

Blewbury Bulletin

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BLEWBURY SCHOOL APPOINTS A NEW ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER

Blewbury Primary School are thrilled to announce the appointment of Sam Coleman as the new Assistant Head Teacher and SENCO (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) due to start in September 2023. Mr Coleman will bring his expertise and passion for education to our school community, working closely with staff and pupils to provide the best possible educational experience.

In his role as the most senior member of staff after the Head Teacher. Mr Coleman will be responsible for curriculum development and will work with Miss Reeder to support teaching and learning across the school. As SENCO, he will have dedicated time to help identify and support pupils who may need additional support and facilitate the 'assess, plan, do, review' cycle that takes place with teachers throughout the year. He will also be the main contact to liaise with a range of professionals. We are confident that with his wealth of experience in the education sector, having previously worked as a teacher and English Lead in two primary schools and currently as a SENCO at a secondary school in Oxford, Mr Coleman's fresh ideas and perspectives will benefit our school community and enable us to provide an even richer and more exciting curriculum to our pupils.

Outside of school, he enjoys spending time in nature, visiting bookshops and the theatre. He currently lives in Abingdon with his wife, daughter, and two very boisterous kittens.

We look forward to welcoming Mr Coleman to Blewbury Primary School, and we invite you to join us in congratulating him on his appointment. He will be a fantastic addition to our team and contribute to our shared vision of providing high-quality education and support to all our pupils.



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If you're not sure of your bin collection schedule in future, you should either go to the Waste Collection Calendar page on the Vale's website (<https://bit.ly/42KEZNS>) and enter your postcode, or call Biffa on 03000 610610.

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Performances **30 November – 2 December**

Please e-mail blewburyplayers@gmail.com or visit www.blewburyplayers.co.uk for details on any of the above.

BLEWBURY POST OFFICE NEWS

It's all changing at Blewbury Post Office! I'm retiring sometime in June, and Steve Pickard will be taking over, assisted by Sarah. The office hours will be changing to fit in with family commitments, so from 1st June, our new hours will be Mondays to Fridays 9am to 3pm. We're waiting to hear what time the last mail collection is.

There are some great Blackadder stamps on sale now. Don't forget that you can get cash out with no fees at our counter, and pay in cash and cheques to almost every bank account.

We will be closed for the late May bank holiday on Monday 29th.

Thank you for all your love and support over the last 20 years, we are extremely lucky to still have a village post office, and that's because of the support of Blewbury Parish Council and the Blewbury Village Hall committee, who enable the post office to provide such an important and essential service. *Love from Karen, Maggie and Andrew*

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BLEWBURY BEACH RUN

We are pleased to announce the inaugural Blewbury Fun run, or for this year.....The Blewbury Beach run. This is an event for the whole village and beyond and for all ages and capabilities. It is on Saturday 1st July at 11am. It will start and finish at Blewbury School field. There will be a 5K run on the outskirts of the village and a shorter run around the school field for any younger keen runners. There will be a BBQ and Bar and entertainment at the school provided by the fantastic PTA. With a beach theme we encourage any bright colours or outfit of your choice. Come and run as a family or with a group of friends. This is about fun as well as fitness! For more details and to register for the event please go to <https://www.evententry.co.uk/blewbury-beach-fun-run> We encourage you to register before the event if possible although it will be OK to register on the day. (£7 adults, £4 under 16s. Proceeds to Blewbury School PTA) A GREAT DAY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY and for THE WHOLE VILLAGE.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Music Quiz, 11 November, Blewbury Village Hall.

More information nearer the time.



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CALLING ALL WRITERS, READERS, NATURE LOVERS, AND STORY TELLERS

Get creative with Sustainable Blewbury! Through prose and poetry, delve into Blewbury's local history and natural surroundings at our beginner-friendly creative writing workshop. Dr Alice Little, writer in residence at Wytham Woods (<https://www.wythamwoods.ox.ac.uk/home>) is joining us here in Blewbury to guide us through engaging exercises, exploring plot, character and setting, and helping us craft compelling narratives inspired by Blewbury's past and our natural environment. Alice is author of five collections of short stories, and will be publishing a new anthology of short fiction as part of her Wytham residency.

This informal workshop will help us to uncover the hidden gems of our surroundings, and draw inspiration from our new nature reserve and Quaker Wood community woodland. All you need to bring is a pen, paper (or other writing device), and a little sprinkling of imagination. No experience is needed. To discuss workshop content access needs, please email alice@alicelittle.co.uk.

Monday 19th June, Vale Room, 7.30pm. Tickets just £5 for this taster event, available from the Post Office.

BLEWBURY VILLAGE SOCIETY

Summer Dance – Saturday 24th June from 7:30pm

The famous Blewbury Summer Dance will be held on the evening of Saturday 24th June in the wonderful gardens of Ashbrook House on Westbrook Street. Local band McFunky are back by popular demand after their fantastic performance in 2021: fun and dancing guaranteed. Gates open at 7:30pm; dancing until midnight. Bring your own picnic and drinks (no bar). Gazebo set-up at 4–5pm; collect by 11am on Sunday. For those who haven't been before, it's a chance to listen and dance to great live music, while enjoying your own food and drinks, in the company of fellow revellers from the village and beyond.

Tickets, £12.50, are available from Blewbury Post Office, via email to blewburybvs@gmail.com, or by scanning the QR code. See also the separate advert on page 16.



