

POLICE

Call 999 in emergency situations like these:

There is an immediate danger to life,
Someone is using violence or is threatening to be violent,
A road traffic collision where life is at risk, or the road is blocked,
A crime is happening right now, like a house burglary or a theft,
If you accidentally dial 999, please stay on the line and tell the operator you're safe and that no crime has occurred.

To leave non-urgent messages call 101.

To report many other issues such as dangerous dogs, anti social behaviour, domestic abuse, hate, harassment, spiking, etc.

Use the Thames Valley Police on-line reporting service:

<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/>



WOOTTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

JULY and AUGUST 2025

RECYCLING AND WASTE

Redbridge, Oxford (nr. Park and Ride)
08.00 – 17.00 (Mon – Fri) 08.30 – 16.00 (Sat, Sun)

Drayton
08.30 – 16.00 (Mon – Sat) 09.00 – 16.00 (Sun)



WELCOME TO THE WOOTTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

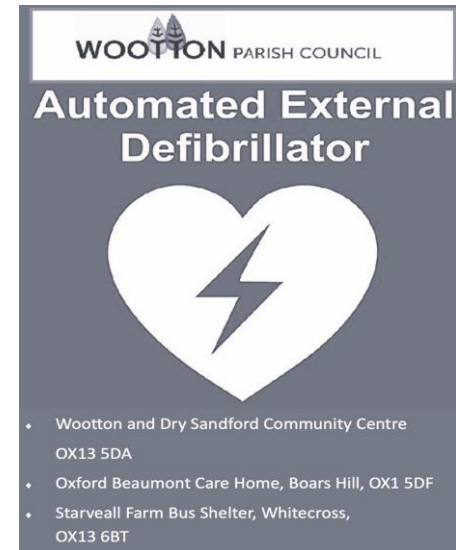
Wootton Parish Council has provided WADSCC with funding to allow for the continued existence of the community newsletter.

The change is not only due to financial reasons. Combined input from both organisations will make your newsletter even more relevant and informative.

It will provide more information about the Parish Council and its activities which are relevant to the community. It will result in a broader range of content, different community news and updates from various organizations within Wootton.

The editorial “committee” will remain largely the responsibility of WADSCC with input from Parish Councillors; and oversight by the Parish Council Clerk.

FUNDED BY WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL



WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL HAS BOUGHT AND MAINTAINS THE FOLLOWING DEFIBRILLATORS:

1. AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE COMMUNITY CENTRE
2. AT STARVEALL FARM BUS STOP
3. ON THE CORNER OF HAWKINS WAY (to be installed in August)
4. AT JARN MOUND ON BOARS HILL

An additional defibrillator is available at:

5. THE BEAUMONT CARE HOME

PLEASE LEARN HOW TO USE THIS LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT. THE STARVEALL ONE WAS USED SUCCESSFULLY

LAST YEAR FIRST AID SESSIONS ARE ALSO PROVIDED ANUALLY (Cllr. V Manning)

The Wootton and Dry Sandford Community Centre lies in a great location at the heart of the Community.

WADS Community Centre has several meeting rooms and facilities that can be hired by anyone, whether inside or outside the local community.

Rooms can be hired either on their own or in conjunction with others. Social events are easily accommodated; there is also the option of hiring the facilities for meetings and corporate events.

The rooms can be set up with different layouts, and AV facilities can be provided.

Great for large events and small groups - wedding, christening, birthday or other party, we have a room to suit your function.

WADS Bar is available on request and catering may be possible. (please enquire at time of booking).

There is a fully functioning Multi-Use games area that can be used for Basketball, Football & Tennis.

There are over 2.5 hectares (nearly 6 acres) of playing fields that are available to book.

The Community Centre holds an alcohol, TV, gambling, and music licence.

Fast speed broadband Wi-Fi is present throughout the building; there is free guest internet access.

There is ample parking, and it lies on regular bus routes from the surrounding areas.

