



Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Newsletter

July 2026



WELCOME TO THE
WOOTTON & DRY SANDFORD
COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

The Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Newsletter is a joint venture between Wootton Parish Council and the Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Centre, funded by Wootton Parish Council with additional support from St Helen Without Parish Council. The aim is to provide a free newsletter providing local news plus updates on local services & events monthly.

Contributions from residents of Wootton and the surrounding villages are welcome. The editorial team would love to include updates from clubs, societies and individuals to bring more diversity to the newsletter! Submissions should be in Microsoft Word format (.doc) and sent by the 15th of the month prior to the month of publication to Dave Parker at davep@wadsc.co.uk.

Residents of Wootton & Dry Sandford are welcome to advertise their businesses in the newsletter for free. Businesses from outside the village are able to advertise for £5 an issue or alternately £50 for a full year. If you would like to advertise your business in the newsletter, please contact Nichola Peace at clerk@woottonabingdon-pc.gov.uk for further details.

The newsletter can now be collected from WADS Community Centre, Parish Council Office, The Co-op, Wootton Pharmacy, Acacia Charity Shop and St Peter's Church.

If any resident of Wootton and Dry Sandford or the surrounding villages wish to have the newsletter sent to them directly by email please send your name and email address to me, Dave Parker (davep@wadsc.co.uk) and I will add you to my mailing list.

The next issue will be published in August. Please send contributions to David at davep@wadsc.co.uk no later than 15th July.

The 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 give their time for free to manage the centre and organise Community and fund-raising Events.

The Executive Committee consists of:

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

The 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. **Booking and charges can be found online: www.wadsc.co.uk**

- *Great for large events and small group, we have a room to suit your function.*
- *WADS Bar is available on request and catering may be possible. (Please enquire at the 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; with free guest access.*
- *There is ample parking, and it lies on regular bus routes from the surrounding areas.*

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 evening for any amount of time that you are able and at any of the events of your choosing.

Contact: karen@wadsc.co.uk

WADSCC TIMETABLE

DAY	Activity	TIME	Location	
Monday	Pilates mother and baby	10.30-11.30	Hall	Weekly
	Pickleball	14.00-15.00	Hall	Weekly
	South Oxon Dance Academy	15:45-16:45	F2	Term Time
	South Oxon Dance Academy	16:45-18:15	Hall	Term Time
	Pilates	17:00-18:00	F2	Weekly
	Abingdon Swingtime Band	19.00-21.45	Hall	Fortnightly
	Badminton	19.00-20.15	Hall	Fortnightly

DAY	Activity	TIME	Location	Frequency
Tuesday	Seasons Art Class	09.00-17.00	F2	Weekly
	Oxford ATV Children's Gp	16:15-18:15	F1	2nd Tuesday
	Pilates with Hols	18:00-20:00	F2	Weekly
	Zumba	18:30-19:30	Hall	Weekly
	Badminton	20:00-21:30	Hall	Weekly
	Parish Council Meeting	19:30-21:00	F1	1st Tuesday

DAY	Activity	TIME	Location	Frequency
Wednesday	Seasons Art Class	09:00-13:30	F2	Weekly Term Time
	White Horse Beaders	10:00-15:00	F1	1st Wednesday
	Keep Fit and Mobile with Faye	10:30-11:30	Hall	Weekly
	Alpha Dance Academy	15:45-19:30	Hall	Weekly
	WI	19:00-21:30	F1	3rd Wednesday
	Bowls Club	19:45-21:45	Hall	Weekly

WADSCC TIMETABLE

DAY	Activity	TIME	Location	Frequency
Thursday	Wads Café	10:30-14:00	F1	Weekly
	Abingdon Rock Choir	10:15-12:45	HALL	Weekly Term Time
	Table Tennis	10:30-11:30	F2	Weekly
	Happy Crafters	14:00-16:00	F1	2nd Thursday
	South Oxon Dance Academy	15:45-20:15	F2	Weekly Term Time
	Abingdon Concert Band	19:45-22:00	Hall	Weekly Term Time

DAY	Activity	TIME	Location	Frequency
Friday	Wootton PC Film Club	12:00-16.30	F1	Weekly but Check Dates
	Wootton Bowls Club	14.00-16.00	HALL	Weekly
	OSTMA Karate	16.30-18.00	HALL	Weekly
	WADS Quiz	19:00-21:30	F1	2nd Friday Each Month
	Bingo Night	19.00-21:30	F1	Last Friday Each Month
	Dance Laugh And Learn	19.45-21.45	HALL	Weekly

