

# WHEATLEY NEWS

Published by Wheatley Parish Council



The 2026 May Day Committee

Streets of Wheatley - Page 12

Church Road Rec - Page 17

The Wilder Side - Page 57



## Contributions

The Wheatley Newsletter welcomes contributions and adverts from residents, and from businesses and organisations serving Wheatley and District. News and reports from village organisations are particularly welcome but contentious issues or articles promoting personal causes should be avoided. Submissions should be made by **16th July** for the next issue.

The Editor reserves the right not to print items and to edit items submitted for publication.

Head to [bit.ly/wnl-info](http://bit.ly/wnl-info) for further details and to download a booking form.

## Meetings & Dates

### Full Parish Council

Merry Bells, 19:30

1st June

6th July

### Planning Cmte.

Parish Office, 19:30

10th June

8th July

### Finance Cmte.

Parish Office, 19:30

15th June

### Open Spaces Cmte.

Parish Office, 19:30

20th July

### Parish Surgery

Parish Office

09:30 - 11:30

Every Wed & Sat

### District Cllr Surgery

Parish Office 10:30

**Not currently  
running**

## WHEATLEY NEWS

### Publisher & Billing Enquiries

Wheatley Parish Council  
The Parish Office  
The Merry Bells  
89 High Street  
Wheatley, OX33 1XP  
01865 875615  
[clerk@wheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@wheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)  
[www.wheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.wheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### Editor & Artwork/Content Enquiries

Pete Collinson  
[newsletter@wheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:newsletter@wheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### Distributor

This newsletter is kindly distributed to all addresses in Wheatley and Holton by a team of volunteers, organised by the Parish Office.

### Disclaimer

The views expressed in the Newsletter are not necessarily those of the Parish Council or the Editor, and no liability can be accepted for any errors or omissions, although we will publish corrections where necessary.

WOW! What a May Day. It was so lovely to see our village come together to celebrate this revived tradition, and we had the Lock Up open so people could see inside it. It turned out this was quite a draw. Many thanks to the May Day Working Group for an amazing event, and to the school and Phil Hickman from Hickman's Butchers for the refreshments.

We also opened the new Children's Play Area for 2 hours so our children could experience the new equipment. Sadly, we had to close it again because we need to get the grass to root and grow. It has been dryer than expected, and the lack of rain has had an impact. This was quite an investment by your Parish Council, but it was needed. The old equipment collapsed when the contractors started to remove it – so it was a timely refurbishment. The real opening will have happened by the time this newsletter reaches you.

I do have a plea because the Parish needs your help to keep the village looking its best. Whatever you can do to pick up

litter, keep the weeds down on your curtilage (the immediate area surrounding your home), and report any overflowing bins please, that would be an enormous help.

Sophie, the 'Parish Clerk in training' has started her maternity leave and we have been very lucky to secure the services of Allison Leigh. Allison is an experienced clerk who has been supporting us for a few hours a week but has now stepped into the full role to cover while Sophie is away. My thanks again go to Lucy Collinson who has kept the show on the road while we had the Clerk vacancy.

In our May Annual Parish Council Meeting I was nominated as Chair, and Toby Newman was nominated as Vice-Chair once again. We will continue to serve the village in our free time along with our other 11 Councillors. We still have 2 vacancies, more information below.

Onwards and Upwards!

**Alison Sercombe**

[alisonsercombe@wheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:alisonsercombe@wheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## Become a Parish Councillor

Have you ever wanted the opportunity to bring positive change to your village? Then why not become a Parish Councillor?

### Time Commitment

Full Council meet on the 1st Monday of the month for approx. 2 hours, with a commitment to join at least one other committee (Planning, Finance, Open Spaces) who meet once/every other month.

Surgeries are offered every Wednesday & Saturday morning from 9.30-11.30am. Councillors are asked to attend Saturday surgeries on a rota basis.

### Responsibilities

Collectively the council manages its land, equipment, and employees.

**Lucy Collinson | Asst Clerk | [clerk@wheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@wheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

## Introduction

I am writing to introduce myself as your Locum Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer while Sophie Coda is on maternity leave, having worked with the Council in a mentoring capacity since October 2025. I would like to wish Sophie all the best during her time away.

My name is Allison Leigh, and I have been a clerk for 10 years. I am originally from the States and have been living in the UK for over 20 years. Being a clerk has been a wonderful way for me to become immersed in village life. I very much enjoy the opportunity to work with councils to make a difference to their communities and am looking forward to getting to know Wheatley parish. What a wonderful way to kick off my time here experiencing the festivities of May Day 2026! It was fantastic to see the community spirit on full display.

When I am not clerking, I enjoy family time, country walks with the dog, volunteering, and choral singing.

I look forward to being part of the team at Wheatley Parish Council over the next year. Feel free to pop into the office, send an email or give a call – and if I miss you, I always promise to get back to you as soon as I can.

## Cadet Hut – consultation deadline 3rd July

As you may be aware, the Council will be signing a lease for the use of the Cadet Hut. We very much welcome your views as to its use and are conducting a consultation. The consultation can be found on our website ([wheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://wheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)) under “[Cadet Hut Community Consultation Survey](#)” and can be filled in online. Alternatively, the consultation will be available in hard copy at the office.

We hope to hear from you!

## Upcoming events

The **Play and Activity Day 2026** will be held on **Saturday the 4th July**. This is a fantastic free day for the whole family, featuring a range of activities and entertainment, and a great opportunity for local organisations to get involved. If you would like to take part, please contact the parish office for further details.

**Artisan Market:** The next Artisan Market will be held on **Saturday the 19th September**.

## Recruiting two councillors!

Wheatley Parish Council has seats for 15 councillors who meet the first Monday of every month. The Council has 4 committees – Planning, Finance, Open Spaces and Staffing – and manages several assets including 3 playgrounds. The Council carries out several events during the year such as the Christmas Fair, Artisan Markets, and the Play and Activity Day.

Being a Councillor involves attending meetings where informed decisions are made on behalf of residents. Decisions range from how finances are spent, comments on planning applications, management of village assets, consideration of future projects and more.

The Council welcomes and encourages members of the public to attend meetings and communicate with the Council as this is the best way for us to represent the Parish.

Wheatley Parish Council have a clear strategy to

- Act against Climate Change
- Support our village to become vibrant, sustainable, and safe
- Make the council accessible to all and to promote inclusivity and wellbeing

The criteria are to be over 18, on the electoral register, live/work/own/rent property in Wheatley or within 3 miles of the village.

The Council is a very proactive team and welcomes anyone who has even a spark of interest and enthusiasm to contact the parish office.

**Allison Leigh | Locum Clerk | [clerk@wheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@wheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

## **Wheatley Flood Group**

With this edition of Wheatley News comes an additional small booklet, on Flood Awareness. It has been prepared following the experiences of those who were flooded in September 2024, to suggest how to be more aware and take precautionary measures, should the village be unfortunate enough to suffer another such incident. The informal High Street Flood Group shared much information after the last flood and realised that many village residents were caught unawares across a wide range of matters from practical measures to keep water out and limit damage, to knowing about the kind of insurance that would be most helpful in the case of further flooding. So, this has been the result of many group discussions, including welcome assistance from members and representatives of the Parish, District and County councils. Please keep the booklet on hand and follow its hints on how to remain aware and well-protected. This will be even more effective once the Flood Warden scheme is up and running, but the QR codes in the booklet show where to go now to find further information about flooding. Further copies are available from the Parish office. The Parish Council is grateful to Oxfordshire County Council for financial help in making this booklet available to the community.

**Alyn Shipton | Chair | Wheatley Flood Group**

# A.W.MOBBS OXON

# BUILDING SUPPLIES



For Oxfordshire building supplies, A.W. Mobbs is a family run business serving Oxford and the home counties with building supplies. We are situated just outside Oxford next to the major route-ways out of Oxfordshire, so we can deliver to our customers quickly and efficiently. Originally a traditional coal merchants, we have diversified and expanded into a modern competitive builders' merchants.

**BUILDING MATERIALS**  
**LANDSCAPING**  
**FUEL & HEATING**  
**WATER TREATMENTS**

*Contact our dedicated sales team*

**SERVING  
TRADE &  
PUBLIC**

**01865 872691 | [sales@awmobbs.com](mailto:sales@awmobbs.com)**

**[www.oxfordbuildingsupplies.com](http://www.oxfordbuildingsupplies.com)**

**Aw Mobbs, The Coal Depot, London Road, Wheatley, OX33 1JG**



## Your local plant & tool hire



We stock everything from cordless drills to excavators for projects from DIY to large construction sites. Let our friendly team know how we can help you get the job done.



**[greenplant.ltd.uk](http://greenplant.ltd.uk) 01865 876000**  
**[mail@greenplant.ltd.uk](mailto:mail@greenplant.ltd.uk)**  
**Unit 1, London Road, Wheatley OX33 1JH**

# Greenplant.

Plant, Tool & Event Hire

# SERVICE, PRODUCTS, KNOWLEDGE, LOCAL, & INDEPENDENT

- ✓ Competitive prices
- ✓ Comprehensive range
- ✓ Experienced team



**[GRANTANDSTONE.CO.UK]**

## Grant & Stone

**FOR ALL YOUR TRADE SUPPLIES:**  
**BUILDING | PLUMBING | ELECTRICAL**



## Gorman Civil Engineering & Groundworks Ltd

**CIVIL ENGINEERING  
GROUNDWORKS  
DRAINAGE  
SEWER CONNECTIONS  
CONCRETE BASES  
UNDERPINNING  
DUCTING AND REINSTATEMENT**

1994  2019



[www.gormangroundworks.co.uk](http://www.gormangroundworks.co.uk)  
michael@gormangroundworks.co.uk

The Laurels, Holton, Oxford, OX33 1PS

**01865 875530**  
**07885 703943**



## Max Wilkinson

Decorating &  
Property Maintenance

+44 7930 654287



MW DECORATING &  
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE



MWDECORATING.MAINTENANCE

PAINTING & DECORATING  
(INTERIOR & EXTERIOR)

PLASTERING

FENCING

RE-POINTING (BRICK & STONE)

PLUS MUCH MORE



# Wheatley Painters & Plastering

## Plastering and wall repairs

We carry out tidy, reliable plastering work in homes across Wheatley and the surrounding villages.

### Our services include:

- Skimming walls and ceilings
- Repairing cracked or damaged plaster
- Plastering after damp or repair work
- Small and large domestic refurbishment jobs

We are a local, family-run business, known for reliable work and a clean finish.

☎ **07456 816763** • [info@wheatleypainter.co.uk](mailto:info@wheatleypainter.co.uk)

[www.wheatleypainter.co.uk](http://www.wheatleypainter.co.uk)

Free quote - next working day

# The Window Doctor

**CARE & REPAIR FOR ALL YOUR UPVC & ALUMINIUM WINDOW & DOOR PROBLEMS**

- Replacement of broken down sealed units - misting up inside glass
- Adjust front & back doors that do not shut
- New handles, hinges and door locks
- Replacement of patio door wheels
- New security handles with keys
- New door panels and cat flaps
- New Georgian style or leaded style sealed units
- All insurance work • Burglary damage • Servicing



**PLUS INSTALLATIONS OF NEW UPVC WINDOWS & DOORS**



Call us for a FREE Survey and Quotation,  
**No call out charge**



Friendly Family Established Business  
**Cowling & Co.**

**Tel: 01865 891776**  
**Mob: 07860 435742**

[www.windowdoctor.co.uk](http://www.windowdoctor.co.uk)

email: [cowlingandcothewindowdoctor@gmail.com](mailto:cowlingandcothewindowdoctor@gmail.com)

# WHEATLEY'S LOCAL WINDOW CLEANING SERVICE

Reliable • Residential & Commercial • Insured



**Traditional ladder and squeegee window cleaning - delivered by local, insured professionals.**

- Residential and commercial window cleaning
- All frames and sills included
- Gutter clearance
- Conservatory roofs
- Fascia and soffit
- Builders' clean
- Solar panel cleaning

**BOOK TODAY CALL LEE**

**07713 286894**

[smithyswindowcleaning1@gmail.com](mailto:smithyswindowcleaning1@gmail.com)

**Serving Wheatley & surrounding areas | Free quotes | Fully insured**

## ABSOLUTE

Bathroom installations

Plumbing, Tiling, Electrical,  
Plastering &

Related building works

Full design & Guaranteed installations

Free Estimates

Paul Bowden Tel: 01865 873277, 07904 246542



# ABSOLUTE CARPETS

Contact David Pullen on  
**07887 875824**  
 or email  
[david@absolute-carpets.co.uk](mailto:david@absolute-carpets.co.uk)

- ❖ Complete measuring, supplying and fitting service
- ❖ Carpet and vinyl samples brought to your home
- ❖ Furniture moving and disposal of old flooring
- ❖ Written quotations with no obligation to buy

Visit our Facebook page: <https://fb.me/Absolute.Carpets.David.Pullen>

David Pullen t/a Absolute Carpets, Greenways, Station Road, Marsh Gibbon, Oxfordshire OX27 0HN

## K. J. WINDOWS & DOORS

- UPVC WINDOWS & DOORS
- CONSERVATORIES
- FASCIA & SOFFITS
- BI-FOLDING DOORS
- MISTED & BROKEN UNITS
- REPAIRS

**ALL WORK GUARANTEED | CALL KEITH: 07539 367200**

## PROtect Windows & Doors



Your local specialist, providing a full survey and fitting service for windows and doors.  
 Repairs and double glazed unit replacements.

10 years insurance backed guarantee on domestic uPVC and aluminium installations.



Unit 2, Littleworth Industrial Estate, OX33 1TZ



01865 875554 [sales@protecttradeframes.com](mailto:sales@protecttradeframes.com)



# OXFORD EXTERIOR RESTORATION

- ✓ Driveway Restoration.
- ✓ Driveway Drainage Specialist.
- ✓ Patio Repointing Specialist.
- ✓ Decking Restoration.
- ✓ Graffiti Removal.
- ✓ DBS Checked and fully insured.
- ✓ Free Quotations.
- ✓ Wheatley Based Company.
- ✓ City & Guilds Assured Trained In Exterior Restoration.



