

# Blewbury Bulletin

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## ANN LING

Christopher, David and their families would like to thank everyone for their kind messages and sympathy shown to them following Ann's death on April 10th. Many thanks to all who attended Ann's funeral service on April 27th at St Michael and All Angels Church. A retiring collection raised £300.15 to be split between St Michael and All Angels Church, British Heart Foundation and Parkinson's UK.

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## JACQUELINE (AKA JACKIE) GARDNER'S FUNERAL

There will be a short service at the graveside in the Church Cemetery at **11:00 on Friday 30th June** and a gathering in the Main Hall of the Blewbury Village Hall. All are welcome at the graveside but people can head straight to the Main Hall if they so wish. Flowers are welcome but if anyone would like to make a donation to the St Michael's Church Tower Fund/Thames Valley Air Ambulance in memory of Jackie then they can do so via the Funeral Director's website (<https://www.chadwicksfuneralservice.com/donations/>)

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## MBE FOR ELLIOT VAUGHN

Blewbury's Elliot Vaughn has been honoured with an MBE in The King's Birthday Honours list 2023 for outstanding achievement and service to the global LGBTQI community through founding the charity GiveOut.

Elliot, who grew up in the village, founded GiveOut at the end of 2017, to enable individuals and business allies to give in one place to support LGBTQI human rights activism worldwide. Since then, the organisation has granted £1.75 million in new funding to over 40 impactful LGBTQI grass-roots organisations across six continents, ensuring they have more of the resources they need to defend their communities, tackle inequality and campaign for lasting positive change. Congratulations Elliot!



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## OUTSIDE IDEAS WINS BUSINESS HERO AWARD

It's one win after another at Blewbury-based business Outside ideas. Husband and wife team Peter and Sarah Mols from [Outside ideas](#) have bagged the Oxfordshire Business Hero Award. The award was the only one nominated and voted for by peers in the business community, and the team is super-chuffed to have won.

Outside ideas is an entrepreneurial growth company offering networking sessions, mastermind groups, business coaching services, and lots of workshops and resources - **all for small business owners**. The company recognises the ups and downs of running a business and supports businesses in making this journey easier, fun, and less lonely. The Oxfordshire Business Hero award comes after they won the Networker of the Year award as well as an Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership grant - both in 2022. Stay tuned!

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## PRE-SCHOOL LOTTERY WINNERS

Winning numbers for the June Blewbury Pre-School Lottery were as follows: 1st - 063; 2nd - 089; 3rd - 046. 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](http://www.blewburypreschool.co.uk), or email us at [lottery@blewburypreschool.co.uk](mailto:lottery@blewburypreschool.co.uk).

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## VILLAGE VANDALISM

We are experiencing a spike in anti-social behaviour directed against unoccupied or unattended buildings in the village. St Michael's church is a particularly bad example but far from the only one. If you notice any suspicious or anti-social activity or have any information regarding those involved, please contact the police on 101, or visit [www.thamesvalley.police.uk/contact](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/contact). Please provide as much information as possible, including photos or videos.

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- Students currently at or about to start University.
- Students currently attending or about to start at other establishments of Further Education.
- Individuals about to commence Apprenticeships.
- Anyone under the age of 25 who can demonstrate that they are in need of financial assistance in any way with education.

Application forms can be obtained at Blewbury Post Office or by emailing [malthustrust@gmail.com](mailto:malthustrust@gmail.com). All completed applications must be returned to the Post Office or emailed back **ON OR BEFORE 31 AUGUST 2023**.

### THE FRANCES FRY SCHOLARSHIP

This is a separate fund where additional assistance is available, at the discretion of the Trustees, to provide one or more "science-based" scholarships to assist applicants under the age of 25 to further their scientific studies. No additional application form is required but please explain the nature of your studies on the reverse of your form.

### OPEN GARDENS QUIZ - THANKS TO ALL

Many children took part in the quiz arranged in the garden of Millbrook Cottage as part of Blewbury's Open Gardens event on Sunday June 11th. Trees were hugged, bridges counted, animals spotted and there were some very clever replies especially from George (7), Ella (7), Poppy (6) and Mark (6). Thanks also to Nicky for her colourful (literally) appreciation and to Ella for illustrating her entry form. Warm praise goes to Thomas Elderfield who scrubbed the bricks in the Millbrook on a hot afternoon with the results of his excellent work adding sparkle to the day.

A team 12 – young and old – cheerfully manned the gate, even after all the armbands and maps had long been sold and gone. Thank you all. *Anita Rendel*

### SUNDAY TEAS IN ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

From Sunday, 4th June until Sunday 27th August, we will have teas from 3pm until 5pm. £3 for a generous slice of homemade cake and tea or coffee. Squash and Kit Kat for children 50p. Come with friends or come on your own and join a group – you are assured of a friendly welcome.

### BLEWBURY BEACH RUN

Saturday 1st July is the Blewbury Beach Run. This is an event for the whole village and beyond and for all ages and capabilities. Registration for the event is at 11am and the run will start around 11.30. 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. please come and give your support



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## BLEWBURY VILLAGE SOCIETY

At the time of writing all efforts are in full swing in preparation for the Blewbury Summer Dance on Saturday 24th June. So far, the forecast looks fantastic, so we are hopeful of a hugely enjoyable village event.

### **Save the date – Clubs and Societies event, Sunday 24th September, 2–4 pm**

Would you like to find out more about all the exciting things that go on in Blewbury? We are delighted to announce that we will be hosting a Clubs and Societies event on the afternoon of Sunday 24th September, so pop the date in your diaries. This is a sort of “freshers’ fair” for the village, open to all who live here and beyond. We will be getting in touch with village groups with more details, but do email us at [blewburybvs@gmail.com](mailto:blewburybvs@gmail.com) to find out how to get your club/society represented at this event. More information will be provided in the next Bulletin.

