



Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Newsletter

August 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@wadsgcc.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@wadsgcc.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@wadsgcc.co.uk no later than 15th August.

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.wadsgcc.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@wadsgcc.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	2 nd 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	1 st 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	1 st 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	3 rd 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	2 nd 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	2 nd 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 1 st Sunday
	Clubbercise	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

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

14th August 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!**

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





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). 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
VACANCY	Councillor

A Few Words from the Chair

Most readers will know by now that Wootton Parish has been placed in the new unitary council of Greater Oxford, while Dry Sandford (part of the parish of St Helen Without) has been attached to Ridgeway Council. This means that one side of Besselsleigh Rd will be in one council and one in another. This was not what the Wootton Parish Council wanted, and we made strong representations during the consultation period in favour of making the whole of Oxfordshire a single unitary authority. I have set out our objections to putting Wootton and Boars Hill into a Greater Oxford Council in an earlier Newsletter. Assuming the decision of the Secretary of State goes ahead, the new unitary council will begin operating in 2028. What the decision will mean for Wootton and Boars Hill regarding education, social and leisure services, refuse collection, highway maintenance and so on will become clear over the coming months. The Parish Council will inform readers on these issues as soon as we know anything concrete. The decision has to pass through both Houses of Parliament (see instituteforgovernment.org.uk/local-government-unitarisation), so parishioners wishing to object should contact our MP, Layla Moran.

Meanwhile both OCC and the Vale of the White Horse District Council continue to operate as normal. Readers are probably also aware that from September the Oxford City congestion charge will be replaced by a filter charge. This will mean that permits to pass through the charging points can no longer be purchased for any car (including an electric vehicle). The limited number of free permits for residents of Oxford and Oxfordshire, however, will continue to be honoured, and it will be possible to re-register when this year's allowance is exhausted. Drivers of all kinds of vehicles should also be aware that OCC has voted to ban all parking on pavements and verges and wardens may soon start ticketing offenders. The Parish Council supports the initiative if it will deter people from parking on the pavement outside the Besselsleigh Rd shops. We hope though it will be recognised that if parking on the pavement and verges along Whitecross was targeted, it would bring traffic to a standstill in the rush hour.

Finally, a few words about WADSFEST. The Parish Council has been working hard developing its children and young people's policy over the last months. We hope that like last year teenagers especially will visit our stall during WADSFEST and talk with us about the facilities they would most like to see in the village that we lack at present. This year, to encourage as many people as possible to come to talk to us, we have hired a Last Man Standing Inflatable (similar to the apparatus in *Total Wipeout*). Goes will be free but limited to eight people at a time, so expect a short wait before your turn. Two monetary prizes will be given at the end of the afternoon: one for the person under 13 and one for the person between 13 and 18 who keeps standing the longest.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of the Parish Council to wish all readers a very pleasant summer break, whether taken at home or elsewhere.

Laurence Brockliss

An update from the Clerk's desk:



July saw the Christmas lights removed from the big tree ahead of some maintenance from the Hickory's team ahead of the planned restaurant opening towards the end of Summer. Huge thanks to Lowe & Oliver for their support with this!

In total 45 sets of lights were removed – as per the picture, some of which had been up there long enough for the tree to have grown around the cables holding them up! The lights will now all be tested ahead of going back up in Autumn ahead of the annual lighting at the end of November (watch this space for the exact date!).

As previously communicated, Hickory's have said that they are keen to continue the support of the annual lighting event and will continue to supply the electricity that supports the lights.

The Flood Support box has now been installed just outside the Community Centre's MUGA. It holds five sets of hydrosnake flood barriers, two flood warning signs, traffic cones, two rakes, two brooms, high vis vests and a set of drain rods that are available to anyone to use in the event of a flooding emergency.

In order to mitigate the risk of flooding, OCC completed a drainage assessment in Wootton Village in June and the Parish Council will be clearing the ditch along the boundary of the Cricket Ground in August (exact date TBC). At the time of writing I'm still waiting for feedback on the results of that drainage assessment.



The Parish Council recently resolved to explore a number of biodiversity projects in the village, including revitalising the hedgerow along the Boar's Hill side of the Cricket Ground, planting trees in the Matthew's Way estate and rewilding a currently unused area of the Children's playground. In order to deliver these projects successfully the Council needs volunteers to support with planting & subsequent tree maintenance. If this could be you, please do get in touch at clerk@woottonabingdon-pc.gov.uk

The Parish Council welcomed Philippa Henry as a new councillor in new July, leaving just one final vacancy. If you are interested in helping to shape your village and becoming a Parish Councillor, please do get in touch! It's a rewarding, unpaid role with a minimum commitment of two hours per month up to a maximum of whatever time you have available.