**Residential & Commercial Work Undertaken.**

[contact@oxfordexteriorrestoration.co.uk](mailto:contact@oxfordexteriorrestoration.co.uk)

## 07703 686892

## OXFORDSHIRE FENCING GROUP

All types of fencing and gate work undertaken

Free no obligation quotes

Jack Sherwood, Wheatley, Oxford

Call: 07595 910559

[jacksherwood2008@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jacksherwood2008@hotmail.co.uk)

[oxfordshirefencinggroup.uk](http://oxfordshirefencinggroup.uk)



## ABC Gas & Plumbing Ltd

Local gas safe registered engineers

- Boiler installations
- Power flushing
- Boiler Servicing
- Domestic plumbing
- Gas safety checks
- Dripping taps
- Radiators
- Leaks



24 hour emergency call out

07849116805 or 07894466025

[ABCGasandPM@gmail.com](mailto:ABCGasandPM@gmail.com)

[www.ABCGasandPlumbing.co.uk](http://www.ABCGasandPlumbing.co.uk)

Based in Wheatley, Oxford



# YOUR Wheatley Village Archive

Continuing a look at the derivations of road names in Wheatley. In the last edition I inadvertently omitted Ambrose Rise, Anson Close and Biscoe Court so...

**Ambrose Rise** – The houses on this road were built in 1962 on land formerly belonging to Ambrose Farm at one time owned by the Armborough family.

**Anson Close** – named after Fred Anson who was the first headteacher of the new Wheatley Secondary Modern School (now Wheatley Primary School) on Littleworth Road which opened in 1950. He was head teacher there for over 20 years, living in “Rotherfield”, London Road. He was a prominent member of the village including chair of the parish council for some years. The cul-de-sac named after him was developed in the early 1960s on Rotherfield’s land.

**Biscoe Court** and **Tyndale Place** – two modern developments (late 20th century). The Biscoe family owned Holton Park 1801-1910.

**Cullum Road** – these houses were built in 1954 and the road named after the local builders in the village. There was also Cullum’s wheelwright shop which still stands at the junction of Bell Lane, Hathaways and Station Road (see the illustration of the workshop opposite the old chapel which was in the memorial garden).



**Elm Close** – A cul-de-sac built on land that used to be part of Mulberry Court which was previously named “The Elms”.

**Elton Crescent** – the Rev. Edward Elton was the first vicar of Wheatley from 1849. His vicarage is now the doctors’ surgery. He made a considerable contribution to rectifying Wheatley’s bad reputation in the Oxford area in many ways.

**Fairfax Gate** – built in 2015 and named after Lord Fairfax who was Commander-in-Chief during the English Civil War and who lived in Holton House.

**Farm Close Lane** – a cul-de-sac with a 17th century farmhouse. The cul-de-sac becomes a public footpath which originally crossed the railway line just before the station platform, prior to the development in Kelham Hall Drive. Old railings from the railway fencing can be seen embedded in a tree trunk on this footpath!

**Farm Close Road** – built on land previously part of Farm Close.

**Frampton’s Alley** – a footpath from the western end of the High Street up to Church Road, emerging near the Sun Inn, named after Joseph Frampton who was a farmer, cooper and quarryman who owned the pits where the recreation ground and Templars’ Close now stand and he ran a beer/ale house called the Royal Oak next to the alley in the 19th century. He was one of the last to wear a smock for which Wheatley was well-known.

**Friday Lane** – linking the High Street and Church Road and named after the Fryday/Friday

family. William Friday was a shop keeper and, reputedly, influential landowner in Wheatley at the end of the 18th century who at one point stood surety for six village pubs!

**Hathaways** – a small cul-de-sac built on the site of Hathaway's wheelwright's shop, later used by Cullum's - the builders.

**High Street** – originally called Wheatley Street in Tudor and Civil War times. Became the High Street in 19th century. The brook from Shotover to the River Thame used to flow down the High Street but was culverted in 1857/8. Before the current A40 was built in 1790s the High Street was the main road to Worcester with Oxford off on a spur road.

Many hostelries existed to serve the travellers –The George, The King & Queen – both 1500s, The Bell Inn and The Chequers - both 1600s and The White Hart (rebuilt following a fire in 1830).

**Hillary Way** – a development of 40 houses built in 1956 and possibly named after Edmund Hillary of first ascent (1953) of Everest fame.

**Holloway** – (on the right) a sunken, embanked, or cut road was known as a hollow road. It was colloquially called Sheldon's Lane c.1900s and later Walde's Hill. Planning permission for widening the road was granted in September 1973.

**Howe Close** - a cul-de-sac with a footpath leading up to The Howe, the village allotments, and the windmill. It was developed in 1976 on land belonging to Wheatley Hill Farm on the site of a claypit excavation.

**Jackie's Lane** – the derivation of the name is unknown – could have been Jack's Lane, whoever he was! Now it is a gated road with a public footpath to Castle Hill Farm with evidence of the old railway crossing and railings. A vertebra of an ichthyosaur was found in Jackie's Lane in 1982 by Mr & Mrs Butcher. A Roman bathhouse was excavated at the top of the hill in the 19th century and a coin from Roman emperor Constantine's reign, 306-307, was found in the 1980s. There was a possible Saxon deserted village with 'Old Wheatley Close' shown on the 1590s All Souls' map. Graves typical of a Saxon settlement were also found at the top of the hill.



**Heritage Trail leaflets** are to be found in dispensers around the village and on the website.

Check out the website [www.wheatleyarchive.org.uk](http://www.wheatleyarchive.org.uk).

(Choose: search archive, then search by map or by keywords, decades, or word.

Multiple words in inverted commas e.g. "grocers' shops")

**Steph Cox**

# Wheatley Gardening Club

**June** the 21st is the longest day of the year and the extra light and warmth encourages the garden to put on a lush burst of growth which brings some of the first harvests from the vegetable garden, including tasty new potatoes and salads.

**July** is often one of the hottest months of the year and a great time to sit and enjoy your garden. Keep plants looking good by regularly deadheading and you'll enjoy a longer display of blooms. Make sure you keep new plants watered.



*Lupin Russell Mixed: either grow from seed (biennial) or buy plants*

June's meeting on **Tuesday 9th** is a talk by Alison Shreeve on Sweet Peas. She is heavily involved in the National Sweet Pea society and is chairperson of their various committees so there is little Alison does not know about Sweet Peas.

July's meeting on **Tuesday 14th** is an Armchair tour of Blenheim Palace presented by Andy Mills.

Meetings are held at the Merry Bells commencing at 7.30pm.

Non-members are welcome to attend for a fee of £3.00 per meeting.

Queries and information: [wheatleygardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:wheatleygardeningclub@gmail.com)

**Adrian Shepherd | Secretary**

## Wheatley Windmill Preservation Society

Wheatley Windmill will be open for the usual attractions and tours from **2pm until 6pm on Sunday 14th June**.

This year to celebrate 50 years since the start of mill restoration, Wheatley Windmill Preservation Society will be holding an **exhibition of photographs** of the restoration project and local school pupils' artwork featuring the mill in St Mary's church from **1st to 14th June**. The church is always open from 7am to 7pm so do take the opportunity to look at it. There will also be smaller exhibitions in the window of The Centre of English Studies and the entrance to Wheatley Library. Rev. Clare Joyce will give prizes for the best artwork on 14th June at the mill. The mill will be open again on **Sunday 12th July from 2pm until 6pm**.

**Caroline Dalton | Secretary**

Dear Residents of Wheatley,

I wanted to share a short update and to thank everyone who has been in touch with me over recent months.

Last month, I visited Wheatley to meet residents who have faced a six-year fight with Thames Water to stop raw sewage flooding into their homes during heavy rain. Residents described repeated incidents of sewage backing up through their drains and the serious impact this has had on their daily lives. Their experiences reflect wider concerns about sewage infrastructure in the area, including incidents at nearby treatment works and flooding linked to overwhelmed systems during periods of heavy rainfall.

I believe water companies should not be able to avoid meaningful consequences for these kinds of incidents. In April, I introduced a new Water Amendment Bill in Parliament aimed at preventing companies such as Thames Water from delaying or avoiding fines for environmental breaches. The opening of Parliament in May provides an opportunity for the government to strengthen legislation and close loopholes that are currently being abused, and I look forward to updating you further in the next edition.

My team and I have also continued reviewing responses to my Autumn and Winter Survey. In Wheatley, the main concerns raised by residents were healthcare and the condition of local roads. On the latter, I have been encouraged by Oxfordshire County Council's commitment to addressing years of highways underinvestment, as well as the increasing use of the FixMyStreet reporting system locally, which has helped maintenance teams prioritise the most urgent repairs.

On a lighter note, I was delighted to hear that the Wheatley playground refurbishment is nearing completion, and I look forward to seeing it first hand when I visit later this month. Huge thanks to Wheatley Parish Council for their hard work and dedication in delivering the project.

Thank you, as always, for everything you do to make Wheatley such a strong and engaged community. If there is a local issue you would like me to raise or pursue, please do get in touch at [freddie.vanmierlo.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:freddie.vanmierlo.mp@parliament.uk).

**Freddie van Mierlo MP**



Soha Housing's Neighbourhoods team will be at The Merry Bells every second Monday of the month from 11am till 1pm. Do drop in to discuss anything that's on your mind, including rents, repairs and – also for the wider community – estates or neighbourhoods issues, or contact the team at any time on [neighbourhoodteam@soha.co.uk](mailto:neighbourhoodteam@soha.co.uk) or by calling 0800 014 15 45 (Freephone).

**Liz Roberts**

## SUMMER NEWS FROM WHEATLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

As I write this, we have just celebrated a wonderful village May Day (many thanks to the Parish Council and Committee who worked so hard to make the day a resounding success). I'm sure many of you saw our Morris and Maypole dancers in action – just one of the extra-curricular activities the school offers, making full use of our extensive grounds and forest school.

It is also SATS week (national tests for 10–11-year-olds), and a special word of praise must go our fantastic Year 6 children, who calmly rise to every challenge. Alongside their studies, they have already managed to fit in a bell-ringing trip and a visit to the Rewley Road Fire Station for Junior Citizens this term!

Years 5 and 6 will shortly embark on their upcoming enterprise afternoon – posters are appearing all over the school and the children are very excited! Elsewhere in the school, Years 3 & 4 have been learning about the history of Oxford, brought to life by trips into the city, Years 1&2 have been learning about (and sampling) fruits and vegetables and are excited about the Teddy

Bears picnic they are planning, and the Reception children have been (patiently) watching caterpillars evolve into butterflies and growing produce which they are looking forward to eating!

You may have heard our sad news that Acorns Nursery is closing. We are not the only school in this situation – the declining birth rate is having a drastic impact on state-funded nurseries. We would like to thank the Acorns staff who have given their all over the years and wish them the best with their new ventures.

Over the summer holiday period, we will be running our Cool Kids holiday club, catering for children aged 3-11 and open to all, not just Wheatley Primary pupils. For more details contact [office.3165@wheatley.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3165@wheatley.oxon.sch.uk).

Finally, we would welcome more Governors to join our friendly team. If you would like to give something back to your community, please consider it – we need people of all skill sets, not just education! Email our chair, Rebekah, [rsammut2009@wheatley.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:rsammut2009@wheatley.oxon.sch.uk) to find out more.

**The WPS Governors**  
[www.wheatley.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.wheatley.oxon.sch.uk)

# Church Road Rec

We are pleased to report that the Church Road Rec play area has now been opened. This refurbishment was made possible by a Capital Grant from South Oxfordshire District Council and Wheatley Parish Council funds, with the chosen contractor Homefront.

Although the new turf still needs some time to fully embed, it has rooted enough for the play area to be opened. We thank staff and councillors who have been watering daily to help the grass grow. As the previous equipment was coming to the end of life, we hope that the new equipment is enjoyed by the community. We know some are concerned about vandalism, and we would ask if you have older children who come out in the evenings that you please speak to them about respecting the community assets.

Along with the popular items which were already in the play area, including the basket swing and slides, we are pleased to be able to offer an inclusive swing, activity boards, and a trampoline. We also have our very own mini Wheatley Manor and Wheatley Train Station.



# TAYLORS SERVICES

Extensions . Refurbishments

Kitchens . Bathrooms

Carpentry . Plumbing & Heating

Electrical . Solar PV

General Repairs & Maintenance

Landscaping . Fencing . Tiling

Roofing

**01865 876004**

**[www.taylors-services.co.uk](http://www.taylors-services.co.uk)**





**EXCEPTIONAL HOMES**  
LOOK BETTER WITH SHUTTERS



01235 424 282

Exceptional tailor-made plantation shutters from a local family business based in Holton.

- Bespoke to fit almost any window (including shaped)
- Cool in summer
- Warm in winter
- Noise reduction
- Easy to clean
- Premium appearance

Call 01235 424 282 to book a free no obligation design visit.

[WWW.JUSTSHUTTERS.CO.UK](http://WWW.JUSTSHUTTERS.CO.UK)

*justshutters\_oxfordshire on instagram*



**MOSSINATOR**<sup>®</sup>  
ROOF CLEANING SYSTEMS



Moss Removal - Roof Cleaning & Repairs - Render & Brickwork Cleaning  
 Solar Panel Bird Protection - Chimney Repairs & Cowl Installation  
[www.mossinator.co.uk](http://www.mossinator.co.uk)    01865 362797    [info@mossinator.co.uk](mailto:info@mossinator.co.uk)

WINDOW  
**WIZARD**  
DOUBLE GLAZING REPAIRS



- Blown - Replacement Sealed Units
- Faulty – Broken Window Hinges
- Replacement Window Locks
- Fire Hinges – Child Restrictor Hinges
- Cat Flaps fitted into Door Panels or Glass
- Replacement Door Barrels
- No Callout Fee – Free Quotations

Covering Oxford , Aylesbury & Surrounding Area

**M** 07534 296950  
**E** info@windowwizardrepairs.com  
**www.windowwizardrepairs.com**



**L B Plumbing**

Toilets, taps, immersions, showers, leaks and more,  
**no job too small**

Fully insured, free estimates,  
no call out charge

**Call Lee 01491 834484/  
07981642688**

# HUB

# DEC

PROFESSIONAL LOCAL PAINTING AND DECORATING SERVICES AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Individual specifications and quotations provided free of charge with no obligation.

