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# WHEATLEY NEWSLETTER

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## CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

**Geoff Stephens**

### A TIME OF THE SIGNS

Whilst travelling around the country, I often drive into a place where the road signs are dirty, moss-ridden and neglected. When this happens I subconsciously form the impression that I am entering a squalid den of knaves, rogues and other persons of ill-repute.

Whilst Wheatley is not yet in this category, some of our road signs do reflect badly on our community. As there is little prospect of these being cleaned by the proper authority, we are organising a short 'bucket and sponge' exercise one Saturday morning followed by a comparison of before-and-after pictures at a local venue. If you'd like to join the team, please drop your details into the parish office.

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

On behalf of the Parish Council it was my privilege recently to attend a reception, band performance and activity demonstration given by our local Army Cadet Force. As someone with absolutely no military connections or experience, I have to say how impressed I was with the leadership, team-working skills and confidence displayed by the young people I met. I will be attending the Scouts AGM in the next few days and I'm fully expecting to get reports of the same personal qualities and achievements.

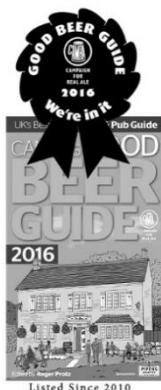
### YOUR COUNCIL OFFICERS

I'm honoured to have been re-elected as chairman for another year and pleased to report that Anne Davies has been elected as vice chairman. Thanks go to Janet Carr for serving as vice-chairman for the past twelve months.

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## CLERK'S COLUMN

**Gareth Morris**

If you have visited Church Road Recreation Ground in the last couple of months you will have noticed metal fencing in front of the cliff. This is because there has been a small rock fall from the cliff. The first priority was to erect such fencing to try and deter people from climbing the cliff and playing/sitting by it. A survey firm has been engaged to look at the cliff face and make recommendations. The Parish Council will be discussing the recommendations once they are received.

The piece in the last newsletter on getting dog DNA from their mess was, as far as Wheatley was concerned, an 'April Fool'. However, the London Borough of Dagenham and Barking is piloting such a scheme. The Council Leader said: "...it looks like our drive to encourage considerate dog ownership is having success. But it looks as though there are a hard core of inconsiderate owners out there who haven't got the message yet that it's unacceptable not to pick up after your pet".

Dog Mess street of the month – the alley way, between numbers 53 and 55 Roman Road.

Another bad habit some residents seem to be engaging in is putting household waste in public litter bins. This could be construed as fly tipping and as such the resident could be fined for doing it.

Stop press - Thames Valley Police will holding a Day of Action in the village on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2016.

### **Dates for your Diary - all meetings start at 7.30pm**

Wednesday 8th June	Planning Committee	Parish Office
Monday 20th June	F&GP Committee	M.Bells Coffee Room
Monday 4th July	Parish Council	Merry Bells Hall
Wednesday 13th July	Planning Committee	Parish Office
Monday 18th July	F&GP Committee	M.Bells Coffee Room



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## **OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **Anne Purse, County Councillor**

I will start with some good and timely news for this area. 100% of all children due to start primary school in September in Wheatley County Division have been allocated a place in their first choice of school. (That compares to over 91% getting their first choice of school countywide and over 98% getting a school that they had in their list of choices.) I am sure we wish all those local youngsters a happy and successful start to their formal education.

The news is improving for the two main areas hit by budget cuts – buses and Children’s Centre. Heyfordian who have been providing the 103/104 service will be continuing to run a bus service in the area, as a commercial venture, and we are all grateful for that positive outcome. It is clear that Heyfordian have been very proactive in offering this service. Some of the buses will link Forest Hill and other villages north of the A40. It is even more the case that we must use these bus services or lose them as if they cannot run commercially they will disappear. The service will commence in July.

Some better news for the Maple Tree Children's Centre is that it will now be receiving funding from the County Council until next March. This gives a better chance to get alternative plans in place.

You will have heard of the issues around having a single tier of local Government instead of having both a district and a county level. The main reason to do this in my opinion should be to get savings sufficient to enable local Government in Oxfordshire to once again properly fund the services upon which we all depend. An informal independent report last year said that the biggest savings would be found in a single Unitary Council covering the whole County – a route that a number of Counties are now taking. The Districts, who wish to see four unitary councils, are not considering the single unitary option in their consultation. This is why, with regret, the County is having to undertake a similar consultation on a number of options.

Anne Purse, County Councillor, Wheatley Division Tel: 01865 351404, 07787 885717, email: anne.purse @oxfordshire.gov.uk



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## WHEATLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

**John Fox, Chairman WNP Committee**

We distributed WNP leaflets in Wheatley and Holton during April, presented our project to the Annual Parish Meeting (20.04), and welcomed over 100 to our first Open Day (07.05) who left us opinions, ideas and concerns in writing we are now analysing (12.05). These include 40 completed initial questionnaires, with three open questions on how people currently see their village. These are now being distributed more widely as part of our role in listening to residents' feelings about our community. **So far 28 'Street Reps' have volunteered to deliver and collect initial questionnaires to and from 20 neighbours each: many more needed and warmly welcome!** Wheatley has 1600 homes and 40 Street Reps, for instance, could contact half the village directly. Housing and Land Use are our core mandate, including options for the Brookes site after 2021. In September SODC will publish its allocation for new housing here, currently forecast to be around 180 homes. We will then turn discussion and consultation to the pros and cons of various sites - and other possibilities.