ReST Open Gardens, Sunday 11th June

The BVS is supporting Blewbury Resettlement Support Team (ReST) to help run Blewbury Open Gardens on Sunday 11th June: see the separate article on page 1. For more information visit blewburyopengardens.co.uk.

BVS committee

The BVS committee is a team of volunteers who help to run events for the village, and we are always grateful to hear your ideas and for any offers of help! You don't have to join the committee (although we would welcome new members): there are always plenty of ways to support the BVS and your community. If you have an event that you would like to make happen, or if you would just like to support one of our regular calendar events, please contact us at blewburybvs@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH



We still need to gather data to support traffic calming and if anyone would like to join us, even if you can give up one hour a month it would be appreciated. During the summer we can operate between the hours of 5am to 9pm, so hopefully there will be a time to suit everyone. We must operate in groups of 3 so if you and 2 of your friends regularly chat for



an hour, well what an opportunity! Training takes around 40 minutes to complete an online session and then you will be trained at the roadside.

We are pleased to see progress has been made with the introduction of 20mph within the village. Sites have now been agreed with OCC for the sites for the SIDS (Speed Indicator Devices) on Bessels Way and on the London Road and we hope that these will be in place and operating by the end of summer 2023. Fastest speed on Bessels Way 78 mph, this really is unacceptable.

A pedestrian crossing is planned for the section of the London Road between Savages and Westbrook Street, but we are told that this may not be part of OCC funding until next year. White gates for the village have been requested and BPC are awaiting advice from OCC on the timescales.

Thank you to Lydia Inglis for taking over the role of the CSW link within the Parish Council.

There are budgetary constraints and processes that must be followed, which means that some things take longer to happen than we would ideally like. To undertake the training follow the link below

1. Firstly type <https://www.communityspeedwatch.org> into a web browser.
2. Click on the [Register] tab.
3. Then to the left, click on [Join Existing Group].
4. Choose [Thames Valley] from the pull down and click [Continue].
5. Choose [Oxfordshire] from the pull down and click [Continue].
6. Now choose [Didcot Blewbury Speedwatch Group] from the pull down and click [Continue].
7. Finally complete their details in the registration form and follow the emailed instructions.

If you would like to attend a session, with no obligation to join, or you would like more information please contact Jill Ingoldby on jingoldby@btinternet.com

OCEAN ROWING FOR CHARITY!

On July 15th, my son Martin Brown, his good friend Tim Jenkins and two other friends, (all rowing novices) are taking on the enormous challenge of rowing from Barcelona to Ibiza. They are doing so to raise funds for the 'Noman' charity in order to spread the message about HPV. HPV is the causal agent of 5% of cancers which are entirely preventable by vaccinating both boys and girls. The challenge hopes to raise funds to support the charity's education and advocacy programmes to ensure both boys and girls are protected against HPV. The ultimate goal is for this particular charity to become obsolete once worldwide protection against HPV is reached for all boys and girls. The inaugural rowing challenge in 2013 raised over \$1,000,000 and was an outstanding success both nationally and internationally. Let's help these intrepid 'non-rowers' to equalise or even exceed that amazing total. To coin a phrase, 'every little helps'. The Just Giving details: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/timjenkinandmartinbrown> Thank you. *Patti Brown*

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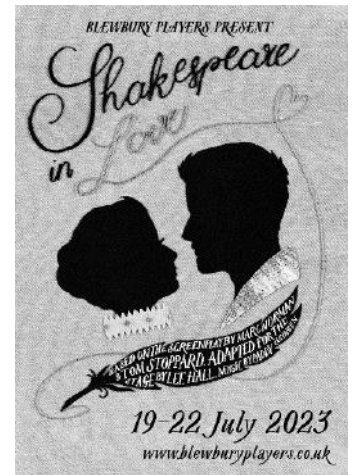
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NATURE NOTES

June is the beginning of the meteorological summer and contains the longest day. Being the sixth month it is half-way through the year, so a good time to review the rather odd spring we have had so far. Cold and wet would be the easiest way of summing it up! A very dry February led into an extremely wet March and April (with May being slightly drier). This has had a knock-on effect to the timing of the emergence of several insects, flowers and migratory birds. The study of 'nature's calendar' is known as Phenology. Weather (and increasingly a changing climate) has a major impact on our wildlife.

However, two species of Butterflies have done well so far in Blewbury this year. I've never seen so many Holly Blues. Populations of this species do vary from year to year partly down to the parasitic wasp *Listrodomus nyctemerus*. Orange Tips are also having a good year. The male is an obvious sight in many a Blewbarian's cottage garden. However, the females are slightly more cryptic than the male. They lack the bright orange tips, which instead are black and can be confused with one of the Cabbage White species. They lay a small ribbed, cylindrical, orange egg. In my own garden they have chosen Garlic Mustard (or Jack-of-the-Hedge). With much diligence 17 eggs were counted. Once you have your eye in they are easy to spot, always laid on the stem of the plant just below the flower head. In the churchyard they have chosen the plant Cuckoo Pint, or Lady's Smock. These delicate pink flowers are a favoured food of the caterpillar.