Booking is online: contact@wadsgcc.co.uk

The News Letter will be available to collect at:

WADS COMMUNITY CENTRE

PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

WADS Bar

The Co-op

Wootton Pharmacy

Acacia Charity Shop

One-Stop Shop

The Bystander

St Peter's Church, Wootton

Or is available on line at

wadsgcc.co.uk/newsletter

www.woottonabingdon-pc.gov.uk

Contact the newsletter at: newsletter@wadsgcc.co.uk

Feedback and contributions are appreciated.

Wootton and Dry Sandford Community Centre is a company registered in England and Wales under Company number: 06441376 and with the Charities Commission in England under the number: 1121899.

The Executive Committee (or ExCo) are volunteers who manage the centre and organise Community and Fund raising Events. They are not paid for this.

There is no government funding. Charitable grants and Donations are appreciated.

We need new members to join our team. ExCo members are not paid.

Contact: peter@wadsgcc.co.uk

Name	Title
Peter Richards	Chair
Sue Rayner	Vice Chair
Dave Parker	Treasurer
Janet Scott	Company Secretary
Karen Foulks	ExCo Member
Andrew Fudge	ExCo Member

WOOTTON AND DRY SANDFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE
LAMBOROUGH HILL WOOTTON OX13 6DA
contact@wadsgcc.co.uk

Here is some of what we have done this year:

International Day of Democracy 16/9/24 – House and Vice-Captain elections.
Democratic Circle Time is up and running

Music project with Radley college w/c 16/9/24:

16/9 Meet a musician
17/9 KS2 singing workshop
18/9 Bollywood Brassband performance
18/9 Pupil performance at Radley College and workshop with Bollywood Brassband
19/9 KS2 performance at Market Square with Bollywood Brassband
20/9 KS1 singing workshop

Harvest Festival Parents Phonics Café Parents Reading Café Parents Maths Café Open morning for prospective parents Remembrance Day Anti-bullying week Moonstone visit to Pizza Express Multi-Faith assembly to promote British Values and understanding of other faiths Opal class trip to Falconry Centre Road Safety Week Carols by Candlelight Circus performance Christmas Fair Choir and Music Ensemble Abingdon Partnership	Christmas Concert at St Helen's and St Katherine's Church The Great Fire of London recreation Little Gems Trip to Oxford Museum Moonstone puberty workshop Jade Class Roman Day World Book Day Science Week Music Ensemble performance at the Town Hall Key Stage 2 swimming Jade Class Trip to Sutton Courtney nature reserve Easter Service Cricket coaching May Fair	Jade class Viking trading day Year 6 Transition workshop KS2 Quadkids Music Flood Music Ensemble performing at Birmingham Symphony Hall Jade class Radley Rocks – geology workshop Opal trip to Sea Life Centre Arts Week – quilt and cushion making for Breast Buddies (Oxford breast cancer charity) Whole school Author visit St Peter's Day Service Pirates of the Currybean KS2 production Sports Day Year 5/6 Residential Sports Activity Day
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We are really looking forward to next year and hopefully you will be able to visit us and see for yourself what a vibrant school community we are.
Best wishes,
Charlie Pitt (Headteacher)

Wootton St. Peter's School News

As we come to the end of the Summer term it's time to reflect on the very positive year we have had.

In January we had our long awaited Ofsted inspection. This was a very positive experience for the whole school community. We were all very proud of how glowing the feedback was that we received from the inspector the fact that we have maintained our very high standards. This is also reflected in the excellent SATs results that we have attained in the last two years.

Subject	2024	2025
Reading	93%	90%
National	74%	75%
Writing	80%	80%
National	72%	72%
Maths	83%	90%
National	73%	74%
Reading, Writing, Maths combined	80%	70%
National	61	62%
Science	93%	100%
National	80%	81%

As you can see we are above national standards for the past two years. We are very lucky to have such skilled and dedicated staff and hard-working children.

It is not just academic excellence that we have to celebrate this year. We are very proud of our enrichment programme and work with the community and parish. We know that enrichment opportunities in primary schools are crucial for fostering well-rounded development, boosting academic performance, and building essential life skills. They provide a platform for students to explore their interests, discover hidden talents, and develop crucial skills beyond the standard curriculum.

