plans for its campus, and if this goes ahead, there will be effects in Wheatley when the main entrance is changed to be at the other end of the campus, giving a new access for the school as well.

Much still needs doing in Wheatley, and I will continue to work with the Parish Council to make Wheatley a quieter, more pleasant and safer place to live.



**WHEATLEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
29TH MARCH 2010**

**DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT
Janet Carr**

A year in which due to financial restraints, difficult decisions have had to be made. There will be no increase in Council Tax for 2010/2011, tax will remain at the same level as 2009/10. Joint working with the Vale of White Horse District Council has caused some uncertainty for staff, but we now have a joint Chief Executive and joint Heads of Service and Managers. This has meant a reduction in staff but definitely given us more efficiency savings.

Consideration of the Local Development Framework Core Strategy has been delayed until after the impending general election. The Core Strategy is a key document that sets out where major housing development will go. The proposals that the council has consulted on have generated significant debate.

It is a general principal, enshrined in the Local Government Act 1986, that councils do not consider controversial issues, with the inherent publicity that they generate, in the period immediately prior to elections. There has been a downturn in planning applications which is mainly due to the recession. A new process for referrals has been introduced which mean that district councillors need to work closely with our parishes on applications, especially those which are contentious.

Enforcement cases have reduced dramatically during the year, but there are those cases which do take a long time due to their complexity.

Having previously resolved to work with the county highways and Lewknor Parish Council to find a safer, more secure transport interchange arrangement, the council at its meeting on 18th December 2008 agreed to carry out a feasibility study. Officers have now produced a report which has been circulated to local members and Lewknor Parish Council.

In the current economic climate the council needs to have confirmed financial support from county highways and at least one partner. At the moment both county highways and Stagecoach are focussed on increasing the capacity at the Thornhill 'park and ride' and until this project is complete they are not willing to confirm any financial support for the development of a facility at Lewknor.



No further work will be carried out on this project.

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WHEATLEY PARK SPORTS FIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

REPORT TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING on MONDAY 29th MARCH 2010.

The sportsfield management committee is responsible for looking after the playing areas both at Holton and Littleworth Road under a joint use agreement, signed in 1973 for forty years, between Oxfordshire County Council and Wheatley Parish Council. The Parish Council owns the land across the road from Wheatley Park School the remainder belongs to the county council. Under this agreement the two schools have the sole use of the pitches and fields during normal term times and the rest of the time is for organised games by local teams of currently football, rugby, netball and in the summer months both cricket and tennis. The funding is 4/5th paid by the county and 1/5th the parish, less income generated from users. The agreement comes to an end in only just over three years time and serious thought needs to be given to how matters should be organised after that. The County Council has been keen to cut its contribution for a number of years and the current economic climate will have hardened that resolve. The parish and the playing public have undoubtedly benefited from the existing agreement, thanks in no small part to the work of the late Peter Audley-Miller.

The past year has again been a busy one for the committee with discussions taking place about the proposals for a new Sports Association building to replace the present pavilions at Holton on the parish council's land moving slowly forward, as well as dealing with practical measures to maintain and improve the existing facilities, particularly this year the playing fields.

The Sports Association are making progress towards submitting a formal planning application to SODC though this is still likely to be some months away. We have recently had a site survey carried out which will be an essential part of any detailed plans and drawings and it is hoped that a further meeting will take place in the next few weeks with a planning consultant and representatives from SODC's Planning dept. As expected, one of the main issues is that the field is Green Belt land and although the new building has the same footprint as the existing changing rooms and rugby club bar, and is thus a replacement, its proposed siting is further out in the middle of the field. I am sure that a satisfactory compromise can be reached, bearing in mind, amongst other things, the unsatisfactory position of the existing entrance. If Wheatley is to have sporting facilities worthy of its size and importance it is impossible to locate these within the existing Green Belt envelope. This was what Peter Audley-Miller found almost forty years ago and why the Holton site was chosen.

The maintenance of the playing areas, marking out, grass cutting etc has been carried out over the years by Enterprise(formerly Isis Accord), under a combined contract through the county council and in recent months this has not been entirely satisfactory as far as we have been concerned. Presumably this was general throughout the county as, this past February, the county decided to terminate the contract as of the end of this month. We have therefore been involved, at short notice, in taking over this work directly and going out to tender to find a replacement contractor who can start on the 1st April.

Much of detailed organisation for this has fallen on the shoulders of our secretary Mary Blake whose fund of knowledge and experience about the affairs of the committee is immense, and our thanks go out to her and to our caretaker Jimmy Kent and to all the members representing both parish and county who have served on the committee during the past year. The committee has recently been joined by Kevin Heritage, business manager at Wheatley Park School, and we hope greatly to benefit from his experience in dealing with contractors and also in keeping the school abreast of our progress with the new facilities.

Roger Bell.
Chairman
29th March 2010.