INTERIOR & EXTERIOR WORKS

Fully Insured and Workmanship guarantees provided

Contact Andy : 07956844298

E-MAIL: [hubdecorating@gmail.com](mailto:hubdecorating@gmail.com)



## Clive Parker

Painting and Decorating

40 years experience, fully qualified and insured

T: 07715 627072 – 01865 400945

E: [clivegrahamparker@hotmail.com](mailto:clivegrahamparker@hotmail.com)



**A D OUSLEY**  
**Domestic & Commercial**  
**ELECTRICIAN**



All types of electrical installation work including test and inspection and certification

Tel: Adam on 01844 339793 Worminghall

Mobile 07976352293 (9.00am 5.30pm)

Email: [adousley01865@gmail.com](mailto:adousley01865@gmail.com)

Registered member NIC EIC

# MSM Electrical

- Full Rewires
- Extensions
- Extra Sockets & Lights
- Garden Lighting & Power
- Electrical Vehicle Charging Points
- Small Jobs Welcome



Part P

Contact Martin Shaw: 07860 795 605 / 01865 872681 [msmelectrical61@gmail.com](mailto:msmelectrical61@gmail.com)



Supplying turf & fencing to the trade and public.  
All types of fencing, gates, decking, sleepers & more.

Lewis Developments (Ilmer) Ltd The Brown Barn, Thame Road  
Longwick, Buckinghamshire HP27 9QU  
[lewisfencingsales@gmail.com](mailto:lewisfencingsales@gmail.com) > 01844 344435



**1st Choice Domestic** Ltd  
Domestic Appliance Engineers

## Domestic Appliance Specialists

All brands covered

Repairs to: Washing Machines | Cookers | Ovens | Dishwashers | Vacuums |  
Tumble Dryers | Fridge/Freezers | Microwaves



Smeg Specialist Appointed Agents, Spare Parts and Accessories,  
New and Recon Appliance Sales

**01844 201867** | [service@1stchoicedomestics.co.uk](mailto:service@1stchoicedomestics.co.uk)

## GARSINGTON SENIOR CITIZENS - MATTERS

We are always looking to recruit New Members to our Senior Citizens Club social meetings on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 2.00 p.m. in the Sports and Social Club, Garsington for tea/coffee & biscuits, with Bingo, Raffle and a Bring and Buy sale for your enjoyment. Once a month during the summer and autumn we run coach trips to various, mainly seaside, towns to which non-members are more than welcome for a subsidised price of £25 per person. (Please bring small, wrapped gift for the coach draw.)

Destinations for our remaining seasonal trips for 2026 have been agreed and bookings confirmed for September and Late November 2026. Please be advised that we are using smaller coaches, so book your seats early with Barbera to avoid disappointment. Destination for June: we head to Poole and the red squirrels on Brownsea Island. July will be Portsmouth and Southsea with two drop off points.

We welcome members from Garsington and surrounding villages to our bimonthly meetings which are held at Garsington Sports and Social club with ample free parking available so do please tell your friends.

You are cordially invited to come along with your friends for a free introductory meeting where you can join in the fun and find out more details.

**Gerald Styles** | [geraldstyles51@btinternet.com](mailto:geraldstyles51@btinternet.com)

## WHEATLEY NOT SO YOUNG CLUB

The last meeting held at the URC by the Not So Young Club on 23rd March was enjoyed by all. We, of course, had to have a few games of Bingo to start the meeting. Followed by tea with gorgeous chocolate cake donated by Laurence, who with Bobbie arranged lots of music and singing helped along by Pat Jeffs on his guitar. We finally said farewell by giving out Easter Eggs and cards to all the members. It was a sad but happy end to 13 years of continuing this long-established club in Wheatley. You will find the Bingo Club continuing at The Wellford Gardens Care Centre, once a fortnight on Mondays, excluding Bank Holidays.

Looking for  
a meaningful  
way to spend  
time together  
as a family?

**Volunteer  
with us!**

Apply today to register your  
family's interest



**Register your  
interest today**

Email us:

[volunteer@osjct.co.uk](mailto:volunteer@osjct.co.uk)

Scan the QR code:





# The Merry Bells Village Hall

## Our AGM - Hopefully, a last word on parking and some good news

At our AGM in April, we presented our results and activities for 2025 to a well-attended Meeting and provided the opportunity to answer many questions, most of which concerned the introduction of the new enforcement of the regulations for parking in the Merry Bells car park.

This provided an opportunity to finally confirm that the 'free parking' limit has now been increased to three hours.

This means that if planning to use our local shops including the post office and perhaps meet a friend for a coffee afterwards, then there should be plenty of time to do this, without the worry of a parking fine.

We said this was coming in the last Newsletter but asked you to wait until all the correct signs were in place. We can confirm that this happened on April 14th and although just a few people were incorrectly fined during the changeover period this has now been resolved to everyone's satisfaction. In addition, after requests from our Hairdressers, Dentists and Clinicians in the village the extension to three-hour free parking will help those of you with long appointments.

Another parking rule, which was successfully answered and explained, was that overnight parking is free between 10.00 pm and 7.00 am the following morning. In fact, and here we ask that you fully understand; that by using the free three-hour limit, you are able to extend your overnight parking to twelve hours. For example, if you park at 7.00 pm the previous day, you can remain parked overnight until 7.00 am the following morning. Likewise, if you park at 8.00 pm you can remain parked overnight until 8.00 am the following day and the same from 9.00 pm until 9.00 am.

Free overnight parking has always been available but with all of the 'kerfuffle' over the introduction of enforcing the time-limit, this was largely overlooked. We would also like to reconfirm that all of our users of the Merry Bells can still enter their registration numbers, when they have a booking and can stay longer than the three-hour limit.

The AGM presented the Examined Accounts and demonstrated how our original Budget for improving the facilities offered by our village hall had been delivered on time and within our original estimates for these investments resulting in a planned financial loss, in line with our monthly Management Accounts.

All-in-all, 2025 was another successful year in the continued development of our village hall.

We now have just one vacancy for an additional Trustee and a full complement of Representatives for our village organisations and societies.

But, as always, we are looking to the future and now, as we approach being half way through 2026, we can report that our positive start to the year has continued with an increase in bookings for Classes, Meetings, and Family Celebrations over last year. In addition, our revised booking system with automatic invoicing has made it a lot easier to book our Main Hall and/or Coffee Room.

Finally, we are providing much more information including public events you can join and both current updates, and historical records on our website.

Why not pay us a visit at [merrybells.org.uk](http://merrybells.org.uk).

**The Merry Bells Trustees**



# Wheatley Playing Field Trust

May brings to a close a busy winter sports period, with over 200 football matches played by all ages between 7 and adult, plus 5 nights a week training session for footballers, including women's over-30s and rugby. Due to a decline in numbers, there was only one rugby match, but numbers for training and gym are still strong but lacking the key positions needed for league participation. The annual football tournament over the weekend of 16/17 May attracted some 800 young players from across the county.

Despite the heavy early spring rains, which forced many cancelled fixtures, the fields have stood up well to heavy use thanks to the extended remediation work programme including decompaction over the Easter holidays.

Off the field Wheatley FC have been trialling use of the clubhouse at weekends for teas and refreshments, but take up from spectators has been low. Oxfordshire Fire Service have used the buildings over several late evenings to carry out search and rescue training in unfamiliar properties. With the agreement of the school, the social area has also successfully been used by the NHS for an away day seminar.

Investigative work was carried out during the Easter holidays in the lower pavilion on the Wheatley Playing Field. This was to ascertain the condition of the timber framework below floor level. Pits were dug in the concrete floor around a number of columns so the wooden structure could be examined. Although some damp was

found in a few of the columns only two columns need repair work. This will be carried out, along with other work, during the Summer holidays.

In a previous newsletter, it was mentioned that the Trust was working with Wheatley Parish Council to produce a policy document for a 10-Year Development Plan for Sport and Leisure. This is progressing and, when agreed, a survey will be sent out to all households in Wheatley and Holton. The purpose of this survey is to better understand the needs of the community with regards to activities and facilities over the next 10 years. We would be most grateful if as many as possible of the surveys can be filled in to give us the most comprehensive number of views as possible. The survey will be aimed at all members of the community, young and old, and is not restricted to one per household.

Finally, if you are thinking about playing netball, football, or rugby or just want to improve your fitness, please contact the clubs directly or use the Trust contact details below.

Do get in touch at:

[enquiries@wheatleyplayingfieldtrust.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@wheatleyplayingfieldtrust.co.uk)  
[www.wheatleyplayingfieldtrust.co.uk](http://www.wheatleyplayingfieldtrust.co.uk)

**Paul Willmott | Chairman**

---

# May Day 2026

---

What a heartwarming reinvention of a great village event. The weather was cloudy, mild, and calm. The crowd was immense and appreciative. The morris and maypole dancers did us, and Uncle Gareth Morris, proud.

Thanks to the committee led by Lucy Thomas, including, Toby Newman, Chantal Brierley, Rachel Newman, Katie Sheard, Kirsten Claiden-Yardley, Matthew Turner, Jack Turner - Well done.



The Reverend Clare Joyce, new Vicar of St Mary's crowned the Lord of the Garlands - Eli Brookes and the Lady - Izzy Collinson. The May song was sung with gusto! Four brave young fellows impressed us with their Morris dancing. Gareth says next year there may be swords as well as sticks.

The maypole dancing was a pleasure to watch, and the Swiss roll was huge! So many people had a jolly good time.

The event was enhanced by the Wheatley Primary School PTA providing drinks. Cornfield Bakery and Hickman's Butchers had long queues for their tasty wares, and Xanthe Bunch sold all her lollipops.

## **Our thanks go to:**

**Mrs G Standing, Mrs Brierley, Mrs Oliver, Mrs Tomczyk, and Mr Walker** from Wheatley Primary School.

**Mr Craig Baldwin** from Wheatley Park for constructing the new base for the maypole.

**Jag**, the Wheatley Pharmacist for the use of his van.

**St Mary's Church** for their toilets.

**The Parish Council** for use of the Rec.

**Clive and Ann Hallett** for their power. **The Scouts** for the use of their hut.

And...chiefly, **yourselves** for being there! Let's do it all again next year!



**Jack Turner**

# POPPY APPEAL

## Poppy Appeal 2025

The amount raised by Wheatley and District Branch for the 2025 Poppy Appeal was: **£31,871.09**, up from £27,676.05 the previous year.

Thanks for this magnificent amount goes to the volunteer collectors, the cash counters, and the organisations and businesses that allowed collecting tins to be placed on their premises. But most thanks go to you, the general public, for your donations.

The national amount raised was **£54.1m**.

The challenge for this year is to equal or even surpass that amount. So, I am calling for volunteers for the 2026 Appeal which will run from **October 22nd to November 11th** to cover the slots at ASDA & Welcome Break Service Area. Those two-hour slots can be quite enjoyable and rewarding. If you think you would like to do 'your bit' to support the past members of our armed forces, please contact me on the details below.

## Branch Meetings

The branch continues to try and recruit new members, so we are continuing to hold meetings on Saturdays every two months. There is usually a talk, and attendees can stay for a reasonably priced lunch. Remember you do not have to have served in the armed forces to become a member of the Royal British Legion.

- **Thursday 25th June** 12 noon at the New Club
- **Saturday 25th July** 12 noon at the New Club

On **Wednesday 17th June** the Branch is running a coach trip to the National Memorial Arboretum. The cost is £25 (members) £28 (non-members). If you wish to go on this trip please contact Laurence Ray on 01865 872899 or

[laurence.ray950@gmail.com](mailto:laurence.ray950@gmail.com).

**Gareth Morris | Wheatley and District Branch | Poppy Appeal Organiser**

## Call for Actors! Auditions for *Doctor Faustus*!

Christopher Marlowe's dramatic play about a man who sells his soul to the devil in exchange for a lifetime of pleasure and power is a parable for our times.

It's a play full of comedy, colour, and chaos – as well as a ton of tragedy, with plenty of parts for everyone.

The play will be staged at **St Mary's Church, Wheatley, from 21st to 23rd October**.

Auditions take place at St Mary's on **Sunday 21st June at 7.00 pm** and on **Wednesday 24th June at 7.30 pm**.

Come and join us and find out more about this fascinating play.

For more details, please email [treasurer@stmaryswheatley.org](mailto:treasurer@stmaryswheatley.org)

# FAMILY RUN CLEANING BUSINESS

Private **CLEANING**  
OXFORDSHIRE

Domestic Cleaning

Carpet & Hard floor  
Cleaning

End of Tenancy  
Cleaning

Deep Cleaning &  
One-off Cleaning

Office & Commercial  
Cleaning

Patio & Driveway  
Cleaning

Window Cleaning

Hoarder & Bio Hazard  
Cleaning

Laundry & Ironing  
Services



Fully-trained  
in Health &  
Safety and  
COSHH



Award-  
winning  
business



Locals' First-  
Choice  
Cleaning  
Service

Contact us now:



01865 58 08 79; 07411 606 609

[www.privatecleaningoxfordshire.co.uk](http://www.privatecleaningoxfordshire.co.uk)

## Professional Care & Support in your home

Moira & Linda are Sisters who have more than 40 years consecutive experience individually, within the Care Sector

They have vast experience & knowledge within the care sector, and are reliable, DBS checked & this is ongoing, professional, insured & self-employed, supply their own PPE, liaise with family members and any other professionals involved.