### **Save the date – Fireworks night, Saturday 4th November**

The BVS Fireworks night will be back again this year, so put the date in your diary. Look out for more details in the September Bulletin.

### **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, we’d love to hear from you – our email is [blewburybvs@gmail.com](mailto:blewburybvs@gmail.com).



## BLEWBURY WI NEWS

Recently we have had some smashing events including a great pub lunch at the Extraordinary Hare. Half of Blewbury WI were able to make it. Very sociable!

Our national organisation has recently passed a resolution “Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife” so we will all be taking up the cause.

We love to have visitors, 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](mailto:blewburywi@gmail.com). You will be made so welcome - we all love to meet new friends. So, if you are new to the village or have been here for a while, do come along. Our meetings are usually in the Vale room on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm.

At our meeting on **Wednesday 26 July**, Martin Sirot-Smith - dressed in full costume - relates the history of the Washington family in Great Britain. He presents his talk in the personae of Lawrence Washington, the Tudor builder of Sulgrave Manor and touches on his link to George Washington, the first President of the USA.

### ***Calendar of events***

Every Monday afternoon	2.30pm	Afternoon Mah Jong	Sharon 850412
Tuesday 4 July	9.30am	WI walk	Lyn 850795
Wednesday 5 July	7pm	Evening Scrabble	Lyn 850795
Friday 7 July	7pm	Craft evening	Karen 850219
Tuesday 11 July	10.30am	Coffee morning	Trish 850997
Wednesday 12 July	2.30pm	Afternoon Scrabble	Judy 850381
Wednesday 26 July	7.30pm	Main meeting	Joy 850543

## BELL RINGING NEWS FROM BLEWBURY TOWER

On the morning of 6<sup>th</sup> May, fifteen of our band (only two of us absent) took part in the national ringing celebration for the coronation of King Charles III. This follows the tradition in Blewbury of ringing for coronations, the last one being a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples rung on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1953 to celebrate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. There will be more celebratory ringing this month as we will be ringing for a wedding. Then, on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July, we are very privileged to welcome back the **Westminster Abbey Company of Bellringers** (the most accomplished ringers in the UK), who will be ringing a full peal of 5040 changes to celebrate the conclusion of the Blewbury Window Project with the unveiling of the glass peal board designed by Rachel Phillips. The ringing will start at 1pm and will last for about 3 hours, and it will most definitely be something to listen out for. Our new curate Mark Rhodes-Smith will be joining us at 4pm for the blessing of the peal board.

Sadly Jackie Gardiner, one of Blewbury’s long standing ringers, died earlier this month and we are privileged to be able to ring during her interment to remember her and celebrate her life. We are also planning to ring a quarter peal of Stedman Triples in her memory, Stedman being Jackie’s favourite method.

We are always looking for new ringers so, if you would like to learn, please contact Richard Loyd on 07767 463285 or come up the tower any time we are ringing.

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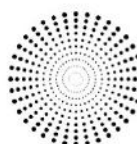
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## BRIDGE CLUB

Dermot Paddon has retired as Captain of our Wessex League team - many thanks to him for his hard work over the past few years. I am pleased to report that Finn Clark has agreed to take over as Captain.

I have decided to suspend Friday evening Social Bridge sessions over the summer - the attractions of sunny summer evenings in the garden, holidays, and other events, mean that there are insufficient participants able to commit to attending on sufficient occasions to be able to run events successfully. We will re-commence on 1st September, all being well.

Tuesday evening Face to Face sessions, Thursdays online, and our 3 sessions of Funbridge a week will continue.

July dates for Blewbury Thursday evenings on BBO will be the 6th and 20th. Wantage Bridge Club will host us at their sessions on Realbridge on the 13th and 27th. *Michael Allen 851870*

## BLEWBURY CROQUET CLUB

Thunder-storms excepting, the croquet season is now in full swing; and our lawns are in great shape. We always welcome potential new members, and would love to see more villagers join our club. It costs nothing to have an initial go. All we ask is that you wear flat-soled shoes (eg trainers); we can provide everything else you need. Please get in touch if you're interested.

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hearing about *Sue Ryder- A Life Lived for Others* from Joanna Bogle. For details email [chairman@didcotu3a.org](mailto:chairman@didcotu3a.org) or [secretary@didcotu3a.org](mailto:secretary@didcotu3a.org) or visit [www.u3asites.org.uk/didcot](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/didcot).

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## Chris Whatmore on *Romeo and Juliet* and Shakespeare's Theatrical World

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There are currently sounds of swords clashing, saws and drills, music and singing at Orchard Dene Garden Theatre as Blewbury Players prepare for our summer show. This is one of our biggest casts, and most technically challenging productions, ever. Tickets are selling very well but as we go to press there are still seats for all performances.

## *Shakespeare in Love*

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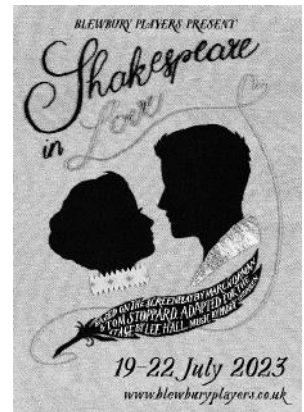
Based on the Academy Award-winning movie and adapted for the stage by Lee Hall (Billy Elliot, The Pitmen Painters), this hilarious, romantic play finds William Shakespeare struggling to write *Romeo and Juliet*. For those who love Shakespeare, this play is for you. For those who hate Shakespeare, this play is for you too, written in English you can understand with lots of jokes. Directed by Steve White, *Shakespeare in Love* will bring Elizabethan London and its theatre back to life in Orchard Dene, with love, death, music, dance, cross-dressing...and a dog.