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**Janet Redfern**

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BOARSTALL.....	07:00
HORTON CUM STUDLEY.....	07:08
WOODPERRY.....	07:12
FOREST HILL.....	07:17
STANTON ST JOHN.....	07:20
BECKLEY.....	07:25
HEADINGTON.....	07:38

## 118 - Oxford City Centre to Bicester

OXFORD CITY CENTRE.....	16:15
HEADINGTON.....	16:30
BECKLEY.....	16:48
STANTON ST JOHN.....	16:43
FOREST HILL.....	16:40
WOODPERRY.....	16:51
HORTON CUM STUDLEY.....	16:53
BOARSTALL.....	17:01
BICESTER.....	17:10

## 108 - Oxford Forest Hill Circular

	MWTH	TU FR	SAT
OXFORD CITY.....	09:30	09:30	09:30
HEADINGTON.....	09:45	09:45	09:45
BECKLEY.....	09:51		09:50
HORTON-CUM-STUDLEY.....		09:55	09:55
STANTON ST JOHN.....	09:56	10:05	10:05
FOREST HILL.....	09:58	10:07	10:07
WHEATLEY ASDA.....	10:05	10:14	10:14
WHEATLEY CHURCH.....	10:10	10:19	10:19
LITTLEWORTH.....	10:15	10:24	10:24
HORSPATH GREEN.....	10:19	10:29	10:29
COWLEY CENTRE.....	10:29	10:45	10:45
OXFORD CITY.....	10:43	10:59	10:59

## 108 - Oxford Forest Hill Circular

	MWTH	TU FR	SAT
OXFORD CITY.....	13:00	13:00	13:00
COWLEY CENTRE.....	13:15	13:15	13:15
HORSPATH GREEN.....	13:23	13:23	13:23
LITTLEWORTH.....	13:28	13:28	13:28
WHEATLEY CHURCH.....	13:31	13:31	13:31
WHEATLEY ASDA.....	13:35	13:35	13:35
FOREST HILL.....	13:45	13:45	13:45
STANTON ST JOHN.....	13:48	13:48	13:48
HORTON-CUM-STUDLEY.....		14:00	14:00
BECKLEY.....	13:52		14:05
HEADINGTON.....	14:05	14:15	14:15
OXFORD CITY.....	14:15	14:25	14:25

## 103 - Little Milton to Oxford

	N/S	N/S	N/S
LITTLE MILTON.....	06:48	08:30	11:40
LITTLE HASELEY.....	06:52	08:34	12:04
GREAT HASELEY.....	06:56	08:39	12:09
GREAT MILTON.....	07:00	08:44	12:14
WHEATLEY CHURCH..	07:08	08:53	12:23
LITTLEWORTH.....	07:11	08:58	12:28
HORSPATH GREEN....	07:16	09:03	12:33
COWLEY CENTRE.....	09:11	12:41	15:55
OXFORD CITY.....	17:30	09:25	12:56

## 103 - Oxford City to Little Milton

	N/S	N/S	N/S
OXFORD CITY.....	07:50	11:00	14:30
COWLEY CENTRE.....		11:15	14:45
HORSPATH GREEN....	08:10	11:23	14:53
LITTLEWORTH.....	08:13	11:26	14:58
WHEATLEY CHURCH..	08:16	11:29	15:01
GREAT MILTON.....	08:22	11:35	15:07
GREAT HASELEY.....	↓	↓	↓
LITTLE HASELEY.....	↓	↓	↓
LITTLE MILTON.....	08:29	11:40	15:13

### Notes

- ↓ Passengers for Haseleys stay on bus
- N/S Not Saturdays
- TU FR Tuesday and Friday
- MWTH Monday Wednesday and Thursday only
- SAT Saturday

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**Anne Davies**

A very good year was reported on at the AGM on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Highlights included the Summer Fayre held last June aimed at promoting the Merry Bells and bringing the community together which was a huge success.

Essential building works to the outside of the property including re-roofing, repairs and repointing of the brickwork, decoration and general maintenance is well underway and on schedule to remove the scaffolding in time for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Assuming planning permission is granted, we also hope to install solar panels as part of the work.

Many other improvements have taken place including updating the sound system, development of the website ([merrybells.org.uk](http://merrybells.org.uk)), institution of fire and health and safety procedures.

The next big initiative being considered for the building is to reconfigure and upgrade the main hall. The finances remain good and bookings have been strong throughout the year.

A list of the Committee Members is displayed inside the Merry Bells (and will appear on the notice board when it's re-instated!).

There is a vacancy on the Management Committee for a Secretary to take minutes and deal with correspondence. If you would like to get involved and become a member of the Committee, please contact Mrs Mary Blake 01865 872411.

There is also a vacancy from July for a cleaner/caretaker. This follows the resignation after 21 years of loyal service of Mrs Pat Turner to whom the Merry Bells owes a great debt of gratitude. If you would like to apply for the position, please contact Mrs Mary Blake.