It just shows the importance of finding space for so-called 'weeds' in the garden and around our village. The white, frothy, flowers of Cow Parsley (or Alexanders Lace as I prefer to call it) looks incredible along the footpath by the Cleeve. The Dandelions (the name derived from the French *dent de lion* – lion's tooth, referring to the shape of the leaves) created a field of pure golden yellow at Tickers Folly. We must re-evaluate what we considered as undesirable 'weeds' and embrace the common before it becomes rare. *Glen Meadows*

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SOME-PING IS HAPPENING ON MAY 31ST!

The Vale of the White Horse Active Communities team will be at Ticker's Folly Field on Wednesday 31st May from 2-4 pm to run a multi-sports activities event at our new Outdoor Table Tennis Table. This Active Communities team, who helped us acquire the new outdoor table tennis table, are keen to promote its use. They will organise a range of fun activities suitable for all ages and abilities. There will free bats and balls to be won and all sorts of other surprises in the half-term sunshine. Do come along in comfortable shoes ready to have fun, be active and win prizes.

In the meantime the Blewbury Table Tennis Club welcomes new participants of all ages and abilities at our weekly Blewbury Village



Hall sessions every Tuesday from 5:00 – 6:30pm. *Roger Murphy, Chair of the Blewbury Table Tennis Club*

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COFFEE & KIDS!

Our village baby & toddler group meets again on **Monday 5th June from 9.30am - 11am** in the Vale Room, Blewbury Village Hall. Kate has been helping with craft activities and our theme this month is birthdays! Toys, play, chat and refreshments with singing near the end of the session, in a safe and friendly environment. Mothers' Union hosts look forward to welcoming you. A donation of £2 is appreciated towards our costs. Louise - 07837 009730



DIDCOT & DISTRICT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

D&D U3A meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 2pm at Didcot Civic Hall. Visitors are welcome to come to one meeting as a taster before joining. On 20th June there will be a talk entitled **Oxfordshire on Canvas** by **Marie Louisa**. For details email

chairman@didcotu3a.org or secretary@didcotu3a.org or visit www.u3asites.org.uk/didcot.



News from St. Michael's

Rector - The Revd Jason St. John Nicolle
BENEFICE OFFICE - 01235 850267

You can contact the clergy & staff on: -

Revd Jason	01235 850267	rector@churnchurches.co.uk
Revd Louise	07837 009730	revlouiseb@aol.com
Revd John	01235 510073	jphclarke@gmail.com

Elaine de Ridder, Operations Manager, is available Monday to Friday from 9.00-2.30 pm on 01235 850267, 07434 686044 or via email office@churnchurches.co.uk

Bookings for Weddings, Baptisms and funerals may be made by contacting the office via email or on the office number.

Services for June 2023 at St Michael's Church:

TRINITY SUNDAY	† Sunday 4th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.30 am	All Age Service
TRINITY 1	† Sunday 11th	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist
			Revd Louise's retirement service
	Thursday 15 th	10.00 am	MU Holy Communion
TRINITY 2	† Sunday 18th	10.30 am	Choir led Taizé Service
TRINITY 3	† Sunday 25th	10.30 am	Village service

In addition to the services in Church, we continue to have an **online service at 10.30 am every Sunday** and **online Compline at 8pm during weekdays**. The links and codes for these are published in the Churn. Please contact the Office if you would like to receive the Churn by email every Friday. You can unsubscribe at any time.



Thank you Revd Louise!
St Michael's Church 11th June 10.30am



MESSAGE FROM REVD LOUISE:

This month of June I have the opportunity to mark nearly 20 years of church ministry as I step back into "semi-retirement".

You are warmly invited to a celebration service in **Blewbury Church at 10.30am on Sunday 11th June** with Communion and cake. My vocation has been encouraged, guided and prayerfully held by many in the church family and community through selection, local training and those first tentative steps after ordination. It has been a tremendous privilege to be alongside a good number of you to share times of joy, challenge and sometimes great sadness.

I will take a break and be back in September with a slightly lighter load.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to greeting many of you over the next few weeks.



CYGnets

Hot chocolate and games!
Benefice Office 28th May 7-8.30pm

Please note, due to GCSEs we are meeting a week early this month!

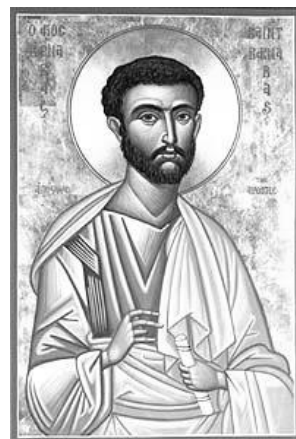


"CYGnets" is the **Churn Youth Group network** - an informal gathering of young people from in and around our Benefice, having a chat with a hot chocolate and playing board and card games. Aimed at secondary school young people. Those who recently left school or college are most welcome too! Enquiries with Elaine or Father Jason.

What's in a name?

Tracing the origin and significance of names can be a fascinating activity. Take, for example, the name Barnabas. The name means "son of consolation": in other words, a person who provides consolation and encouragement to others.

I'm thinking about Barnabas because in a few weeks' time it will be 11th June, which is the day on which the Church celebrates an early Christian called St. Barnabas. We don't know much about him beyond what is recorded in a book in the New Testament called the Acts of the Apostles. This tells us that Barnabas was a Jewish Cypriot, who became a Christian and a leader in the early Church. St. Barnabas worked with St Paul, and by tradition he was martyred for his faith in AD 61.



As I have mentioned, we don't know much about St. Barnabas, but I think we can guess a lot about his character from the fact that we are told that his name meant "son of consolation". Barnabas clearly had a reputation for bringing consolation and encouragement to the early Christian community.