Finally, another date for your diary: a community litter pick will take place on Sunday 27th September at 3pm. Please contact either Councillor Penny Jackson (cllr.penny.jackson@woottonabingdon-pc.gov.uk) or myself (clerk@woottonabingdon-pc.gov.uk) if you would like to volunteer. Thanks to all of those who do currently support the village by litter picking!



WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!



Help us create a
greener, wilder, healthier
Wootton for everyone

Wootton Parish Council is looking for
volunteers to help support and improve
biodiversity across our parish.

YOU CAN HELP BY:



Planting
wildflowers,
hedges and
trees



Creating
habitats for
wildlife and
pollinators



Monitoring
wildlife and
recording
sightings



Caring for
green spaces
and community
areas



Let's work
together for
nature and
our future





INTERESTED?

We'd love to hear from you!

 clerk@woottonabingdon-pc.gov.uk

 07850 577122

 www.woottonabingdon-pc.gov.uk

No experience needed –
just a willingness to help!



Together, we can make
Wootton a better place
for people and wildlife.



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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 Berrymer 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

After some Herculean effort from your local Parish Councillors we have submitted our bid for funding toward the establishment of a community orchard on Sandleigh Road Recreation Ground! We await the outcome with bated breath.

Assuming we are successful planting could start as early as November and given the current hot weather, which seems to be an increasing feature of life, both planting and nurturing the trees will be a challenge! We'll be looking for all the help we can get (we'll supply or pay for the water).

On the subject of the weather it seems the heat will remain with us for some time. Please keep an eye out for your neighbours - the heat can have a devastating effect for some. Equally if you are enjoying yourself on Sandleigh Road Recreation Ground, please make sure you are adequately protected from the sun!

There have been a number of reports nationally about garden fires being caused by barbecues, particularly the disposable variety where the coals have not fully cooled, so please take care!

As the holiday season approaches we hope you will be able to relax and enjoy the weather. Safe travels!

Mike Page
St Helen Without Parish Council
www.sthelenwithout-pc.gov.uk

A message from St Peter's Church

It's hard to believe that I have been living and serving in Wootton as vicar for a year already. Time has flown by and it's great to be here and to get to know so many people in the village. I particularly enjoy going to the WADS cafe on a Thursday morning where I've met so many lovely welcoming people.

This past year has seen me at a variety of village events including WADS summer fest, turning the Christmas tree lights on, crowning the May Queen & King at Wootton St Peter's school, the pre-school 60th birthday fair, community lunches, and a couple of beetle drives where I discovered my rather competitive nature!

I feel I have reached a point when I finally have some idea of what I am doing - it's a giant step up from being a curate (trainee vicar) to actually being a vicar, and I've no doubt there is still much for me to learn over this next year as well.

We are well into summer now and this past couple of weeks have been exceptionally hot. I think most people find it a bit tiring at times. I do hope the sunny weather lasts though as we reach peak holiday season. I love being able to sit out in the vicarage garden in the evening reflecting on the day. And I'd like to invite you to join me in the vicarage garden on 16th August at 3.00 pm for St Peter's fundraising 'Hymns & Pimms' event. Come along and sing some of your favourite hymns whilst enjoying a nice cold glass of Pimms or sparkling elderflower.

Whatever you are doing during the summer months, I hope you are able to have a break and recharge your batteries at some point, and remember you are always very welcome to come and join us at one of our services.

With best wishes, *Maggie*

A message from St Peter's Church

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

Sunday 2nd August – Holy Communion at 10.00 am – Rev Maggie Crosbie

Wednesday 5th August – Holy Communion at 10.00 am

Sunday 9th August – Morning Praise at 10.00 am – Dr Shirley Northover

Sunday 16th August – All Age Communion at 10.00 am – Rev Maggie Crosbie

Wednesday 19th August – Holy Communion at 10.00 am

Sunday 23rd August – Holy Communion at 10.00 am – Rev Tony Rogerson

Sunday 30th August – Holy Communion at 10.00 am – Rev Maggie Crosbie

Our next Open Church is on Saturday 29th August 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

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

Summer Scouting Adventures

The summer term has been another action-packed one for young people enjoying Scouting in Dry Sandford and Wootton.

Across all of our sections, from ages 4 to 18, our members have been taking part in camps, hikes, water activities, cooking, woodland skills and loads of other outdoor adventures. They've all have the chance to develop independence, learn new skills and enjoy amazing experiences and fun with friends.

A particularly proud moment came when one of our Scouts was presented with the Chief Scout's Gold Award. This is the highest award available in the Scout section and it's the first time anyone in our Group has achieved the award since 2020, so it marks a significant milestone. Following the disruption of Covid, we effectively had to rebuild our Scout section from the ground up, so it's fantastic to see our older Scouts once again reaching this level of achievement and we are sure it's the first of many over the coming years.