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If you would like to join or have any queries about renewal please contact our Friends' Secretary, Roger Colebrook, at [bpfriends123@gmail.com](mailto:bpfriends123@gmail.com). Subscription is £15 and was renewable on 1st May 2023.



## BLEWSHED NEWS

**Meetings:** BlewShed members who wanted to find out more about 'the secrets of woodturning' were very pleased to have a go at learning how to use a skew chisel on the lathe. Mike Wrottesley of Didcot Woodturners guided them through the dos and don'ts of the sometimes tricky to master tool and helped them realise how versatile it is. We will probably have similar sessions in future as they are proving popular. Next meeting is on **Tuesday 11th July** when we will have a 'show and tell' session. Members and non-members can bring along an item they made and show us how they did it, however simple or complex the job.

**Projects:** The sign made by BlewShed's Mike Magnay with wood kindly donated by Anne Millman for the Chalk Pit Wildlife Site is now in place and can be seen to the right of the footpath as you arrive at the chalk pit.

**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, as it includes expert advice from fellow members and 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/>





# News from St. Michael's

**Rector - The Revd Jason St. John Nicolle**  
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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 July & Aug 2023 at St Michael's Church:

<b>TRINITY 4</b>	<b>† Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
		<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>All Age Service</b>
<b>TRINITY 5</b>	<b>† Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	MU Holy Communion
<b>TRINITY 6</b>	<b>† Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Choir led Taizé Service</b>
<b>TRINITY 7</b>	<b>† Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
<b>TRINITY 8</b>	<b>† Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
<b>TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD</b>	<b>† Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>TRINITY 10</b>	<b>† Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Morning prayer</b>
	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
		10.00 am	MU Holy Communion
<b>TRINITY 11</b>	<b>† Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Morning prayer</b>
<b>TRINITY12</b>	<b>† Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>

In addition to the services in Church, we continue to have an **online service at 10.30 am every Sunday** via the link <https://meet.goto.com/ChurnBenefice/sundayservice>. We also have **online Compline at 8pm during weekdays** via link <https://meet.goto.com/312446493>

Everyone is invited to the mid-week communion service **every Wednesday at 10am at St Andrew's Hagbourne**.

Please contact the Office if you would like to receive the Churn newsletter by email every Friday. You can unsubscribe at any time.



Sadly, following a spate of anti-social behaviour and vandalism, **St Michael's Church will remain closed during the day for the foreseeable future.**

Should you witness anything untoward, **please ring the Police immediately**. We are working with appropriate agencies in the hope that the root cause of this behaviour is also addressed.

## Following her birthday / retirement weekend, Revd Louise writes:

I am overwhelmed by your very generous gift to me and the beautiful GRACE rose, as I move from Licensed Ministry to "Permission to Officiate". Thank you all so much. After a rest and some time away I look forward to returning to minister among you in September.



Congratulations to **Charlie Thacker and Matt Ebbs** who were married in St Michael's Blewbury on Saturday, 17th June.

*We pray for God's blessing on them as they continue to build their lives together.*



## Teddy Bears Picnic

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 12 noon - 2pm**

We meet in the garden of Mrs Penny Brassell. We welcome all babies and children and any mums, dads, friends, grandparents and carers. Please bring a teddy bear, picnic and a rug to sit on. Soft drinks and ice-creams will be provided. We'll hope to be outside, but will find some shelter if its wet! Hosted by members of The Churn Mothers' Union.

For directions please contact Benefice Office on 850267



### The Playclose

You may have noticed some works in the Playclose during the course of the year, but did you know this beautiful piece of land is owned by the Church? The PCC, as custodians of this special green space in the heart of the village, recently put in hand a project to conserve and enhance nature here and make access easier for villagers and visitors alike.

In February the wonderful volunteers from Sustainable Blewbury re-laid the northern hedge in a traditional manner, now summer has arrived this is looking healthy and growing well.

In May the public footpaths were widened in a sensitive way using appropriate materials, this was carried out by the helpful team

from Southern Construction & Surfacing. The paths are now much more suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs. Both these works were kindly supported by a grant from the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment with funding from Grundon Waste Management through the Landfill Communities Fund.

Further works planned include some tree management over the chalk stream and selective planting, to continue to support and increase biodiversity in this very special location.

*"Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice."* Psalm 96.12

### The Gift and Responsibility of Liberty

The summer is finally here - a time for holidays and outdoor parties. It is also a good time to celebrate the democratic values which mean so much to us all. On 4th July, the USA will be celebrating Independence Day, and 10 days later, the French will be celebrating Bastille Day with their customary flair. Both of these events are an opportunity to celebrate national identity, but they are also a re-affirmation of the importance of the liberty of the individual. The American and French Revolutions of the 18th Century were, at least in part, the result of a desire to ensure individual freedoms against infringement by a largely unaccountable State. The main reason that England did not have a Revolution in the 18th century was that it had already had its Revolution back in the previous century, when it had established the constitutional principle that the State must respect the liberty of the individual citizen.



Of course, society will always impose some limits on the liberty of the individual, but within the democratic tradition, it is generally believed that such limits should be very much the exception rather than the rule, and that any limits that are imposed should be kept to the minimum.

The gift of liberty has been celebrated in the Christian tradition, and it has been felt to be important that Christian leaders develop and protect the liberty of those under their rule. There have been arguments over what this "liberty" means in practice, but the principle has been clear.