I think for all of us, there are times in our lives when we need some consolation and encouragement. Perhaps we can think of people who have encouraged us in the past, or who are encouraging us now. Let us give thanks to God for them. And perhaps we can think of people whom we might console or encourage.

At the risk of making a wild generalisation, I think that there is a great shortage of encouragement in our world at large. Many organisations and workplaces provide little or any encouragement to their members and employees. No wonder there is often unhappiness and under-performance in the workplace.

And the bigger the challenge we face, the more encouragement we need. We need men and women who will encourage us to tackle the really difficult issues in our communities and our world: men and women who will encourage us to keep on going and not give up. A classic example is the challenge of tackling global warming. We need men and women who will encourage us in our efforts to live more sustainable lives. It's so easy to succumb to despair when faced with something as huge as Climate Change. We need men and women who will help us move from despair to hope – men and women who will encourage us in our efforts to live more eco-friendly lives.

We can never have too many "sons and daughters of encouragement"!

- Father Jason



Funerals at St Michael's in May:

11th May: Michael "Nobby" Saunders, aged 85

May he rest in peace and rise in glory



The Drop-In Coffee Morning

Every Wednesday 10.30am to 12noon,
Benefice Centre ("Church Office"), Blewbury



All welcome to drop in for coffee & a chat. Run by the Churn Branch of the Mother's Union.

Food Bank Collection

Saturday 27 May – Monday 5 June 2023



St. Michael's Action Group regularly collect items for the Didcot Food Bank. Drop off at the Old School House between the dates above or at the Post Office anytime. **Your generosity would very much be appreciated!** Many thanks, *St Michael's Action Group*





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Blewbury Nature Reserve

Thames Water have erected an impressive notice board on the site, made from three types of English-grown wood, and including homes for insects on the back. We have good news in that the migratory birds (whitethroats, blackcaps, chiffchaffs, etc.) have returned despite all the disturbance at the site. We have therefore closed the site temporarily while the birds are nesting. The exception to this will be organised **bird-watching trips**, kindly led by Martin Latham. The next two are planned for **3rd and 10th June, leaving the village hall at 09.30 am**. Places are limited to 12, so please book in advance by emailing secretary@sustainable-blewbury.org.uk.



A call to writers, readers, nature lovers and story tellers: Dr. Alice Little, writer-in-residence at Wytham Wood, will work with us on a new creative project to celebrate our nature reserve and community wood, starting **Monday, 29 June in the Vale Room, Village Hall, from 7.30 pm** : also see item on page 4.

REPAIR CAFE: Sunday 25 June, Village Hall, 2 – 4 pm. NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

For more information, contact Jo Lakeland: 01235 850490, jolakeland@blewbury.uk

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Garden swing seat. Two seater. Dark green. Seats in reasonable condition. Canopy needs some t.l.c.	Alison Clark kafenken@btinternet.com	850541
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eco 6-string acoustic guitar purchased about 45 years ago but in reasonable condition, with cover. Aerial photograph of north Blewbury taken in the late 1980s, in gold photo frame. c.53cm x 42cm. 	Mick Moore mickandhelenmoore@btinternet.com	850998
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aluminium greenhouse 8ft x 12ft, with compartment for potting. Some glass needs to be replaced. Under counter fridge with small freezer space. 	Harry Thomson ht@parsonage.myzen.co.uk	
To freecycle your item please send a description, email & phone number to Lydia Inglis (lydandmuz@gmail.com)		

Getting involved in Sustainable Blewbury can contribute to the village and its environment. To participate, or to receive our free bi-monthly Newsletter, email us at info@sustainable-blewbury.org.uk or phone 850372.

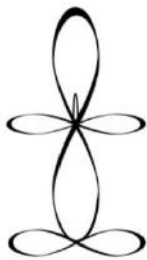
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The Blewbury Flying Squad (BFS) is a well-established, community-run scheme. Its aim is to provide assistance to Blewbury residents who cannot drive but who need to attend medical/dental/optical appointments in the surrounding area of Oxford/Reading/ Abingdon/Didcot. There is no charge for the service provided, but users are invited to make donations to cover the basic costs. Volunteer drivers' costs are reimbursed at the end of each year in relation to the journeys that they have undertaken.

Individuals wishing to use the BFS make contact in advance through a dedicated mobile telephone number (see back page of this and every Bulletin). Volunteers take turns to hold the mobile phone, for one month at a time, and to identify drivers for the journeys requested. Generally drivers are selected to match each request through an email circulated to some or all the registered BFS drivers.

To apply to become a volunteer driver and/or volunteer BFS telephone holder please contact the BFS Coordinator Lindy Farrell at flyingsquadcoordinator@gmail.com or 01235 850769

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BLEWBURY WI NEWS

And it's 'all change' at Blewbury Women's Institute. We sadly say goodbye to our retiring President Joan Robertson who has kept us on the straight and narrow for a number of years now. Grateful thanks to Joan for her sterling work. Also, Kath Butler is stepping down from the committee, many thanks to both ladies.

So we now welcome our new President, Jill Allen, who will no doubt take us onwards and upwards. Two new committee members are also welcomed – Jane Knight and Graeme Gettings. What a team!