WHEATLEY CHARITIES

Registered charity No: 203535

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

Charity's principal address

24 Old London Road, Wheatley, Oxford. OX33 1YW

Trustees

The following trustees acted throughout the year

P J Targett (Chairman)	Appointed by Wheatley parish council
P Audley-Miller	Appointed by Wheatley parish council (Died 9 January 2009)
G J Colverson	Appointed by Wheatley parish council 2 March 2009
Rev'd J Watson	Ex-officio - vicar of the parish of St. Mary, Wheatley
D A S John	Co-optative trustee
R F Minty	Co-optative trustee

Charitable funds

The No. 1 charity is for the benefit of poor residents in the parish of Wheatley (being the Simons Close, Town Meadow and Doctor Cyril Jackson's charities. The No.2 charity is for the benefit of the residents of the parish of Wheatley under the age of 25 years in;

- a) assisting them to prepare for any trade , occupation etc.
- b) otherwise promoting their education.

The No.2 charity comprises the charities and educational foundation of Dame Elizabeth Curzon and Joseph Sims.

The charity is currently governed by a trust deed dated 4 June 1968.

Activities

Income for the year amounted to £4475 compared with £17489 the previous year which included a legacy of £12233.

In the year 36 grants at a total cost of £6140 were made all of which in the opinion of the trustees satisfied the public benefit requirement. The trustees are also working to significantly increase the grant- making activity of the charity with a view to reducing the unrestricted funds of the No.1 charity to £1000 and the No.2 charity to £5000, over the next 4 years.

No trustee received any remuneration or expenses during the year.

The trustees report was approved by the trustees on 2 March 2010

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees;

R F Minty
Treasurer


P J Targett
Chairman

WHEATLEY CHARITIES
Registered charity No: 203535

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

	Unrestricted Funds			2008 £
	No 1 Charity £	No 2 Charity £	Total £	
Legacy	0	0	0	12233
Investment income	4	2780	2784	2871
Rent	250	0	250	250
Bank interest	385	1056	1441	2135
	639	3836	4475	17489
Less: Grants approved during the year	90	6050	6140	5250
Administration expenses	9	24	33	19
Surplus of income over expenditure	540	-2238	-1698	12220
Accumulated surplus brought forward	9896	35623	45519	33299
Accumulated surplus carried forward	10436	33385	43821	45519

WHEATLEY CHARITIES
Registered charity No: 202535

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2009

	Unrestricted Funds		Endowment	2008 £
	No 1 Charity £	No 2 Charity £	Fund £	
Bank balances	10392	33385	3950	49429
Amount owing to the charity	44	0	0	40
Investments				
386.00 Charities Official Investment Income units				
3997.37 Charinco Income shares				
3620.00 Invesco Perpetual UK ICVC Income and Growth Fund (Income) units				
2389.00 Invesco Perpetual UK ICVC Income Fund (Income) units				
5836.56 Invesco Institutional ICVC Income and Growth Fund (Income) units				
£166.67 2.5% Consolidated stock				