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## **WHEATLEY RED KITE SURVEY**

**Sien van der Plank, MSc Biodiversity, Conservation and Management student at the University of Oxford**

On Sunday 21st February a group of the Oxford University students came to Wheatley to find out what the community thought of red kites, the large raptor of the British Isles with the distinct forked tail. Since red kites were reintroduced to the Chilterns in the 1990s and spread out successfully, they have received varying responses. The focus of our studies is management and conservation and thus we were eager to find out what Wheatley thinks of red kites. The Wheatley residents were extremely kind and keen to help, as a result of which we were able to get feedback from over 60 households.

Background stakeholder interviews carried out in advance of the survey of Wheatley suggested there may be some individuals concerned about conflicts between red kites and small pets or children, as well as that people may not be used to seeing such a large bird in urban areas. However, Wheatley residents were by and large very positive about the presence of red kites in their area. Nearly everyone surveyed knew what a red kite looks like, and they were described as a spectacle, eerie, part of nature, peaceful and much loved.



The main concerns about the large bird included its potential to exclude other wildlife from enjoying the area and its defecating habits. Nonetheless, the survey suggests Wheatley residents take an interest in red kites and feel positively about it; they feel the bird belongs in Wheatley. The big question that the community may have to consider in the future is: if the population increases to unacceptable levels, what would the preferred management response be, if any?

Once again, many thanks to all those who took part in the research!

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## MAY DAY REPORT 2016

### Jack Turner, Chairman of the May Day Committee

We all knew it was going to rain on Monday 2nd May 2016, but *when* on that day was still uncertain - and lo it came to pass that it happened late in the afternoon and our 41st celebrations took place in bright sunshine!

An impressive crowd with smiling faces and cameras at the ready watched as Jack Turner led the singing of the traditional May song. Then they applauded enthusiastically as Ms. Joan Morters, retiring Head Teacher at Wheatley Primary, crowned the Lady of the Garland, Anais Thomas, and the Lord, Harry Caldicott.

The throng then processed up the High Street. Thanks to Gareth Morris, Paul Edson, Colin Ring, Toby Newman and Graeme Freeman for the road closures.

At the Rec, now reduced in size by a recent fall of our famous Wheatley limestone, the girls of Wheatley Primary, coached by Julie Pinkney and Gareth Morris, performed admirably. A collection raised £120.40 for the cost of the May Day and a contribution to the Scouts, whose help is essential to our success. Music was provided by the ever-young Mouse & Trousers & Friends with new flautist Lucy Bryant. Uncle Gareth led the dancing for all and everyone seemed to have a fine time.

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As summer is on the horizon, it is time to launch our annual summer reading challenge: **are you ready for a marvellous, splendiferous and mischievous reading challenge at your local library this summer?** From July 16<sup>th</sup> to September 17<sup>th</sup> children across Oxfordshire can celebrate 100 years of the world's greatest storyteller Roald Dahl with The Big Friendly

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Look out for fantastic new books and fantabulous activities at the library throughout the summer holidays. There's a website [www.bigfriendlyread.org.uk](http://www.bigfriendlyread.org.uk) and an App to add to the fun too! (Pssst... there is also a reading challenge for adults, A Midsummer Night's Read). Staff, friends and volunteers of Wheatley Library, 01865 875 267.

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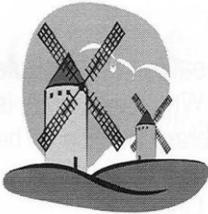
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My aim is to get you outside, amongst nature. Be it out in your wildlife garden, in your local park, the beautifully landscaped gardens around the business park where you work. In fact, anywhere.

We need to start seeing and not just looking, to start hearing and not just listening, to start feeling and not just touching, to start smelling and not just sniffing, and to start tasting and not just eating.

Sounds simple eh! If we succeed in all this then we soon start to see the bigger picture that our lives are more than getting the next report completed at work, getting the next mortgage payment made, or popping the next pill in an attempt to keep that virus under control. Achieve that and we will feel like we have some semblance of control back.

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## **A NEW OPERA - LIZZIE STRATA**

**Roger Simmonds**

Roger Simmonds has written a new opera which is to be performed this coming July in Stanton St John. It is called Lizzie Strata: make love – or war? The librettist David Willcock has brought the comic play “Lysistrata” by the Greek comic writer Aristophanes into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, and in it, Lizzie Strata, a war widow, organizes a Sex Strike by all women to bring about the end of a war which has reached an unhealthy stalemate. She succeeds, but only in her dreams.

This light hearted/racy opera is to be performed with a cast of stunning young professionals, ably supported by local choral singers and a little orchestra made up of clarinet/saxes, piano, double bass and lots of percussion.

The performances are to be 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July in the beautiful grounds of College House, Stanton St John by kind permission of the Gresswell family and mark the formation of Stanton St John Opera Company. For more information and tickets, visit [www.stantonstjohnopera.org](http://www.stantonstjohnopera.org)

## **SUSTAINABLE WHEATLEY**

**Tim Blightman**

Although not strictly about Wheatley, Low Carbon Oxford Week takes place from 11th – 19th June and aims to celebrate all things good and green in our area and show people how they can save money, get fit and be happy whilst being kind to the environment.

There are a wide range of events that include a Summer fete at Millets farm, an opportunity to drive electric sports cars, the Big Green Treasure Hunt (with a chance to win a £1000 bike), ‘Big Green Day Out’ festival on Broad Street, as well as arts, crafts, talks and art exhibitions all over Oxford.