For those that aren't aware – this is a lively group of ladies proud to be the 'Blewbury WI.' We have our monthly meetings in the Vale room but do so much more! Pub lunches, Scrabble, Mah Jong, coffee mornings, walks, theatre, craft meetings, plus occasional outings and workshops. We support campaigns about things that matter to society. Above all else, we offer support and friendship. Just come along as a visitor and you will be welcomed with open arms. If you'd like to come along with someone else or find out more, ring our Secretary, Joy, on 850543 or email blewburywi@gmail.com.

Our June meeting **Wednesday June 28 Main monthly meeting:** "Women in Oxford." A look at the key female characters over the years and women's education at Oxford University. It should be an intriguing topic.

Calendar of events

Every Monday afternoon	2.30pm	Afternoon Mah Jong	Sharon 850412
Friday 2 June	7pm	Craft evening	Karen 850219
Wednesday 7 June	9.30am	Local walk tba	Lyn 850795
Wednesday 7 June	7pm	Evening Scrabble	Karen 850219
Thursday 8 June	12.30pm	Pub lunch	Graeme 851579
Monday 12 June	10.30am	Coffee morning	Trish 850997
Tuesday 13 June	2.30pm	Afternoon Scrabble	Graeme 851579
Wednesday 28 June	7.30pm	Main meeting	Joy 850543



BLEWBURY PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

The Quiz and Curry night took place on 20th May in order to raise funds to keep the pre-school open. A huge series of thank-yous are required for: Sheila Austin and the team at Creative Catering; the generous donors of our numerous raffle prizes; our teachers - Tracey Edwards, Sharon Phillips and Kirsty Cheswick; Karen and the team at the Post Office; Shannon Whiting; Tiffany and Tim Sherrington Hall for compiling the quiz; and last but by no means least Chris Smith and Ben Amos for organizing and running the bar. We hope everyone who attended had an enjoyable evening and we thank you so much for showing your support. By way of reminder there will be a dance for all children of pre-school and primary school age (i.e. not just those who attend Blewbury Pre-school) on the afternoon of Friday 14th. This will take place in the Village Hall and is being organised and run by Kally of Betty Bloom Dance.

Winning numbers for the May Blewbury Pre-School Lottery were as follows: 1st - 027; 2nd - 053; 3rd - 061. The prize fund of £202.50 was shared (50%/30%/20%) between the three winners and £202.50 was raised for Pre-School. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all our members. If you'd like to support the Blewbury Pre-School Lottery visit www.blewburypreschool.co.uk, or email us at lottery@blewburypreschool.co.uk.

APPEAL FOR DANIEL THE DPD DELIVERY DRIVER

Residents who receive deliveries via the courier firm DPD will probably be familiar with their driver Daniel who looked after many of the villages in the OX11 postcode.

Very sadly we heard of his sudden death earlier this month at the age of 53 as the result of a heart attack.

Daniel was well known to his customers as a friendly professional who would go out of his way to be helpful. His colleagues at DPD found him hardworking, reliable and fun - he would never leave the depot in the morning without greeting all his colleagues with a handshake. He collected from ourselves on a daily basis, but even on his days off he would contact the cover driver to make sure everything was in hand for our collection.

He was working hard in this country to provide financial support for his family in Romania – his wife Anca and two teenage children.

His colleagues at DPD are fundraising to help his family repatriate the body. If you would like to contribute, this is the fundraising link for Daniel. https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=WUQL6NJBATJ44 If you click it, you will see that the appeal is being organised by Gentjan Loci - he was Daniel's boss at DPD and I can vouch for him. *Brian Rippon, Strictly Wine, Upton*

UPTONOGOOD?

This year's Uptonogood? cycle riding and live music extravaganza is on Saturday June 17th. To enter, or to book music-only tickets, go to <https://www.uptonogood.org.uk/enter/>.

LETTER FROM DAVID JOHNSTON MP

I hope you all enjoyed the Coronation weekend. Whether I was in Wantage, Didcot, Grove or Wallingford, the mood was upbeat, people were having a good time and there was plenty of food, music and activities. The Coronation itself passed off perfectly, despite the weather – and the concert was great too. It was another reminder of how this country can do events like this better than anywhere else.

While we're still crunching the data, I wanted to thank everyone who completed my health services survey for doing so. I've had responses from nearly 3,000 people, which is a really great number to give a picture of what people are feeling across the constituency. It's clear that, as I expected and as my inbox reflects, many people feel we do not have the health services we need. Nor do I. People particularly struggle to get an appointment with a doctor or with a dentist, but this is not the only thing that people would like to see more of when it comes to health. I will continue to campaign hard on this – watch this space.

After I held a successful crime summit with Thames Valley Police in Wantage, I was asked by local residents to hold one in Wallingford. I can confirm this will take place on 15th June, 6.30pm – 8pm and Waitrose have offered their café. Sign up on my website: www.david-johnston.org.uk. Wherever you live, you can also sign up there for my third annual climate summit, which will be via Zoom and will have Grant Shapps, Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, giving the keynote speech.

Sticking with the environment and climate change, I continue to lobby for the Local Electricity Bill, which I am the lead sponsor of and which is now backed by 318 MPs. This would make it easier for small, community organisations that generate renewable energy to be able to sell it to the community. I am hopeful that with the Government's Energy Bill making its way through parliament at the moment, we might be able to finally make something happen that enables community energy to flourish.