### Services provided:

- All aspects of personal care that may be required, to include bathing, showering, hair wash, dressing, etc.
- Undertake a 15 minute check visit that families find invaluable, to check on their loved ones, these visits may include: monitoring and ensuring medication is taken from Dossett box, prepare and serve breakfast, or small lunch, assist to toilet or commode or just generally monitor people's wellbeing
- Preparing & cooking hot meals
- Anything not listed, please do not hesitate to contact us, details below:

Linda McMahan on 07715 600524 or email [lindalizzymac@outlook.com](mailto:lindalizzymac@outlook.com)

Moira McMahan on 07715 609968 or email [moiramaccr@outlook.com](mailto:moiramaccr@outlook.com)

What's On this *June/July*



Waterperry  
Gardens

**CONCERT: 6th June** – JUBILEE BRASS BAND (AMPHITHEATRE)

**EVENT: 7th June** – RARE PLANT FAIR

**FREE EXHIBITION: (until 28th June)**– MODERN MAKERS, GALLERY

**EVENT: 12th-14th June** – HANDMADE OXFORD

**COURSE: 19th June** – HERBACEOUS BORDERS (OLD & NEW)

**THEATRE: 28th June** – OHELLO, ON THE LAWN

**CONCERT: 4th July** – DUO DESTINO, AMPHITHEATRE

**EVENT: 10th-12th July** – CELEBRATING CERAMICS

**SUMMER HOLIDAYS ORIENTEERING TRAIL:**  
(11th July until 6th Sept)

**FREE EXHIBITION: (11th July-6th Sept)** – A BRIGHTER VIEW, GALLERY

**CONCERT: 26th July** – MOONRAKERS (AMPHITHEATRE)

**OPEN DAILY 10:00AM - 5:30PM**

Waterperry Gardens, Waterperry, Near Wheatley, Oxfordshire OX33 1JZ | 01844 339254 | [www.waterperrygardens.co.uk](http://www.waterperrygardens.co.uk)



## Lawnmower Service & Repair

Over 40 Years Experience  
Living in Ickford with a workshop in Oakley

### Lawnmower Service from £49.00

Includes: Oil Change, New Spark Plug,  
New Air Filter and Removal of Belt Cover to clean

### Other Machinery Repaired

Rotavators, Strimmers, Hedge Cutters, Chainsaws,  
Cement Mixers, Generators, Welding and Many  
Different Kinds of Fabrications and Repairs.

Collection and Delivery Service Available

Feel free to call with any questions.

**Alan 07775 315788**

## ARBOCARE TREE SURGERY LTD

Qualified and Experienced Arborists

- Established over 25 years
- Contractors to the National Trust
- Crown reductions
- Thinning
- Felling
- Hedge Trimming
- Stump Grinding
- Decay Detection & Tree Reports

Free phone: 0808 1555815

Mobile: 07778811136

[www.arbocare.co.uk](http://www.arbocare.co.uk)

# A.J. LANDSCAPES

Your Local Landscaper  
Fully Qualified  
25 Years Experience

- Garden Clearance and Restoration
- Trees & Hedging
- Patios & Paving
- Fencing & Gates
- Ponds
- Planting
- Turf Care
- Drives & Paths

Tony Young Tel: 01865 875883      Mobile: 07721043316

# GARDENER

Over 25 Years Experience (Local)  
Weeding, Feeding, Mowing, Growing,  
Edging, Hedging and More

ALL YEAR ROUND

**MARK | 07707 253491**

**A comprehensive service for all aspects of Tree surgery**

From small garden trees to large commercial sites, we offer a complete high quality service, including:

- Crown reduction
- Tree removals
- Stump grinding
- Hedge cutting
- Tree surveys



**TC LANDSCAPES**

**garden maintenance**  
**decking**  
**artificial grass laying**

**fencing**  
**patios/paths**  
**turfing**

Tom Cross Wheatley Oxford  
mob: 07719159549 tel: 01865 873750

*R Taylor Landscapes*

Church Road, Wheatley.  
Telephone : 01865 426001 Mobile : 07952634498  
www.rtaylorlandscapes.com  
e-mail : rtaylorlandscapes@gmail.com



*ALL ASPECTS OF LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION,  
DESIGN AND MAINTENANCE UNDERTAKEN.*

Patios, decking, fencing, brickwork, turfing,  
block paving and general garden maintenance.

Fully Licensed and Insured.

# Decorare

LANDSCAPERS TO TRUST

## Landscaping



### OUR SERVICES

- Brickwork
- Decking
- Fencing
- Lawn
- Pathways
- Patios
- Pergolas
- Sleepers
- Structures
- Water Features
- Driveways

Buckinghamshire  
and South Oxfordshire

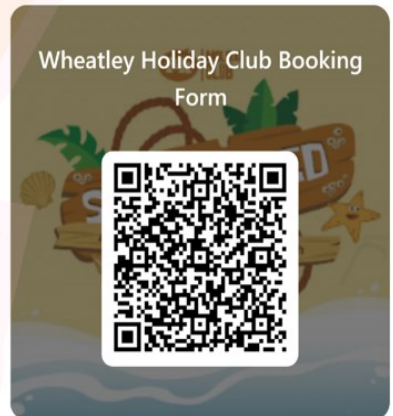


For more information...  
**01844 299040**  
[info@decorareltd.co.uk](mailto:info@decorareltd.co.uk)  
[www.decorareltd.co.uk](http://www.decorareltd.co.uk)

**Wheatley Churches are super excited to invite you to our holiday club 2026, for children of primary school age, at Wheatley Primary School.**

**The club will run from Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> from 9.30am-1.30pm, to include a family BBQ on Friday**

**It is free to attend. Children can expect bible stories, games, songs, crafts, dramas, team work and an enormous amount of fun.**



**Scan the QR code to book. For questions or more information please contact [office@wheatleycommunitychurch.org](mailto:office@wheatleycommunitychurch.org)**

**'Igniting the spark to become inquisitive learners for life, to know more, to remember more, to achieve more'**

**Places now available**

We are a stand alone Maintained Nursery School, led by qualified teachers and early years professionals specialising in Early Education.

***We offer varied, enticing environments that encourage independent , exploratory learning through play.***

Please contact the office to arrange a visit to see our fantastic learning environment.



Littleworth Road Wheatley Oxford OX33 1NN

Tel: (01865) 598044

[admin@wheatleynurseryschool.com](mailto:admin@wheatleynurseryschool.com)

Please visit our website for more information

[www.wheatleynurseryschool.org](http://www.wheatleynurseryschool.org)



**Funded 15 and 30 hour funding for**

**3-5 yr olds**

**Working parent 2 year old funding available**

**Disadvantage 2 year old funding**

**Breakfast Club**

**Monday -Friday 8-9am**

**After school Club**

**Monday - Thursday 3.00-5.30pm**



**Nursery Hours 7:30am-5:30pm for 9 months-4-year-olds**



Our curriculum is planned carefully to provide a wide range of exciting play opportunities and to develop basic skills and the knowledge necessary for a smooth transition to school.

15/30 hours Government Funded spaces available.

**Nature Club is running for children between the ages 9 months-11 years.**

**All Stars Club Hours 7:30-9.00am and Monday-Friday 3.00-5.30pm**

The aim of the club is to provide a wide and varied programme of After School entertainment for children, extracurricular activities as well as offering childcare. Every day we aim to provide a choice of activities in an attempt to cater for the differing wants and needs of children at the Nursery and neighbouring primary School.

**Please contact us on 01865 876750 or email us at [staff@horspathnursery.org.uk](mailto:staff@horspathnursery.org.uk)**

Visit our website for more information [www.horspathnursery.org.uk](http://www.horspathnursery.org.uk)

**Ofsted April 2022 Rating: Good**

"Practitioners focus successfully on seeking the views of individual children to plan ongoing activities. Practitioners support children's play and have a consistent approach and use good quality teaching strategies to extend children's learning."

SANDRA

# HOMWOOD

FUNERALS

We are a privately owned and managed family business with over 65 years experience. Our values are based on providing excellent service to our clients, transparency, fairness, good value and honesty.

Sandra, together with her principal funeral directors Darren Jeffs and Clare Hunter, offer bereaved families a unique, clear pricing structure with a refreshingly modern approach.



Sandra Homewood



Darren Jeffs



Clare Hunter

Headington: 01865 570 700 Marston: 01865 570 000

[www.homewoodfunerals.co.uk](http://www.homewoodfunerals.co.uk)



Golden Charter



**At work all day or going on holiday?**

**I offer dog walking, care for cats & other small animals**

**Pet Taxi/Ambulance available for your pet transport needs.**

**Looking for dog lovers to host dog(s) whilst owners are away!**

**Can you offer a comfortable home & garden?**

**Enjoy having a pet without the full-time responsibility & get paid!**

**Tel: 07341 859468**

**[info@oxford.animalsathome.co.uk](mailto:info@oxford.animalsathome.co.uk)**

**[www.animalsathome.co.uk/oxford](http://www.animalsathome.co.uk/oxford)**

## The Triangle Care Home

Exceptional care, every day



Old London Road, Wheatley, OX33 1YW



Residential Care  
Dementia Care  
Nursing Care  
Palliative Care

**01865  
875596**

Scan the barcode or call today to arrange a personalised tour

## At Wellford Gardens enjoy three weeks respite, pay for two.

Looking for compassionate care for you or a loved one? Wellford Gardens offers person-centred care including residential, dementia, respite and day care support.

### We provide:

- 24-hour care
- Specialist dementia care
- Comfortable en-suite rooms
- Nutritious meals and daily support
- Gym and curated wellbeing classes

The process couldn't be easier – we'll visit you, understand your needs, and you could be settling into life at Wellford Gardens the same day.



Call **01865 633 024** Visit [osjct.co.uk/wellfordgardens](https://osjct.co.uk/wellfordgardens)  
Wellford Gardens, Park Hill, Wheatley OX33 1ND

The Orders of St John Care Trust is a not-for-profit charity. Registered charity No. 1048355.

# Notices | Clubs | Events

## St Mary's Church Summer Quiz

Sat 4th July  
18:00

Welcome drink, dinner,  
bar, and raffle included.  
Adults £12, under-12s £6  
Contact Val to book:  
[valwolstenholme  
@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:valwolstenholme@yahoo.co.uk)



## HOWE GUIDED WALK Sunday 28th June 14:00

Meet at the main  
allotment gate on  
Windmill Lane  
[maggiiefyffe@gmail.com](mailto:maggiiefyffe@gmail.com)



## Holton and Wheatley Cricket Club

We welcome new  
players! Come and join  
us in 2026. Sunday  
friendlies through the  
season

Contact Hugh:  
07788 672864

WHEATLEY  
PRODUCTIONS

## AGM

Coffee Room,  
The Merry Bells

17th July  
7.00pm

All welcome!

[wheatleyprods@gmail.com](mailto:wheatleyprods@gmail.com)

## Community Larder

Thursdays  
14:30 -15:30

St Mary's Church  
Help reduce food  
waste and support  
local causes



Wheatley WI

## Supershoes

A small charity who  
paint trainers for young  
cancer patients

Merry Bells

23rd July 7.15pm

[wheatleywi  
@oxfordshirewi.co.uk](mailto:wheatleywi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk)

Wheatley Gardening Club

## Sweet Peas

A talk by Alison Shreeve  
Merry Bells

Tue 9th June  
7.30pm

£3 entry for non-members  
[wheatleygardeningclub  
@gmail.com](mailto:wheatleygardeningclub@gmail.com)

Wheatley Gardening Club

## Armchair Tour of Blenheim Palace

by Andy Mills  
Merry Bells

Tue 14th July  
7.30pm

£3 entry for non-members  
[wheatleygardeningclub  
@gmail.com](mailto:wheatleygardeningclub@gmail.com)

## WHEATLEY CARE SCHEME

For transport to hospital,  
surgeries etc. NOT to shops!

For all residents of  
Wheatley, Littleworth &  
Holton

**TO BOOK, PLEASE PHONE  
AS SOON AS YOU HAVE  
YOUR APPOINTMENT**

07505 543750 Answerphone  
Use your Blue Badge if you  
have one

Wheatley Refugee  
Support Group

## Film: 'Limbo'

A group of asylum-  
seekers await decisions  
on their claims and  
futures

Merry Bells

**Tuesday 23rd June**  
**7.15 for 7.30pm**



**Sustainable  
Wheatley**

## SWAPSHOP

Merry Bells

**Sat July 11th**

Bring stuff

09:00-10:15

Take stuff

10:30-12:00

## BINGO

Every other Monday exc.  
Bank Holidays

**Wellford Gardens Care**

**Home 2.00-4.00pm**

includes chat, tea & cake

Frances Simpson

01865 873248

[albarjoiner2@gmail.com](mailto:albarjoiner2@gmail.com)

WHEATLEY WINDMILL  
and SURROUNDINGS

## OPEN DAYS

Sunday 14th June  
11:00 - 18:00

Sun 12th July  
14:00 - 18:00

Oxfordshire Contemporary  
Opera

## Auditions for "Poet and Plumber"

Wheatley House  
OX33 1UR

**Fri 3rd July to  
Mon 6th July**

Roger Simmonds:

[roger@](mailto:roger@oxcontemporaryopera.org)

[oxcontemporaryopera.org](http://oxcontemporaryopera.org)

## OCO Summer Concert 2 GUITARS

Alison Bendy and

Gerald Garcia

Wheatley House

OX33 1UR

**Sat 13th June**

**7.30pm**

[tickets@](mailto:tickets@oxcontemporaryopera.org)

[oxcontemporaryopera.org](http://oxcontemporaryopera.org)

## Wheatley Good Neighbour Scheme

For befriending -  
transport to events -  
and more

**07907 104856**

WGNS here to support  
our community

Wheatley URC

## Sunday Tea

First Sunday of month

**14:30 to 16:00**

Come to meet and  
make friends with  
tea, cakes, and chat  
in the **URC Hall**

St Mary's Ladies Guild

**2:15pm URC Hall**  
**Fourth Tuesday in month**

Hear speakers touching  
on many subjects and  
charities  
Open to all

**Mary John 872909**

# Day by Day

## MONDAY

**Wheatley Oaks FC** | Holton Playing Fields | 19:00-20:00 | Women 30+ | [enquiries.wofc@gmail.com](mailto:enquiries.wofc@gmail.com)

**Mindfulness Sitting Group** | URC | 08:50-09:40 | 01865 876288 | [jmarkgwilliams@gmail.com](mailto:jmarkgwilliams@gmail.com)

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

**Beaver Scouts** | Scout Hut Holloway Rd. | Term time 18:00-19:00 | 07962 243216

**Messy Monday** | Maple Tree Centre | 10:00-11:30 | [info@mapletree.org.uk](mailto:info@mapletree.org.uk)

**Twins Club** | Maple Tree Centre | 14:00-16:00 | [info@mapletree.org.uk](mailto:info@mapletree.org.uk)

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

**Zumba** | Wheatley Primary | 19:00-20:00 | Maz: 07773 651154 | [mmccann36b@hotmail.com](mailto:mmccann36b@hotmail.com)

**Move Together Seated Exercise** | Merry Bells | 14:00-15:00 | [info@flowfitness.org.uk](mailto:info@flowfitness.org.uk)

**SOMA Yoga** | Merry Bells | 18:00-19:00 | [megankentx@gmail.com](mailto:megankentx@gmail.com)

## 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 | [wheatleywi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk](mailto:wheatleywi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk)

**Wheatley Singers** | URC Hall | 19:15-21:00 | 07769 037110 | All welcome

**Wheatley Gardening Club** | Merry Bells | 2nd in month | 19:30

**Flow Fitness Pilates** | Merry Bells | 10:00-11:00 | [info@flowfitness.org.uk](mailto:info@flowfitness.org.uk)

**Smart Start** | Maple Tree Centre | 09:30-11:30 | [info@mapletree.org.uk](mailto:info@mapletree.org.uk)

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

**St Mary's Ladies Guild** | URC Hall | 4th in month | 14:15 | 01865 872909 | All welcome



## WHEATLEY CARE SCHEME



### TRANSPORT TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

For residents of Wheatley, Littleworth & Holton

Can you help us?