But the Christian faith has also been clear that the gift of liberty must not be misused. We are given freedom in order to care for others, rather than to oppress them. An early Christian called St Paul wrote the following words to Christians in Galatia: "you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment : "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

Liberty is such a precious gift. Many people around the world yearn to enjoy the liberties which we enjoy in our country. But how are we using our precious gift of liberty? Are we using it for the benefit of all, or do we just use it for our own selfish ends?

- Father Jason



### Funerals in Blewbury in June

30<sup>th</sup> June : Jackie Gardner, aged 88. *May she rest in peace and rise in glory*

### The Drop-In Coffee Morning

**Every Wednesday 10.30am to 12noon,  
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All welcome to drop in for coffee & a chat. Run by the Churn Branch of the Mother's Union.

### Food Bank Collection

**Saturday 1 July – Monday 10 July 2023**



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One effect of charity status is that the Blewbury Garden Market will have to be separate from Sustainable Blewbury as it allows our producers to make (relatively small) profits.

## **DRAUGHTBUSTERS – 6 JULY – 18.30 TO 20.30 – OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY HALL**

To get the best efficiency and the lowest possible bills out of a green heating system such as a heat pump (in fact *any* heating system!), requires good insulation and draught-proofing. **Sustainable Wantage** are giving a presentation of their **DraughtBusters Project** at **Oxfordshire County Hall, 4 New Road, Oxford OX1 1AY on Thursday 6th July**, aimed at people who are interested in running a similar project. If you might be interested you are welcome to come; Jane Kinniburgh will co-ordinate joint transport. Contact her at: [secretary@sustainable-blewbury.org.uk](mailto:secretary@sustainable-blewbury.org.uk). The Wantage team will be sharing how they set things up (and what they would now do differently). Three of their draught-busting volunteers will talk about the problems they found and how they fixed them. The volunteers have also said they'd be up for travelling to do some hands-on training if anyone has volunteers who want that. Register for attendance at: [tinyurl.com/2ty9dpdj](http://tinyurl.com/2ty9dpdj).

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## **OPEN GARDENS – A BIG 'THANK YOU' FROM BLEWBURY ReST**

Open Gardens on 11 June was an outstanding success, and Blewbury Resettlement Support Team (ReST) would like to thank everyone involved. There were 700 visitors, and more than 100 volunteers who helped with everything from car parking to ticketing, garden stewarding to cake baking. A fantastic committee led by Sue Colebrook planned, organised and ran the whole event. Thank you also to the amazing gardeners who worked so hard to present their beautiful gardens to the public. Lastly, a huge thank you to the BVS for backing the event: everything from insurance to credit card readers, risk assessment proformas to Facebook posters – they made it happen! ReST is incredibly grateful to everyone involved, including the church for their generous donation from 'church teas' – in all the event raised more than £8,000...

Some of this money will help local refugees with immediate needs – there are still more than 20 Afghan households living in two Oxfordshire hotels who will have to find their own accommodation by the end of the summer. ReST is still looking for a house to rent in Blewbury, but we have also launched a project to raise funds to buy a new almshouse for the village. So far, socially conscious investors have pledged to loan £125,000 of our £500,000 target (at a fixed rate of interest). If you would like to find out more about how you can get involved please email [pledge@blewburyrest.co.uk](mailto:pledge@blewburyrest.co.uk).



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## LETTER FROM DAVID JOHNSTON MP

Thank you to everyone who completed my health services survey. In total, 2,838 people did so, 77% of whom said they had had difficulty getting a GP appointment in the last year (44% said they had had difficulty accessing an appointment with a dentist). Unsurprisingly, 97% of people felt we do not have enough GPs for the number of people we have locally and 98% felt we do not have enough dentists. I completely agree and have been banging the drum on our health services since I was elected. Not long after the survey closed, I secured a debate in parliament about our health services and intend to keep banging heads together until we get the services we need. I was pleased to take the Children's Minister, Claire Coutinho, to a local nursery recently to meet staff and children. The Government is making the largest single investment in childcare in history, which will give parents 30 free hours of childcare per week from when their child is nine months old until they start school, which will be very welcome to the parents who raise childcare with me when I knock on their doors. I have launched a childcare survey on my website which is designed to let parents (and grandparents) talk about their experience of accessing childcare and say what they'd like to see. It is open until the 12<sup>th</sup> July at [www.david-johnston.org.uk/childcare](http://www.david-johnston.org.uk/childcare)

Still on education, I was drawn to ask a question at Prime Minister's Questions and used it to highlight the great news that English primary school children have just been ranked the best readers in the western world – better than all of Europe as well as the USA and Canada – and the fourth best globally. This is in large part testament to teachers and the Government's focus on phonics, which was initially resisted by some but is clearly bearing fruit. Depending on when you read this, you'll either just still have time to attend my 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Climate Summit for constituents on Zoom on 4 July or it will have happened and you'll be able to watch a recording of it on my website or Facebook page. I was pleased that Grant Shapps, Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, agreed to give the keynote speech – and, as ever, local and national experts agreed to take part.

This year, I have been hosting at least one local young person for work experience every month including Anastasiia, who is originally from Ukraine. I first met her with the family she is kindly hosted by in North Moreton. It was good to have her with us in Parliament.

I've enjoyed getting into the swing of the summer events happening across the constituency, including the Hagbourne Church Fete and Uffington Fun Day. Do get in touch if you're involved in organising something you'd like me to come to, or indeed if I can help with anything else via [david.johnston.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:david.johnston.mp@parliament.uk)

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## NATURE NOTES



*Leopard Moth*

Why are so many creatures in nature black and white? Killer Whales to Malyan Tapir, Penguins to Badgers, Pandas to Zebras. The sea is blue, the forest is green, it doesn't seem to make sense! I'm pondering this question at 4:30 in the morning, not due to any existential crisis, but rather working my way through the moth trap in my garden. A species I had not seen for two years has turned up, a Leopard Moth. These are strange, almost primitive moths.