You can also “Take a Challenge” and commit to a small but significant lifestyle change like walk or cycle short distances rather than drive or give up meat for a week. (To see full details visit <http://coweek.org/events/>).

We, at Sustainable Wheatley, are also still planning on the village harvesting project over the summer so if you want to volunteer yourself or your trees please contact us via the website [www.sustainablewheatley.org](http://www.sustainablewheatley.org), Facebook page [sustainablewheatley](https://www.facebook.com/sustainablewheatley) or our twitter feed [@suswheatley](https://twitter.com/suswheatley)



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The craft group is very popular and runs on Mondays from 10am-12noon and on the second Monday in the month from 7-9pm during term time. This is run by a volunteer Anne Rawlings. If you want to find out about your own family history, please contact Linda Price through the library.

The coffee mornings take place on the first Wednesday in the month from 10am-12noon. Come and have a coffee while browsing at books. The next ones are on June 1st and July 6th.

All the above events are free and run by volunteers. Thank you to all our volunteers who are helping to keep our library open. There is information on our website at [www.wheatleylibrary.org](http://www.wheatleylibrary.org). Please like our Friends of Wheatley Library Facebook page.



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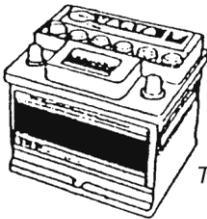
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We were, though, to be rewarded with a win in our next game against Appleton. Posting 153 in our innings, with Guy Burford ending on an unbeaten 40, Appleton were bowled out for 133, with our bowlers sharing the spoils and some excellent catching in the field. Our most recent game ended with a defeat against a very strong Letcombe side in another exciting game. After Letcombe had posted 174 runs, we kept pace with their run rate throughout our innings, with Ravi Mahajan scoring 65. However, 25 runs short of the target we unfortunately ran out of wickets.

We always welcome new members of any ability and age. Our membership is extremely broad and our aim is to be a friendly team who, win or lose, enjoy Sunday cricket, with a big focus on the social side as well as the sporting side. If you are interested in joining, please contact Hugh Kitchin on 873305. If you like to watch a game, please come and support us! Our ground is at the Brookes Wheatley Campus (at the very rear), although we are playing a few games at Stanton St John this year (opposite the Talk House pub). We have home games every Sunday during June and July - please see the Diary at the back of the Newsletter.



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## WHEATLEY VPA

**John Allmond**

With the lighter evenings and warmer weather hopefully more settled, your allotments and gardens, however small, should be growing and cropping well.

The monthly meetings continue with John Tyler talking about making space for wildlife on 14th June and Graham Talbot on 12th July giving tips on preparing exhibits for the show. The latter should be of particular interest to members old and new, with the VPA show then only a little over seven weeks away. I hope this talk will dispel some of the fears that some may have with ensuring their exhibits can be shown to their best advantage and encourage more members to have a go at exhibiting this year. I am sure all members will learn a few new tips.

Members will have received a Show Schedule through their letterboxes. If not copies may be obtained from the Show Secretary.

As always, we welcome new members to our meetings held on the second Tuesday of the month in the Merry Bells. Meetings start at 7.30pm and after the evening's activity, normally a talk with slides, concludes with free refreshments and a raffle.

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The Annual Meeting held in March marked the end of Christine Jackson's very successful presidency, leaving president elect Jenny Todd with a hard act to follow. Lucy Sumner replaced Mary Nixey, who has quietly given invaluable service, during her time on the committee. Hilary Hallsworth and Sandra Garlick were co-opted later as additional committee members.

In April, Ian Jones told us about his life in bomb disposal; from his youth, when he set fire to his bedroom on two occasions, through his army years especially in N. Ireland, to his return to civvies and continuing involvement with disposal. It was a most interesting but sobering evening as we learned something of the work being done to keep us all safe.

The speaker for the May meeting, Ginny Davies, had a more light-hearted story to tell about her route to the Edinburgh Fringe. Her progress was via a French degree, qualifying & practising as a barrister, marrying & raising a family to writing plays & producing revues before eventually performing in her own play to sell out audiences at the Fringe. Ginny illustrated her tale with cameo performances and a variety of props to keep us all enthralled throughout.

On June 21st we have the annual garden party meeting, again at Waterperry, but before that is the major event for our charity fund raising, this year for Soundabout. We hope everyone will support the **ROYAL BIRTHDAY COFFEE MORNING & MINI BAKE OFF**. This takes place on **Saturday 4th June, 10am - 12noon at the Merry Bells**. There will be waitress service for tea or coffee with delicious cakes and all the usual stalls and a raffle. The Bake Off has two classes: for primary aged children it is 6 cup cakes and for adults a Victoria sponge, both categories decorated with a royal theme. Entry fee is £1 per adult & 50p per child to be made on the day. Do come along and maybe have your photo taken with a surprise royal visitor. For more information, please see our web site [www.wheatleywi.com](http://www.wheatleywi.com)



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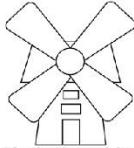
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## WHEATLEY FILM CLUB - NEW VENUE!