DAY	Activity	TIME	Location	Frequency
Saturday	Zumba Toning	09.30-11.00	HALL	Weekly

DAY	Activity	TIME	Location	Frequency
Sunday	Loveworld Church	09.45-12.00 16.00-19.00	F2 F2	Weekly 1st Sunday
	Clubercise	18.00-19.00	HALL	Weekly

WADS CAFÉ

EVERY THURSDAY 10.30 —14.00Run 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.

Confirmed Dates for the Table of Interest at WADS Café

2 nd July	Honey Bottom Treasures	Janet
9 th July	Gays Resin Gifts	
2 nd July	Honey Bottom Treasures	Janet
16 th July	Fay	
23 rd July	Jenny Jams & Chutneys	Jenny
6 th August	Fay	
13 th August	Cats Corner Cards & Gifts	Sue
20 th August	Diana	
27 th August	Jenny Jams & Chutneys	Jenny
3 rd September	Available to hire	
10 th September	Available to hire	

Wootton Community Centre Bingo Nights

**Last Friday of every month
7.00pm for a 7.30pm start**

Bar open
No entry fee

Price of a book of games

£7.00

**Raffle tickets £1.00 a strip or
£5.00 for 6 strips**

WADSCC QUIZ NIGHT

**Every 2nd Friday of the
month**

Next Quiz Night

10th July 2026

7.00 p.m. for a 7.30 p.m. start

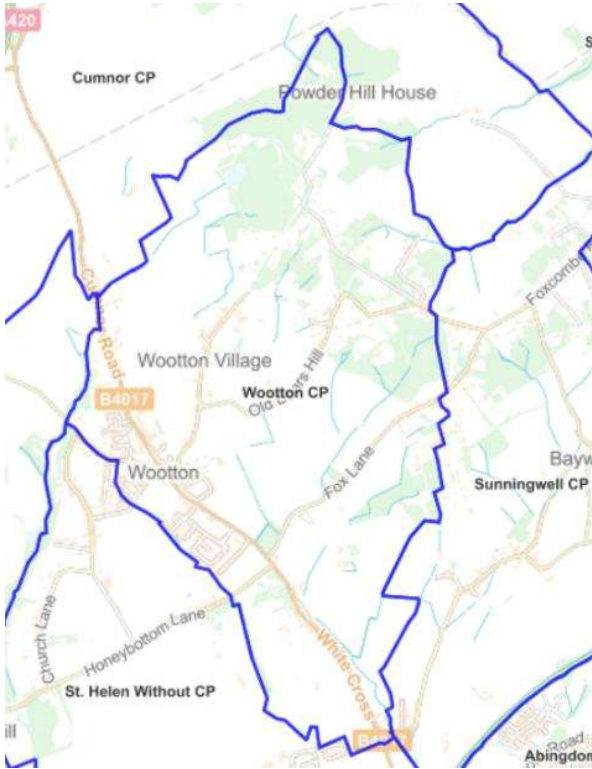
£3 per person

**Maximum of 4 people per
team**

**Test your knowledge, enjoy a
great night out, and bring
your team!**



A Parish Council is the first tier of local government and is there to help the residents of the Parish.



Details of the work of Wootton Parish Council can be found on the website: <https://woottonabingdon-pc.gov.uk/> and through attending the monthly Council Meetings (the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm) The next meeting is on 2nd June. Members of the public are welcome to attend: this is your monthly opportunity to tell us about your concerns, provide feedback or give compliments!

Meeting agendas will be published on the website the Thursday prior to the meeting and available on the Parish Noticeboards in Whitecross, Lamborough Hill, Boars Hill, Matthews Way & outside the Community Centre. Minutes are published on the website shortly after the meetings.