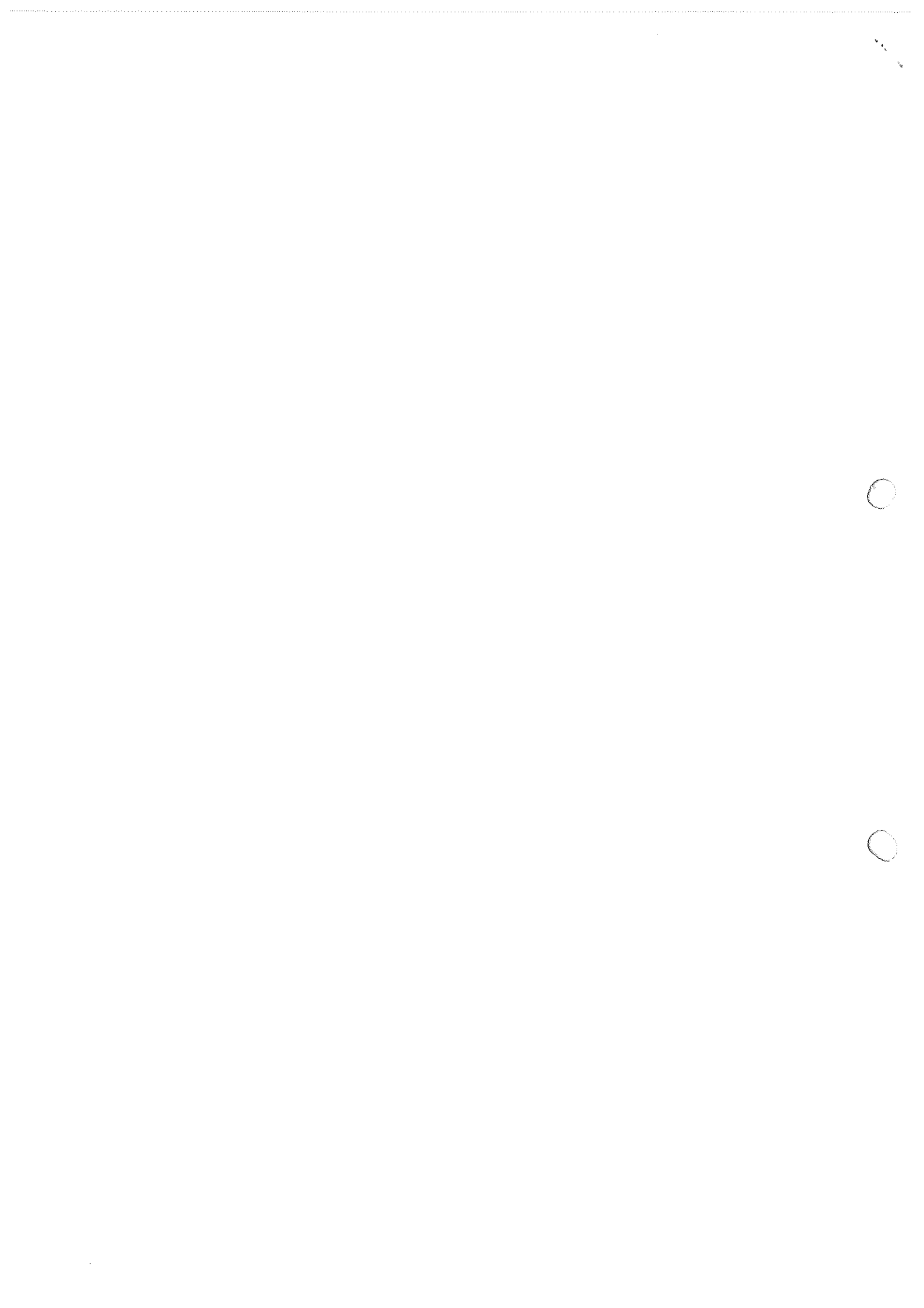
Land at Wheatley

The accounts were approved by the trustees on 2 March 2010

Signed on behalf of the trustees

R F Minty
Treasurer

P J Targett
Chairman



WHEATLEY PARISH MEETING

29TH March 2010

Merry Bells Village Hall Report

Michael Carr

Chairman

It is a pleasure to report that since improvements were made to the main hall, use of the Merry Bells has gradually increased. The frontage has also been put to good use by a farmer's market, originally fortnightly use by Charles Bennett, who now alternates with Ashtree Farm Vegetables, therefore we now have a weekly farmer's market. A fishmonger has also expressed an interest in joining the farmer's market, therefore we wait and see how this develops. We also have a gentlemen who twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, provides a key cutting service along with shoe repairs, watch batteries, haberdashery and much more. This service has also proved to be very popular. Regular craft markets have commenced in the main hall on various Saturdays and has been well received. All in all, together with many other regular and casual users, it is good to see the Merry Bells so well used.

A more modern fire alarm control box has been installed, and work will commence in due course to pedestrianise and improve the frontage in order to make it more attractive and much more user friendly. This will include possible replacement of the two trees and one car space (disabled/unloading) use for Merry Bells users) between the bank and the bulk of the Merry Bells frontage.

It is hoped in the future that the entrance hall and coffee room can be next in line for redecoration/improvements. Meanwhile our income has increased during the past year and we have a healthy balance in hand, nevertheless we have a duty to be prudent. Thank you to all our users, regular and otherwise, with special thanks to the play group (Sally, Marilyn, Sally) who through a difficult time have assisted me with moving tables etc., and gave me the privilege of playing Father Christmas! My thanks to the committee, especially my vice-chairman Mary Blake who is extremely supportive and ensures continuity if I am not around. Last but not least, thanks to Pat Turner for stepping in with extra help while Derek is on sick leave



WHEATLEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 29TH MARCH 2010

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION: WHEATLEY AND DISTRICT BRANCH ANNUAL REPORT

Numbers are not everything but a steadily increasing membership helps to ensure a flourishing branch and in the last twelve months, we have been pleased to welcome twelve new members. This brings our total to 66 and in recognition of this, the Branch won the Duncan Cup, awarded to the Branch in Oxfordshire for largest percentage membership increase during the year. This is the second time since Alan Cowie, our Chairman, re-formed the Branch in 2006 that we have won this Cup. Wheatley also received a certificate for being judged third in the county newsletter competition.

The Branch continues to meet at lunchtime in the New Club, and we are most grateful to the staff there for their kindness and hospitality. A highlight was the Christmas lunch on 17th December which was attended by 55 members, family and friends. Speakers during the year have been varied in the subjects they have covered but all of high quality. We vary between visiting speakers and our own members, and the latter have included Gerald Baldwin and Steve Wagstaff talking about their superb collection of military badges, and David Youd describing his experiences in Cyprus during the 1950s emergency.

Roger and Dorothy Bell hosted a very successful garden party in their beautiful garden on 20th August, and heavy rain in the morning did not deter some forty members from attending.

In June the Branch marked Armed Forces Day with an exhibition in the Merry Bells showing the role played by Wheatley men and women in the two world wars and in the campaigns since 1945. The members themselves were generous in lending photographs, memorabilia, documents, and items of uniform and equipment. The Wheatley Society and the Wheatley Archives provided invaluable in so many ways, and as a result we were able to present a collection of documents to the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum in Bicester, and also to augment the Wheatley Archives own material on Wheatley in war and peace.