**07505 543 750**

Mon- Fri 9am-5pm

Drivers wanted, petrol cost reimbursed.  
Additional Coordinator- to manage bookings.  
Secretary role - to minute 4 meetings a year.

## WEDNESDAY

**Parish Surgery** | Parish Office, High Street | 09:30-11:30

**Maple Babies** | Maple Tree Centre | 09:30-12:00 | [info@mapletree.org.uk](mailto:info@mapletree.org.uk)

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

**Vinyasa Yoga** | Merry Bells | 09:30-10:30 | [sparkyoga1111@gmail.com](mailto:sparkyoga1111@gmail.com) | 07769 584255

**Pop-up Pilates** | Merry Bells | 18:00 & 19:00 | [info@pop-up-pilates.com](mailto: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** | St Mary's | Term time 19:00-20:30 | Age 10+ | [wheatley.guides@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wheatley.guides@yahoo.co.uk)

**Brownies** | St Mary's | Term time 17:30-19:00 | Age 7-9 | [1stwheatleybrownies@gmail.com](mailto:1stwheatleybrownies@gmail.com)

**Rainbows** | St Mary's | Term time 16:30-17:30 | Age 4-7 | [wheatleyrainbows@gmail.com](mailto:wheatleyrainbows@gmail.com)

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

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

**Football Fitness** | Tiger's Retreat, Garsington | 19:00-20:00 | [yohannadam@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:yohannadam@yahoo.co.uk) | Age 30+

**Midday Holy Communion** | St Mary's Church | 12:00 | [vicar@stmaryswheatley.org](mailto:vicar@stmaryswheatley.org)

## THURSDAY

**Mindfulness Sitting Group** | URC | 08:50-09:40 | 01865 876288 | [jmarkgwilliams@gmail.com](mailto:jmarkgwilliams@gmail.com)

**Wheatley Walks** | Bus Shelter, Top of Holloway | 10:00-11:00 | 01865 873430

**Seated Pilates** | Merry Bells | 11:30-12:30 | [info@pop-up-pilates.com](mailto:info@pop-up-pilates.com) | 07731 321991

**Prayers for the World** | URC | 10:00-10:30 | 1st in month

**Morning Tea or Coffee** | URC | 10:30-12:00 | 1st & 3rd in month | Bring a friend

**Memory Cafe** | URC Hall | 10:00-12:30 | 2nd in month | [laurencelalanne99@gmail.com](mailto:laurencelalanne99@gmail.com)

**Wheatley Library** | Open 14:00-17:00

**Digital Helper** | Wheatley Library | 14:30-15:30 | [wheatley.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:wheatley.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

**Community Larder & Café** | St Mary's Church | 14:30-15:30

**Time to Rhyme** | Maple Tree Centre | 09:30-11:30 | [info@mapletree.org.uk](mailto:info@mapletree.org.uk)

**Mum's Cafe** | Maple Tree Centre | 14:00-15:00 | [info@mapletree.org.uk](mailto:info@mapletree.org.uk)

**Maple Tree at Forest Hill** | Forest Hill Village Hall | 10:30-12:00 | [info@mapletree.org.uk](mailto:info@mapletree.org.uk)

**Wheatley Village Archive** | Wheatley Library | 14:00-16:30 | 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

# Day by Day

## FRIDAY

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

**Rhymetime** | Wheatley Library | 10:00-10:30 | Ages 0-5

**Little Learners** | Maple Tree Centre | 10:00-11:30 | [info@mapletree.org.uk](mailto:info@mapletree.org.uk)

**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

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

**Martial Arts** | Primary School Hall | 07731 512682 | Ages 3-7+ | [mrsfox@mattfiddes.com](mailto:mrsfox@mattfiddes.com)

## SATURDAY

**Parish Surgery** | Parish Office, High Street | 09:30-11:30

**Wheatley Library** | Open 09:30-13:00

**Storytime** | Wheatley Library | 10:00-10:30 | Ages 3-7

**Family Fun** | Maple Tree Centre | 3rd in month | 10:00-11:30 | [info@mapletree.org.uk](mailto:info@mapletree.org.uk)

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

**Our Lady of Lourdes RC Church** | 01865 762433 | [corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk)

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

## SUNDAY

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

**St Mary's Church** | 01865 872224 | [wardens@stmaryswheatley.org](mailto:wardens@stmaryswheatley.org)

- Holy Communion | 08:00
- Parish Eucharist | 10:00
- Parish Praise Service | 1st Sunday in month | 10:00
- Family Choral Evensong | 17:30

**United Reformed Church** | 01865 873859 | [secretary@wheatleyurc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@wheatleyurc.org.uk)

- Morning Worship | 10:00-11:00 followed by coffee | Communion 1st Sun of month
- Pulse Wheatley Youth Group | Every week term time | 18:00-20:00
- Afternoon Tea | 1st in Month | 14:30-16:00

**Wheatley Community Church** | [office@wheatleycommunitychurch.org](mailto:office@wheatleycommunitychurch.org)

- Wheatley Primary School | 10:30



## THE WHEATLEY SOCIETY

We began our 2026-27 programme on April 17th with an outstanding talk by Martin Steele on the history of Mulberry Court on Crown Road, one of the oldest houses in the village, with land formerly stretching up to the old railway line and encompassing what we now know as Mulberry Drive. This proved a very popular event with over 60 attendees in the Merry Bells.

This was followed by a social evening in The Sun on April 28th where lots of new connections were made between members. On May 12th we went to Rectory Farm in Stanton St John and, thanks to a guided tour from the staff, we learnt about their pick-your-own horticultural business.

Looking ahead, we have a **Wildflower Walk at the National Trust site on Watlington Hill organised for 2 pm on Wednesday, June 3rd**. This will be led by **Fay Banks**. In addition to the wildflowers the site has breathtaking views back to Wheatley and beyond and is also famous for its Red Kites.

On **Saturday, July 11th** we will be having our **Safari Supper**, a traditional Society event held every two years. After taking three courses at different secret venues in the village we will all meet up at David Keene's house for after-dinner drinks.

Finally, on **Thursday, July 23rd** we will take an **afternoon walk on Boars Hill led by Caroline Sherriff**.

We look forward to seeing you. If you would like to join the Society (subscription £5 a year) please contact the Secretary. All events are also open to non-members unless otherwise stated (cost £2).

**Nigel Banks | Secretary | [sec.wheatleysociety@gmail.com](mailto:sec.wheatleysociety@gmail.com)**

## Thame Foodbank

Operated by Sharing Life Trust

If you are unable to buy enough basic food for your household, because you don't have the cash or because you are unable to go out, then we may be able to help.

We can deliver within an area bounded by Chinnor, Watlington, Chalgrove, Stadhampton, The Miltons, Wheatley, Long Crendon and Haddenham. If you need help, please phone us on our confidential helpline 0300 201 0212 or 07541 299010.

We don't want anyone to go hungry. Registered Charity No. 1100176



There was a good attendance for our Annual Meeting in March. The meeting opened with the singing of Jerusalem which is the Women's Institute's anthem. Fortunately, all the committee members were willing to continue for another year, and two members volunteered to join them. Our treasurer is standing down after many years and was presented with a lovely bouquet as a thank you for all her hard work over the years. There was no time for the quiz that had been prepared which meant we had a little longer to chat with friends over a cup of tea.

Alpacas were the topic for our April meeting when Jane Abbott gave a very interesting talk on these endearing animals. They originate from South America and first came to this country in the 1990s, quickly becoming popular, and lucrative, owing to the high quality of their fibre which is wonderfully soft, warm – and expensive. Jane is also passionate about felting and gave a demonstration of the process. She had brought along pictures she had made using felt as well as some beautiful soft toys. A very talented lady.

## HISTORY SNIPPETS: June/July 1926

There was some doubt as to whether the Annual Meeting being held in London would go ahead owing to the General Strike but fortunately it ended the week before, so all was well. A whist drive had been arranged which made £4-0s-2d for W.I. funds. An American sale held in June raised £2-7s-0d. It's not very clear what this entailed but each member had been asked to bring a parcel that cost 6d.



The July meeting was a visit to the pageant performed by the W.I.s of Oxfordshire in the grounds of Worcester College. The scenes depicted were from St. Frideswide's Fair in 1450 and about 30 of our members took part and also made the costumes. The pageant was followed by a fete where WI items were sold.

The scrapbook competition was won by Wheatley W.I., the £1 prize money going to the co-operative book fund.

## Our next meetings are:

**16th June:** Members Show

**23rd July:** Supershoes - A small charity who paint trainers for young cancer patients.

Visitors are welcome at most of our meetings. A donation of £5 is suggested to include refreshments and a raffle ticket. We meet at 7.15pm in the Merry Bells.

**Stephanie Brooklyn**  
[wheatleywi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk](mailto:wheatleywi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk)



The April Swap Shop was well-attended as usual with 138 people taking home over 700kg of useful items donated by local people.

The Swap Shop was enhanced by the Wheatley Explorer Scouts who provided refreshments for everyone – they are raising money towards their World Challenge, and plan to provide refreshments at future Swap Shops.

We try to reduce the quantity of leftovers which are taken to Redbridge Recycling Centre by posting some things on the Wheatley Freebie Facebook group and passing other good items on to local groups for their use or fundraising activities or by donating them to charity shops. We also ask that you bring only usable items to the event, and we appreciate that most people respect this. This will become even more important in the coming months as the Redbridge site is due to close for three months meaning that we will have to make other arrangements. The dates of this closure are currently unconfirmed.

In the light of cost increases for van hire and insurance, we applied to the Parish Council for a grant of £400 to help us cover the costs of running future Swap Shops, and we are very grateful to them for approving this request.

[sustainablewheatley.org](http://sustainablewheatley.org)

[sustainablewheatley@gmail.com](mailto:sustainablewheatley@gmail.com)

Facebook: [@sustainablewheatley](https://www.facebook.com/sustainablewheatley)

**Jane Charman and Paul Bailey**



## **The Maple Tree**

Are you looking for a venue for a child or family friendly activity? Ask us about our reasonable rental rates

[info@mapletree.org.uk](mailto:info@mapletree.org.uk)

# A complete accountancy & taxation service



Extensive experience in handling the accounting and taxation affairs of:

- Limited companies
- Partnerships
- Sole traders
- Landlords

A full bespoke service is guaranteed to all our clients.

To find out more please contact us, Laura Netherton or Valerie Carroll, for more information

Carter & Carroll Limited  
 Rectory Mews, Crown Road  
 Wheatley, Oxfordshire OX33 1UL  
 Tel: 01865 876443

Email: [enquiries@carterandcarroll.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@carterandcarroll.co.uk)  
[www.carterandcarroll.co.uk](http://www.carterandcarroll.co.uk)



Services include:

- Annual accounts
- Xero - set-up & assistance
- Taxation
- Payroll services
- VAT returns
- Making tax digital Implementation
- Home visits available
- Free Initial consultations



**carter&carroll**  
 Chartered Certified Accountants

# ENZA Architects



info@enzaarchitects.co.uk  
01865 872 537  
www.enzaarchitects.co.uk



Book A Free Consultation

Professional Services

## WILSONS solicitors

52 High St, Wheatley, Oxford, OX33 1XT

Tel: [01865 874497](tel:01865874497) Fax: 01865 873793

Email: [enquiries@wilsonsolicitors.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@wilsonsolicitors.co.uk)

MATRIMONIAL  
CONVEYANCING  
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, EDUCATION, DRIVING OFFENCES  
LANDLORD AND TENANT  
GENERAL CIVIL LITIGATION,  
EMPLOYMENT (compromise agreement)  
WILLS AND PROBATE, LASTING POWERS OF ATTORNEY

A franchised firm for public funding in:  
FAMILY LAW, CHILDREN'S LAW AND CRIME



## Protect your loved ones future ...

### Made your Will or Lasting Power of Attorney yet?

Don't delay, we can visit you in the privacy and comfort of your own home to make your Will and Lasting Power of Attorney at your convenience.

### Our Services

Wills | Probate & Trustee Service | Estate Planning | Deeds of Variation | Lasting Power of Attorney | Trusts | Tenancy Severance



Don't waste anymore time.

Get in touch with us today!