All of our sections remain full and we continue to have a waiting list of local young people keen to join. What we need isn't more children, it's more adults. If you could spare a little time to volunteer, whether every week or just occasionally, you'd help us offer Scouting to even more local young people. No previous Scouting experience is needed, just enthusiasm and a willingness to get involved.

To find out more, visit <https://24thabingdonscoutgroup.com/>
or email glv@24thabingdonscoutgroup.com



Pitch Improvements Underway at Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Centre

St Edmunds Football Club will begin an exciting programme of pitch improvement works at Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Centre as soon as the weather allows. Ironically, it is rain that is needed. The first phase will focus on three pitches, which will be cordoned off for approximately 10 days while specialist maintenance is carried out. The remaining pitch will be completed later in the year.

These improvements are designed not only to enhance the quality of our playing surfaces and help ensure matches can continue throughout the winter months, but also to improve the grounds for the benefit of the whole community.

This marks the beginning of a number of projects St Edmunds FC hopes to deliver over the coming months and years to further enhance the facilities at Wootton. We look forward to sharing updates with the community as each project progresses.

A huge thank you to Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Centre for all of their support this year. Working together to improve these facilities will benefit not only St Edmunds FC, but the wider community for years to come.

We're always looking to welcome new players of all abilities to St Edmunds FC, as well as volunteers to help run the club. If you know a child who would like to give football a try, or would be interested in volunteering, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact stedmundsfc@outlook.com for more information.

Laura (Club Secretary)



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

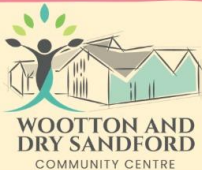
6pm - 11pm

Music and Beer Festival continues

Contact: karen@wadsc.co.uk



FREE ENTRY





A promotional poster for Wads Bar Summer Fest 2026. The design features a warm, cream-colored background with string lights at the top and green palm fronds on the sides. The main title 'WADS SUMMER FEST 2026' is prominently displayed in the center. Below the title, a list of offerings is presented with icons: 8 Real Ales (hop icon), Prosecco (flute glass icon), Wines (wine glass icon), Summer Punch! (punch bowl icon), Spritz Cocktails (cocktail glass icon), and Real Cider (apple icon). Each offering is separated by a thin horizontal line. To the left of the list is a tall glass of beer with a 'REAL ALE LOCAL BREW' label. To the right are a flute glass of sparkling wine, a glass of red wine, and a large glass of orange spritz cocktail with ice and fruit. A red apple sits at the bottom right. The date '15TH AUGUST 2026' is at the bottom in a dark blue banner. The text 'AS WELL AS FULL BAR INSIDE' is centered below the list.

WADS BAR

WADS

SUMMER FEST

2026

-  **8 REAL ALES**
ON OFFER FROM LOCAL BREWERIES
-  **PROSECCO**
-  **WINES**
-  **SUMMER PUNCH!**
-  **SPRITZ COCKTAILS**
-  **REAL CIDER**

— AS WELL AS FULL BAR INSIDE —

15TH AUGUST 2026

Wootton and
Dry Sandford
Community Centre

WADS

SUMMER FEST

2026

SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST

12:00 TO 18:00

**Activities for young and old
throughout the afternoon!**

SPLAT THE RAT



VINTAGE GAMES



TUG OF WAR



FAIRGROUND GAMES



BOUNCY CASTLES



FACE PAINTING



HAIR SPARKLES



WIPEOUT SWEEPER



Fun for Everyone!

★ COME ALONG AND JOIN THE FUN! ★



WADS

Summer Fest 2026

GRAND RAFFLE

AMAZING
PRIZES
TO BE WON!

RAFFLE
01234

Our Grand Raffle is packed with fantastic prizes generously donated by local businesses and supporters.

Thank you to everyone who has made this possible!



1st Prize –
£300 CASH
(kindly donated by
Fortress Alarms)



2nd Prize –
£200 CASH



3rd Prize –
£100 CASH



18 holes of golf for
4 at Frilford Heath GC



Family annual pass at
Blenheim Palace



Admit 1 adult, 1 child
entry at Millets Farm



2 x vouchers for
2 adults and 2 children
at Snakes and Ladders



Admit 1 adult and 1 child
at Cotswold wildlife park



Admit 1 adult and 1 child
at Crocodiles of the world



Vouchers for entry
at Ridgeway adventures



A year's season ticket
for 2 at Waterperry gardens



18 holes footgolf for 5
at Hinksey Heights GC



A £50 food voucher
at the Greyhound pub
from Shauna



A meal voucher for £40
at Pizza Express
from Mike Varnom



A 12 box set
of beers from
the Tap Social
Brewery



A bottle of
red wine
donated from
Frances Dix

Thank you
to all our
wonderful
donors!



RAFFLE DRAWN ON **SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST 2026** AT WADS SUMMER FEST

You've got to be in it to win it – thank you for your support!