Wootton Parish Council

The Parish Council is the first tier of Local Government and is here to help the villages within the Parish. The Parish of Wootton includes the Village of Wootton and the hamlets of Whitecross, Lamborough Hill, and the Western part of the hamlet of Boars Hill. It does not include the hamlets of Dry Sandford, or Hen-wood or the villages of Sunningwell or Shippon.

There are 3 councillor vacancies.

Councillors are not paid.

Parish Clerk: Nichola Peace

Cllr Laurence Brockliss
Cllr Mark Stewart
Cllr Paul Foster
Cllr Penny Jackson
Cllr Andrew Lane
Cllr Vanessa Manning
Cllr David Parker
Cllr Vijay Srao
Cllr John Werrell
VACANCY
VACANCY
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Chair
Vice-chair
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Meetings are on held on the 1st Tuesday of the month in F1 of the Community Centre.

Members of the public are welcome to attend. A short time period is available for comments from the public. This is an opportunity to tell us about your concerns, or compliments.

The agenda and minutes of the last meeting are published the week before and are available on the Parish Notice Boards and on the Parish Website: <https://woottonabingdon-pc.gov.uk/>

THERE ARE 3 COUNCILLOR VACANCIES.

Clerk to the Parish. (N. Peace)

I work flexibly 16 hours a week with my main working hours being:

Tuesday: 8 - 2pm

Thursday: 8 - 2pm

The Parish Office is in the old Police Office at the Community Centre.

The clerk is based there for much of this time and will advise when "drop in sessions" are available.

Visits with the Clerk or Council Members can be organised.

Communications can be placed in the Parish Post Box at the entrance to the Community Centre.

Or email: clerk@woottonabingdon-pc.gov.uk

07850 577122

Oxfordshire Unitary Council Proposals

As you may be aware, the government is asking Councils to look at restructuring to provide a simpler overall format known as 'Unitary Councils'. This would remove the two tiers of District/City and County councils. The government have given guidelines that the new Councils should be supporting areas of over 500,000 people and use existing boundaries wherever feasible.

There are three proposals that have been submitted to the government from Oxfordshire, all of which are now open to feedback from residents. The Parish Council would like to encourage all residents to provide feedback on the new unitary Council proposals using the following links:

Greater Oxford: <https://consultation.oxford.gov.uk/corporate> - strategy/local-government- reorganisation/consultation/subpage.2025-06-24.9250352988/ This proposal would see Wootton included in an expanded Oxford City Council, with Dry Sandford part of a different Council (closes 12th August)

Two Councils:

<https://theconversation.southandvale.gov.uk/corporate> - services/two-councils/ This proposal would see Wootton & Dry Sandford included in a new 'Ridgeway' Council covering the current council areas of South Oxfordshire, Vale of White Horse and West Berkshire (closes 16th July)

Oxfordshire: <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/> This proposal would see a single Unitary Council covering the whole of Oxfordshire. (closes 27th July)

The final decision on the approach to take will be made by the government following the final submission in November 2025.

St Peter's Church Wootton

We are delighted to confirm that we have appointed Revd Maggie Crosbie as the new vicar of St Peter's and St Mary Magdalene, Shippon. Her licensing service will be held on Monday 11th August at 7.30 pm at St Mary Magdalene, Shippon. Refreshments will be served after the service as we welcome Maggie to our 2 parishes.

July/August Services

We would be delighted to welcome you to any of our services:

Sunday 20th July – All Age Service at 10.00 am – Mike Varnom

Sunday 27th July – Holy Communion at 10.00 am – Revd Tony Rogerson

Sunday 3rd August – Morning Prayer and Praise at 10.00 am – Dr Shirley Northover

Wednesday 6th August – Holy Communion at 10.00 am

Sunday 10th August – Holy Communion at 10.00 am – Revd Stephen Coe

Monday 11th August – Licensing service for Revd Maggie Crosbie, 7.30 pm at St Mary Magdalene, Shippon.