The Parish Clerk is the first point of contact for any questions and runs Office Hours in the Parish Council Office (the old Police Office) at the Community Centre from 10-12 on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Please pop in to discuss any thoughts, concerns or feedback that you have or alternately contact her on clerk@woottonabingdon-pc.gov.uk or 07850 577122. Please also do speak to any of our Councillors if you see them out and about:

Cllr Laurence Brockliss	Chair
Cllr Mark Stewart	Vice-chair
Cllr Paul Foster	Councillor
Cllr Penny Jackson	Councillor
Cllr Andrew Lane	Councillor
Cllr Vanessa Manning	Councillor
Cllr David Parker	Councillor
Cllr Vijay Srao	Councillor
Cllr John Werrell	Councillor
Cllr Katie Bennett	Councillor
VACANCY	Councillor
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A Few Words from the Chair

By the middle of July, Wootton parish should have some idea of which new unitary authority we have been placed under. As you know, the Parish Council has favoured establishing Oxfordshire as a unitary council, but at present we are completely in the dark as to which of the three proposals on the table the Government prefers.

I have little more to report on the planned development of Dalton Barracks than I did in the May issue of the Newsletter. The traffic survey was successfully completed in mid-May, though some of the monitoring tubes were damaged or stolen and there was no human monitoring of pinch-points during rush-hour, as we were told would happen. Stakeholders have been promised access to the data once it has been collated. Meanwhile, the stakeholder workshops to discuss the feedback from the public consultation last autumn have still to be timetabled. The developers in the near future intend to undertake a Land Quality Assessment of the site. Following the difficulties that have occurred at Upper Heyford due to the discovery of chemical pollution, the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (the wing of the MOD responsible for developing Dalton Barracks) are keen to discover if there are any nasty surprises as soon as possible. They have asked the local parishes to assist in their enquiry. I know there are a number of people living in Wootton who have worked on the base. The Parish Clerk would be interested to hear from anyone who has any pertinent information that we can pass on.

The one thing that has been settled over the past month is the fate of the small business park at 78 Cumnor Road. Parishioners may be aware that the owner applied for a change of use so that the buildings can be turned into a mother and baby unit. There is nowhere in Oxfordshire where mothers and babies at risk can be safely housed after leaving hospital and OCC Social Services have been forced to place mothers and babies in this category outside the county. There were several objections to the change of use by local residents, and the Parish Council had safety concerns, given the ever-increasing amount of traffic on the B4017. We also felt that Wootton with its limited facilities and poor bus service was not an ideal place for vulnerable young mothers and their babies. The Planning Committee of the Vale of the White Horse, however, has given the proposal the green light after the proposal was amended to include an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing.

As the holiday season approaches, may I take the opportunity to wish all readers of the Newsletter, young and old, a very enjoyable summer break.

Laurence Brockliss

An update from the Clerk's desk:

June has been a busy month in terms of kickstarting budgeted projects. The Council is planning to upgrade the Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) in the village as well as replacing the one on Besselsleigh Road which currently needs the batteries replacing on a weekly basis. The orders have been placed so hopefully we will have shiny new SIDs by the end of the Summer! The new SIDs will enable us to track speeding data much more closely and hopefully build the case for further speed calming measures on the B4017 and the Besselsleigh Road.

I've had a very positive meeting with the Hickorys opening team who have confirmed their support for the annual lighting of the Christmas tree. You'll see the Christmas lights being taken down on 2nd July (all being well) but please don't worry: this is to allow for any maintenance of the tree that is required, as well as for the condition of the lights to be assessed. The lights will be returned to the tree in November, ready for lighting at the end of that month (watch this space for the exact date!).

I'm working with Oxfordshire County Council and their supplier Externiture to source new bus seats for the Home Close & Matthew's Way bus shelters. Orders should be placed in early July for installation by the end of the year. The two new bins planned for the Hartwells end of Besselsleigh Road and the Hill View bus shelter should be installed in July.

Huge thanks to those parishioners who attended the Annual Parish Meeting and had great ideas for encouraging more people to attend next year. Key asks were for cycle paths and dropped kerbs; while the latter should be more straightforward than the former, both have been added to the Council's list of future requirements.



Finally, it was a pleasure to support Peter Richards in dedicating one of the Community Field benches to his wife, the very much missed Gerry Quaghebeur, Chair of the Parish Council and member of the Community Centre Ex Co.

Nichola



St Helen Without Parish Council

Working for You

Details of the Parish Council meetings can be found on the website at sthelenwithout-pc.gov.uk. The council meets every six weeks.

St Helen Without Parish covers Cothill, Dry Sandford (including Sandleigh Road, part of Berrymere Road, Lashford Lane, Lansdowne Road and Church Lane) and Shippon.