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Wheatley Film Club are excited to announce a new venue – we believe this is a unique partnership, although you may know differently – the Wheatley Fire Station. The firefighters Sports and Social Club will now host the regular screening of the Wheatley Film Club to make it a community project through and through. The firefighters have made a noble effort (a big thank you to Mark Keely and his team!) and refurbished the club and so we will enjoy comfortable surroundings and can offer refreshments on film nights (which we hope will mirror the film themes).

We have had a great start with a season of films on the theme of 'Time'. Next up a Jeff Bridges season. The good news is you can still join for the rest of the 2016 programme. There are still memberships available and at a discounted rate of £20 to reflect the time of year.

The object of the exercise is to enjoy wonderful films on a big screen and great sound but in a more convivial and intimate ambiance than the corporate atmosphere (no ads for a start!) of the cinema. The films are a mixture of old and new, blockbusters and hidden gems and the membership of the club will start to choose future programmes as we go.

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## ANNUAL WHEATLEY PARK SCHOOL PRODUCTION FOR 2016

### - *Back to the 80s*

Back to the 80s was a fantastic show to take part in. There was great music, heaps of roles giving plenty of students their time to shine, a lively script and classic references to the '80s era. We managed to capture the '80s essence while incorporating impressive choreography and incredible enthusiasm from all the cast. It was brilliant to see so many new faces joining the cast this year and new people playing main roles.

Not only did the cast have an excellent time but so did all the teachers, techies, band, backstage and audience members. This has been my fourth show that I have done at Wheatley Park and I have gained so much experience as well as all the fun along the way. **Estelle Henry, Year 10**



Five weeks ago (as I write) would have been the week of the school musical Back to the '80s. I have really missed doing the show since the last performance (along with many other cast members and crew). The hard work that everyone put in paid off as the show was a great success. I am so thankful for the support (and patience) of the teachers who had to control a huge cast of singing and dancing students for about three months! I would also like to thank the cast and crew for making Back to the '80s an amazing show which I loved being a part of - I had 'the time of my life' and wish we could do it again! **Amber Potter, Year 10**

## WPS ART STUDENTS EXHIBIT AT THE ASHMOLEAN

Congratulations to Year 9 WPS art students Harriet Kimber-Nickelson, Scarlet Thomas, Keziah Whittingham and Nikisha Garrett who all had their artworks selected for the Young Art Oxford Exhibition at the Ashmolean Museum in May. The theme of this year's exhibition, held in aid of Cancer Research UK, was 'What Makes Me Laugh'. Young Art Oxford is an annual art exhibition open to all Oxfordshire schools with children from any year group from Reception to Year 9. It is a wonderful opportunity for young aspiring artists to have their work judged by well-known professionals and artists and to exhibit at the prestigious Ashmolean Museum.



*Harriet Kimber-Nickelson (who won Third Prize overall) with her winning entry.*



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This presentation is of music, songs and narration, 90% of which has been taken from Mick Jones' Great War plays produced in Wheatley. Featuring strongly are snippets of recordings collected from villagers who were at Wheatley School during the war. There is also an extract from *Morris On The Somme*, which was broadcast on Radio 4 featuring Ian Targett, one of Wheatley's famous actors and we have guest appearances from Roger Simmonds and Trudy Hickey performing a song they first did in the 1984 play *The Soldiers Have Taken Our Horses Away* alongside singers who sang "Blackberry Picking" as schoolchildren. Tamsin and Emily Jones are two of them who were 12 and 10 years old and anyone who sang with them then, or anyone who sang in the 2009 repeat at Holton, are invited to join them 'on-stage' for the oncoming production. Come along and do it 'on the night'.

Poetry from Siegfried Sassoon, Philip Larkin, Cicely Fox-Smith and Edward Thomas are set to music and performed by Black Fox as well as many songs written especially for the plays, using a wide range of styles and instrumentation.

The performance is 7.30pm at the Merry Bells on Friday 1st July, the centenary of the first day of the Battle of the Somme, tickets £5.00. There is no bar so feel free to bring your own refreshments. The last copies of the Wheatley Society and the Royal British Legion's book *They Were A Wall* will be on sale at this event.



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### Fathers Day - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Free entry for Dads to the ornamental gardens and a special Father's Day menu in the Teashop.

### Rare Plant Fair - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June

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### The Magic Flute - 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> July

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### Art in Action - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July

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**WHEATLEY SOCIETY - VISIT TO VIRIDOR AT ARDLEY**  
**Christopher Sprent**

On 10 May a party from the Wheatley Society visited the Viridor Energy Recovery Facility at Ardley which occupies the impressive new building close to the M40



south of Jct 10. This privately funded £225M facility, which operates under a 25-year contract with Oxon CC, consumes 95% of all the non-recyclable (black bin) waste generated in the county and in doing so produces sufficient electricity to power 38,000 homes. We were briefed on and shown all aspects of this highly complex and efficient operation, taking particular note of its many safety

features, which include means of ensuring that emissions are clean and visitors are well protected! The Ardley site has produced much evidence of the dinosaurs which occupied this area some 200M years ago, the example in the photo being made from items of waste gleaned from the continuous stream of bin lorries which pass through the site.

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In April, Wheatley lost one of its much-loved residents; after a year-long illness and stroke, Bob Lowrie died peacefully in Greengates Nursing Home. Before retirement, Bob was the inspirational Head of Science at Oxford School with previous positions at Magdalen College School and Malvern College, and a spell as science commissioning editor for Pergamon Press.