A concert by the City of Oxford Silver Band in St. Mary's Church on 2nd May provided wonderful entertainment, particularly by our very own Gareth Morris on percussion and also, surprisingly, with a hammer to bash an anvil he happened to have with him. This was a fund raising event as well and the proceeds were added to the Poppy Fund.

Two outside speakers were Wing Commander Ken Knott, who was a Lancaster bomber pilot during the Second World War. Ken was on his fifteenth mission when he was shot down following a raid on Hanover, and was captured, along with four of his crew. Three others sadly lost their lives. After the war he remained in the RAF and in 1957 was assigned to train pilots in the newly re-formed Luftwaffe.

We were very privileged to have as our speakers in February two serving soldiers, Sgt. Jay Webster and L/Cpl. Jimmy Peace of the Red Devils Freefall Parachute Team. They showed the equipment they used and Jimmy also showed photographs of his recent service in Afghanistan which brought home to us the appalling conditions with which our troops have to contend.

The Wheatley Branch helped raise a record sum for the 2009/2010 Poppy Appeal, reaching the wonderful total of £10,172.02. This was largely thanks to Roger Bell's splendid organisation of what is a very time-consuming operation, and also to the many people, both members and non-members who had collecting boxes at Asda and the Welcome Break service station.

Branch members continue to attend the Repatriation parades in Headley Way to honour soldiers and airmen killed in Afghanistan. These are occurring at least once a week now and are sad occasions, though tempered slightly by the great camaraderie amongst the veterans waiting for the cortege to arrive. We were honoured to be invited to a reception at the Town Hall in Oxford held by the Lord Mayor of Oxford, Councillor Mary Clarkson, to show the city's appreciation of all those veterans who attend.

Wheatley Scout Group

Report for Annual Meeting of Wheatley Parish Council 2010

Wheatley Scout Group continues to be in a healthy state, with all three Training Sections fully subscribed with members, with a waiting list for Beaver Scouts. The current youth membership has not changed much over the past year, and currently stands at: Scouts 25; Cub Scouts 35; Beaver Scouts 15 with a boy/girl ratio of approximately 6/1 overall, based on January census figures.

Leader recruitment has been successful despite the number of hoops that adults have to jump through in order to obtain authorisation to supervise young people in these days, when the Criminal Records Bureau seems to be going into overdrive. All appointed Leaders are CRB checked, and the same applies to all parents helping on a regular basis.

Loretta Kilmister took up the appointment of Group Scout Leader last October, and is now fully warranted. Our Assistant Cub Scout Leader, Dawn Harper, has completed all the Association's training requirements. We are fortunate to have the continued support of two permanent Leaders, Mick Charlton and the Revd Emma Percy, who have been with us for a number of years. A new parent has recently applied for a Leader appointment, and the Group is well supported by a team of non-uniformed adult helpers and administrators.

We have been fortunate in securing grant aid to supplement the income received from parent subscriptions, and are grateful to Wheatley charities for a grant of £300 for purchase of tents.

We have decided to stop searching for new premises for the time being, and are concentrating our resources on improving our existing building in Holloway Road. The old Venture Scout room has been converted into an office with modern computer facilities. There are plans in hand to develop the garden area as a suitable space for activities. The carpet in the main hall has been replaced, and the general appearance of the hall has been much improved. All this you will be able to see if you come to our Annual General Meeting at 6:30 pm on Tuesday May 25th.

There are plans afoot to restart an Explorer Scout unit in Wheatley, meeting in our headquarters. This will cater for young people aged 14-18 who currently need to do their Scouting in Oxford.

Bob Lowrie – Group Chairman
Loretta Kilmister – Group Scout Leader

Report for Wheatley Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

Girlguiding is celebrating 100 years of guiding this year. To start the celebrations off The county organised a day at Cotswold wildlife park on the first weekend in September which is the anniversary of the first guides. Some Rainbows, brownies and guides went from Wheatley and had a most enjoyable day. Wheatley guides dressed in all the past uniforms for Children in Need. The Brownies had a weekend at Jubilee House of which they enjoyed. The rainbows, brownies and guides attended the annual remembrance parade. For future events we have a District funday in June at Jubilee House also a county day at Blenheim Palace. To keep on achieving these goals we need adult helpers if we do not get the help the units will close.

Bernice Rye



Wheatley Windmill Restoration Society, report for the Annual Parish Meeting, 2010.