Sunday 17th August – All Age Service at 10.00 am – Revd Maggie Crosbie

Sunday School next meets on Sunday 6th July in the Parish room.

Our next Open Church is on Saturday 26th July between 10.00 and 12.00 - do drop in for a bacon roll, tea, coffee and biscuits and the opportunity for a friendly chat surrounded by the peace and beauty of our ancient church.

Mike Varnom – Church Warden

An update from the Clerk's Desk:

June was a busy month for the Parish Council as the annual audit was upon us. The accounts have been posted on the website and are available for more detailed inspection until 16th July – just contact the Clerk.

Two metal scrollwork benches were installed using the final tranche of s106 money assigned for artwork – hence the benches matching the village sculpture. One bench is by the bus stop opposite the bike garage in Whitecross and another is on the Community Field by the Community Centre.

The Parish Council commissioned a tree survey, the results of which indicate that there is work to be done both on the trees outside the Community Centre and those around the cricket pitch. Sadly, two of the trees outside the Community Centre have been confirmed to be diseased and so will need to be removed in the next three months.

A new defibrillator has been purchased for the Matthews Way estate and will be installed in August. This will include a bleed kit that provides all that you need to staunch bleeding in the event of an accident. The defibrillator cabinet will be a locked cabinet with the code available when you call 999. A noticeboard has also been ordered and should similarly be installed in August.

Following on from the residents' meeting in June we're waiting for feedback from OCC on the feasibility of installing a dropped kerb to match the one out of Home Close – watch this space for further updates! We're also delighted to report that funding has been confirmed for a platform over the Fox Lane culvert to enable regular, safe maintenance and prevent the blocking that has contributed to previous flooding. While timelines are still to be confirmed, we are hopeful that this will be installed in early Autumn.

WADS SUMMER FEST

The Executive Committee would like to thank the following for sponsoring the summer festival:

Same Ways Care Limited
Wootton Parish Council
St Helen Without Parish Council
Tonk Brothers Funeral Directors
Manor Flooring
Fortress Alarms UK Ltd.
John Werrell and Son Ltd.
Peter Richards (ExCo)
David Parker (ExCo)
Andrew Fudge – WADS Bar

We would also like to thank the following for donating prizes to the raffle to be drawn on Saturday 16th August at the summer festival:

Fit 2 Run
Hinksey Heghts Golf Club
Blenheim Palace
Lowe and Oliver
Darke and Taylor
Cotswold Wildlife Park
Pizza Express, Abingdon
Greyhound, Besselsleigh
Lowe and Oliver
Millets Farm
Oxford Speedway

Entertainment throughout the day will be provide by:

The Abingdon Rock Choir
Struggles End
The Inter 60s
ABBA Girls
Hazy Soul
Under the Covers
With staging managed by Jamie of Skittle Alley.

Thursday	WADS CAFÉ	09.30-14.00	F1	WEEKLY
	FOOD BANK AND DONATIONS	11.00-14.00	K1	WEEKLY
	NHS DIABETES GROUP	09.00-12.00	F2	1 ST THURSDAY
	TABLE TENNIS	10.30-12.30	F2	WEEKLY EXCEPT 1 ST THURSDAY
	TABLE TENNIS	13.30-14.45	F2	1 ST THURSDAY
	ABINGDON ROCK CHOIR	10.15-13.00	HALL	WEEKLY (TERM TIME)
	PILATES AND BREATH WORK	12.00-13.15	F2	WEEKLY
	BALLET CLASS	15.15-19.15	F2	TERM TIME
	WOOTTON WASPS	19.30-21.45	F2	WEEKLY
	HAPPY CRAFTERS	14.00-16.00	F1	2 ND THURSDAY
Friday	BINGO NIGHT	19.00-22.00	F1	LAST FRIDAY EACH MONTH
	WOOTTON PC FILM CLUB	13.30-16.30	F1	CHECH DATES
	BOWLS CLUB	14.00-16.15	HALL	CHECK DATES
	DANCE LAUGH AND LEARN	19.45-22.00	HALL	WEEKLY
	KARATE	16.30-18.00	HALL	WEEKLY
	UK DANCE VISION	16.00-19.00	F2	WEEKLY
Saturday	ZUMBA TONING	09.30-11.30	HALL	WEEKLY
Sunday	LOVEWORLD CHURCH	09.30-12.30 16.00-19.00	F2 F2	WEEKLY 1 ST SUNDAY
	CLUBBERCISE	18.00-19.15	HALL	WEEKLY