There are currently vacancies for two members in the Cothill and Dry Sandford Ward.



And there's one vacancy for the Shippon Ward.

If you'd be interested in representing your community please contact the Clerk at clerk@sthelenwithout-pc.gov.uk or phone on 01865 602145

St Helen Without Parish Council looks after the recreation ground at Sandleigh Road and is heavily involved in liaison with Dalton Barracks over the activities and events held there as well as liaison with Oxfordshire County Council Highways to improve the roads and traffic management.

You are welcome to attend the meetings



St Helen Without Parish Council Working for You

Dear All,

Our plans for a community orchard in Sandleigh Road Recreation Ground are moving forward apace and we are in the process of engaging with experienced practitioners in the field who will advise us on securing an appropriate range of fruit trees, planting and ongoing maintenance. My thanks again to those of you who have indicated a willingness to support us in the project. We hope to be able to start planting later this year.

I mentioned last month that we were liaising with the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) over any potential risk to the development of the Airfield posed by contaminants similar to those that have been identified at the Upper Heyford development. The DIO have a comprehensive 'decommissioning' strategy designed to minimise any risk. As part of this I have undertaken to speak to residents who may have worked at RAF Abingdon or lived nearby who may be aware of any specific locations on the airfield that may be worthy of closer examination. If you think you may be able to help please contact me via our Clerk.

We set aside a limited amount of our funds every year to support community initiatives, voluntary associations and local societies by way of grants. We currently support the Friends of Shippon who run monthly gatherings featuring speakers on a range of topics, a book club and a bridge club. We have also supported the Citizen's Advice Bureau, Thames Valley Lowland Search and Rescue and the Air Ambulance. Our only stipulation is that the activity should directly benefit the residents of the Parish. If you are involved with such an activity grants can be applied for via our Clerk.

As ever

Michael Page QPM

Chair

St Helens Without P.C.



From Wootton, as from all across the constituency, I have received concern from the LGBTQ+ community in recent weeks. The UK has slipped from 1st to 22nd in Europe for legal and policy rights. EHRC guidance is exclusionary and often simply unworkable in practice, with many businesses writing to me to outline the ridiculous implications. I joined Lib Dem colleagues to push the Government to rethink a policy they are just getting so wrong.

Pride was much needed, and I had the enormous privilege of judging the Pride Dog show, a duty I take very seriously. Well done to Bilbo Waggins, best in show! Oxford Pride itself was a fabulous display of solidarity. I spoke on the day about how I have joined colleague's cross-party in Parliament to fight for equality and against this rollback of rights.

The Health & Social Care Committee launched its Healthy Ageing report, which recommended social prescribing of physical activity as standard, and the huge impact this can have on your healthy lifespan. Local group Abingdon Green Gym helped me launch the report to local press, in a session laying woodchips by the Ock, a fantastic advert for the benefits of physical activity.

I also attended a youth strategy event in Abingdon that brought together young people, local leaders and organisations. It was encouraging to see young voices placed at the heart of discussions, though there is growing concern about the rise in those who are NEET. In Parliament, I have been advocating for greater support for Further Education colleges such as Abingdon & Witney College, which are struggling with rising demand and real-terms funding cuts. I have written to the Chancellor and will continue pressing for action.

News rumbles on about a potential deal with creditors to save Thames Water and see its fines waived by Ofwat until 2030. I have been clear throughout that the Thames shambles needs to end. The majority of homes in the constituency are now in a 'pressure managed area', with deliberately reduced water pressure to extend the life of their ageing infrastructure. The latest information I have received from Thames Water suggests that Wootton has yet to have any significant changes made to the water pressure provided. But if you experience a sudden problem with water pressure, please do get in touch.

Layla Moran MP



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100 Year Celebration

We would like to thank everyone who attended our 100th anniversary celebration on 30th May 2026. It was a great day, with good weather and it was good to see some many people attend from the village and surrounding areas. The games we enjoyed, and the band were excellent.

Thank you to everyone who purchased raffles tickets.

We managed to raise £1735!!

£735 has been donated to Helen & Douglas House
£1000 has been donated back to Wootton & Dry Sandford Community
Centre

Many thanks again for coming out to support the event and making it a
great day.