01844 213470 0345 057 3499 [info@allguardservices.co.uk](mailto:info@allguardservices.co.uk)



When it comes to Family Law, it's not about winners or losers, but about helping ordinary people get through extraordinary times.



Community | Empathy | Competence | Trust | Integrity

**Family Law**

Talking to Nick is your perfect first step towards a swift, empathetic and decisive resolution.

**Wills**

Leave your money and assets to the people you choose, simply and effectively.

**LPA**

Allow someone to make decisions on your behalf if you become physically or mentally unable.

**Probate**

Nick will help you protect your loved one's estate when they die and give peace of mind.

07432 767426 | nick@twfamilylaw.co.uk | www.twfamilylaw.co.uk

**JLDA** building design

- ✓ Feasibility & Costings
- ✓ Planning Applications
- ✓ Building Regulations
- ✓ Construction Drawings
- ✓ New Builds & Extensions
- ✓ Loft & Garage Conversions
- ✓ Internal Alterations

"JLDA has done 3 designs for us. The first one has transformed our lives. The work was of the highest quality and the level of service excellent." ★★★★★

Call now for a Free Consultation: 01869 349825

Email: design@jlda.co.uk  
Visit: www.jlda.co.uk

Helping You Create a Better Home

**ASHURST ARCHIVES**

**STORAGE**

- Archive and Documents
- General Household
- Car
- Boat
- Caravan
- Business
- Short or long term

**HOLLANDS FARM  
GREAT MILTON**

jonnie@hollandsfarm.com

07768 408389

# Art for Life



Let Your Creativity Come Alive!

## FOR COMPLETE BEGINNERS TO CONFIDENT ARTISTS

Fancy learning something new or developing your artistic skills? Then why not join our lovely group in Horspath for one of our all abilities art classes! You'll be made very welcome, no matter how much or how little prior experience you've had. Take a look at our website for more information or get in touch!



Book via our website : [www.oxford.artforlife.uk](http://www.oxford.artforlife.uk)  
✉ email : [artforlifeoxford@gmail.com](mailto:artforlifeoxford@gmail.com)  
Call Heather : 01865 408149

## Computer Tuition for Older People

Are you confident with your computer or do you just about get by?

I offer one-to-one tuition in basic computer skills (email, internet, scanning, Word, Excel etc.). I can also help with tablets (e.g. iPad), Family Research (e.g. Ancestry) and more advanced Office skills.

I am a sympathetic teacher with endless patience and wide experience in working with older people (DBS checked).

No minimum commitment.  
FREE ½ hour consultation offered with no obligation

Phone Peter on 01865 876848  
email: [computer.help.oxford@gmail.com](mailto:computer.help.oxford@gmail.com)

## CHARLES WOOD & SONS

International Removals & Storage

- House Removals
- Container Storage
- Self Storage
- Archive Storage
- Office Relocations
- Professional Packing Service
- Packing Materials

Call us today for a free, no obligation quotation

01865 747555

[www.charles-wood.co.uk](http://www.charles-wood.co.uk)





Serving your home needs since 1973

Whether you are looking to SELL, BUY, LET or are just after advice, WHEATLEY ESTATES are on hand to offer any support you may need.

01865 872073

mail@wheatleyestates.co.uk

wheatleyestates.co.uk



@WheatleyEstates

A member of OnTheMarket.com

rightmove.co.uk

Eagles Development Ltd is a full-service property refurbishment company delivering high-quality transformations from concept to completion.

**We specialise in:**

- Replacement kitchens and bathrooms
- Heating systems
- Re-plastering
- Decorating
- Flooring
- Complete soft furnishings
- Full property refurbishments

We provide a seamless service from start to finish, tailored to each client's vision.

With a proven track record and previous experience successfully running a development company, our team combines practical expertise with a strong eye for design and detail.

**Why Choose Us:**

- Reliable and professional service
- High-quality workmanship
- End-to-end project management
- Tailored solutions to suit your budget and vision

At Eagles Development Ltd, we pride ourselves on craftsmanship, reliability, and delivering results that exceed expectations.



*The Property Refurbishment Specialists*

☎ 01865 590784    📱 07813 966648

✉ lee@eaglesdevelopment.co.uk

🏠 32 Wheatley Business Centre, Oxford, OX33 1XW

- *Business Stationery*
- *Leaflets*
- *Newsletters*
- *Books*
  - *Reports & Manuals*
  - *Cards & Calendars*
  - *Photocopying*
  - *Digital Printing*
  - *Exhibition Stands*
  - *Posters*
- *Pop Up Banners*
- *Outdoor Banners*
  - *Fabric Printing*
  - *Vehicle Graphics*
  - *Vehicle Magnetic Signs*
  - *Vehicle Full / Half Wrap*
  - *and much more...*



## PARCHMENTS PRINT of OXFORD

H4/H5 Kingston Business Park, Kingston Bagpuize, Oxon. OX13 5FB

**01865 747547**

[print@parchmentuk.com](mailto:print@parchmentuk.com)

[www.parchmentuk.com](http://www.parchmentuk.com)

# computer problems ?

Est. for over 15 years

## call THE WINDOWS CLEANERS

HOME AND SMALL BUSINESS COMPUTER SUPPORT

system upgrades  
virus removals  
performance improvements  
wireless networks  
internet solutions  
and more

for a speedy,  
jargon-free appointment:

# 07947 700746

## Need *help* with your PC?

Fully qualified, locally based business is here to help with all your home and small business PC requirements, however trivial or complex they may be.

Why spend hours or even days trying to fix a problem when a fast and reliable expert service is literally around the corner?

A personal, professional service with a smile and at very reasonable rates.  
(Qualifications and ID provided on request)

**Call: 01865 349057**

**Email: support@pc-help-4u.co.uk**

Remote help  
option so no  
visit required

Satisfaction or  
your money  
back

- **Free Callout & Diagnosis**
- Laptops, Desktops & Tablets
- Home & Office Visits
- Secure Remote Help
- Monthly Cover Option
- Mac & PC Support
- Supply of New Machines
- Hardware Repairs/Upgrades
- Software Repairs/Upgrades
- Wireless Setups/Networking

*plus*

- New Installations
- Backup Solutions
- Antivirus & Security
- Web Design & Hosting

**Website: www.pc-help-4u.co.uk**

# Lucia GOLDSMITHS

1b Oakthorpe Road Summertown OX2 7BD

FOR ALL YOUR JEWELLERY REPAIR & REMODELLING NEEDS



Jewellery Gallery and Onsite Repair Workshop. Home Visits

[www.luciagoldsmiths.com](http://www.luciagoldsmiths.com) | 01865 954242 | [hello@luciagoldsmiths.com](mailto:hello@luciagoldsmiths.com)

Other Services



Mallams  
1788

## Thinking of selling your Jewellery?

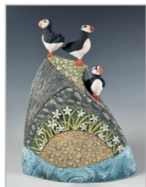
**Free** confidential valuations on any piece(s) you are considering selling at auction.

**Home visits also available**

Enquiries: 01865 241 358  
or [oxford@mallams.co.uk](mailto:oxford@mallams.co.uk)  
[www.mallams.co.uk](http://www.mallams.co.uk)



CELEBRATING  
ceramics



*Showing the finest  
artistic talent in  
contemporary ceramics*



Jewellery &  
Silversmithing Fair



*Stunning contemporary  
jewellery and unique  
stylish silverware*



**10 – 12 July**

*Two Major Events • One Admission  
One Fabulous Venue • Over 200 Exhibitors*

**Waterperry Gardens**

*Surrender This Advert For Free Admission For Two People*

[www.celebratingceramics.co.uk](http://www.celebratingceramics.co.uk)

[www.desirefair.com](http://www.desirefair.com)

**Jordell's 5 Star  
servicing comes  
without 5 star  
dealer pricing**

Located in Wheatley  
Factory Trained Technicians  
Local Collection & Delivery  
Courtesy Cars

**MOT's  
Servicing  
4w Alignment  
Diagnostics  
Brakes**



**JORDELL** LTD  
PRESTIGE & SPORTS CAR SPECIALISTS  
**CALL 01865 872999**  
✉ [jordellltd@googlemail.com](mailto:jordellltd@googlemail.com)

53 London Road Wheatley, Oxford, OX3 1YJ

## Wheatley Morris Dancing Side

A small group of 'newbies' have, over the last few weeks, been learning the steps and moves of the Wheatley Morris Dances. Unfortunately, we have not got enough dancers to form a complete side. Six is the minimum number needed.

Therefore, this is another appeal for more volunteers, male or female, young or old to come along and give it a go. All those who have come along have had no previous experience and they have picked up the stepping and moves very well.

If you came along to Church Road Recreation Ground on the first Bank Holiday in May, you would have seen 4 primary school boys performing the dances very proficiently. Hopefully, that should provide adults with an incentive to try it out.

We will be meeting on Wednesdays from 3rd June onwards in the Merry Bells at 8.30pm.

Please feel free to come along and give it a go or if you want further information contact me on the details below.

**Gareth Morris | Ex Wheatley Morris Man**  
**07713 484090 | [garethmorris76@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:garethmorris76@hotmail.co.uk)**

## OCO Summer Concert

**13th June, 7.30pm**

**Wheatley House, Station Road, Wheatley**

Alison Bendy and Gerald Garcia play an entertaining programme of works which range from classical symphonies to passionate Spanish and Latin American rhythms. Their performance is punctuated with more or less good-humoured introductions and occasional surprising sartorial choices. They are seasoned performers and as a duo have played in many varied venues including the Royal Geographical Society and the Royal College of Music as well as performing live on BBC Radio 2. They have toured around the world playing on cruise ships and enjoy travel and the occasional glass of good wine with cheese. Programme includes music by Praetorius, Haydn, Vivaldi, Granados, de Falla and film music selections.



**Tickets £15**

for more information

**01865 874542**

[tickets@oxcontemporaryopera.org](http://tickets@oxcontemporaryopera.org)



# Morland House Surgery

## Morland Close, Wheatley OX33 1DP

The usual surgery opening hours are Monday to Friday 8am to 6.30pm  
Saturday mornings (excluding Bank Holiday weekends) 8am to 10.30am, for **prebooked** consultations only

Enhanced access hours are offered outside these times, please speak to one of the care navigators on 01865 872448 for more information.

When the surgery is closed, please contact the Out of Hours service by phoning 111

Visit the **Morland House Surgery website** for a wealth of information and guidance on managing a vast number of health conditions, symptoms, and treatment:

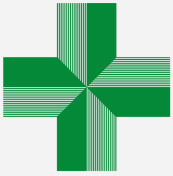
[www.morland-house.co.uk](http://www.morland-house.co.uk).

For example:

- **Meningitis and septicaemia** (blood poisoning) – symptoms and protection
- **Free Global Health Insurance Card** - if you are planning to travel overseas, ensure you have your UK GHIC card
- **Are you a Carer?** – find help and support if you are looking after someone unable to care for themselves
- **Medical Records and Test Results** - guidance on how to access this information.
- **Pharmacy First Service (PFS)**, whereby pharmacies can treat directly seven common health conditions.
- **Measles** - what to look for and treatment
- **Easy read newsletters** about how the NHS is helping people with a learning disability and autism.
- **Expansion of RSV vaccine** to those aged 80 and over
- **Online Resources for Clinical Help** via self-referrals
- **Faster Access to Help for Joint and Back Pain**
- **Group Consultation Clinics** – successful group clinics for menopause and hypertension
- **Breast + Cervical Cancer Screening**
- **Follow us on Facebook**
- **Whooping Cough** infections, symptoms and treatment
- **Weight Loss Medication**
- **Childhood Immunisation**
- **You and Your General Practice** – a guide downloadable from MHS website

**Ordering Repeat Prescriptions:** Please use the NHS App or log into your account on the NHS website. For more information on ordering, visit the 'prescriptions' page on our website.

**Medicine waste costs** the NHS around £300 million/year. Only order the medicines you need. Once medicine leaves a pharmacy it can no longer be re-used even if unopened.



**Wheatley**  
Pharmacy

**Supporting Community  
Health and Wellbeing**

Wheatley Pharmacy has been delighted to support several local community initiatives over recent weeks.

Following the recent May Day celebrations, we were delighted that the event was such a success. While a donation towards the construction of the new base was ultimately not required (thanks to the generosity of a local resident, who kindly built this free of charge), we were still pleased to contribute by volunteering our van and driver to assist with transporting equipment for the event. It was wonderful to see the community come together in such large numbers to celebrate and support a longstanding local community tradition, to which we were able to contribute.

We were also pleased for one of our Pharmacists to give a talk at the British Legion on Saturday 23rd May on the role of the pharmacy in the community. The presentation covered the expertise of the pharmacy, the services available to patients, and was followed by an open Q&A session. We very much enjoyed meeting members of the community there.

In addition, Wheatley Pharmacy began supporting the Wheatley Community Larder through donations of hygiene products to help local residents who may need a little extra support.

### ***Did You Know?***

If you are aged 40 or over, you may be eligible for a FREE NHS blood pressure check at the pharmacy.

High blood pressure is often referred to as the “silent killer” because many people have no symptoms at all, yet it can significantly increase the risk of heart attacks, strokes, and kidney disease. A simple check only takes a few minutes and could make an important difference to your long-term health.

Please speak to our team for further information or to arrange a check.

### ***Hayfever Season Has Arrived!***

With pollen levels rising, many people across Wheatley and the surrounding villages may already be experiencing sneezing, itchy eyes, congestion and other hayfever symptoms.

Our pharmacy team can provide advice on the most appropriate treatments to help manage symptoms, including antihistamines, nasal sprays, and eye drops. If your current medication is not helping, please speak to a member of the team who will be happy to advise.

We look forward very much to continuing to support the health and wellbeing of the Wheatley community, with news of our ongoing and future activities.

**The Wheatley Pharmacy Team**



## Happy Summer from The Maple Tree!

However, as I write this the day looks very grey and the heat is back on! Whatever the weather, Laura, Becky, Helen, and our lovely volunteers will always have the kettle on and a warm welcome waiting for you. If you are a new parent/carer, do come and visit us – it will only be a new and different place once!