Born in Birmingham, he came up to Merton College following National Service as an RAF radar technician and went on to gain a DPhil in Chemistry, undertaking pioneering research in Gas Chromatography. He was Merton's 1<sup>st</sup> Eight Cox, steering them to success at Henley Royal Regatta, and he coxed the University 2nd Eight, Isis.

Bob arrived in Wheatley in 1990 with a national reputation as a tenor soloist. For 25 years he was Lay Clerk of New College Choir and directed St Barnabas Church Choir, Jericho. Latterly he sang with St Giles Church Oxford, singing in the Vatican and coaching the boy choristers. As a member of Pro Musica, he appeared several times in The Vicar of Dibley, including singing at Alice's wedding!

In Wheatley, he sang with Wheatley Park Choral Society, visiting Grenoble, Prague, Freiburg, Menden and Japan, and was a strong member of their Madrigal Choir. He coached and wrote close harmony for the ladies' Barber Shop Quartet "Hot Wax" who sang at his bedside a week before his death.

Bob was a committee member of Wheatley Productions and appeared in G & S productions of Iolanthe, Yeomen of the Guard and the Mikado as well as in many Pantomimes. He took part in three Community operas, The Enchanted Loom, Poet & Plumber and Letters to Paola, in which he took the leading role of Narrator. His rendition of "Poisoning Pigeons in the Park", a show-stopper in an evening of Music for Spring at the Merry Bells, lives on in Village memory.

Throughout his life, Bob maintained his active association with the Scouts, rising to District Commissioner and earning the nickname "Bob-a-job"!

Bob's Memorial Service will be held in St Giles Church, Oxford, at 3pm on Saturday 2 July. May he rest in peace.



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## **FROM THE VICAR**

**Nigel Hawkes**

Summer is here and there's lots going on. Most important is the celebration of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June, which starts with a celebration service at 2.30pm in St Mary's church. We will be singing a lot of favourite hymns and everyone is welcome to come and join us as we give thanks for the Queen's long life of service to our nation.

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This is a good chance to say thank you to everyone in the community who has contributed to the care of our church building; your support is greatly appreciated now, and will be in the years to come when future generations look back at the work you have done. May you know God's blessings this summer.

## **NEWS FROM WHEATLEY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**

**Zena Knight**

On May 26<sup>th</sup> we will have welcomed Pauline Main as our new minister with a service of induction. She is minister at Summertown and Marston and also is a visiting chaplain at Bullingdon Prison, so her time with us will be limited but we give her a very warm welcome.

The Sunday service at 10.00am on 19 June will feature something very different and we hope you will think exciting. A local potter, Andrew Hazelden will give a live demonstration during his address and will invite us to meditate on what he is doing. We would love to welcome you to this special service and tea and coffee will be available in the hall afterwards.

We continue our Sunday afternoon teas in the hall from 2.30-4.30pm on the first Sunday in the month - 5 June and again on 3 July. Come and enjoy the good company, not forgetting the delicious cakes. Our regular coffee morning from 10.00am-12.00noon in the hall on the first Thursday of the month will be on 2 June and 7 July. All are welcome.

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## ST GEORGE'S FUNDAY 2016 – CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

### Gordon Ewbank, Fusion Youth & Community

This year was our 11<sup>th</sup> annual Community Festival and, as often happens with this event, the weather forecast was dreadful during the preceding week but on the day the rain held off and the sun shone (well, some of the time)! With an attendance approaching 800 during the course of the afternoon, this was yet another chance to celebrate our community, meet old friends and hopefully make a few new ones too.

The face painting, crafts and bouncy castle kept children (and parents) happy right through the afternoon, whilst the centre games team served up some great activities, some very wet as usual! There were tug of war competitions for children and adults once again and the climbing wall was as popular as ever - watched closely by all who took the opportunity to just sit and chat, relaxing with a cup of tea and excellent home-baked cake. This year we ordered an extra 100 sausages for the BBQ and we were glad we did, finally running out at 10 to 5!

The story of St. George and the dragon was re-enacted once more and our gallant hero tried to vanquish the fierce dragon and rescue the 'oppressed' villagers and beautiful princess! However, this year the mass of villagers appeared to overcome the dragon themselves whilst St. George (alias Vicar Nigel) just stood and watched! I don't think they'd read the script and it did make you feel almost sorry for the dragon (sorry Jez!!).

As ever, sincere thanks must go to our many sponsors, including a significant grant from the Parish Council and generous contributions in so many ways from the local churches. A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make this event happen and, of course, to everyone who came along on the day and helped to create such a special occasion.

The theme for our Funday this year was 'caring for your neighbour' and this was reflected in the range of craft activities on offer, including making beautiful 'family trees' from coloured pipe-cleaners and creating a 2m diameter collage of the world, from which people were invited to add contributions to our prayer tree. This theme and these activities were carried over into the following morning by children and adults alike as Wheatley Community Church held a very successful Church in the Park, again in beautiful sunshine, exploring what God tells about caring for those around us and using the prayers contributed by visitors the previous day.