John Werrell

A message from St Peter's Church

In the past few weeks we seem to have experienced all the seasons of the year in quick succession, particularly winter. I'm sure I'm not the only one who is very relieved that it's finally stopped raining and the sun is shining once more. I hope that by the time you are reading this letter it hasn't returned to winter!

The summer months often provide an opportunity to slow down a bit. With long and hopefully warm evenings, we get to spend more time with family and friends outside and enjoy the beauty of God's creation. Gardens are in full bloom, (apart from the vicarage garden as the deer eat all the flowers) and our verges are full of wild flowers. I am loving seeing all the wild poppies on the roadside as I drive around the area. They always put a smile on my face.

As the days (hopefully) heat up again, you'll always find a warm welcome inside our cool church building. Everyone is very welcome to join us on Sunday mornings.

With best wishes, **Maggie**

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

Wednesday 1st July – Holy Communion at 10.00 am

Sunday 5th July – Holy Communion at 10.00 am – Rev Maggie Crosbie

Sunday 12th July – Morning Praise at 10.00 am – Dr Shirley Northover

Sunday 12th July – A Hour of Peace and Quiet followed by Compline at 7.00 pm – Dr Shirley Northover

Wednesday 15th July – Holy Communion at 10.00 am

Sunday 19th July – All Age Family Communion at 10.00 am – Rev Maggie Crosbie

Sunday 26th July – Holy Communion at 10.00 am – Rev Tony Rogerson

Our next Open Church is on Saturday 25th 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.

Further details are available at www.woottonchurch.co.uk

You can contact us by email at: woottonvicarage@btinternet.com

or by telephone on 01865 735661. Maggie can be contacted directly at:

revmaggiecrosbie@gmail.com

An Hour of Peace and Quiet

Do you ever feel you're so busy you don't have a chance to stop and just be? Why not put your phone aside for an hour and come to enjoy the peace and beauty of our ancient church and churchyard on Sunday 12th July 7 - 8pm.

7 – 7.45 pm no words, just quiet music and the sounds of the birds, an opportunity just to think or to pray, with various prompts to prayer available if you'd like to use them

7.45pm (optional) Compline - Night Prayer

In memory of David Morgan – 29 June 1939 to 23 May 2026

David passed away peacefully in his sleep at a care home in Cumnor on the morning of Saturday 23 May 2026. He had been unwell for a short time.

He had spent time with his family and Margarita, his wife, in the days leading up to his passing and they were able to say their farewells to him.

David was the community pharmacist in Wootton from 1977 to 2006 opening the David Morgan Pharmacist at 11 Besselsleigh Road and later moving to number 7 and opening the Post Office and MOM for Mother and Baby with Margarita.

David was also the Chair of Governors at Dry Sandford School after he retired in 2006.

David was a long standing figure in Wootton and its environs delivering prescriptions to patients at home and providing advice and support from the pharmacy.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends in the village and elsewhere.

KEYBOARD PLAYER WANTED ST PETER'S CHURCH IN WOOTTON

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO PLAY THE KEYBOARD (CLAVINOVA)
OCCASIONALLY AT OUR SUNDAY 10am SERVICE.

We have 2 regular people but would like someone to fill in occasionally when they are not available.

If you are interested or think you can recommend anyone who might be please email: sallywymbbs@gmail.com



Dry Sandford Primary School

We are entering the busiest part of our school year, with lots of events to look forward to.



Just today, a group of children went to Radley College to take part in the Music Flood event with other local schools. They played three pieces of music, including Sweet Caroline, which the audience loved!

Last week, the children from our Owlets and Barn Owls Classes went on their school trip to the Story Museum in Oxford. It was a super day, with lots of opportunities to listen to and create stories.



Next week, we are taking part in a joint concert with Cothill School.

We are singing songs from a range of genres, including the musical, Joseph, traditional Irish folk songs and sea shanties.



The following week, our Snowy Owls class are going on their trip to Science Oxford. They are taking part in a workshop about electricity and going on a nature walk.

Our School Fete is on July 3rd, straight after school, with lots of stalls and games.

So, as you can see, we are having a lot of fun this final term!

There won't be an entry from us in August as we will be on our summer holidays. We are looking forward to welcoming our new families in September.

Have a lovely summer, everyone!



An update from Wootton St Peter's School



Although academic achievement is obviously very important to all of us at St Peter's School, we believe that it is equally important to provide an excellent range of enrichment opportunities for all our children. We were therefore delighted that we have made the short list for cycling school of the year! Out of all the primary schools across the U.K., only 10 have made the short list. This is a huge achievement and something we should feel very proud of.

