



Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Newsletter

September 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 September. Please send contributions to David at davep@wadsc.co.uk no later than 15th September.

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.

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

11th September 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
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A Few Words from the Chair

August is generally a very quiet month for the Parish Council. This year has been very different with national government's announcement at the end of July of the changes to local government from 2028 which will place the parish of Wootton in the new unitary authority of Greater Oxford. As a result of the feedback from a rapidly organised Facebook poll over the weekend of 1-2 August and the views of members of the public expressed at an extraordinary meeting of the parish council held on 4 August, the clerk was asked by the Parish Council to write a letter to the Secretary of State for Housing and Local Government objecting to our inclusion in Greater Oxford. The letter is published in this month's Newsletter and on the Parish Council's website. I would urge all readers to peruse it carefully. If parishioners disagree with its contents or have further suggestions as to how we might strengthen our case, the Clerk would be pleased to hear from them by email or in person during her office hours. We do not expect the government's decision to be changed, but we are hoping to receive assurance that our traditional use of Abingdon's services for education, health and leisure will not be severed from 2028, despite our local town being in a different unitary authority.

On a cheerier note, parishioners cannot have failed to miss that the new Hickory's restaurant is now open and attracting a lot of custom. The management is keen that the restaurant should be an integral part of the village, so if parishioners have any thoughts about how Hickory's could play a wider role in the community, do tell the Clerk and she will pass them across.

Next, two dates for your September diary. On Sunday 27 September between 3 and 4 pm the village will be holding its annual autumnal litter pick. Please come along if you are free and help tidy up the litter hotspots after this dry summer. Then, on Monday 28 September Oxford's congestion charge will be replaced by the traffic filter trial, which means no car in future can pass through the barriers without a permit: it will no longer be possible to pay a daily £5 charge. Wootton residents who already hold a permit will have it automatically updated and they should have had an email to this effect.

Finally, my thanks on behalf of the Parish Council to the organisers of WADSfest on 15 August. It really was an occasion for the whole family. It was good to see so many children there enjoying themselves.

Laurence Brockliss

An update from the Clerk's desk:

The big event in August was WADSfest with the Parish Council sponsoring the Last Man Standing inflatable. Huge thanks to everyone who came and took part and provided ideas as to how to improve the village's provision for young people. The ideas were wide and varied and will be discussed and considered ahead of the budget for the next financial year being put together in October.

Further to the drain inspections completed in July, Oxfordshire County Council have recently completed drainage work at the entrance to Wootton Village with further work planned further up in the village outside Middle Farm/the Cricket Club later in the year. They also have work planned on the A420 junction with Besselsleigh Road which is scheduled to start on 23 November. The Parish Council has work scheduled to be done on the ditch in Wootton Village late October/early November.

Please note that the **Wootton Village car park opposite the church will be closed for re-surfacing 29th September – 3rd October inclusive**. We will finally be banishing the potholes!

A reminder as we head into the wetter months that **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.



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 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, an amended date for your diary: **the community litter pick will now take place on Sunday 20th 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!

Nichola

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

Every
small action
makes a big
difference 

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. 

VILLAGE LITTER PICK – SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER
3pm to 4 pm

An update from the Clerk's desk:

Following the decision from the government to include Wootton within the Greater Oxford Council as part of the Local Government Restructure and feedback from local residents, the Parish Council wrote to the Secretary of State, the Shadow Secretary of State and our MP Layla Moran to ask for support in reconsidering Wootton's position. The longer letter sent by the Parish Council and partially printed in the Oxford Times is available on the Wootton Parish Council website or a printed copy can be accessed via request to Cllr Dave Parker or the Clerk (clerk@woottonabingdon-pc.gov.uk).

The letter sent by Layla Moran to the Secretary of State can be seen below:

The Rt Hon Angela Rayner MP
Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
Fry Building
2 Marsham Street
London
SW1P 4DF

Our Ref: FN/LM74293
17 August 2026

Dear Angela,

I am writing on behalf of the residents of Wootton (Abingdon) and the Parish Council regarding the decision to include the parish within the proposed Greater Oxford unitary authority.

I appreciate that the Government has made a decision on the overall structure of local government in Oxfordshire, but I would urge you to reconsider the specific position of Wootton (Abingdon) before the final arrangements are implemented.

The strength of local feeling on this issue is significant. Following the announcement, the Parish Council held an extraordinary meeting and residents participated in a local poll in which 95.7% of respondents opposed inclusion in Greater Oxford and favoured joining the proposed Ridgeway authority instead.