Thanks to everyone who took part in my Apprenticeship Fair in Didcot – nearly 400 people attended and had great conversations with a range of public and private employers about the range of apprenticeships they offer. I was asked if I will be doing it again and I will be doing so.

A couple of other things in brief. I met with the Chair of Water Resource South East to again convey the objections local people have about the reservoir proposal. And I continue to encourage people to see if they are eligible for Pension Credit, which can provide an average £3,500 a year to pensioners. The figures show the uptake locally is increasing, but there are more people who could be getting it. See if you or someone else you know is eligible here: <https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit/eligibility>

As ever, if I can help with anything please email me via david.johnston.mp@parliament.uk

WALLED GARDENS OF WALLINGFORD

A variety of walled gardens in old Wallingford are opening for one day on **Sunday 11 June**. Many of the properties are of historical or architectural interest. Several of the gardens have frontage to the River Thames. Beautiful St Peter's Church and its churchyard will also be open. All proceeds will go to the charity, **Music for Autism**.

There will be teas, electric boat trips, plant sales and stalls, including wine tasting and strawberry sales. The event is generously sponsored by **Root One garden centre**, **PureBoating of Wallingford** and **PC Technicians**. Visit www.walledgardensofwallingford.co.uk for details. Tickets at £6 from 22 May from Root One and KP Stationers and on the day at £7.50 from 11 Wood Street.

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THE RED LION ROARS AGAIN ...

It was great to see so many locals, as well as those from further afield, celebrate the King's Coronation with us over the weekend of 6th, 7th and 8th of May. We raised a few glasses of fizz to His Majesty on Saturday during our live screening of the historic Coronation ceremony – what a spectacle! The fun and frolics continued on Sunday at The Red Lion Big Lunch – just one of thousands across the length and breadth of the UK. The sun shone and much laughter was had! Some of us made it to 'Sing for the King' at St. Michael's before the serious business of garden games – as well as the PTA's Children's Craft Table. All this as heats got underway for our pièce de résistance – The 'Right Royal Tug of War'! Much hilarity as many of us tried to master the art of taking the strain, only to end up in a right old heap - witness the footage on instagram @redlionblew. Into the evening and more live coverage of The Coronation Concert on our big screen – much flag-waving, interspersed with yet more "Cheers!" and "God Save the King!" It was indeed a special weekend involving local families and friends enjoying a real sense of fun to mark this once or perhaps twice in a lifetime occasion. The fun will continue over the summer months with plenty of outdoor games in the garden as well as under the stretch tent during inclement weather. Also our Wednesday night pub games, hosted by David Long, next up on 24th May and our quiz nights typically on the third Wednesday of every month. Our Thursday Combo comprising a wide range of different tempo live music entertainment as well as pop-up street food is now well established every Thursday. More artists including Horizon (60's and 70's pop) on 25th May, Rev Ferriday (Americana Blues) on 1st June, Mocktails (Acoustic Duo) on 8th June, Gemma Louise Doyle (International singer) on 15th June with more streetfood pop ups including Luca's Shawarma, Adda Burgers, Ghurka Streetfood, I'm Japanese and Planted Plates.

Open Mic on the last Monday of every month continues to attract new talent alongside our regulars. This month's last Monday, 29th May, is also a bank holiday and half-term so we'll be starting earlier with Tom Seth Johnson playing as well as our regulars. Spice Club Roadshow will be back showing off their new mobile pop up.

Check out our revised menus including a delicious hot & cold bar snack nibbles, grazers, small dishes and sharing boards. The Lionsden Burger has gained a good following, as has our popular homemade Sunday Roast – see our website for more details and updates. Thank you all of your support and lovely comments.

FROM OUR CANADIAN CORRESPONDENT

Although I went to a Catholic School in England, I was never taught about the **Doctrine of Discovery** which was issued by a papal bull in 1492 after Columbus's first journey to the Americas, which declared that indigenous peoples were sub-human and so had no sovereign rights over their land.

European countries' claims to the so-called "new world" were justified through religious powers like the Vatican condoning their missions to conquer, proselytize and *civilize* Indigenous Peoples. Canada imported the same legal argument through the 1887 St. Catharine's Milling decision, a battle for the land title between Ontario and Treaty 3 nations in northern Ontario. The decision asserted Crown sovereignty over all lands within a treaty save for reservations, which only compose 0.36 per cent of land in Canada. The decision was based on the Doctrine of Discovery. The papal bulls, authored by Popes Nicholas V and Alexander VI, were penned during the mid- to late-1400s and often written directly to European monarchs looking to expand their empires. Many Indigenous critics and scholars point to them as the ideological framework for the moral and political supremacy espoused by European leaders, from Christopher Columbus to John A. Macdonald and beyond.

In recent years, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission called on the Vatican to denounce the Doctrine of Discovery. Assembly of First Nations National Chief RoseAnne Archibald told Canada's National Observer last year that she asked the Pope to rescind the doctrine during his visit to Canada. In April 2023, the Vatican released a statement denouncing the "Doctrine of Discovery." In its denouncement, the Vatican decried the doctrine as "not part of the teaching of the Catholic Church," adding the documents "have never been considered expressions of the Catholic faith." It also recognized the doctrine did not uphold the dignity and rights of Indigenous Peoples and was used to justify immoral acts against them.