Wootton St Peter's Primary School has built a whole-school cycling culture that nurtures confident, independent and safety-aware riders from the very start of their education. Cycling isn't an add-on here — it's embedded into the curriculum and the school's identity.

From the earliest years, children develop strong foundations: Nursery pupils learn balance and control through daily use of balance bikes, and Reception children progress to riding pedal bikes as part of their core learning. By the time pupils reach upper school, this early confidence has grown into genuine cycling mastery.



Every Year 5 pupil

completes full Bikeability Level 2 training, giving them real-world road-riding experience. In Year 6, pupils advance to Bikeability Level 3, preparing them for the more complex journeys they will face as they move on to secondary school.

What truly sets Wootton St Peter's apart is its innovative Year 6 cycling enterprise project. Pupils learn to repair brakes, fix punctures, and maintain bikes, turning practical skills into a real business venture. This hands-on experience empowers them with the confidence to ride independently to secondary school, knowing they can keep themselves — and their bikes — safe.

Wootton St Peter's isn't just teaching children to ride. It's creating lifelong cyclists, building independence, resilience, and a love of active travel that will stay with pupils long after they leave.

Charlie Pitt – Headteacher, Mike Varnom – Chair of Governors

WOOTTON WI

"Jane Abbott our speaker for June spoke with great interest on owning alpacas and gave us a lovely view of these fascinating animals. After the talk tea and coffee was served and a raffle held. The meeting for month is the annual garden party which is held at the home of one of our members. The date is Wednesday 15th July. Entertainment will be provided by singer Charmaine Bushnell. Hopefully we will have strawberries and cream and maybe Pimms!! A little reminder, please can members bring their donations for the Wootton Summer Fete WI bottle stall to the July meeting. We do not have our usual third Wednesday of the month meeting in August but meet at the fete. We look forward to seeing you there. Back in the Community Centre on Wednesday 16th September."

Judith

✦✦ Jumble Sales Extra – Our Next Sale! ✦✦

We're delighted to announce that our next Jumble Sales Extra will take place on:

📅 Saturday 25 July

📍 Cumnor Village Hall, OX2 9QF

✦ what3words: ///breeze.cropping.increment

🕒 2.00pm – 4.00pm

🎟 Entry: £1

In aid of Alzheimer's Research UK

Donations Welcome

We would be very grateful for your donations! You can drop items off at:

- Friday 24 July: 2.00pm – 6.00pm
- Saturday 25 July (morning): up to 12.00pm

Please note: we're unable to accept large items of furniture or televisions.

On a brighter note, we're thrilled to share that our last jumble sale raised an amazing £1,200 in support of Oxenford House.

Thank you so much for your generosity and continued support — it truly makes a difference.

We very much hope to see you at one of our Jumble Sales Extra events this year!

With best wishes,

Avryl and the Team

WADS CC PRESENTS

WADS SUMMER FEST

15 AUGUST 2026

WADS COMMUNITY FIELDS,

OX13 6DA

12 to 6pm

Music and Beer Festival

Food Court

Craft Stalls

Children and family activities

Raffle

Classic Cars

6pm - 11pm

Music and Beer Festival continues

Contact: karen@wadsc.co.uk

  **FREE ENTRY** 



WOOTTON AND
DRY SANDFORD
COMMUNITY CENTRE



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS



★ WADS Community Café Needs You! ★

Our friendly, bustling café is looking for volunteers to join our Thursday team!



🕒 Any time between 9.30am–3pm (whatever suits you) 🍴
Serving meals 🍲 Serving hot drinks 🍷 Washing up
🧹 Clearing up at the end

No cooking required – unless you're certified and keen to help!
You won't be on every week; we run a simple rota.

If you'd like to be part of a warm, welcoming community space,
we'd love to have you on board.