I'm always surprised when parents tell me that they didn't know that we existed! Do help spread the word, as this village is very fortunate to have a Children's Centre in these times. We rely heavily on our trustees, volunteers, session donations, grants, The Maple Tree Market and our various fundraising schemes and events to survive. Please let us know if you can help support us in any way!

We have a session every weekday morning for families from Wheatley and the surrounding villages. In addition, we have a Family Fun session on the 3rd Saturday of the month. On June 20th we have a Celebration of Twins and on July 18th we have Under the Sea as themes for our Family Fun.

**Mondays:** Messy Monday at 10:00-11:30am and Twins' Club at 2:00-4:00pm

**Tuesdays:** Smart Start at 9:30-11:30am

**Wednesdays:** Maple Babies at 9:30am-12:00pm

**Thursdays:** Time to Rhyme at 9:30-11:30am and

The Maple Tree at Forest Hill Village Hall from 10:30am-12:00pm

**Fridays:** Little Learners at 10:00-11:30am

**Saturdays:** Family Fun at 10:00-11:30am

We will be holding our popular Village Outreach Sessions again this summer. These sessions are designed for 0-5s, but older siblings are welcome too. We will also be holding several Ready for School sessions, which will be very helpful if you have children starting school in September.

### Wish List:

- Volunteers for our Wednesday morning Maple Babies from 9:30-12:00 and for our Friday Morning Little Learners from 10:00-11:30.
- A trustee or two or three – someone who cares about children having the best start in life, and/or someone who is willing to take on The Maple Tree finances or fundraising.

We are here to help, if you need advice or support:

01865 236700

[info@mapletree.org.uk](mailto:info@mapletree.org.uk)

[www.mapletree.org.uk](http://www.mapletree.org.uk)

FB: [www.facebook.com/  
TheMapleTreeWheatley](https://www.facebook.com/TheMapleTreeWheatley)

Instagram: [@themapletreecentre](https://www.instagram.com/themapletreecentre)

**Laura Spencer | Centre Manager**

## DISCOVER THE WILDER SIDE OF WHEATLEY

The Howe is Wheatley's largest community green space and is the perfect place for us all to escape the stresses of modern life and be at one in nature this summer.

Watch the rare breed sheep with their lambs. Listen to the chirping of the hedgerow birds and the distinctive yaffle call or drumming of green woodpeckers. Enjoy the graceful flight of the red kites as they whistle overhead or the buzz of the grasshoppers, bees and other insects in the long grasses. And if you're very quiet and still, then you might even catch a glimpse of a dragonfly or a newt, frog or diving beetle in our wildlife ponds.



*Photo by E.Madden on The Howe, June 2025*

### FREE GUIDED WALKS ON THE HOWE - Sunday 28th June and Sunday 13th September

Learn all about how we care for the land, our work with local children and young people, and how nature is responding to the improvements our volunteers are making to the habitats. Walks start at the main, central gate to the allotments on Windmill Lane at 2pm.

**Note:** *Booking is not required but please monitor our Facebook page notifications in case of guided walk date or time changes. Walks generally take approx. 45-60 mins and are suitable for all the family, however the terrain is not generally suitable for buggies. Requires a reasonable level of fitness and the ability to cope with walking on uneven and muddy ground. Dogs on leads welcome.*

### How to Get in Touch

Get more information on our work, how to get involved as a volunteer or enquire about applying for an allotment on The Howe via our website [www.howetrust.org.uk](http://www.howetrust.org.uk). Alternatively, send a message via our Facebook page or email [maggiiefyffe@gmail.com](mailto:maggiiefyffe@gmail.com).

# 2026/27 GRANTS FOR APPRENTICES, STUDENTS, TRAINEES

The Trustees of Wheatley Charities offer training/education grants to residents of the Parish of Wheatley (including Littleworth but not Holton!) and are prepared to award funds in support of some of the costs of on-the-job training or academic study. **Applicants must be under the age of 25.**



If you are a school leaver having passed your GCSEs or A-Levels and are about to start an apprenticeship you will be given priority, but university applicants should also apply.

Application forms are available from the Secretary, Ralf Eller (email: [ralfeller@hotmail.com](mailto:ralfeller@hotmail.com)), to whom they should be returned electronically no later than **Friday 28th August 2026.**

Ralf Eller | Secretary

**EMBRACE CULTURAL EXCHANGE  
BECOME A HOST FAMILY**

**CES are recruiting for  
Host Families in this area**

**Why not use your spare room(s) to your advantage?  
Earn additional income, welcome new friends into  
your home, learn about world cultures - all from  
the comfort of your own home.**

Our English Language Learners attend various English Language and Culture Courses **throughout the year** at the **Centre of English Studies School** in Wheatley.

Email: [oxfordaccommodation@ces-schools.com](mailto:oxfordaccommodation@ces-schools.com)  
or Call: **01865 874786** for more information.

Potential hosts must have a valid DBS certificate, Gas Safety Certificate and be prepared to provide references and undertake Online Safeguarding Training

**Apply Now**

**ces**

Excellent rates of pay

- WHEATLEY
- HORSPATH
- THAME
- SANDHILLS
- HEADINGTON
- RISINGHURST

**WATERPERRY**  
OPERA FESTIVAL

**La bohème**  
*Puccini | 8, 9, 12, 14, 15 August*

**The Elixir of Love**  
*Donizetti | 7, 11, 13 August*

**Peter Rabbit's Musical Adventures**  
*Haydn | 8, 9, 15, 16 August*

**Serenades**  
*Dvořák & Mozart | 8, 9, 15 August*

**Living Light: Visions of an Abbess**  
*Hildegard von Bingen | 11, 12, 14, 15 August*

**Music in the Ballroom**  
*8, 9, 13, 16 August*

**Last Night at the Opera**  
*16 August*

[waterperryoperafestival.co.uk](http://waterperryoperafestival.co.uk)






We are a family-run specialty coffee business based in Oxford, UK. We are committed to sustainability, sourcing beans directly from smallholder farms in Colombia, many of whom are family-run.

Visit our roastery and enjoy a cup of Colombian coffee, hot chocolate made with Colombian cacao, sweet & savoury treats, and more!

**Unit 30, Wheatley Business Centre, Old London Road, OX33 1XW.**

**Open from Monday to Saturday**  
**9AM - 2 PM**  
**Walk-ins welcome.**

FOLLOW US!

-  @colombiacoffeeroasters
-  @colombiacoffeeroasters
-  Colombia Coffee Roasters





# MOBILE FISH AND CHIP VAN SERVING WHEATLEY - LITTLEWORTH PARK & FOREST HILL

(EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 4PM TILL 8PM)  
FULL ROAD LIST ON FACEBOOK.COM/MOBILECHIPPY

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO  
TRACK THE VANS LOCATION &  
SIGN UP TO THE CHIPPY CLUB  
TO RECEIVE OUR MONTHLY  
SCHEDULE**

**WWW.CHIPVANS.CO.UK**



**ALL EVENTS  
CATERED FOR**

## Excellent Quality Freshly Cooked Food **Jayne Clark**

Qualified Cordon Bleu Cook  
Established 27 Years

- Corporate Events, Conferences
- Drinks Parties, Canapes
- Dinners, Buffets
- Wedding Receptions & Funerals

- Locally Sourced Fresh Ingredients
- Personal Service
- Innovative Menus
- Full Service Capabilities

**01865 872197**  
[www.jayneclark-catering.co.uk](http://www.jayneclark-catering.co.uk)

39 Littleworth Road, Wheatley,  
Oxon OX33 1NW



**A popular Supper Club and private caterer in Wheatley, Oxfordshire**

Durban Spice Supper Club is something truly unique where we offer traditional South African influenced cuisine served in the comfortable surroundings of our home restaurant. Our food has its roots in Indian, Dutch, Malay & African heritage. It is fragrant, full of flavour with a touch of spice.

We offer a variety of menu options on most Friday & Saturday nights ranging from 3 - 5 courses and often do pop up take aways!  
We are available for private bookings.

Shabir Ally – 07378322881  
[shabs@durbanspice.co.uk](mailto:shabs@durbanspice.co.uk)

**www.durbanspice.co.uk**  
Follow us on Facebook & Instagram  
**\*\* Gift Vouchers available\*\***



The New Club  
 Est 1937  
 Wheatley

**WORLD CUP  
 LIVE HERE**

WATCH EVERY MATCH

SKY SPORTS

TNT SPORTS

**PROJECTOR  
 SCREEN FOR THE  
 BIG GAMES**

**6 TVS  
 THROUGHOUT  
 THE CLUB**

**FUNCTION ROOM  
 AVAILABLE TO  
 HIRE**

*Join us in Wheatley!*

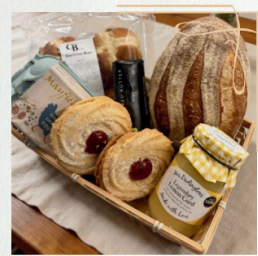
01865 873530



**SPRING BREAKFAST HAMPERS ARE HERE**

CELEBRATE EASTER WITH ONE OF OUR DELICIOUS BREAKFAST HAMPERS.

PRE ORDER FOR COLLECTION FROM OUR SHOP IN WHEATLEY OR CAFE IN THAME, AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY.  
 01865 872682



JOIN OUR NEWSLETTER FOR BAKERY UPDATES AND SPECIAL OFFERS  
[www.cornfieldbakery.com](http://www.cornfieldbakery.com)  
 76 High Street, Wheatley



**OAK HAIRDRESSING**  
 STRENGTH~GROWTH~INDIVIDUALITY

**01865 872830**

72 High Street, Wheatley, Oxford, OX33 1XP | [oakhairdressing@outlook.com](mailto:oakhairdressing@outlook.com)

# LE SECRET GARDEN *at The Plough*

Paolo and Admira invite you to Le Secret Garden, where Mediterranean flavours and French technique meet with warm, relaxed hospitality in the heart of Great Haseley.



-  Handcrafted dishes made with locally sourced ingredients
-  Signature seafood, tender meats, and vibrant vegetarian creations
-  Elegant wines and artisanal desserts that complete every meal



Alongside our regular service, look out for our Chef's Wednesday Specials, a seasonal set menu at a tempting midweek price. And our signature Sunday lunch.

Weddings / Birthdays / Private Occasions

Available Sunday Roast

Every Wednesday: Mediterranean Food Themes

Wednesday - Thursday  
12:00-15:00 € 18:00-21:30

Friday - Saturday  
12:00-15:00 € 18:00-22:00

Sunday  
12:00-16:00



Le Secret Garden at The Plough  
Rectory Road, Great Haseley  
OX44 7JQ

01844 279283

 @le\_secret\_garden\_

 @Le Secret Garden at the Plough

 hello@lesecretgarden.co.uk

# THE 1:1 DIET

by Cambridge Weight Plan®



- DELIVERED TO YOUR DOOR
- ONE-TO-ONE SERVICE, NO GROUP MEETINGS
- PLANS TO SUIT YOUR LIFESTYLE

Contact your local Consultant: Jo Franklin

phone 07710 342839 email Jofranklin10@aol.com

www.one2onediet.com/consultants/22293/1/Jo

Based in Wheatley, I cover all of Oxford



travel  
counsellors

## The Benefits of Booking with a 'Travel Counsellor'!

\* I'm a one stop shop who will service your booking from the start to the finish \* I am not an online booking site I am a real life person \* You will not only receive quality service but you will receive personal service from the heart \* I have a 24/7 Duty office who are open 365 days of the year to give additional support \* I am 100 % financially protected\* I am Independent and have access to 100's of suppliers and can book



*Janet Lewis*

TRAVEL COUNSELLOR

**01865 989770**

Janet.lewis@travelcounsellors.com  
travelcounsellors.com/Janet.lewis



## MASSAGE To Match Your Needs

Lymphoedema Management | MLD for Post-Operative Care | Deep Tissue  
Massage | Traditional Relaxation Massage

To book or get more guidance on how I can help

**Call 07803 031 469**

**Linda Fowles** BA, ITEC, FHT, BLSM, MLD<sup>UK</sup> MLD and Massage Therapist  
Centaur Chiropractic, South Oxford Business Park, Lower Rd, Garsington OX44 9DP

## OXSPINES OSTEOPATHY

for the whole community, from babies to over 80s

Swift, effective pain relief. Fixed in a few sessions.  
No need for a long NHS wait. Highly respected clinic.

Call **07894 151654** or book online: **www.oxspines.com/book**

90 High Street Wheatley OX33 1XP

# ABOUT FACE Hair & Beauty

AWARD WINNING UNISEX HAIR AND BEAUTY SALON IN OXFORDSHIRE --FOR Haircutting, styling -Organic, Vegan Colours-Perming-WEDDING Hair & Makeup-All Waxing - Electrolysis -Red Vein Removal-CACI natural face lift Facial-.OAP rates follow the window.

Call 0771 1336092 to book your Appt.  
42 Church Rd Wheatley OX33 1LZ



Gift Vouchers Available  
New Therapists Welcome



We offer a range of non-invasive, holistic treatments



Massage



Reiki



Acupuncture



Homeopathy



Reflexology



Counselling



Aromatherapy



Foot Health

45A High Street, Wheatley, Oxford OX33 1XX

[www.wheatley-clinic.co.uk](http://www.wheatley-clinic.co.uk) | Mark: 07881 516969

## Wheatley Dental Practice | 01865 873314

We are currently accepting new patients at our friendly local dental surgery.

Please phone our receptionists or call in for more details!

Tooth whitening and facial aesthetic treatments available.

**Dental Surgeons:** Catherine Peers BDS, Claudia Conde MClintDent London

**Dental Hygienists:** Rachel Hyde, Pranvera Breshanaj

96 Church Road, Wheatley, OX33 1LZ

[wheatleydental@gmail.com](mailto:wheatleydental@gmail.com)



another project from the lovely people at **mySociety**



## SUMMER QUIZ



*Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 6pm*

*St Mary's Church, Wheatley*



*Welcome drink and dinner included*

*Bar available*

*Raffle*



*Tickets: £12 (in advance please, for catering)*

*Children (under 12) £6*

*from Val: (Email [valwolstenholme@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:valwolstenholme@yahoo.co.uk) or text 07761 567517)*



*All proceeds to St  
Mary's Church*



## Wheatley United Reformed Church

01865 803859 | secretary@wheatleyurc.org.uk

### URC News

A packed church and a number of us zooming from abroad were delighted to welcome our new minister, Robert Sheard, and his wife Heather, at the induction service on April 18th. They have moved into the manse in Littleworth, and are getting to know the church, its members and, equally importantly, the community.