The concerns raised with me centre on four key issues.

First, residents believe the proposal divides a single community. Wootton and Dry Sandford have developed into one interconnected residential area, sharing

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schools, community facilities, clubs, shops and social networks. Yet the proposed boundary would place different parts of this community under different unitary authorities. Residents tell me they shop together, they use the same community facilities and that it makes no sense to divide this community.

Second, residents feel the decision overlooks the parish's close ties to Abingdon. For many local people, Abingdon is the natural centre of daily life. It is where they access healthcare, schools, leisure facilities, professional services and local amenities. To distinguish from the many other Woottons, the parish is known as Wootton (Abingdon) to reflect this historic and ongoing connection to Abingdon.

Residents are concerned that the proposed arrangements do not reflect how people actually live, travel and access services.

Third, there are concerns about the impact on future housing delivery. The Dalton Barracks Garden Village development is one of Oxfordshire's most important housing projects, providing around 5,000 new homes. Local representatives have worked constructively to support this development through a joint neighbourhood planning framework. There is understandable concern that dividing the area between two unitary authorities could create additional complexity for planning, infrastructure delivery and transport mitigation, potentially making progress more difficult rather than easier. Finally, residents are worried about the future protection of the Green Belt and the nationally significant landscape around Boars Hill. This area is an important part of Oxfordshire's natural, cultural and literary heritage and is deeply valued by the local community.

Taken together, these concerns suggest that the current boundary proposal may not properly reflect community identity, existing service patterns, strategic housing delivery or the protection of valued landscapes.

I would therefore be grateful if you would review whether Wootton (Abingdon) would be more appropriately placed within the proposed Ridgeway authority.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to your response.

Best wishes,

Layla Moran



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**

As I was writing this article for the September Newsletter I received notification from the promoter of the Firework Festival (Xplosive events) and the Ministry of Defence that the decision had been taken to postpone the event due to be held on 29th August until next year. Given the wildfires currently rampaging across the country such a decision was, in my view, inevitable - nevertheless it was encouraging to see the MoD and Xplosive events, heeding the advice of Oxfordshire Fire Service, take the initiative on the grounds of public safety.

Given my background in the emergency services I am only too conscious of the overwhelming demands placed upon them by crises such as we currently face and the responsibility placed upon us as citizens to act responsibly and remain vigilant. Fortunately, our contractors have cut verges throughout the parish thus minimising the potential for grass fires spreading and our farmers have harvested the majority of crops early. If you spot something that you think might pose a risk then please report it - if you are unsure about who to contact then please email our Clerk who will ensure the problem is brought to the attention of the right people.

We are fortunate that we live in a relatively 'low crime' area. That said I am aware that one unfortunate consequence of heatwaves is that people tend to open windows and doors that would otherwise remain firmly closed! Sadly this can present opportunities which thieves find difficult to ignore, so before you leave your house please run through this checklist

- are all accessible windows closed?
- are all outbuildings windows and doors locked?
- are all gates giving access to your property secure?
- if leaving pets in the house do they have adequate ventilation?

Despite all of the above - it's nice to see the sun shining! Enjoy!

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



LGR

The decision to adopt the proposal for Greater Oxford is of great concern. Wootton is being split down the middle. Half of the village is being swallowed into a Greater Oxford authority without the consent of local people. Decisions will be taken by a council dominated by the city, and the green belt will be eroded. I fought this decision every step of the way with ministers, and am disappointed that local voices have not been listened to. I will continue to work with the Parish council on local concerns particularly on the impact on local

services and planning.

Social Care

Many people from Wootton have written in over the years about the failure of the national government to get to grips with Social Care. In my role as Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee, I have repeatedly pushed the Government to bring forward action to tackle Social Care. Our report into the cost of inaction highlighted the social, moral and economic impacts of doing nothing to fix this issue. There is currently a horrible lottery where 1 in 7 of us will pay more than £100,000 on the cost of our adult social care. So, I welcome Andy Burnham's moves to bring forward reporting from the Casey Commission and restart cross party talks. This could be a major renegotiation of the social contract, and I encourage you to have your say on the future of social care and share your ideas here: caseycommission.co.uk/bigconversation

Oxford Maternity

It was a privilege be invited to join the expert reference group for the National Maternity and Neonatal taskforce. Given the work of the Health Committee, I agreed to join the group to lend my perspective on how we can achieve whole system change. We've had multiple national and regional reviews in recent years which have highlighted many of the same systemic issues.