Once again, we have had a busy year. The sail cloths went on the sails for a test run on a day with strong winds in May 2009. On that occasion, the mill stones were not engaged, so it made the sails rotate faster than they otherwise would have done. The millwrights came to put them on again in October but there was just not quite enough wind to give a demonstration. We have been promised an anemometer, which, when we have put it on the roof ridge of our proposed new hut, will give us an indication of whether putting up the sails is viable or not. Meanwhile, other practical progress is, the foundations of the new hut are now in place and we hope to put the hut up shortly. The old hut can then be consigned to history (and Redbridge.) During the year, the millwrights have worked hard in the mechanisms controlling the stones, so that eventually, they will be able to control the speed of milling. They have already balanced the stones at rest and are about to repeat the process when the running stone is moving. This will involve the first test grind of real wheat. They have also completed and connected the sack hoist mechanism, which lifts grain from the ground floor to the bins, where it will begin its downward journey towards the grinding stones. The committee has, as ever, been busy with 100 practical details. The interior woodwork has just been treated for woodworm with a 20 year guarantee. In particular, before Christmas, we started planning the opening ceremony to take place on May 8th and the following day. It is now just about all in place and you are of course all invited.

CMD,





THE WHEATLEY SOCIETY

Report to the Annual Parish Meeting, 29th March 2010

Jim Watson, Chairman

Membership is now 125 households, an increase of 8 on the previous year, but at least 4 members are house bound and have difficulty in attending meetings. One member died during 2009. Thanks are due to the committee and to the 10 street representatives for their work during the year.

The 2009 programme included 7 outings/outdoor activities or walks to local places of interest. There were 5 indoor events/talks at which the recently acquired PowerPoint projector and lap top computer proved very useful. Regular committee meetings were held during the year at which efforts were made to keep abreast of local issues – especially with planning relating to the greenbelt.

Financially the Society was in a healthy position, despite making a small deficit during the year.

The Footpaths Booklet continued to be on sale in the Village Archive Room, in the Merry Bells, and proved popular. Work continued on updating the Wheatley Information Booklet for the Parish Council and at the end of 2009 all relevant societies and organisations in the village had been contacted to supply or update their information – completion is imminent.

The 2004 Parish Plan, which was prepared by members of the Wheatley Society on behalf of the Parish Council, was recommended by the Oxford Rural Community Council to be reviewed after 5 years. This was in progress at the end of 2009. Several important projects have been completed in the 5 year period and towards the end of 2009 major improvements to the Cullham Road Recreation Ground were approved for implementation. But more work is needed to promote cycle ways and footpaths (not pavements) in parts of the village.

Officers of the Society for 2010 are:

President	Margaret Rosenthal
Vice Presidents	Marian Darkin and Michael Vaughton
Chairman/Secretary	Jim Watson
Treasurer	David Harverson
Events organiser	David Mancey
Representative to the Merry Bells Committee	Christopher Sprent
Committee members	Katie Lane, Martin Tims, Ros Macleod-Tims, Sally Lessiter, Leigh Darnton, Roger Bell,





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Wheatley Area Plans for 2010

March 2010

The Fusion Wheatley team has received much encouragement in the past through prayer, fellowship and support as we work in the local community. Outlined below are the programmes we hope to undertake during 2010.

Fusion Wheatley is committed to bring local Christians and people of like mind together to build and sustain their local community. If you would like to find out more about the work or to be involved in specific areas, either locally or nationally, we'd love to hear from you. Please do just ask for further details.

Children & Families Work

Summer Kidz Club

23rd-26th August 2010

Last year's week long holiday club, **Jungle Jamboree**, attracted 176 children and was much loved by all who attended. Early plans are already under way for this year's event, **Medieval Mayhem**, which will be the seventh in succession. The club is held at Wheatley Park school.

After School Club

Wheatley Primary School 3:30- 4:45 – once a week

Xstream grew out of the 2007 Summer Kidz Club. This programme is based at Wheatley Primary school and builds on the success of the kids summer club in helping our children become all they were made to be. Attendance currently between 30-40 each week.

Family Daytrip

May/June 2010

A fun family day out, open to all, with lots of activities and opportunities for families to relax, have fun and get know themselves and others a little bit better!

Community Work

Festivals

St. George's Day Family Funday, Church Rd Rec – Saturday April 24th

Late Summer Funday – date & venue to be announced

Festivals bring locals of all ages together, giving them a taste of what community can be like. Fusion aims to create an Open Crowd – a fun and relaxed environment where everyone is welcome and where care and service are core values. Last year's St George's Funday attracted around 600 from across the community, with another 400 attending our autumn Harvest event at Cullum Road recreation ground.

Advent Pageant

December 2010 – date to be confirmed

After the successful events of the last three years, plans are under way to run a bigger Pageant at the end of 2010, working with local schools and churches to re-tell the Christmas story in a fun and engaging way. Children dress as characters from the Christmas story and process, with a donkey, through the village, asking for a 'room at the Inn' but being turned away and finishing at a stable scene for carol singing and presentations by the pupils.

As in 2008 & 2009, we plan to work with the local Council to help provide a Christmas tree for the village and arrange for community carols around the tree, after the Pageant.



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Youth Work

School Lunch Programme

Wheatley Park School, weekly

Fusion has been doing occasional lunch time programmes with the year 7/8's for 3 years now. The team, by providing a positive role-model and activities for students, has been able to establish a popular and engaging lunch-time environment. Our team hopes to do similar work in 2010.

