



Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Newsletter

October 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.

Please send contributions to David at davep@wadsc.co.uk no later than 15th October for the November issue.

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.

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

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

Dates for 2026 are:

Friday 6th November 2026

Friday 4th December 2026

**7.00 p.m. for a 7.30 p.m. start
£3 per person**

**Maximum of 4 people per
team**

**Bring your team to test their
knowledge and enjoy a
great night out.**

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@wadsgcc.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
Cllr Philippa Henry	Councillor
VACANCY	Councillor

A Few Words from the Chair

As a dry summer is replaced by an early autumn, it is good to see the village turning green again and the fields being made ready for sowing. Let us hope that 2027 will be a better year for Oxfordshire's farmers than 2026.

Let us hope too that we will know by the New Year which new unitary council Wootton will be part of. As most of you will know, Angela Raynor, the new Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, has suspended the decision to divide Oxfordshire into three, announced in July. Apparently, she wishes to make sure that the Oxfordshire plan (along with the planned changes for fourteen other areas) meets the Burnham Government's commitment to rewiring the state and has ordered a review. What this will mean in the long term is anybody's guess, but we are promised a fresh decision in weeks rather than months. All that we know for certain is that the district elections for the Vale of the White Horse Council will now go ahead in May 2027 and that the Vale's own local plan up to 2041 continues to be looked at by the appointed government inspector. The Clerk and the Chair met with our local MP, Layla Moran, on 26 August, and she promised to promote our objections to being included in Greater Oxford as much as she could.

We also need to wait until 10 November to know whether the Botley West solar farm will go ahead. By then it is likely that a proposal for another huge solar farm on our doorstep will have been submitted to central government. Cearn Solar Farm Ltd are drawing up a plan to put solar panels on 2,800 acres to the east of Charney Bassett and to the north of West Hanney. These two farms, if accepted, will mean that together with the planned Thames Water reservoir, the landscape in our immediate area will be totally transformed, regardless of any further housing development.

On that score, I have nothing to share on the Dalton Barracks development, a crucial part of the Vale of the White Horse Local Plan. The stakeholders meeting due earlier this month was cancelled. With so much development mooted or already in the pipeline, the need for Wootton to have some control over what happens within our own community is a paramount concern of the Parish Council. For that reason, we are already beginning to talk with St Helen Without about making a new Joint Neighbourhood Plan which will run from 2031 to 2041. I will keep you updated on this in the coming months.

Laurence Brockliss

An update from the Clerk's desk:

As you read this, work to re-surface the Wootton Village car park opposite the church will be well under way – just a reminder that the car park will be closed up to and including 3rd October.

Further to the drain inspections completed in July, Oxfordshire County Council are chasing their contractor to get a confirmed date for the additional drainage work required outside Middle Farm and the Cricket Club. Unfortunately, it does now look like that work will take place early next year rather than in this year as originally communicated – apologies for the delay. The better news is that the work planned to stop the flooding on the A420 junction with Besselsleigh Road is now confirmed for 23rd November (<https://one.network>). The left-hand turn spur will be closed for the five days of the work taking place with the diversion being to use the right-hand turn spur for both directions. Finally, the ecological survey of the Wootton Village ditch (required before clearance can take place) is scheduled for 21st October.

The Christmas lights were removed from the tree over Summer to enable Hickorys to complete some work on it. Now that work is complete (and the tree looks so much better for it!) the lights will be restored to the tree in October/early November ready to be lit for Christmas.

Speeding is something that parishioners regularly contact us about. The Council has bought a new speeding camera to replace the one on Besselsleigh Road and will be sending the cameras on Henwood & Whitecross away to be upgraded. Please don't worry that they've been removed permanently! The upgrades will enable the Council to analyse the speeding data with the intent of pushing Oxfordshire County Council into implementing more speed reduction measures.

Finally, October is the month when the Council starts reviewing its budget for the financial year 26/27. If you have ideas for this budget review, please don't hesitate to let either myself (clerk@woottonabingdon-pc.gov.uk) or one of the councillors know.

Nichola

THE HERITAGE BAKERY

The Heritage Bakery is popping up at Wootton Science Park

The Heritage Bakery is an independent Oxfordshire bakery dedicated to making proper artisan bread and baked goods. From our bakery in Wantage, our bakers produce sourdough, artisan loaves, pastries, focaccia and sweet treats, using carefully selected ingredients and sourcing locally wherever possible. Our sourdough is given the time it needs to develop naturally, with a focus on flavour, quality, and good, honest baking.