Oxford University Hospitals still has much to do to improve their services. I called for OUH to be included in the Amos review so that the women at the heart of these issues could be heard. The pace of change is not good enough and families need to see changes happening now on the wards and in the way they are treated when they raise concerns. The plan must work this time.

A message from St Peter's Church

What an incredible summer it's been. We know that many records have been broken these past few weeks for high temperatures & severe drought. I'm sure that many of you, like me, will be very relieved when the temperatures drop and the rain finally comes.

The impact of this long hot dry summer can be seen not only in our parched gardens, but the fields surrounding our village and in the trees which have already started to shed their golden leaves. Autumn is my favourite season, but not this early in the year.

We have also seen scenes of awful devastation, both abroad and in this country as wildfires have spread out of control, destroying homes and land for miles. It's frightening to see how quickly they can spread.

At times like these, it is perhaps natural to feel a little anxious about the world around us. Yet, even in the midst of uncertainty, our faith reminds us that we are not alone. I am reminded of the words of Psalm 23, The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. The words from this Psalm can bring comfort & reassurance when we feel the world is out of control

As we look forward to cooler days and the much-needed rain, perhaps we can take a moment to be thankful for the simple blessings that surround us: our homes, our families and friends, the beauty of creation, and the community we share. May the rain, when it finally comes, be a reminder to us of God's love, provision and renewal. Wishing you all a peaceful and refreshing end to the summer and I hope to see many of you at the vicarage garden party / autumn fair on September 5th. You are all very welcome.

With warm wishes,

Maggie

A message from St Peter's Church

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

Wednesday 2nd September – Holy Communion at 10.00 am

Sunday 6th September – Holy Communion at 10.00 am – Rev Maggie Crosbie

Sunday 13th September – Morning Praise at 10.00 am – Mike Varnom

Sunday 13th September – Compline at 7.00 pm – Mike Varnom

Wednesday 16th September – Holy Communion at 10.00 am

Sunday 20th September – All Age Communion at 10.00 am – Rev Stephen Coe

Sunday 27th September - Holy Communion at 10.00 am – Rev Tony Rogerson

Our next Open Church is on Saturday 26th September 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



In our vicar Maggie's garden enjoying Pimm's & hymns. It was a fantastic afternoon of singing, drinking and meeting like-minded people.



Our monthly open church at meeting St Peters. Hot drinks and bacon rolls and a nice chat was enjoyed by everyone.

ST
PETER'S CHURCH

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FAYRE

in
VICARAGE GARDEN

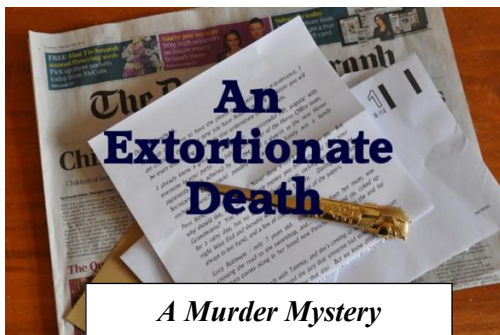
Saturday 5th September 2.00 pm to
4.00pm

RAFFLE	TOMBOLA
BOTTLE BOLA	REFRESHMENTS
GARDEN GAMES	<i>and more!</i>

FREE ENTRY



The Wootton Players
Present
A murder mystery afternoon
Come along and help to solve the mystery of who killed Jack Hammer.



A Murder Mystery
By
Ian McCutcheon

Sunday 11th October, 2pm
At
Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Centre
Tickets £10 / £8 concession
Including afternoon tea

Contact Janet for tickets: janet.scott@wootton-players.org.uk
Also available at WADSCG Thursday café or on the door.

WADS SUMMER FEST 2026

The Best So Far!



That was the feedback we received from many of you following the event on Saturday 15th August – and we couldn't agree more!

The success of the day would not have been possible without the support of the many businesses and organisations in and around the village, the large number of volunteers who helped to set up, run and clear away the event, and, of course, the marvellous weather we were treated to.

Our special thanks go to all of our sponsors, whose generous support made it possible for us to bring together an amazing group of musicians who entertained us throughout the day and into the evening. The size of the audience throughout the event was testament to the incredible talent on show.

It was fantastic to see so many people enjoying the music, food, stalls, activities and wonderful atmosphere. The Summer Fest continues to grow each year, and this year's event was a tremendous success for the whole community.

Thank you to everyone who supported, attended and helped make WADS Summer Fest 2026 such a memorable day.