Up until very recently, the Indian Agents were government officials, employed by the Department of Indian Affairs, today called Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada. They visited families and asking dehumanising questions, and children over 4 years were taken away to residential homes where they were forced to speak English and forget their indigenous heritage. They received free medical treatment only if their indigenous status was confirmed, and if it expired they were no longer considered Indian and their benefits were rescinded. The Reserves were like open prisons, and I was disturbed to discover that Nazi system of concentration camps was based on the Canadian system! And until 1962, if three or more people gathered together, it was considered an attempted coup and they could be arrested and charged with treason! It is hard to accept that all this has been going on until the latter half of the 20th century, and that the indigenous peoples of Canada are only now beginning to receive the respect they deserve. *Angela Hoy (angelahoy23@gmail.com)*

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - A4130 AT BRIGHTWELL CUM SOTWELL

Oxfordshire County Council will be closing the main road from Didcot to Wallingford at the Wallingford end from 04:00 to 18:00 on 3rd and 4th June, to facilitate surface dressing works. Access to Wallingford from Blewbury will therefore be via Cholsey and/or North Moreton only.

BLEWSHED NEWS

Meetings - Our last two meetings included a fascinating history of photography, by Jason King-Spooner, curator of Wallingford Museum, who enthralled his audience with little-known aspects of the science and art of photography. Perhaps we will see some results from his inspiring presentation in future 'Views of Blewbury'. The other was more of a 'housekeeping' session on correct use of saws, essential workshop and household tools, whether electrically- or human-powered. We shall hold similar sessions on other workshop tools in future.

The next evening meeting is on Tuesday 13th June when Mike Wrottesley, member of Didcot Woodturners, will talk about 'the secrets of woodturning'.

If anyone in Blewbury or nearby with a particular skill or interest they wish to share with others at BlewShed, don't hesitate to let us know. BlewShed talks are open to anyone and there is no charge.

Future projects - For those of you in the village who have enquired about DIY courses for beginners, we are still planning these and hope to announce dates soon. If you are interested please leave a message on the BlewShed website or contact a BlewShed member.

Opening times and membership - Regular Shed opening times are Tuesday and Saturday afternoons 1.30-4.00 pm. BlewShed is also open on Thursday afternoons 1.30-4pm for those with a special interest in electronics. BlewShed annual membership fee is £25 and is excellent value, that not only includes expert advice from fellow members but also the use of a very well equipped workshop. 'Club night' meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30-9pm in the Shed (opposite the tennis club) and everyone is welcome, whether or not you are a member. We look forward to seeing you. *Mike Wrottesley, BlewShed secretary* <https://blewshed.home.blog/news/>

BRIDGE CLUB

Online Thursday evening sessions for June will be - Realbridge with Wantage on the 1st, 15th and 29th. Blewbury BBO sessions on the 8th and 22nd. Friday Social Bridge sessions will only be on the 2nd and 16th. Funbridge sessions will continue on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, as well as F2F in the Vale Room every Tuesday evening.

Michael Allen 851870

WALKING FESTIVAL

Come for a walk during the North Wessex Downs Walking Festival 2-11 June 2023

This year's North Wessex Downs Walking Festival has 27 walks on offer across the AONB with opportunities to seek out wildlife, history or culture, visit a farm, follow a nature trail, picnic with the family, create an art journal, or simply soak up the views from the top of the downs. Many walks are free but booking is essential.

The festival is a great celebration of the top-class walking country, stunning views, heritage and culture of this protected landscape. Walk leaders are all knowledgeable and welcoming and looking forward to bringing alive some of their favourite places for you.

There are family-friendly events, energetic hikes as well as gentle ambles. Go to northwessexdowns.org for more information and to book. Be quick as some events are booking up fast!



STYLE ACRE CHARITY GOLF DAY

Join us for a fantastic day of golf at **The Springs Golf Club** on **Thursday 22nd June** and help raise money for Style Acre.

£340 for a team of four which includes a breakfast bap, 18 holes of golf and a 3 course meal. For Springs Members only this price is £200.

Event details

08:00 – Registration and breakfast bap

09:30 – Texas Scramble Shotgun Start

Followed by a three-course meal, presentations and fundraising auction.

Prizes for the winning team, longest drive and

nearest the pin, plus a yellow ball competition.

For more details please contact Anne-Marie or Lisa at community@styleacre.org.uk or by calling 07570 322605

Style Acre Golf Day 2023 Sponsorship Packages

This event is a great opportunity to advertise your company to a whole new audience whilst supporting our charity and helping us to raise as much funds as possible. Download our [Style Acre Golf Day 2023 Sponsorship Packages](#) today to see our range of sponsorship opportunities.

The benefits of becoming a sponsor include brand awareness in the run up, at the event and post event through marketing, online promotions and local press.

PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Annual Village Meeting of Blewbury Parish Council: 7pm, **Wednesday 10 May 2023**, in the Vale Room, Blewbury Village Hall.

Present: Dermot Mathias (chair), Lydia Inglis, Jane Gibson, Lee Robinson, Mark Shayler and Anne Millman. Also present: David Hollick (lengthman) and district councillors Hayleigh Gascoigne and Debra Dewhurst. Apologies were received from Elizabeth Cooper (clerk) and county councillor Sally Povolotsky.

Jane Gibson has agreed to re-join the PC so that there are sufficient councillors to manage the PC's responsibilities in the village – the PC is very grateful to have her back. Dermot Mathias was re-elected as chair, and Lydia Inglis as vice-chair. At the Clubhouse the drying-out process is finally complete and the contractor is now pressing on with refurbishment work. We can't yet give a finish date but the end is in sight!