Alongside supplying independent cafés, restaurants and businesses across the region, we bring our bakes directly to local communities through markets and pop ups. It's an important part of who we are, giving us the opportunity to meet our customers, share what we make and keep great bread local.

This October, we're delighted to be coming to Wootton Science Park, home to a growing community of science, technology and innovation businesses just outside Oxford. **Come and find The Heritage Bakery in the Park's new Origin building on Tuesday 20 October from 10:00am to 2:00pm**, meet the team and enjoy something baked right here in Oxfordshire.



Set within parkland, Wootton Science Park is growing too, with new laboratory and workspace being delivered alongside new amenities for the people and businesses based there. We are looking forward to meeting everyone!



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.

All are welcome to attend the meetings.



St Helen Without Parish Council Working for You

Dear All,

After some welcome rain, the grass in the recreation ground and vegetation on the verges around the Parish is slowly recovering. We have a biodiversity policy and will be looking at how we can best manage the balance between a tidy appearance and the protection of rich and varied natural growth throughout the Parish. The work we have carried out in relation to the siting of the proposed Community Orchard in the Sandleigh Road Recreation Ground has revealed a surprising variety of, in some cases very rare, flowers and fauna which we are anxious to protect.

We are working on plans for the Orchard which will probably see a phased implementation with around 20 or so trees being planted this year with others being added in coming years. This will enable us to meet more easily the demands of maintaining the trees as they become established. I'd like to thank all of you who have expressed a willingness to help with watering and general care which enables us to move forward with confidence. We will be approaching local schools, clubs and associations to explore the options for their involvement as well.

We will shortly be meeting with the organiser of the firework event due to take place on the airfield on Saturday 14th November. As many will remember last year the tighter traffic controls around the airfield pushed congestion out into surrounding area, including the A34. Arrangements for this year will have to be approved by the Oxford Safety Advisory Group, at which the Parish is represented by myself and the Vice Chair, Sarah Rusby. We will keep you posted on developments.

As always, if you have any concerns on any issue you think the Parish Council can help with please contact our Clerk, Laurie Jane Cann at clerk@sthelenwithout-pc.gov.uk

As ever,

Michael PAGE

Chair

A message from St Peter's Church

Well, what a summer it has been, and as I am writing this letter mid-September we are still blessed with some warm and sunny days. Thankfully though, we have had some rain and the scorched gardens, fields & hedgerows are beginning to come back to life.

Here in the vicarage garden, we enjoyed a fabulous fete & garden party, and it was so lovely to see so many people from the village come along. We raised some well-needed funds, particularly through the sale of our raffle tickets and I would like to say a huge thank you to our local businesses who generously provided some fabulous raffle prizes.

As the days noticeably shorten now, our thoughts begin to turn towards autumn. We will be celebrating Harvest in St Peter's Church on Sunday 4th October, to which you are all warmly invited to attend.

We are excited to be launching our new 'Tiddlers' group this month. Tiddlers will be held on the first Friday in the month in the church from 2pm-2.45pm and is open to children aged 0-3 and their parents, grandparents & carers. Do please contact me for more information. A warm welcome awaits you.

Finally, we are changing the time of our Sunday services this month. From the 4th October services will now start at 09.30am. You are all very welcome to attend and can be sure of a warm welcome.

With best wishes, Maggie



A message from St Peter's Church

We would be delighted to welcome you to any of our services during October.

Sunday 4th October – Holy Communion at 9.30 am, as we celebrate Harvest – Rev Maggie Crosbie

Wednesday 7th October – Holy Communion at 10.00 am

Sunday 11th October – Morning Prayer and Praise at 9.30 am – Rev Maggie Crosbie

Sunday 11th October – Compline at 7.00 pm

Sunday 18th October – All Age Communion at 10.30 am – Revd Maggie Crosbie

Wednesday 21st October – Holy Communion at 10.00 am

Sunday 28th October – Holy Communion at 9.30 am – Rev Tony Rogerson

Our next Open Church is on Saturday 31st October 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