School Mentoring Skills

Each term, as arranged

To date Fusion has hosted training 2 teams of over 30 year 11s in the skill of mentoring – all aimed at helping young people develop and become more of who they were made to be.

Daytrips

Every 6 weeks throughout 2010

Daytrips are high-energy outings, taking place every 4-5 weeks, which give youngsters an experience of community where they are loved, valued and can find more of who they are. Open to young people from around Oxford, Wheatley, Thame and Aylesbury areas.

British Pilgrimage

27th July-4th August

This tour is a unique opportunity for a group of young people to explore together our national Christian heritage. The supervised group will visit Iona and Holy Island and, along the way, help run community events in Preston, London and Oxford.

Bible Study Group (Food for Thought)

Twice Monthly on Friday evenings

Fusion help run a local Bible study group for young people who want to take their faith seriously and let their lives be shaped by this commitment. The evening involves a meal, followed by Bible reading and discussion.

Wheatley Youth Group

Twice Monthly on Friday evenings

Plans are being made to start a fortnightly youth group for the 11-14 age range in the village. This would link in other Fusion Youth Work and provide a fun, safe and challenging place to be.

Fusion Administration

Fusion full time staff are not paid by the organization and are dependant on the generosity of their supporters to carry on the mission God has given them. Staff do sometimes struggle to make ends meet, so if you are interested in supporting a local Fusion worker, please don't hesitate to contact Gordon Ewbank (873326) or Erica Cave (351226).

Thank you.

Gordon Ewbank
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Wheatley Community Action Group Report to Wheatley Parish Council March 2010

Community Action Groups (or CAGs) are part of a project initiated by Oxfordshire County Council with a 'Sustainability' mandate as part of the County's obligations under "Agenda 21". There are several CAGs in the county, for which OCC provides some ongoing support in the form of dedicated advisers, meetings, training and occasional loan of equipment, but OCC does not cover all the financial costs of the groups. The organization and work of the local groups is done entirely by volunteers. The Wheatley CAG group was set up in March 2006, and our first activity was to organise a Swap Shop as part of a County-wide event

Swap Shops

Swap Shops are intended to reduce the volume of material going into land fill by encouraging reuse of unwanted material. Local people are invited to bring usable items which they no longer need, and they can look at what others have brought and take whatever appeals to them. There is no direct "swap", and no money changes hands. At the end of the session the volunteers sort what is left into different categories; saleable items go to charity shops around the locality, sorted material to be recycled through Redbridge, and inevitably some goes to land fill.

Swap Shops have been held in the Merry Bells and, occasionally, at Wheatley Primary School. A typical Swap Shop is attended by about 250 people who take about 750 kg of 'stuff'. Since January 2009 we have been able to carry out Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) on electrical equipment; and there is a significant number of TVs, kettles, phone chargers, vacuum cleaners and computers being taken.

In the last year we have held 4 swap Shops, all in the Merry Bells, and we intend to do the same in the forthcoming year.

Finance

Our main expenses are the hire of the venue, and the hire of a van to get rid of the leftovers – the average cost is about £90 per swap shop. Most of our income is a £250 per year grant from the County Council, and this is supplemented by donations and a small amount from sale of refreshments.

Recycling Information

We have produced a useful fact sheet listing where to take unwanted items for reuse or recycling in the locality. This is updated regularly, and is available at the Swap Shop, in the Library and can be downloaded from our website

www.wheatleycag.org

Other Activities

The group held a showing of the film "Age of Stupid" in the Merry Bells in October, and this was followed up by an open meeting on the theme of Low Carbon Wheatley. We plan to campaign on this issue in the coming months, to help people in the village reduce energy consumption and their 'Carbon Footprint'.

Paul Bailey
Wheatley Community Action Group

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Wheatley CE Primary School

Report to Parish Meeting

March 2010



The headteacher, Joan Morters, sends her apologies. She considers the relationship between the parish of Wheatley and the primary school of great importance, but due to other commitments she is unable to attend tonight.

There is a regular report supplied to the Parish Newsletter which gives readers an overview of the work and priorities of the primary school. In the most reference newsletters reference was made to the School Travel Plan, for which we are grateful to Roger Bell and others. Individual activities such as school visits to Sulgrave Manor and Pizza Express and the school being chosen as one of ten to take part in the "Ark" project, were also identified. Issues connected to the building and physical environment of the school such as window replacement and necessary security measures have also been written about. On behalf of the governors I would like to thank the head and all school staff for the huge amount of work, care and enthusiasm they put into the school, and also the support given to the school from parents and the wider community.

As the academic calendar runs from the Autumn this report includes information relating both to the previous academic year, and the one we are currently over half-way through.

There are currently 284 children in the school, aged from 4 to 11. The children come from up to 22 catchment areas in addition to the Wheatley/Holton/Waterperry area. There is a breakfast club and after school care available on site for those who require it. A number of clubs take place both during and after the school day, in particular those of a musical or sporting nature. We are grateful for those who run or assist in these clubs. The number of children receiving school lunches has increased three-fold over the past 4 years.