A big thank you to our music sponsors:



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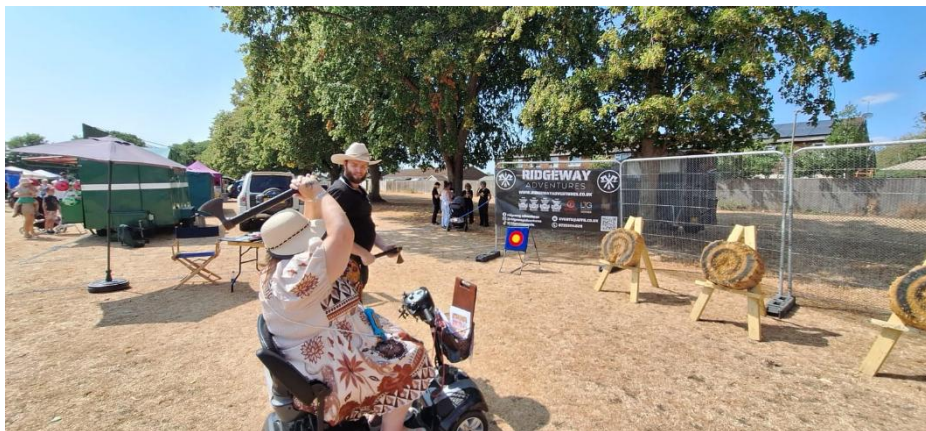
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Waterperry Gardens	Snakes and Ladders
Hinksey Heights Golf Club	Cotswold Wildlife Park
Greyhound Pub	Crocodiles of the World
Pizza Express	Ridgeway Adventures
Frilford Heath Golf Club	The Flower Workshop - Wootton
Blenheim Palace	Lazer Combat
Milletts Farm	Partyman World of Play
Autocheck - Wootton	Tap Special





Introducing the Boars Hill Garden Club

The Boars Hill Garden Club meets at WADSCC every third Wednesday evening during the Autumn and Winter months from October through to March, when it offers a wide range of talks that appeal to folk with an interest in gardens, gardening and related topics. The club is open to anyone with similar interests. Membership of the club allows free entry to the talks, the ability to join in private group visits to notable gardens throughout Spring and Summer months, and worthwhile discounts at a number of local garden centres or nurseries. We also run a plant sale in Spring which both funds our speakers and also enables us to support a local garden-related charity. Membership is currently £10 per year, although guests are welcome to join us for the talks for the princely sum of £2 a time. Why not come and see, we are a friendly bunch!

Our upcoming programme of talks includes:

- Wednesday 21st October 2026, 7.45 for 8pm - Catriona Bass: 'The Thames Valley Wildflower Meadow Restoration Project'.
- Wednesday 18th November 2026, 7.45 for 8pm - Katharine Woods, the Teatime Gardener: 'Plants for Woodland Gardens'.
- Wednesday 16th December 2026, 7.45 for 8pm - Jill Raggett: 'The Influence of Women in Japanese Gardens'.

Fantastic News from Jumble Sales Extra!

We are delighted to announce that our July Jumble Sales Extra raised an amazing £1,108 for ShelterBox. Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered, supported, and attended – your generosity makes a real difference. 🧡

📅 Our next Jumble Sales Extra will be held on **21 November 2026**, with all profits going towards helping those affected by Alzheimer's.

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☕ Before then, please join us for our **Macmillan Cancer Support Charity Coffee Morning**: Cumnor Village Hall, Leys Road, Cumnor, Oxford, OX2 9QF

📅 **Thursday 10 September** ⌚ 10:00am – 12:00 noon 🎟 Raffle with great prizes  
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For further information, please contact Avryl on 01865 327819.

Thank you as always for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

With our best wishes and grateful thanks,

The Jumble Sales Extra Team

Avryl, Sue, Sue and Frieda

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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.

Laurinda Hornblow

WOOTTON WI

Wednesday 16th September is the date of the next meeting of Wootton District WI in the Community Centre at 7.30pm. The speaker for this month is Tim Grier and his talk is entitled "De-mystifying the Masons". Our usual raffle will take place and tea and coffee served. Our programme is displayed in the Community Centre. Sometimes the printed programme does change due to circumstances not always in our control. You are always welcome to come and "try" a meeting. Hopefully you will like us. WADS Summer Fest was a great success and our bottle stall proved very popular. We look forward to the Summer Fest next year.

Judith



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14 September 2026

On Monday 14 September 2026 the traffic filters trial will start.

- From this date, the £5 congestion charge will no longer apply.
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If you don't have a permit for your car, you will need to use a different route.



Find out more about our traffic filters trial
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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/>

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.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.