WADS FEST 2026

Music throughout the afternoon and evening.

Timings	Bands/Performers	Venue
12:00 – 12:30	Music	Main Stage
12:30 – 13:30	Rock Choir	Main Stage
13:30 – 14:30	Karnage	Main Stage
14:30 – 15:30	Midnight Stax	Main Stage
15:30 – 16:30	Under the Covers	Main Stage
16:30 – 17:30	Raffle	Main Stage
17:30 – 18:30	Dr Vegas	Main Stage
18:30 – 19:30	Hazy Rock	Main Stage
19:30 – 20:30	Soul Inventions	Main Stage
20:30 – 22:30	Echo	Bar Area

Backline by Jamie of Skittle Alley.

MUSIC AT WADS FEST 2026

Hazy Rock

CLASSIC ROCK SONGS



Hazy Rock are an extremely experienced band consisting of Bryan lead guitar/ vocals, John on drums/ vocals, Barney on guitar/ vocals and Frank on bass/ vocals. We cover classic music from 60, 70 and 80s artistes including Prince, The Who, Bryan Adams, The Beatles, REM, The Stones, Pink Floyd, Oasis, Deep Purple and many more.



UNDER THE COVERS



from across the decades. All of the band members live in and around Oxford, and you may recognise Nikki and Ian, who live in Wootton.

We have been rehearsing hard at Glasshouse Studios, Cumnor and are really looking forward to performing at Wootton Summer Fest this year.

Under the Covers, Oxford is a female fronted 4-piece band, playing your favourite rock hits



SOUL INVENTIONS

The Soul Inventions play no-nonsense Motown-style soul, covering classic hits from the sixties, seventies, and beyond. Proudly retro, we promise to get you on your feet singing, dancing, and partying the night away. In addition to covers, we are also an originals band, with an album of Motown-inspired tunes "4,000 Miles from Detroit" available on all major streaming services.



Karnage is a band from Oxfordshire made up of 13 and 14-year-olds. We've been playing together since we were 11, and some of us have known each other since primary school. We play energetic punk/rock covers and love performing live. We've played at venues including Bands on the Boundary and The Northcourt Live, and we're always excited to play new gigs.



We are a lively covers band from Oxfordshire, guaranteed to get you singing and dancing on a summer's afternoon with hits across the decades.



We are a 5 piece band from Oxford, influenced by 60's Soul, Rhythm & Blues and Ska all played with a modern vibe



ECHO



Abingdon Rock Choir

WOOTTON AND DRY SANDFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE
would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous
contributions to the WADS SUMMER FEST 2026.



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
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Sharing the World Cup Experience



A last-minute decision to show England's World Cup quarter-final against Norway on the Community Centre's big screen proved to be a winning idea. With the match shown in the Main Hall, supporters gathered to cheer on the team together, creating a fantastic atmosphere that simply can't be matched at home.

Following its success, we repeated the event for the semi-final clash against Argentina, once again bringing football fans together to share the excitement.

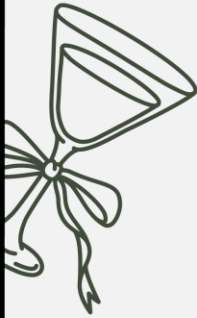
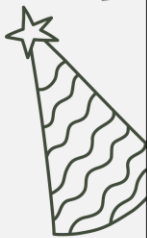
In true football tradition, our wonderful Café volunteers kept everyone well fed with burgers and hot dogs, helping to soften the disappointment of the final result. While England didn't quite get the outcome we were all hoping for, everyone agreed that watching the matches together made for a memorable occasion.

The verdict? A great success, plenty of community spirit, and definitely an idea we'll be repeating for future major sporting events!

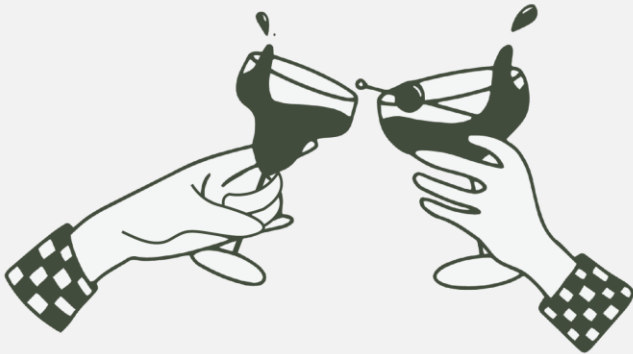
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WOOTTON WI

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

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.

For every tonne of bras collected they receive £700 to fund research with over 30 million women in the uk this type of funded research could really make a difference. So don't let your old or unwanted bras go to land fill pop them in bra bank.

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14 September 2026

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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/>

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Drayton

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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.caox.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.