The school works closely with the partnership schools, and in the area of music has been taking the lead with a successful concert at Bayards Hill organised largely by Alison Rudgewick-Brown. Partnership work with Wheatley Park is also steadily increasing with activities such as the Garsington Opera project and links with their French and Media staff.

Activities with the community have included another successful firework display, for which we are very grateful to our amazing PTA. Other significant events have been the school Remembrance Day service, to which members of the community were invited, the May Day celebrations and the Palm Cross procession for the Easter service at the church, which has just taken place.

We have benefitted from the wisdom and experience of staff who have, or are about to, retire. They include Mrs Baldwin, who has been with us for over 25 years, Mr Pickvance (our Deputy Head), Mrs Larkins and Mrs Cansell. Last year Mrs Goustas moved on into training new teachers, but retains a close relationship with the school. We have welcomed new members of staff, and have just appointed a new Deputy Head for next year.

We would like to encourage more use of the school for private lettings. Whilst having recently reviewed our charges, we only charge the actual costs that are incurred, as we do not add any profit margin. For information hire of school facilities, please call the school office (01865872366).

We always welcome constructive comments that we can consider, so please drop us a note or email. If you have some free time and would like to volunteer in school either on a regular basis or for one off occasions, please contact school. If you would like further information about the school, and in particular the work of the governors, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Elizabeth Hess
Chair of Governors

**WHEATLEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
29TH MARCH 2010**

**Parish Chairman's Report
Janet Carr**

Another busy year when much work has been accomplished and many projects remain ongoing. At this time the Parish Council Website is imminent, the regeneration of Cullum Road Recreation Ground is very close to completion, a new Wheatley information Booklet is in the pipeline, and a sub-group of councillors has had a number of meetings towards a review of the 2004 Village Plan. The project has reached about half way and the group will have something concrete to report by the summer.

Some of the ongoing projects and issues are:

Church Road Waiting restrictions etc. (delayed by OCC due to lack of finance)

Affordable Housing (delayed due to lack of available land)

A40 Road Noise (ongoing campaign)

Grit Bins-more requested by residents and will be ordered later in the year

New seat to be placed in Farm Close Road-close to footpath to Station Road

Memorial Gardens-Footpath to be replaced with more suitable smaller gravel, and trees to receive attention

Wheatley Primary School Travel Plan-liason with parish councillors re safety/walk to school issues

Oxfordshire County Council Local Transport Plan 2011-2030

Brooks College-Proposed New Entrance to Wheatley Park School

(Section 106 requested to enable possibility of safe crossings for children, ie on London Road outside Morland House Surgery and Park Hill at least.

A crossing is also badly needed at the junction of Church Road Recreation Ground/Church Road. The children from the Fairfax Gate/Cromwell Close area also find crossing London Road hazardous

As stated in Parish Council standing orders, no Chairman of the council may be re-elected as Chairman for more than three consecutive years. As my three years are almost completed, I shall stand down at the



Annual General Meeting of the Council on the 10th May.

It has been my privilege to Chair what I consider to be a good hard working and prudent council ,who have given me excellent support throughout my three year term.I would also like to thank residents for their support which has been very much appreciated.

My thanks to you all for your attendance and reports

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Wheatley Parish Council

Financial report 2009-2010

Our precept for the year was £94,619 and will remain the same in the next financial year. Most of the budget is spent on routine recurrent items of expenditure which are set out in the accounts.

A big highlight was the obtaining of about £72,000 to refurbish the Callum Road recreation ground. Thanks in particular are due to Cllr Fyffe who spent a considerable time successfully applying for grants to make the project possible and who oversaw the scheme. The council provided £9000 from its own funds toward the scheme which is a great new amenity for Wheatley.

We have spent about £500 in setting up a Parish Council website. All being well the site should go live in May. Thanks are due to Mr Jon Crowe who has designed the site.

We have paid for and installed a street light on the Farm Close Road to Kelham Hall Drive path. This will be switched on tonight! We hope it will make residents feel safer when they use the path.

We will shortly be completing the purchase from SODC of the land in front of the old toilet block for a nominal £1. Once purchased we can consult on the use to which the land should be put.

Some £300 has been spent carrying out essential repairs to the stone wall around the Church Road recreation ground and a seat has been purchased for Farm Close Road

A badly needed new computer and software has been purchased for the Council. The old system was slow and out of date