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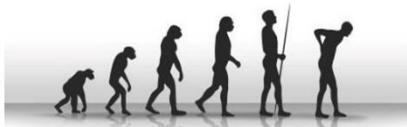
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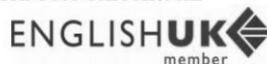


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<p><b>TUESDAY</b></p>	<p><b>Merry Bells Coffee Room</b> open 10 am to noon  <b>Now I am Two Peep Group</b>, Maple Tree Children's Centre 10 - 11am. Contact 01865 873916  <b>St Mary's Guild</b> meets every 4th Tuesday in the URC Hall, 2.15 pm. New members always welcome See Diary for details.  <b>Wheatley Women's Institute.</b> Meets on the 3rd Tues of each month in the Merry Bells at 7.15 pm (except no meeting in August and the December meeting is held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month). New members and visitors are welcome at our talks and outings. Contact Jenny 07803 937936  <b>Wheatley Singers</b> in the URC Hall 7.15 – 9.00pm, all welcome. Contact Celia Pagel 01865 872250  <b>St Mary's Church</b> open for prayer and reflection 7.30 to 9 pm</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p>	<p><b>Merry Bells Coffee Room</b> open 10 am to noon  <b>Stay and Play</b>, Maple Tree Children's Centre 9.30 - 11.30am. Contact 01865 873916  <b>Parish Office Public Opening.</b> 9.30-11.30am Details: 875615  <b>Sharecare Community Club</b>, Holton Village Hall, 9.30am-2pm  <b>Wheatley Library Coffee Morning</b> every 1st Wednesday of the month, 10am - 12 noon  <b>St Mary the Virgin</b> 12 noon, Holy Communion.  <b>Cub Scouts.</b> Boys and girls aged 8-10 ½, 6.45-8.15 pm, at the Scout Hut, Holloway Road. Contact 01865 874284  <b>Guides</b> meet in the URC Hall, 7 to 8.30 pm, in term time.  <b>Great Milton &amp; District Local History Society.</b> Meetings 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of month, Great Milton School 7.30 pm. Non-members welcome. Details: (01844) 279567  <b>Wheatley Walkers, Jalkers and Joggers.</b> 7.30-8.30pm, The Park Sports Centre, Contact Helen Coombes on 01865 872551 or 07979 538557</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b></p>	<p><b>Merry Bells Coffee Room</b> open 10 am to noon  <b>United Reformed Church</b> coffee morning on the first Thursday, each month from 10 am - noon. All welcome.  <b>Wheatley Walks.</b> 10-11am. Meet at the Park Sports Centre - details from Anne on 872628 or Jean on 873430.  <b>Age UK Information Drop-in</b>, free info &amp; advice. 2nd in month. The Merry Bells 10.30 - 11.30am. Contact: Ruth 07827 235417.  <b>Wheatley Archive Room.</b> The Merry Bells 2-5 pm.  <b>Xstream.</b> An after school club for primary children, 3.15 to 4.30 pm at the Primary School.  <b>Explorer Scouts.</b> Boys and girls aged 14-18, 7-9pm at the Scout Hut, Holloway Road (07745 285938)</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b></p>	<p><b>Merry Bells Coffee Room</b> open 10 am to noon  <b>Sharecare Community Club</b>, Holton Village Hall, 9.30am-2pm  <b>Stay and Play</b>, Maple Tree Children's Centre, 9.30 - 11.30am</p>

<b>FRIDAY cont.</b>	<p><b>Horspath Hub Coffee Morning</b> 10.30am to noon</p> <p><b>Scouts.</b> Boys and girls aged 10 ½ to 14, 7 to 9 pm, at the Scout Hut, Holloway Rd. Contact 07745 285938</p> <p><b>St. Mary's Belltower Practice.</b> Experienced ringers and beginners welcome. St Mary's Church 7.30-9 pm. 01865 872250</p>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<p><b>Parish Office Public Opening</b> 9.30-11.30am</p> <p><b>Our Lady of Lourdes,</b> Crown Rd. Vigil Mass 6pm. Parish Priest; The Rev. Canon Mervyn Tower. The Presbytery, Wharton Road, Headington OX3 8AJ. Tel: 01865 672433.</p> <p><b>Saturdads</b> 2nd in month, Maple Tree Children's Centre, Littleworth Rd 10am - 12pm. Contact 01865 873916</p> <p><b>County &amp; District Councillors' Surgery,</b> 2nd in month. Parish Office, 10.30am</p> <p><b>Scrabble Club.</b> 1st in month. Details of venue: T.872628</p>