Their wings are like sheets of translucent cellophane, their



*Peppered Moth*

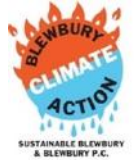
thorax impossibly furry, dotted with metallic black. The caterpillars bore into wood (such as Cherry or Willow trees) and live inside the tree for up to four years before emerging as adults. When on the wing they have no functioning mouthparts and cannot feed.

Another egg box is turned over as the church clock strikes five. Another black and white moth, again not seen for several years, the Peppered Moth. Larger than the 'Leopard', its wings stretch out. Feathered antenna feverishly scout the air for pheromones. The species is sometimes referred to as Darwin's Moth. This is because the moth was used as a great example of evolution. As industrialisation and pollution increased so our trees became encrusted in soot. This favoured a rare mutation in the Peppered moth, that made the moth dark (*melanic*), rather than light and speckled. Predators soon picked up on this, eating the lighter form whilst the melanic form was supremely camouflaged. In 1848, in Manchester, the first melanic form of Peppered moth was found. By 1895 98% of the species was melanic. Natural selection happens fast! As legislation was brought in so that we could all breathe, the reverse happened, and the Peppered Moth returned to its lighter, speckled form.

And so, to answer the question set at the beginning. Camouflage is a big reason for black and white colouring in nature. Zebras at first glance look like they will stand out on the Savanna but when in tall grass they are difficult to see and when moving as a herd very difficult for a Lion to spot an individual. Even biting flies get confused by the contrasting colours. Skunks use their colour scheme as a warning to stay away (*Aposematism*). Penguins have distinct black & white plumage to recognise their young in crowded colonies. Pandas inhabit areas of varying temperatures and both being black & white helps thermal regulation. Despite all our preconceptions nature always has an answer. *Glen Meadows*

## BLEWBURY CLIMATE ACTION

**Repair Cafes** - This bulletin should reach you just after our last Repair Café until September, on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June. I'm hoping it was a success. I can't give you a date for the next one, because that depends on the availability of the repairers, but our clock repairer has promised to return in September.



### **Stop the fossil fuel industry fooling us!**

The unusual weather is making us more aware of how our climate is changing, and the urgency to cut down on the amount of fossil fuels we use. *But the fossil fuel industry is working against us.* Enormous dividends paid to investors, and enormous influence at conferences meant to reduce climate change.

**COP 26** There was huge publicity about the UK hosting COP 26, but not about Fossil fuels having the largest delegation at the climate summit: 503 delegates, with the largest country delegation, Brazil, only having 479 delegates and the UK only 280. Global Witness, who did the analysis, said "Their influence is one of the biggest reasons why 25 years of UN climate talks have not led to real cuts in global emissions." BBC News, Science and Environment 8 Nov. 2021

**COP 27:** Hosted by Egypt. A rise in the number of fossil fuel industry delegates at the climate summit. Global Witness found that more than 600 people (200 in national delegations) at the talks in Egypt are linked to fossil fuels. *That's more than the combined delegations from the 10 most climate-impacted countries.* BBC News, Science and Environment 10 Nov. 2022.

**COP 28:** Will be hosted by United Arab Emirates in Dubai. A nation that heavily depends on oil and natural gas to support the economy. *What can we expect?* Read the Guardian's opinion at the time of COP 27 (16 Nov 2022) on the UAE's use of PR to launder its reputation on reducing emissions. <http://bit.ly/3JqrGe5>



**And what does Greenpeace say?** Watch their film *Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow (the fossil fuel party is over)* at [greenpeace.org.uk](https://greenpeace.org.uk) It's 7 minutes long, but worth watching to the end. Then explore the issues further on [greenpeace.org.uk/challenges/](https://greenpeace.org.uk/challenges/)



### **VALE OF WHITE HORSE DISTRICT COUNCIL UPDATE**

*Hello from Hayleigh and Debra* - We were elected over a month ago now on 5th May! Thank you to everyone that voted in the local election. We would like to thank Sarah Medley for her service in the ward these past four years. As Hayleigh and Debra, we are excited to get to work for the residents of Harwell, Blewbury, Chilton, Upton and the new parish of Western Valley. As before, if you have any concerns, questions or suggestions for us as

councillors, please do email us. As a reminder, council meetings are held in public and if you wish to address council or committee, you can contact Democratic Services. If you need more guidance on this, please let us know.

Please get in touch with any issues or concerns via email: [hayleigh.gascoigne@whitehorsedc.gov.uk](mailto:hayleigh.gascoigne@whitehorsedc.gov.uk) and [debra.dewhurst@whitehorsedc.gov.uk](mailto:debra.dewhurst@whitehorsedc.gov.uk). We also post on our Facebook Pages: [www.facebook.com/CllrHayleigh](https://www.facebook.com/CllrHayleigh) & [www.facebook.com/Debra4BlewburyAndHarwell](https://www.facebook.com/Debra4BlewburyAndHarwell).



### **BLEWBURY PRE-SCHOOL NEWS**

As we near the end of term we wish all the children moving on to Primary school in September the best. We will of course be very sad to see them go but look forward to meeting all our new joiners soon.

Kally of Betty Bloom Dance fame has kindly organised a 'Dance Extravaganza' for pre and primary school children. The dance will take place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July from 4.00-6.15pm in the Blewbury Village Hall. There will be dance and drama workshops, a disco and a performance for parents at 6.00pm. In addition the teachers will be running a tuck shop with drinks and snacks. Tickets are £8 per child and can be purchased at [preschoolfundraising.co.uk](https://preschoolfundraising.co.uk) or by emailing [kally@bettybloomdance.co.uk](mailto:kally@bettybloomdance.co.uk) or [preschool@blewburypreschool.co.uk](mailto:preschool@blewburypreschool.co.uk). All proceeds will go towards the funding of the preschool.