Meanwhile lots of lively worship and community activities continue. Among the former is our Dance Chapel group, who contribute to our worship from time to time. As the enabler, Bobbie Stormont, describes them, they are 'eight wonderful women who have been dancing together for seven years'. They sometimes use simple choreographed dances to reflect on spiritual themes or the lives of monks and mystics, past and present, and also use dance as a form of prayer and a doorway to divine presence.

The Christian response to the events in our seemingly ever-more-troubled world finds expression not only in our Sunday morning services but also in the prayers of our increasingly popular Prayers for the World group, which meets for just half an hour at 10.00 am on the first Thursday of each month. Members of other denominations are of course very welcome and have regularly attended. You may offer a prayer or simply sit and pray with us. A bonus for those who attend is that there is a coffee morning from 10.30 in the church hall (coffee also available on the third Thursday of the month), one of our secular, or as we like to think of it, community-based events which is even more heavily attended.

We also take more concrete steps to support a small community in Zimbabwe, one of the world's poorest countries, by financing the Falcon School on the outskirts of Harare. To get an idea of the school try the YouTube film on [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kr-rvk-XXMs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kr-rvk-XXMs). We found out about the school via Commitment for Life, the URC's international humanitarian wing, and are lucky enough to be in close contact with it via Wilbert Sayimani, a Zimbabwean minister at another British URC church. Watch this space for further news of its development and please contact the church if you would like to offer financial assistance to the school. A tiny monthly donation could make a very big difference.

**Mike Matejschuk**

## St Mary's Church

01865 872224 | vicar@stmarysw

### Dear Friends

Time has flown, and it's hard to believe that I have now been in the village for a full year as your vicar—thank you for the warm welcome and kindness that has marked this past year. It continues to be a joy to be in school each week for assembly, sharing stories and moments of reflection with the children... and wasn't the May Day celebration marvellous?!

We are delighted with the success of our new under-floor heating, which has already made a real difference - warm toes definitely bring more smiles! It means we can offer a consistently warm, comfortable, and welcoming space for everyone in the community - something that feels especially important as we seek to make the church a place where people can gather, connect, and feel at home.

As always, the church remains available for community events, and we

wheatley.org

are open to new ideas about how the space can best serve the village. We are excited to be hosting a Summer Quiz on 4th July - open to all - alongside a range of events and concerts throughout the year. The church is open 7am - 7pm every day.

If you would like to support the running of the church, particularly the ongoing cost of the underfloor heating, we are inviting 100 people to consider giving £10 a month! This will help ensure that the building remains as warm and welcoming as possible for everyone who walks through its doors.

Do take a look at our website ([stmaryswheatley.org](http://stmaryswheatley.org)) for more details on all of the above as well as service times. ALL are welcome.

May you find glimpses of hope and peace as we head into the summer.

**Rev Clare Joyce**

## Wheatley Community Church

[office@wheatleycommunitychurch.org](mailto:office@wheatleycommunitychurch.org)

### That's what I love about our church!

It's my favourite new catchphrase. Why? Because there are so many reasons I love our church: -

There's community. Real community. I've been part of some fantastic teams, like the wonderfully friendly City of Oxford Silver Band - you may have heard us last month at Cuddesdon - rowing teams, my medical 'firms' of docs at the JR, and the global scientific community in my niche field of immunology. None of these compare with the quality of community I find here in Wheatley in my local church. A place where everyone is valued. Unconditionally. Whatever age. Whatever background. You know you matter.

It's a place of fun: my kids never like to miss a Sunday, because they know they'd be missing out.

It's a place of authenticity. You put your best face on show for social media, but my church is a place I can just be myself, without pretending. And know I'll still be loved.

It's a place of hope. Life's full of challenges. Some are out there: politics, the economy, global conflict. Some are closer to home, in our families, or in the shadows of our own hearts. But in our church I meet people transformed by hope.

And it's a place that's not about me. In our community the focus is on each other and on the incredible Lord Jesus who has called us as a church community to 'one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope' (Eph 4:4)

### Come and Join Us

Our meetings are relaxed and informal. Visitors are very welcome.

We meet every Sunday morning at 10.30am at the Primary School for a time of sung worship, prayer, and a talk from the Bible.

Children and young people's groups run from part way through the service most weeks.

If you have any questions or would like more information please visit our website:

[www.wheatleycommunitychurch.org](http://www.wheatleycommunitychurch.org),

or email us at [office@wheatleycommunitychurch.org](mailto:office@wheatleycommunitychurch.org).

**Tim Hinks | Pastor**



# WHEATLEY COMMUNITY LARDER

We have been operating now for 4 years having started in 2022.

As most people know we provide food and sometimes toiletries, every week on a Thursday at St Mary's Church to residents of Wheatley and the surrounding villages. The food would otherwise go into landfill. All this is free to anyone who comes along from 2.30 to 3.30 pm.

Although we get less food now from The Oxford Food Hub because of their increasing commitment to an ever-expanding number of charities, we have been able to establish some new sources of supply. In addition to Cornfields, who have donated their unsold bread since we started and chicken from KFC at the service station, through our link with Fair Share, our new village butcher, Phil Hickman, is kindly donating various items to us every Thursday. We have had delicious pork pies and Scotch eggs, and we even had some rather exotic quail's eggs one week. Asda is now donating a crate of various items once a month which can include pasta, tea, tins, biscuits etc. and Wheatley Pharmacy have also agreed to donate toiletries once a month.

We like to coordinate with other support networks in the village when we can, including The Maple Tree Family Centre. We also donate small toiletry items to a nationwide charity called Love Grace that collects handbags and fills them with toiletries to give to Women's refuges. We were glad to be able to donate a surfeit of large jars of red kidney beans to a recent Asylum Welcome appeal.

We continue to support local charities from the kind donations of those who support the larder. This year we have given just over £500 to the following charities: Wheatley Guides, Pulse, Style Acre, and a new organisation set up at Wheatley Park School to support children affected by family bereavement.

Continuing thanks to all those who support the Larder by helping, collecting food, and attending each week. We provide free tea and biscuits at Meg's Cafe, and you can pick up a bargain at the £1 table. A reminder that you need to come early as everything goes very quickly once we open at 2.30 pm.

**Penny Willmott**

## WHEATLEY REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP

Firstly, an important change of date to note since the last Newsletter; due to a clash of events, we will hold our next Film night on Tuesday 23rd June NOT 18th as previously given. 7.15 for 7.30pm at the Merry Bells. The film will be the comedy-drama 'Limbo' (2020) about a group of asylum-seekers at a remote Scottish location awaiting decisions on their claims and futures. Needless to say, they are not living in luxury, but they do receive friendship from some in the local community.

Back in February we held our most successful collection for a long time, of clothes, bedding and survival equipment for refugees in Eastern Europe (via GAIN) plus food for Asylum Welcome Food Bank. In particular we received a huge donation of brand-new backpacks and, as always, hand-knitted blankets, hats, and scarves from Shared Knitting in Headington. Very many thanks for all your donations. Next collection in Autumn 2026.

And on 12th May Emma Jones from Asylum Welcome spoke very informatively at the Merry Bells about Sanctuary Hosting, that links homeless newly-recognised refugees and some others with hosts. They offer close support to both hosts and guests, with additional support from volunteer 'buddies'. If you have a spare room to offer, whether for emergency short-term, or longer-term, OR if you'd like to volunteer as a support buddy, OR if you'd like to offer financial support, please see [asylum-welcome.org/hosting](http://asylum-welcome.org/hosting) or contact [hosting@asylum-welcome.org](mailto:hosting@asylum-welcome.org).

Further information from [wheatleyrefugeegroup@gmail.com](mailto:wheatleyrefugeegroup@gmail.com).



**Nick Vernede**



**Thames Valley Partnership  
has a number of  
opportunities for volunteers**



The work you would be doing would depend largely upon how many hours you can spare and which of our programmes, at that time, could do with some extra resource.

If you would like to talk through some of the options, please call us on 01844 202 001 or email [admin@thamesvalleypartnership.org.uk](mailto:admin@thamesvalleypartnership.org.uk).

## WALKS PROGRAMME JUNE 2026

### JUNE

**Wednesday 3rd:** Undulating 6 mile walk from Lewknor (near Leathern Bottle PH) following Aston Rowant Discovery Trail and the Talking Sculpture Trail.

**Friday 5th 6pm:** Leisurely 3½ mile attractive evening walk starting in Holton, by the bus shelter, through Holton Woods and Forest Hill.

**Tuesday 9th:** Leisurely, social 2½ mile walk from Tiddington through Fernhill Woods. Option for coffee at the finish at the Fox & Goat PH.

**Thursday 11th:** 6 mile walk through farmland and woodland via Warburg Nature Reserve and Nettlebed, starting at Maidensgrove Common.

**Tuesday 16th:** Undulating 8½ mile walk from Bradenham passing Hughenden. Bring a picnic to eat by the Dashwood Mausoleum on West Wycombe Hill.

**Thursday 18th:** Scenic 6 mile walk from Pishill, the church, passing through Stonor Park. Bring a picnic.

**Tuesday 23rd 6pm:** Railway themed hilly 4½ mile walk from Wheatley, car park off Church Road. Possible pub stop at the finish.

**Sunday 28th:** Scenic 4 mile walk with lovely views starting by the church in Frieth.

**Tuesday 30th:** Hilly 9 mile Chilterns walk starting in Northend and passing Stonor Park and Ibstone Common. Bring a picnic.

All walks are circular and start at **10am unless otherwise stated.**

Please check the website to confirm walk details as they are subject to change:

[www.ramblers-oxon.org.uk/thame-wheatley/walking.html](http://www.ramblers-oxon.org.uk/thame-wheatley/walking.html)

### SODC Waste Collections — June & July 2026

| Collection day Monday unless *changed  | Which bins and other items?                  |
|--|--|
| Jun 8th & 22nd   Jul 6th & 20th        | Green, brown, food, oil, textiles, batteries |
| Jun 1st, 15th & 29th   Jul 13th & 27th | Grey, food, oil, small electricals           |

## Key Contacts

### Local Governance:

Oxfordshire County Council | 01865 792422 | [oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://oxfordshire.gov.uk)  
County Councillor Tim Bearder | 07789 754727 | [tim.bearder@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:tim.bearder@oxfordshire.gov.uk)  
District Councillor Peter Ramsdale | [peter.ramsdale@southoxon.gov.uk](mailto:peter.ramsdale@southoxon.gov.uk)  
South Oxfordshire DC | 01235 422422 | [southoxon.gov.uk](http://southoxon.gov.uk)  
Planning Applications | 01235 422600 | [planning@southoxon.gov.uk](mailto:planning@southoxon.gov.uk)  
Wheatley Parish Council | 01865 875615 | [clerk@wheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto:laura@mapletree.org.uk)  
The Merry Bells Village Hall | 07427 343080 | [merrybells.org.uk](http://merrybells.org.uk)  
The Howe Trust | Chair | Maggie Fyffe | 07889 639986 | [howetrust.org.uk](http://howetrust.org.uk)  
Wheatley Library | 01865 815204 | [wheatley.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:wheatley.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk)  
Wheatley Park Sports Centre | 01865 872128 | [better.org.uk/venues/park](http://better.org.uk/venues/park)  
Wheatley Park School | 01865 872441 | [wheatleypark.org](http://wheatleypark.org)  
Wheatley Primary School | 01865 872366 | [wheatley.oxon.sch.uk](http://wheatley.oxon.sch.uk)  
Wheatley Good Neighbour Scheme | 07907 104856 | [wheatleygns@gmail.com](mailto:wheatleygns@gmail.com)

### Services:

Police non-emergency | 101 | [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)  
Citizens Advice Oxfordshire | 03444 111 444 | [caox.org.uk](http://caox.org.uk)  
To report potholes, fly-tipping, broken paving, vandalism, etc. | [fixmystreet.com](http://fixmystreet.com)  
OCC Family Information Service | 08452 262636 | [fis.enquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:fis.enquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk)  
OCC Highways | 0845 310 1111 | [highway.enquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:highway.enquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk)  
Missed Bin Collection | 03000 610610 | [admin.southoxford@biffa.co.uk](mailto:admin.southoxford@biffa.co.uk)  
Bulky Household Waste Collection | 01235 422406 | [waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk)  
Housing | 01235 422422 | [housing@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:housing@southandvale.gov.uk)  
GP Surgery, Morland House | 01865 872448 | [morland-house.co.uk](http://morland-house.co.uk)  
NHS Out of Hours Service | 111 | [111.nhs.uk](http://111.nhs.uk)  
Gas Emergency | 0800 111 999 | [nationalgrid.com/group/safety-and-emergencies](http://nationalgrid.com/group/safety-and-emergencies)  
National Power Cut Helpline | 105 | [ssen.co.uk](http://ssen.co.uk)  
Burst pipe or leak | 0800 714 614 | [thameswater.co.uk](http://thameswater.co.uk)  
Floodline | 0345 988 1188 | [gov.uk/check-flood-risk](http://gov.uk/check-flood-risk)

### Transport:

Oxfordshire Comet | 01865 323201 | [oxfordshire.gov.uk/comet](http://oxfordshire.gov.uk/comet)  
Wheatley Care Scheme (transport to hospital or GP surgery) | 07505 543750  
Oxford Bus Co. (400 P&R, NU1, 46) | 01865 785400 | [oxfordbus.co.uk](http://oxfordbus.co.uk)  
National Rail Enquiries | 03457 484950 | [nationalrail.co.uk](http://nationalrail.co.uk)