The Speed Watch team continues to be very active in the village – they help slow speeding cars and remind drivers that the main roads through Blewbury are busy with children and bikes crossing, horse riders on the highway and people walking on footpaths. The team would love more volunteers to join them. Please contact Jill Ingoldby at jingoldby@btinternet.com.

In November the village neighbourhood plan will be seven years old. The PC believes it's time to think about reviewing and upgrading some of the policies, especially with respect to ecology and climate change. While this will not be a *new* neighbourhood plan, reviewing or changing the development management policies within it means the document must go through the same process of consultation and examination (so that our plan remains a legal part of the Vale's local plan). Do you have current expertise in ecology, sustainability, climate change, designing new buildings or retrofitting existing ones? Could you help us craft the policies that will help guide how our village develops over the next 10 years? Please email lydiablewburypc@gmail.com.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

All Blewbury planning applications, decisions and BPC responses, including items under consideration, can be found in the 'Parish' section of the Blewbury website (www.blewbury.co.uk/parish/planning/), updated monthly. This also has links to the Vale's planning site, with full details and plans for all applications.

Decisions from the District Council:

P23/V0214/HH Collis Moor, Nottingham Fee Demolition of existing annexe. Erection of new single storey side extension. Approved.

P22/V2796/O Mountain Ash, Westbrook St Demolition of bungalow and construction of three new dwellings. Outline planning permission has been approved. *Note from the PC: The drawings submitted are illustrative only. The Vale says that any subsequent 'reserved matters' application will pay due regard to all relevant Blewbury Neighbourhood Plan Policies, including housing mix (P3) and design and aesthetics new development in an historic setting and extensions to historic buildings (P7); specifically outline the Westbrook Street boundary treatment proposals in detail, and demonstrate a waste and recycling collection point at the end of the shared drive with Westbrook Street.*

Enquiries regarding planning in the parish may be sent to blewburypc@gmail.com

NEED TO CONTACT YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS?	Anne Millman Brook Cottage, Church End
Lydia Inglis Chapmans, Nottingham Fee	Lee Robinson 6 Chailey Gardens
Jane Gibson 5 Westbrook Green	Mark Shayler 2 Eastfields
Dermot Mathias The Old Mill, Berry Lane	Elizabeth Cooper (Clerk) 07968 772935 or blewburypc@gmail.com

The next PC meeting will be at 7pm on Wednesday 14 June 2023, in the Vale Room at the Village Hall.

COULD YOU CONSIDER BEING A FOSTER PARENT?

We're looking for more foster carers in Oxfordshire to provide a safe and secure home to a child when they are unable to live with their parents. It may be for a short period of time, or they may stay with a foster family long term. Our dedicated website explains the steps www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/children-education-and-families/fostering.

Our foster carers receive:

- A welcome payment of £1,500, to help the transition to foster carer.
- Generous fees, paid in addition to the child's allowance.
- Dedicated social worker support.
- Access to professionals involved with the child, support groups and specialised training.

If you think you might be interested, please make an enquiry at <https://service.oxfordshire.gov.uk/fosteringenquiry>



Autumn Leaves The dates for our June 2023 Bingo Sessions in The Vale Room at Blewbury Village Hall, at 2pm are **June 6th and June 20th**. For further information call Norman Webb (01235 850700) or Cilla Maguire (01235 851966). If anyone would like to join Autumn Leaves, please contact Norman or Cilla on the above phone numbers. We would welcome any new members.

Astons Online This month's Zoom online meeting will be 10:30-11:15 on Tuesday 13 June. We'll talk about online entertainment – music, art, theatre etc. Book your place through theastonsonline@gmail.com. Our monthly event in Astons Village Hall (OX119EQ) will be on Tuesday 20 June from 10:00 to 12:00. Please tell us, if you can, that you're coming. See our website www.astonsonline.uk and email is theastonsonline@gmail.com

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BLEWURY POST OFFICE OPENING HOURS (from June 1st onwards)
Monday to Friday – 9.00 am to 3 pm. Saturday – closed.

Bin Collection Days: This section has been discontinued due to Biffa's conflicting collection dates. See page 1.

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HOW TO ADVERTISE IN THE BULLETIN The Bulletin welcomes advertisements from organisations and individuals based in Blewbury and immediately neighbouring villages. Space permitting, we also welcome ads from further afield if they do not duplicate existing local services, are not widely advertised elsewhere and are likely to be of interest to residents. Acceptance of advertisements does not imply endorsement of the products or services offered. Display advertisements **must** be submitted in one of three sizes:

- 60mm wide x 40mm high (cost: £2.00)
- 60mm wide x 85mm high (£4.00)
- 90mm wide x 65mm high (£6.00)

Artwork should be in black and white only. You can also send plain text for us to fit into an appropriately sized box. If you are advertising a village event you can also present it as plain editorial, i.e. not highlighted in a box, for no charge.

All advertisements should be submitted to the Editor in the first instance, either emailed to editor@blewbury.co.uk as a Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint, JPEG or PDF attachment, or typed/handwritten and delivered to **Swallows, Church Road, Blewbury OX11 9PY**. If your advertisement is accepted, please note that payment **must** be received before the Bulletin goes to press. If you require repeat insertions over multiple months, the Advertising Manager will make the appropriate arrangements.

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