St Peter's Church **Tiddlers**



For children aged 0-3 & their
parents, grandparents & carers



1st Friday of the month,
starting 2nd October,
from 2pm - 2.45pm
at St Peter's Church



Join us for fun, songs,
stories, toys and tea & cake



For more info email:
revmaggiecrosbie@gmail.com





Local Government Reorganisation

I join with many in Wootton in breathing a huge sigh of relief as plans to divide the village between Greater Oxford and the Ridgeway are paused. I believed this would be hugely disruptive to council services and lobbied Government Ministers hard on this, including a letter calling for a rethink of the particularly absurd proposal for Wootton. I am furious though at the incompetence demonstrated throughout this whole process. Tens of millions of pounds of taxpayers' money have been squandered, as well as countless hours of council staff time, which could and should have been spent on better services locally.

Palestine

The government has finally stated publicly that the occupation of the West Bank is illegal and has taken action to impose sanctions on illegal Israeli settlements including the E1 settlement. I must admit to becoming quite emotional when the announcement was made. This is something I have always called for, bringing a Private Members Bill on the subject earlier this year. I must give credit to Ed Miliband and the Government for taking this step, and in Parliament made the offer to work with him cross-party on this issue, to do all we can to ensure the future of a Palestinian State.

Assisted Dying

My inbox once again lit up as Assisted Dying returned to Parliament. There were many powerful and compelling experiences from residents on both sides of the argument. While I voted for the bill, I fully agree with concerns raised about the state of the palliative care system in this country. The Health Committee will continue to make recommendations to the Government on how to sort out the issues we all recognise with the service; fragmented care, a postcode lottery, widespread workforce shortages and systemic inequalities, so that everyone has the opportunity of a peaceful, pain-free death. I remain supportive of the principle of choice at the end of life and I've no doubt this issue will return in the future.

CAMHS Service

Some of the most heartbreaking cases that residents bring to me relate to Children's mental health and the clearly broken system that many families are trying to navigate. The Health Committee is continuing its inquiry with a deep dive into CAMHS. But it is clear from the evidence we are hearing from experts and those with lived experience that waiting time targets are not the whole answer. There also needs to be better integration and support across services, rather what many experience of bouncing around between health services, school, social care and voluntary organisations.



Wootton St. Peters C of E Primary School

Our children become the rocks upon which a better world can be built.

We are all very excited about being back at school and are very much looking forward to another successful year here at Wootton. This month we will be taking part in the Music Flood in conjunction with Radley College, this annual event is very much loved by our children, and we are very excited to be taking part again.

We are very lucky to be part of such a strong community, benefiting from the dedication of a group of volunteers who love coming to school to support the children. Please read the following from Kate Lovejoy, one of our Foundation Governors and Reading Counsellors, and if you feel inspired to join the volunteer team please get in touch:

“People often ask why I volunteer in a primary school. My answer is simple – every visit is rewarding and I leave with a smile. I started volunteering at Wootton St Peter’s to give something back to my local community, but soon I realised I was gaining just as much as I was giving. One of my favourite roles is listening to the children read. Watching their confidence grow as they develop new skills is incredibly rewarding, and sometimes all they need is someone to encourage them and celebrate their progress.

The classrooms are full of energy, imagination and curiosity. Every day brings unexpected questions, funny conversations, and moments that remind me how children see the world with such honesty and wonder. The experience has also given me enormous respect for the teachers and school staff. Their dedication is inspiring and I feel privileged to play a small part in supporting the work that they do every day.

Volunteering has become one of the most rewarding things I have ever done. I may have started with the hope of making a difference to children, but I’ve discovered that the experience has enriched my own life just as much.”

Kate Lovejoy



Dry Sandford Primary School

We have been so excited to welcome the children back into school after a long and very warm summer holiday. It has been wonderful to see familiar faces and to get to know our new families whose children have joined us this year. This year we have changed our curriculum to ensure better progression across the school and to co-ordinate our topics. We are all working with one big question in mind each term. This term's big question is "Who am I and where did I come from?" There is a history focus across the school, from Owlets to Eagle Owls.