Cllr P Devlin
Chairman, Finance and General Purposes Committee

29th March 2010

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Wheatley Parish Council

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2009

Year ended 31-Mar-08		year ended 31-Mar-09
	INCOME	
89,128	Precept	92,693
3,377	Interest received	2,614
37	Allotments	30
40,347	Capital Receipts	0
28	Photocopies	40
14,492	Newsletter Advertising	15,159
138	Green and recycling bags	203
	Playground fundraising	0
655	Miscellaneous	255
<u>1,775</u>	OCC for Verges	<u>4,707</u>
<u><u>149,976</u></u>		<u><u>115,701</u></u>
	EXPENDITURE	
24,181	Clerk's salary inc NICs	25,134
14,824	Other establishment costs	17,188
2,292	Section 137	685
	Running costs	
9,961	Open Spaces - wages, NICs & exps	11,665
23,871	Open Spaces Other costs	21,614
4,881	Memorial Gardens	277
153	Plastic sacks	340
<u>12,010</u>	Publicity (costs of newsletter)	11,824
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50,883	Capital spending	1,487
3,160	Loans (repayments and interest)	3,049
	Provision for doubtful debts	
<u><u>146,214</u></u>		<u><u>93,263</u></u>
	GENERAL FUND	
19,826	General Fund O/B	34,534
<u>149,976</u>	Income	<u>115,701</u>
169,802		150,235
<u>146,214</u>	Less Expenditure	<u>93,263</u>
23,588		56,972
<u>10,946</u>	Transfers from General Fund	6,800
<u><u>34,534</u></u>	Balance at 31 March	<u><u>50,172</u></u>

Wheatley Parish Council
Detailed Balance Sheet
For the year ended 31 March 2009

Year ended 31-Mar-08	£		Year ended 31-Mar-09
		CURRENT ASSETS	
71,917		Cash at bank	94,566
7,125		Debtors	8,904
		Prepayments	950
<u>234</u>		VAT Recoverable	-472
79,276			103,948
		less CURRENT LIABILITIES	
1,510		Creditors	3,695
<u>2,050</u>		Accruals	600
<u>3,560</u>			<u>4,295</u>
<u>75,715</u>		NET ASSETS	<u>99,653</u>
		 Represented by	
		Earmarked Reserves	
28,230		Pedestrian & Road Safety Measures	28,230
0		Playground Equipment	4,000
0		Youth Shelter	5,000
1,951		Bus shelters	1,951
4,000		Seating & Lighting Reserve	4,000
<u>7,000</u>		Maintenance Reserve re Coopers Cl	<u>6,300</u>
41,181			49,481
<u>34,534</u>		General Fund at 31 March	<u>50,172</u>
<u>75,715</u>			<u>99,653</u>

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the authority and reflects its income and expenditure during the year

Signed

Chairman

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WHEATLEY PARISH MEETING
Thursday 16th April 2009 at 7.30 pm
in the Merry Bells Hall

AGENDA

Apologies received from PCSO K Cooney, Kate Curtis, Peter Targett, Gordon Ewbank, Bernice Rye, Jim Watson, Paul Edson

- 1 **MINUTES** of the previous Annual Parish Meeting of 29.04.2008
- 2 **MATTERS ARISING**
- 3 **REPORTS**
The following reports have been invited.:
- i **THAMES VALLEY POLICE - PCSO Ken Cooney** – tabled report Clerk to read
- ii **NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP** – no report tabled – Clive Durbin plus new fire station commander to attend
- iii **OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL** – no report tabled
- iv **DISTRICT COUNCIL** – J Carr
- v **WHEATLEY SPORTSFIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE*** - No report tabled
Mary Blake to attend – Tabled report re proposed pavilion – Clerk to read
- vi **WHEATLEY CHARITIES** – Report tabled – Clerk to read
- vii **WHEATLEY COMMON ALLOTMENT-THE HOWE TRUST** – report tabled –
Malcolm Benson present
- viii **MERRY BELLS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** – No report tabled – Mike Carr to
attend
- ix **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION MEN'S SECTION** – Report tabled – Roger Bell or Alan
Cowie to present
- x **WHEATLEY SCOUT GROUP** – Bob Lowrie sends apologies – no report tabled
- xi **WHEATLEY GIRL GUIDES*** - Bernice Rye sends apologies – report tabled –
Clerk to present
- xii **EMMA WILSON TRUST FUND** – report tabled – Chris Sewell to present
- xiii **WHEATLEY PRODUCTIONS** – No report tabled – Colin Ring or Ian Germaine to
present

- xiv **WHEATLEY WINDMILL RESTORATION SOCIETY** – report tabled – Caroline Dalton to present
- xv **WHEATLEY SOCIETY** - Jim Watson sends apolgies– report tabled – Clerk to present
- xvi **ST MARY’S CHURCH.** – no report tabled
- xvii **FUSION YOUTH AND COMMUNITY** - Gordon Ewbank sends apologies – report tabled – clerk to present
- xiii **WHEATLEY VILLAGE ARCHIVE** – report tabled – Sue Prest to present
- xix **COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP** – report tabled – Chris Bailey or Clerk to present
- xx **WHEATLEY VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION** – no report
- xxi **WHEATLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL** - no report
- xxii **WHEATLEY PARK SCHOOL, HOLTON** – no report
- xxiii **REPORTS FROM OTHER VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS**
- xxiv **PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE REPORT** - Cllr Dalton
- xxv **PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN’S REPORT** – Janet Carr

At the end of the meeting all those attending are welcome to stay for refreshments

Gareth Morris
Clerk to Wheatley Parish Council