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT WADS

DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION	FREQUENCY
Monday	PILATES	10.30-11.45	HALL	WEEKLY
	PICKLEBALL	14.00-15.00	HALL	WEEKLY
	ABINGDON SWINGTIME BAND	19.00-22.00	HALL	FORTNIGHTLY
	BADMINTON	19.00-20.30	HALL	FORTNIGHTLY
Tuesday	SEASONS ART CLASS	09.00-17.00	F2	WEEKLY
	ZUMBA	18.30-19.45	HALL	WEEKLY
	PILATES	18.30-20.00	F2	WEEKLY
	BADMINTON	20.00-21.45	HALL	WEEKLY
	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	19.30-21.00	F1	1ST TUESDAY
Wednesday	KEEP FIT AND MOBILE WITH FAYE	10.30-11.45	HALL	WEEKLY
	ALPHA DANCE ACADEMY	15.45-19.30	HALL	WEEKLY
	BOWLS CLUB	19.45-22.00	HALL	WEEKLY
	WHITE HORSE BEADERS	10.00-15.30	F1	CHECK DATES
	SEASONS ART CLASS	09.00-14.15	F1	WEEKLY
	LOVEWORLD CHURCH	18.30-20.15	F2	WEEKLY
	WOOTTON AND DISTRICT WI	19.00-21.30	F1	3RD WEDNESDAY
	WADS ExCo MEETING	19.00-21.45	F1	1ST WEDNESDAY

Gerardine Queghebeur



"You won't be a success because you are a woman and foreign." So said a senior doctor early in her career — but how incredibly wrong they were.

Gerardine Quaghebeur – Chair of the Parish Council and a Leading Light of the Executive Committee

Gerardine Quaghebeur, universally known as Gerry, passed away on 18th June after a sudden respiratory illness. Born in Africa, she dedicated most of her professional life to working as a Consultant Neuroradiologist at the John Radcliffe Hospital, where she led CT and MRI scanning services.

Following early retirement due to Multiple Sclerosis, Gerry threw herself wholeheartedly into village life. She joined the Parish Council and quickly became Chair, bringing her formidable organisational and leadership skills to bear on a number of local projects. She also played a vital role in the development of the WADSCC centre as a key member of ExCo and helped launch the community centre's Thursday café.

All of this was achieved while living with the constant pain of Multiple Sclerosis and undergoing chemotherapy for recurrent breast cancer. Yet despite these challenges, Gerry remained witty, warm, and full of humour.

She will be greatly missed.

July and August 2025 :

WHAT'S ON

Friday 25th July

WADSCC Bingo

Saturday 16th August

WADS Summer Fest

Friday 29th August

WADSCC Bingo

Every Sunday at the WADS Bar – Raffle and Boogie Bingo

Watch out for other events at WADS Bar throughout July and August.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

SATURDAY 16 AUGUST

WADS SUMMER FEST

SEE ADVERTISING STAND IN THE

COMMUNITY CENTRE ABOUT ALL FUTURE

EVENTS

Would you like to help at WADS Community Centre?