## JUNE DIARY

Wednesday	1	Coffee Morning, Wheatley Library, 10am-12pm
Thursday	2	Coffee morning, URC Hall, 10am-12pm Wine Circle, Merry Bells, 8pm
Saturday	4	WI Royal Coffee Morning, Merry Bells, 10am-12pm
Sunday	5	Holton&Wheatley CC v Haddenham, Brookes Campus, 2pm Tea, Cake & Chat, URC Hall, 2.30-4.30pm
Monday	6	School Term 6 starts Craft Group, Wheatley Library 10am-12pm Not so Young Club, Merry Bells, 2-4pm
Wednesday	8	Planning Committee, Parish Office, 7.30pm
Thursday	9	Age UK Information Drop-in, Merry Bells, 10.30-11.30am The EU; A Time To Decide," with Baroness Helena Kennedy QC. Wheatley Primary School, 7.30pm.
Saturday	11	County & District Councillors Surgery, Parish Office, 10.30am
Sunday	12	Holton&Wheatley CC v Caversham, Brookes Campus, 2pm Wheatley Windmill, Windmill Lane, open 2-6pm Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations, 2.30-10pm
Monday	13	Craft Group, Wheatley Library 10am-12pm Craft Group, Wheatley Library 7-9pm
Tuesday	14	Wheatley VPA, Merry Bells, 7.30pm
Thursday	16	Royal British Legion open meeting, New Club, 11.30am Wheatley Productions AGM, Merry Bells, 7.30pm
Friday	17	Wheatley Society, Merry Bells, 7.30pm
Sunday	19	Holton&Wheatley CC v Phoenix, Brookes Campus, 2pm
Monday	20	Craft Group, Wheatley Library 10am-12pm Not so Young Club, Merry Bells, 2-4pm F & GP Committee, Merry Bells Coffee Room, 7.30pm
Tuesday	21	WI Garden Party, Waterperry, 7pm
Sunday	26	Holton&Wheatley CC v Reading Lawyers, Brookes, 2pm Th. & Wh. Ramblers, SODC car park, Church Rd, 10am
Monday	27	Craft Group, Wheatley Library 10am-12pm

Tuesday	28	St Mary's Guild, URC Hall, 2.15pm
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## JULY DIARY

Friday	1	Wheatley Park School Summer Art Exhibition 5.30-7.30pm Never Such Innocence Again, Merry Bells, 7.30pm
Saturday	2	Garsington Fete, Manor Gardens, 2-5pm
Sunday	3	Holton&Wheatley CC v Islip, Brookes Campus, 2pm Tea, Cake and Chat, URC Hall, 2.30-4.30pm
Monday	4	Parish Council, Merry Bells, 7.30pm Craft Group, Wheatley Library 10am-12pm Not so Young Club, Merry Bells, 2-4pm
Wednesday	6	Coffee Morning, Wheatley Library, 10am-12pm
Thursday	7	Coffee morning, URC Hall, 10am-12pm Wine Circle, Merry Bells, 8pm
Saturday	9	County & District Councillors Surgery, Parish Office, 10.30am
Sunday	10	Holton&Wheatley CC v Wytham, Brookes Campus, 2pm Wheatley Windmill, Windmill Lane, open 2-6pm
Monday	11	Craft Group, Wheatley Library 10am-12pm Craft Group, Wheatley Library 7-9pm
Tuesday	12	Wheatley VPA, Merry Bells, 7.30pm
Wednesday	13	Planning Committee, Parish Office, 7.30pm
Thursday	14	Age UK Information Drop-in, Merry Bells 10.30-11.30am
Friday	15	Term 6 Ends (New term starts on Mon 5th Sept 2016)
Sunday	17	Holton&Wheatley CC v President's XI, Brookes, 11am
Monday	18	Not so Young Club, Merry Bells, 2-4pm F & GP Committee, Parish Office, 7.30pm
Tuesday	19	Women's Institute, Merry Bells, 7.15pm
Friday	22	Opera: Lizzie Strata, College House, Stanton St John, 7.30pm
Saturday	23	Opera: Lizzie Strata, College House, Stanton St John, 7.30pm
Sunday	24	Holton&Wheatley CC v Great Milton, Brookes, 2pm
Tuesday	26	St Mary's Guild, URC Hall, 2.15pm
Saturday	30	Swapshop, Merry Bells, 9.30-11am
Sunday	31	Holton&Wheatley CC v Welford Park, Stanton St John, 2pm



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**SUNDAY 12th JUNE**  
**Parade, Street Party & Ceilidh**  
**to celebrate the 90th Birthday of**  
**HM Queen Elizabeth II**

- 2.30 to 6.00**     **Stalls, Activities, Street Entertainers**  
Street activities, pop-up food stalls from ASDA, local shops, Wheatley Scouts & Wheatley Society and bar at the King & Queen, clustered around the shops parade and the Merry Bells forecourt
- 2.30 to 3.30**     **St Mary's Parish Church**  
Service of Celebration, with hymns, anthems & joyous celebrations
- 3.30 to 4.15**     **Village Parade**  
Including music and local floats, WW2 & other vehicles, from St Mary's to Crown Square via Church Rd, Holloway Rd and High St
- 4.15**             **Happy Birthday Tea**  
Giant Royal birthday cake (*a piece for everyone!*) and a response from Her Majesty to the Parish Council's message of congratulations.
- 4.15 to 5.00**     **Village quizzes**
- 4.15 to 5.30**     **Music, Song and Dance through the decades**  
From 1930 to the present day, by Sands Theatre Arts School, Wheatley Primary School, John Watson School, Around the Piano & Wheatley Community Children's Choir
- 5.30 to 6.00**     **Sing-a-Long**  
Led by Rachel Cave & Around the Piano
- 6.00 to 10.00**   **Music, Dancing & Village Ceilidh**  
With music from the Wheatley Park Soul Band, The 2 Strokes, Mick Jones and Black Fox, Mouse & Trousers

Jason of Cricks Butchers, in conjunction with Cornfields, will be running a hog roast, Cinammons will be serving specialist curry dishes, Ochre will be serving pizzas throughout the evening, or bring your own food.