A big thank you to Kitty's Eggs who very kindly donated the bar tab from the Quiz and Curry night to the preschool fundraising efforts. On which note, the final count was a total fundraising profit for the preschool of £2,461.

### **COFFEE & KIDS!**

The Blewbury baby & toddler group meets again on **Monday 3rd July from 9.30am - 11am** in the Vale Room, Blewbury Village Hall. 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. There will be no indoor Coffee & Kids session in August. Louise - 07837 009730

### **AUGUST INVITATION TO TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC**

Families with babies and pre-school children, along with any older brothers and sisters are invited to our Annual Teddy Bears' Picnic. This is on **Wednesday 2nd August 12 noon - 2pm** in the garden of Lynchets, Bessels Way, Blewbury OX11 9NN, kindly hosted by Mrs Penny Brassell. Bring your picnics and something to sit on; soft drinks, tea and coffee are provided and ice creams for a special treat! There is shelter indoors if the weather is poor. We look forward to seeing you.

## **BLEWBURY SCHOOL RESIDENTIALS – A GREAT LEARNING EXPERIENCE!**

*Recently our Year 6 students went away on a residential trip to Hill End Outdoor Learning Centre near Oxford. This well-known Centre has been offering unique outdoor learning experiences since the 1920s, when the Wytham Estate was purchased by the philanthropic ffennell family, and it has a rich history which can be found easily on their website [www.hill-end.org](http://www.hill-end.org). Evie, who was in the Year 6 group, has written this account of the experience:*

*Why did we go?* - Hill End is a nature reserve which allows schools to come and stay in their lovely accommodation. There are many amazing tutors who help to explain the activities and show all the unique animals in their habitats. It was fun being able to experience being away from home with my friends and having a little treat for the end of year six!

*The journey* - The journey to Hill End felt so long but in reality it was only half an hour away! Trixie, Annabel, Millie, Martha and I were driving our "Cars" to Hill End which distracted us from the journey. Finally, when we arrived, we were all ecstatic for what was to come.

*Challenge trail* - The challenge trail was really fun! We were competing against each other to do challenges and win points for our team. We did many activities such as: Parkour challenges, a spider web, a rock climbing wall and a bridge building challenge. Although these were all fun, my favourite was the pairs blind obstacle course. It was very eventful! My team won the trail and got a well-deserved sweet each. The team games were so much fun and unique!

*Sensory walk* - After we had some very yummy BBQ food, we had a nice sensory walk to calm us down before bed. In the sensory walk, we made some 'scent cocktails' out of the plants there. We also used our senses to hear, smell and see things. I quite enjoyed my cocktail. We also played a few games and then had a short walk back to the accommodation.

*Into the Woods* - On the second day, we went into the wood area, and we were set a challenge to build a waterproof den. We also had a go at lighting a fire and hunting a (pretend) wild boar.

*Habitat* - At Hill End they had set out metal hides to keep the animals warm. On the first day we saw a grass snake and many bugs! On the second day we saw another grass snake and a slow worm! We also went pond dipping and I caught many newts and tadpoles! I loved the newts.

*Food* - I was worried about the food and came with some of my own; everyone was jealous and nobody cared about me having different food! I'm very glad my teachers convinced me to come.

*Conclusion* - In conclusion, I really enjoyed the trip and staying with my friends. I would absolutely recommend coming! I had the time of my life at Hill End and our class all became closer!

*Our thanks go to Miss Reeder and the staff, who provide the children with a rich variety of learning experiences including this residential, all of which enable them to develop into young people better prepared for the next stage of their lives.*

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### **FROM OUR CANADIAN CORRESPONDENT: BACK TO BLEWBURY (AND OTHER TRAVELS)**

For those of you with whom I was not able to catch up, here is a brief summary of my recent travels to Scotland and England. Involving four flights, two ferry rides, six train rides (including the new Elizabeth Line in London) and the odd shuttle bus, during which there was only one hiccup, when my return flight to Vancouver via Dallas was delayed due to a fault in the aircraft toilets! This caused me to miss my connecting flight and having to spend the night in a Dallas hotel, after several frustrating hours trying to rebook my flight.

The dual complications of the Covid pandemic and the interminable wait for my Canadian Permanent Residency meant that I was not able to return to the UK since leaving in 2017 in case they didn't let me back in again! So when the excuse for a trip presented itself by way of a family wedding being held on the Isle of Mull in Scotland, we grabbed the opportunity. Albeit a long way to go for a wedding when the bride and groom come from Vancouver! I would highly recommend a visit to Mull, the journey to which was reminiscent of British Columbia, with its many islands and coastline, especially in the warm June sunshine that greeted us – quite unexpected and rare, apparently! The wedding was held at Pennygate Lodge, owned by the groom's uncle, who hired a magnificent marquee for the event. After the ceremony and splendid lunch, a ceilidh band entertained us, and we danced the night away. Our accommodation was in the nearby Isle of Mull Hotel, which had the advantage of being very close to the ferry and also had a spa providing pampering treatments, as well as the island's public swimming pool. The grounds also include an enchanting walk through a fairy glen, with carved wooden castles and animals to delight the eye.