**We need volunteers to help with regular or one
-off occasions.**

**It could be morning, afternoon or evenings for any amount of time
that you are able and at any of the events of your choosing.**

**Volunteers to help at the WADS SUMMER FEST
on 16 AUGUST are needed.**

Contact: karen@wadsc.co.uk

**The speaker at the WI May Meeting was Marcus Ferrar and his talk gave a
us a wonderful flavour of Tuscany where he had until recently a holiday
home. The house was deep in the Italian countryside. He grew vines and
made wine. He loved visiting the small villages. It was a wonderful place for
all his family to meet.**

**The June meeting is on Wednesday 18th June at 7.30pm in the Community
Centre. The talk this time is 'Search and Rescue' Tea and coffee will be
served and there will be a raffle. Do come and join us.'**

Judith Taylor Wootton District WI

WADS CAFÉ
EVERY THURSDAY 10.30 —14.00
run by volunteers

The café provides a friendly and welcoming atmosphere in our bright and airy room overlooking the community fields.

Anyone is welcome to come along. Dogs are welcome.

Who doesn't enjoy meeting with others over a drink and something to eat? It is a great way to link into the community around you, make new friends, relax and find out about other events happening in the centre.

Serving tea, coffee, hot chocolate, cakes and biscuits.

Light bites.

Lunchtime specials, choice of hot dishes.

WADS COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Thursday 11 am - 2 pm No referral necessary or criteria to fulfil, just ask in the kitchen.

Food Bank Donations: Thursday between 11am and 2pm; in the kitchen.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE FOOD BANK.

Your support plays a vital role in helping us provide meals to those in need in our community.



**PLEASE CHECK IN THE
 COMMUNITY CENTRE
 ABOUT**

**DATES OF PLANNED
 SHOWINGS.**

THESE ARE NOT

ALWAYS WEEKLY

LOCATION F1

**FUNDED BY WOOTTON
 PARISH COUNCIL AND RUN
 BY COUNCILLOR DAVE
 PARKER**

Wootton Community Centre
Bingo Nights

Now the last Friday evening of every month

7pm for a 7.30 start.

Bar open

No entry fee

Price for a book of games and raffle tickets.

£1.00 a strip or £5.00 for 6 strips



(WADS STOCK)

Calling All Artists and Crafters!

Are you passionate about creating unique, handmade art or crafts?

Are you a fun, family-friendly entertainer ?

**WE'RE HOSTING OUR ANNUAL FESTIVAL AND
WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO BE PART OF IT**

★ Date: 16 August 2025

★ Time: 12.00 till 20.00

★ Location: Wootton and Dry Sandford Community Fields, Lamborough Hill, OX13 6DA

This is a community and family-friendly festival set in extensive community fields.

It is a fun and festive environment.

Our typical visitors are families, music lovers, foodies and craft shoppers.

In addition to the crafts stalls there will be live music, entertainment, food trucks, classic cars and the chance to compete in the raffle.

Have questions or would like an application form:

gerry@wadsec.co.uk

davep@wadsec.co.uk

Pitch fee: £ 25.00 single; £ 40.00 double.

A table can be provided.

Entirely outdoor .

Easy set up, car behind stall.

Expected attendance numbers up to 1000.

Further information about the festival, including a full schedule of events and artist line-ups, will be updated at:
<https://wadsec.co.uk/>



Mark your diary for the Annual WADS SUMMER FEST (WADS STOCK)

★ Date: 16 August 2025

★ Time: 12.00 until 20.00

★ Location: Wootton and Dry Sandford (WADS) Community Fields, Lamborough Hill , Wootton OX13 6DA

Festival Highlights: What to Expect

- **Real ale and cider:** Sample a wide selection of the best beers and ciders.
- **Live Music and Entertainment:** Enjoy a diverse array of live music.
Whether you're into rock, swing, pop, or other, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Traditional Morris Dancing and other.
- **Classic Car/Vehicle Show:** Check out a stunning display of these classics.
- **Food Trucks & Vendors:** Satisfy your cravings with delicious offerings from diverse food vendors!
- **Arts & Crafts Fair:** Browse unique crafts and handmade goods

And check your luck in the raffle!

Bring the whole family and enjoy a day of laughter and community spirit.

Admission: FREE

We can't wait to see you there!

More information about the festival, including a full schedule of events and artist lineups, will be available soon.

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