In Owlets (Reception), the children are settling in beautifully, learning school routines and making friends. They are learning 'All About Me' this term, using lots of books and stories to support their learning. In Barn Owls (Year 1 and 2) the children are looking at history in living memory, including the history of toys. They are using the beautiful book *Dogger*, to support their learning. In Snowy Owls (Year 3 and 4) the children are learning about the Stone Age through to the Iron Age. They are looking at books such as *How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth* and *Stone Age Boy*, as well as making their own woolly mammoths! In Eagle Owls (Year 5 and 6) the children will be learning all about life in Ancient Egypt. They will decide whether they would have liked to be a noble, a farmer or even a pharaoh! They will be mummifying our teddies and some tomatoes as part of our exciting topic work. In addition, they are very excited to be taking part in the Royal Air Force's Road to RIAT engineering competition for the second year running.

While we are thoroughly enjoying the start of a new school year, we are already looking ahead to next year. If you like the sound of our topics, think this could be the ideal place for your child to thrive and would like to see our school in action, we would love to welcome you to join one of our school tours.

The dates are:

Tuesday 6th October at 9.45

Friday 16th October at 9.45

Wednesday 12th November at 9.45am and 5.30pm

To book a place, please email us office.2565@dry-sandford.oxon.sch.uk or by telephone on 01865 730432

DRY SANDFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lashford Lane, Dry Sandford, Abingdon, OXON. OX13 6EE



SCHOOL TOURS

for parents and carers of prospective new pupils

**Headteacher welcome followed
by a tour of the school**

TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER - 9.45am

FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER - 9.45am

THURSDAY 12th NOVEMBER - 9.45am

THURSDAY 12th NOVEMBER - 5.30pm

To register interest, call 01865 730432 or email
office.2565@dry-sandford.oxon.sch.uk





A new Scouting year is underway at 24th Abingdon (Dry Sandford), with more than 130 young people across our Squirrel, Beaver, Cub and Scout sections getting ready for another busy term.

Our Squirrels will be making the most of our woodland site while working towards their Acorn Award. Beavers have hiking, fire lighting, campfires, digital skills and community projects ahead, while our Cubs are joining nearly 200 Cubs from across the district for a special camp celebrating 110 years of Cub Scouting. Our Scouts will be putting their skills to the test at the County Patrol Camping Weekend.

Then in December we'll bring the whole Group together for a Christmas Camp at Youlbury, with a weekend of activities and festive fun for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and our Squirrels joining us for the day.

With the Group thriving, we always need more volunteers.

As well as people who would like to work with our young people, we particularly need Trustees and people who could help with maintaining our site and buildings or support our fundraising. You don't need any previous Scouting experience, and there are lots of ways to get involved.

Find out more about volunteering or joining our waiting list at <https://24thabingdonscoutgroup.com/>





Our sections are very popular and unfortunately we can't guarantee places to everyone on our waiting lists. For younger children, it's worth joining the Squirrel waiting list early, as Squirrels is now our feeder section and existing members have priority as they move through the Group. Children of adults who volunteer with us are also given priority.

Squirrels (aged 4-6) meet Monday 4.30 pm - 5.30 pm

Beavers (aged 6-8) meet Monday 5.45 pm - 7 pm

Cubs (aged 8-10.5) meet Tuesday 6 pm - 7.30 pm

Scouts (aged 10.5-14) meet Wednesday 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

Explorers (aged 14-17) meet Thursday 7.45 pm - 9.30 pm

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

Wootton WI

Our September speaker Tim Grier's talk on de-mystifying the Masons proved to be interesting and enlightening. The friendship and charity work undertaken by the Masons was something to be greatly admired. Our usual raffle took place and tea and coffee were served.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 14th October and the speaker will be Peter Hague. His talk is entitled 'Cliveden - Power, Politics & Scandal' (a change from the advertised programme).

Please note that the meeting is on the second Wednesday of the month and not the usual third Wednesday. This is due to the room WI use being unavailable on the 21st October. Do join us, as I am sure Peter's talk will be of great interest.

Judith

Against Breast Cancer Charity

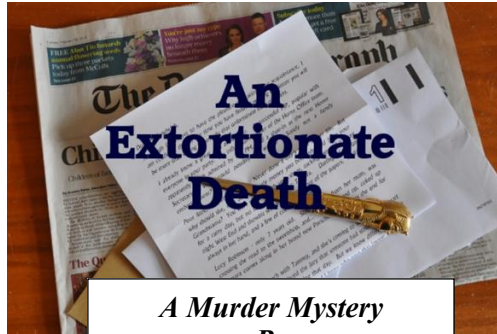


We now have a bra bank in the foyer of the community centre. Any unwanted bras of any style, condition or size can be donated into the bra bank and when it's full we will arrange for the bras to go to the charity Against Breast Cancer.