After an overnight stay with friends in Helensburgh, my daughter returned to Vancouver whilst I continued south to Blewbury, where Karen and Andrew Forman provided me with a bed for the night and a wonderful belated birthday party and supper for many of my old friends. Thanks, you two! Whilst there, I took a stroll around Blewbury, visited the new Nature Reserve, my old Almshouse, admired the new stained glass window in the Church and had lunch at Savages. Further treats included a visit to Bath Spa for a day of pampering, and a wander around the Wallingford Castle grounds before heading to London, where I met up with old work pals at the German Gymnasium at Kings Cross – for lunch, not a workout! The next day after a quick lunch with family, it was off to the Royal Opera House with an old friend to watch three modern ballets, a lovely evening!

On arrival in Dallas I was pulled aside at the customs check because of a suspicious package in my case, which turned out to be the Wessex Cobber flour from Savages that I was so pleased to find whilst in Blewbury!

**Angela Hoy ([angelahoy23@gmail.com](mailto:angelahoy23@gmail.com))**

## REMEMBERING THE TOWERS

Each of the months covered by this issue of the Bulletin sees an anniversary of the demolition of the cooling towers of the old Didcot A power station, with the first (southern) three falling on 27 July 2014 and the remaining three on 18 August 2019. To mark the passing of this local landmark, we are reprinting a poem by **Patrick McGuinness** that recently appeared in *The London Review of Books*. We are grateful both to the author and to the *LRB* for their kind permission to reproduce it, and are happy to inform our readers that this is just one among a whole new collection of Patrick's poems entitled *Blood Feather*, published by Jonathan Cape. He is also the author of *Real Oxford*, a book about the city beyond the university, published by Seren.

### The Cooling Towers of Didcot

It was the inattentive eye that saw them best:  
breezblock vases with their tapered waists,  
their smoky pouts. They were modest,

middle-distant; they had the permanence  
of grey things: seen but rarely noticed;  
or, if noticed, only once.

When the dynamite sapped them a ripple  
climbed their flanks; their mouths  
were trying to say something difficult.

They hesitated, as if falling was a choice,  
and when they fell they sleeved  
their outlines, peeled themselves

off the air that wouldn't quite let them go,  
that even seemed to try to hold them up.  
They did their best to leave unnoticed: even now,

though crowds had gathered, the local news,  
a man who worked there and thought them beautiful,  
who cried in the same reticent way they fell,

and the developers whose view they'd blocked.  
Then they crashed silently into smoke and dust  
followed by their noise which arrived too late.

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I miss them, their uninsistent presence:  
sometimes it felt like they were moving  
and we were not; from Didcot station's

interzone, they looked serene,  
brewing clouds in concrete stills;  
in our connecting-train hypnosis,

they were the ones who seemed to leave,  
weighed anchors and steamboat chimneys,  
and we who stayed behind; their smoky sillage

seen through a rainy window was part  
of the commuting consciousness,  
those small realistic dreams that visit

when we doze in public places;  
the porous ones that use ingredients  
from the world around and fold them in

to our brief, matt fantasies of escape:  
nothing extreme or too destabilising;  
more like liquid on a not-quite-flat surface,

always edging slightly across its borders  
but never overspilling. They promised  
that the ordinary would always quietly

exceed its confines but never break them down.  
That it was inexhaustible; evergrey plains  
of everyday things, so many and so much

that you didn't need to look, not now at any rate,  
because it would always be there.  
You could pay attention next time,

and there would always be a next time.  
So for now you let them slide  
into the margins of your need to be somewhere,

the burned-off vapour of your hurry  
in the return journey of water becoming air  
becoming water.

Now they're gone  
there's only the pragmatic little station  
to which they seemed to say:

*you have the timetables but we have the time.*

## PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Annual Village Meeting of Blewbury Parish Council at 7pm, **Wednesday 14 June 2023**, in the Vale Room.

**Present:** Dermot Mathias (chair), Jane Gibson, Anne Millman, Lee Robinson, Mark Shayler, Sheila Austin and Andrew Calder. Also present Elizabeth Cooper (clerk) and district councillor Hayleigh Gascoigne. Apologies received from Lydia Inglis, Jane Gibson, David Hollick (lengthman), county councillor Sally Povolotsky & district councillor Debra Dewhurst. The PC is delighted to welcome new councillors Sheila Austin and Andrew Calder. Sheila is a long-time resident of Blewbury who brings a wealth of knowledge gained in running her own catering business. Andrew is recently retired, with long and useful experience in the insurance industry.

Remedial work on the Clubhouse, which was flooded during the winter, should be complete by the end of June. After snagging, cleaning & re-stocking, we hope the building will be open for business again in the middle of July.

The PC would like to remind villagers that it is their responsibility to cut back hedges/trees/plants on their boundaries so that everyone can safely use the footpaths. The four-week consultation on the Vale's new *Blewbury Conservation Area Appraisal* will start in July. Once it starts you will be able to consult a hard copy in the post office – for further updates and a link to the online version sign up here <https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/planning-news-alerts>

### 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/](http://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.

#### Responses to the District Council:

P23/V1265/HH Winterbrook Farm, Bessels Way Demolish existing plant room and build new summerhouse. Blewbury PC has no objection.

P23/V1300/HH Charity School House, Church Road Erection of detached, oak-framed home office and reading room following removal of two existing sheds. Blewbury PC has no objection, but asks that the ancillary accommodation proposed remains subordinate to the main house (via planning condition).

P23/V1035/HH Garden House, Westbrook Street Replace all windows with PVCu windows. Addition of new front door with porch and two new windows to north elevation. Stained timber cladding to exterior brickwork to allow for cellotex insulation, and further works to insulate the dwelling. Blewbury PC has no objection.