Interested? Get in touch and help keep our café thriving.
karen@wadsc.co.uk



Wads Bar


POOL · DARTS · SKY SPORTS
TNT · OLD SCHOOL BAR GAMES

YOUR COMMUNITY LOCAL SERVING A
RANGE OF LAGER, CIDER & ALE

COME WATCH ALL SKY SPORTS AND
TNT, PREMIER LEAGUE, RACING,
CRICKET, MID WEEK FOOTY

AMPLE PARKING AND FAMILY
FRIENDLY

LOOK OUT FOR LIVE MUSIC EVENTS



FIND US BY THE BASKETBALL COURT

Every Sunday at the WADS Bar Raffle and Boogie Bingo



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Contemplative Creativity & Human Flourishing

10-11 July 2026, In Person at Carmelite Priory, Boars Hill, Oxford & Online
Marking 300 years since the Canonisation of St John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church

Join scholars, spiritual directors, artists, and seekers from across the world to explore the wisdom of John of the Cross at the Contemplative Spirituality Summit 2026.

Sessions, workshops, author conversations, and more will be led by distinguished speakers including:

- Fr Iain Matthew, OCD
- Fr Matt Blake, OCD
- Dr Edward Howells
- Dr Cyprian Blamires, OCDS
- Dr Stephen J. Costello
- Cardinal Anders Arborelius, OCD
- Dr Susan Muto
- Prof. Peter Tyler
- Dr Joanne Masley
- John Dalla Costa
- Dr Heather Ward

Register for the Summit



More information available at:
www.carmelite.uk.net

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Within God

A Music Concert on the Writings of St John of the Cross

Saturday 11 July - 7:30pm

Five original pieces performed by

Angel Anyamele
Vocalist - Songwriter - Concert Coordinator

Simeon Elderfield
Pianist - Cellist - Composer

Register for the Concert



Summit cost: **£30,000**

Concert: **£10,000**

A/C details:
Decor Carmel Academy Ltd,
1224575769 - Zenith Bank



~SONGS FOR PLEASURE~

Come and Join the Warblers on
TUESDAY 7th JULY at 7pm
In **ST.PETER'S CHURCH, WOOTTON**

Songs for Pleasure from various sources sung by the Warblers
plus songs for everyone to sing.

Instrumental Interludes will be presented by
Trumpet, Saxophone and Violin Soloists.

**THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITT FOR EVERYONE TO
ENJOY SOME FAMILIAR SONGS**

There are no tickets , but a donation of £5 will be appreciated.
ALL SCHOOL CHILDREN DO NOT NEED TO DONATE.

Against Breast Cancer Charity



We now have a bra bank in the foyer of the community centre. Any unwanted bras of any style, condition or size can be donated into the bra bank and when it's full we will arrange for the bras to go to the charity Against Breast Cancer.

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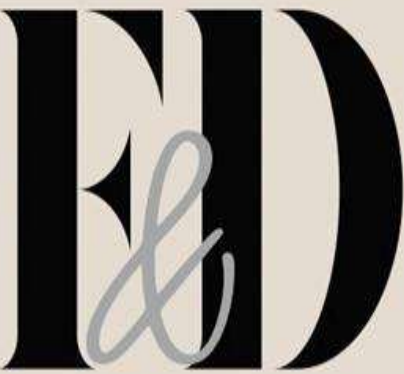
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You can book up to **two weeks** in advance or **30 minutes*** before you visit.

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The booking system will help manage demand and make your visit quicker and easier.

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Emergency contacts:

Medical

In the event of a medical crisis please call 999. For immediate support, four defibrillators are available to the Community, two of which are also supplied with bleed kits (funded & supplied by Wootton Parish Council):

1. Community Centre entrance (locked: call 999 for the code)
2. Starveall Farm bus stop (with bleed kit)
3. At the junction of Hawkins Way & Matthews Way (with bleed kit; locked: call 999 for the code)
4. At Jarn Mound on Boars Hill

An additional defibrillator is available at The Beaumont Care Home

Police

Call 999 if there is an immediate danger to life. To leave non-urgent messages call 101. An on-line reporting service is also available at <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/>

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)

Flooding:

<https://www.oxfordshirefloodtoolkit.com/emergency/> If there is danger to life, call 999. For road flooding contact OCC Highways on 0345 310 1111.

Community Support:

Abingdon Bridge: <https://www.theabingdonbridge.org.uk/contact-us> 01235 522375 (Mental Health support for young people)

Oxfordshire Mind <https://www.oxfordshiremind.org.uk/> 01865 247788 (Mental Health support)

Citizens Advice: <https://www.ca.ox.org.uk/> 0808 169 6031

Potholes, overgrown vegetation & other Highways issues:

<https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>

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.

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