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 the bra bank!

Laurinda Hornblow

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 WADSCC Thursday café or on the door.

🔊 JUMBLE SALES EXTRA 🔊

📅 Saturday 21 November 2026 ⌚ 2:00pm - 4:00pm

📍 Cumnor Village Hall, Leys Road, Cumnor, Oxford, OX2 9QF

Join us for our next Jumble Sales Extra, raising funds for ShelterBox to support survivors in the region of the Nepal-Tibet flash flood.

🎟 Entry: 50p

🛒 Find fantastic bargains while supporting a wonderful cause.

🎁 Lovely raffle prizes to be won!

☕ Light lunches, tea, coffee and homemade cakes available.

📺 Jumble Donations Welcome Please bring your donations to the hall: •
Friday 20 November: 2:00pm - 6:00pm • Saturday 21 November: up to 12
noon

⚠ Please note: No TVs or large furniture accepted.

♥ We look forward to welcoming you for an afternoon of bargain hunting, refreshments and community spirit!

📅 Save the Dates for 2027

Our planned Jumble Sales Extra dates for 2027 are:

• 23 January 2027 • 24 April 2027 • 21 August 2027 • 20 November 2027

🌸 And don't forget our annual Macmillan Fundraiser on 9 September 2027!

Every donation, purchase, raffle ticket and entry fee helps us support important charitable causes both locally and internationally.

🙏 A huge thank you to everyone who donates items, volunteers their time, buys raffle tickets and supports our events. Your generosity makes these fundraisers possible and helps us support people in need around the world.

Fantastic News from Jumble Sales Extra!

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our Jumble Sale Extra's Macmillan Coffee Morning. Together, we raised a wonderful £327!

Thank you to everyone who helped organise and run the event, and to all those who supported us by buying cakes and coffee. Your generosity and support helped make the morning such a success.

This year marked our sixth Macmillan Coffee Morning, and we are incredibly grateful for the continued support we receive year after year. Your kindness and generosity make these events possible and help us raise valuable funds for such a worthwhile cause.

We hope you all had a super time and thank you once again for helping us support Macmillan.



Introducing the Boars Hill Garden Club

The Boars Hill Garden Club meets at WADSCC every third Wednesday evening from October through to March, offering 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 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'.

Wootton Litter Pick

Sunday 20th September was a lovely sunny afternoon for the fantastic group of volunteers who gave up some of their free time to pick up litter around Wootton to help improve the look of our village. Bags, hoops, pickers, gloves and high viz jackets were all put to good use with differing routes chosen. A few people stopped us and asked if this was an organised litter pick and said they would be



happy to join in the next one. Not only did we pick up the usual rubbish of bottles, cans, paper wrapping and plastic boxes but also a car exhaust and burnt traffic cone! We filled appropriately 8 black bin bags as you can see.

A huge thank you to everyone who came along, and to those who litter pick on a regular basis. It was good to see so many people

getting involved and helping to keep the village clean and tidy.

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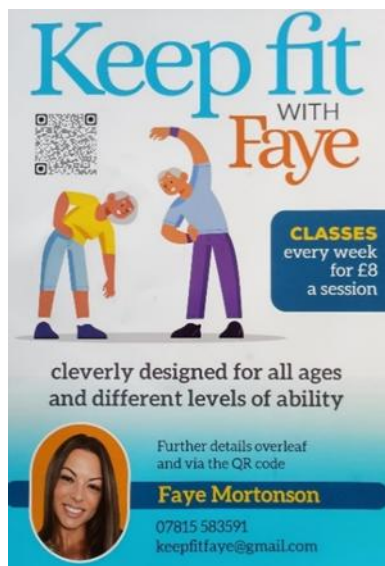
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18 September 2026

Drive a car in Oxford?

On Monday 28 September 2026 the traffic filters trial will start.

- From this date, the £5 congestion charge will no longer apply.
- Cars with permits and all other vehicles will be able to travel through the traffic filters.

If you don't have a permit for your car, you will need to use a different route.



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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/>

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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

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