P23/V1169/FUL Blewbury Service Station, London Road Retrospective application for a proposed 3m rear extension. The PC has no particular objection to this retrospective application, but drew the Vale's attention to the effect on the neighbouring scheme for Ridgeway with the following comment: *This rear extension (already built) will affect the side access and garden of plot 04 of the approved scheme for Ridgeway (P21/V1626/FUL).*

P23/V1032/FUL Land Adjacent Garden House, Coffin Way Construction of a single detached dwelling. Blewbury PC has no objection to the design of the house, however the site plan as depicted includes a shared access road. The PC objects to the close-boarded fencing proposed between the bungalow and the new house – policy 9 of the village NDP states: *Where possible, boundaries should be native or wildlife-enhancing hedgerows. Fencing and walls should reflect traditional rural styles; high fences or walls restricting views are discouraged.* The PC is also concerned about the proposed car parking, which will lead to cars exiting the site by reversing across a public footpath.

P23/V0560/HH 85 Dibleys The construction of a two-storey side extension and a single storey rear extension following demolition of conservatory. (Parking arrangements as amended by plan of 18 May 2023.) BPC has no further objection. Enquiries regarding planning in the parish may be sent to [blewburypc@gmail.com](mailto:blewburypc@gmail.com)

### NEED TO CONTACT YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS?

Sheila Austin 3 Ladycroft Park	Anne Millman Brook Cottage, Church End
Andrew Calder Trefagus, Chapel Lane	Lee Robinson 6 Chailey Gardens
Lydia Inglis Chapmans, Nottingham Fee	Mark Shayler 2 Eastfields
Jane Gibson 5 Westbrook Green	
Dermot Mathias The Old Mill, Berry Lane	Elizabeth Cooper (Clerk) 07968 772935 or <a href="mailto:blewburypc@gmail.com">blewburypc@gmail.com</a>

The next PC meeting will be at 7pm on Wednesday 12 July 2023, in the Vale Room at the Village Hall.



### LATEST FROM THE LION

With sunshine comes music! Our Thursday Combo of live music and street food pop ups is becoming a regular weekly feature for many of our locals. Luca's Shawarma, Ghurka Street food and Planted Plates (vegan) provide regular vans in front of the pub and in the car park for take away or eat in the pub. Next up we look forward to Maya Street Food for a fresh and authentic taste of Korean dishes. We've recently enjoyed entertainment from the acoustic duo Mocktails and Amanda Andjelkovic and this week (Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June) we have the return of the our young Open Mic discovery, George Parker, supported by his Father Nick. Our eclectic line up of live music for the next few weeks includes the 'human jukebox' Laurence (29<sup>th</sup> June), a Wallingford band, The Night Herons (6<sup>th</sup> July), Ska, reggae and northern soul from Mike Surman (13<sup>th</sup> July) Tim Rance (20<sup>th</sup> July) and the International singer Gemma Louise Doyle (27<sup>th</sup> July). There's endless fun to be had at The Red Lion!

**Autumn Leaves** The dates for our **July 2023** Bingo Sessions in The Vale Room at Blewbury Village Hall at 2pm are July 4th and 18th. The dates for **August 2023** Bingo Sessions are August 1st, 15th and 29th. For further information call Norman Webb (01235 850700) or Cilla Maguire (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 Free and friendly help for computer users in July and August.** July's Zoom online meeting will be 10:30 – 11:15 on Tuesday 11 July 2023 talking about the Internet of Things (IoT) including digital assistants, doorbells, alarms systems, switches and even fridges. August's Zoom online meeting will be 10:30 – 11:15 on Tuesday 8 August 2023. We'll talk about AI (Artificial Intelligence) that's so often in the headlines. Book your place(s) at [theastonsonline@gmail.com](mailto:theastonsonline@gmail.com) Monthly events in Astons Village Hall (OX119EQ) will be on Tuesday 18 July and Tuesday 15 August from 10:00 to 12:00. Please tell us you're coming so we can have helpers available. Visit [www.astonsonline.uk](http://www.astonsonline.uk) or email as above.

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### VILLAGE DIARY for July 2023

Saturday	1	11 am	Blewbury Beach Run, Blewbury School field	3
Saturday	1	1 pm	Full peal by the Westminster Abbey Bellringers, St Michael's church	5
Monday	3	9.30-11am	Coffee & Kids!, Vale Room	16
Tuesday	4	2 pm	Autumn Leaves Bingo etc., Vale Room	20
Thursday	6	7.30 pm	Talk on <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> and <i>Shakespeare in Love</i> , Village Hall	9
Tuesday	11	7.30-9pm	BlewShed meeting, The Shed, Recreation Ground	9
Wednesday	12	7 pm	Parish Council meeting, Vale Room	19
Friday	14	4-6.15pm	Dance Extravaganza, Village Hall	16
Tuesday	18	2 pm	Autumn Leaves Bingo etc., Vale Room	20
Wednesday	19	8 pm	<i>Shakespeare in Love</i> , Orchard Dene Garden Theatre	9
Thursday	20	8 pm	<i>Shakespeare in Love</i> , Orchard Dene Garden Theatre	9
Friday	21	8 pm	<i>Shakespeare in Love</i> , Orchard Dene Garden Theatre	9
Saturday	22	3 & 8 pm	<i>Shakespeare in Love</i> , Orchard Dene Garden Theatre	9
Wednesday	26	7.30 pm	WI Meeting and Talk, Vale Room	5

### VILLAGE DIARY for August 2023

Tuesday	1	2 pm	Autumn Leaves Bingo etc., Vale Room	20
Wednesday	2	12-2 pm	Teddy Bears' Picnic, Lynchets, Bessels Way	10,16
Tuesday	15	2 pm	Autumn Leaves Bingo etc., Vale Room	20
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Deadline for September Bulletin – Swallows, Church Road</b>	
Tuesday	29	2 pm	Autumn Leaves Bingo etc., Vale Room	20
Thursday	31	Midnight	Closing date for Malthus Trust funding applications	3

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