

Blewbury Bulletin

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THE 'BLUE' WON 2-1!

There was a great turnout from the village to spectate the charity match between the Blueberry and the Red Lion on April 6th. It was a very close affair with both sides looking like they could take the win but big congratulations to the Blueberry for the win and taking the trophy.



It was amazing to see so many people from the village turning up to watch the event and support the teams. Thanks to all your wonderful donations we've raised an incredible £1285 for our chosen charities. A special thanks to Bob Brooks for volunteering to officiate the match and all the people involved in organising the teams and helping out on the day, it was a real team effort.

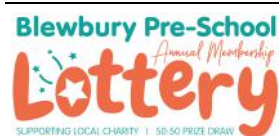
Will we see The Blueberry retain the trophy next year or will The Red Lion be able claim it for themselves? I guess we will have to find out next year. *Ben Silverthorne*



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Jayne Newman, our wonderful cleaner, has been recognised recently for her 35 years of service. The trustees presented her with flowers and a bottle of bubbly to celebrate (see picture, left to right: Andrew Forman, Jill Allen, Jayne Newman, Dermot Mathias, Kate Mitchell).

In other news, we have been working on the outside spaces, and have been spring cleaning! Go to www.blewbury.co.uk/venues/village-hall to book the hall for your next event. We look forward to welcoming the BVS and their visitors to the Beer Festival on the 18th May.



The winning numbers for the April Blewbury Pre-School Lottery were as follows: 1st - 017; 2nd - 064; 3rd - 029. In April, the prize fund of £195 was shared (50%/30%/20%) between the three winners and £195 was raised for Blewbury Pre-School. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all our members for their continued support.

Membership spaces are available: to be a part of the next draw, download and fill out a form from www.blewburypreschool.co.uk, also available from Blewbury Post Office, or email lottery@blewburypreschool.co.uk

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The room is versatile and can be adapted for a wide range of events from an intimate gathering of a handful of individuals to a formal meeting of as many as 60 people. It provides a safe and private space suited to anything from a confidential discussion to a noisy children's party. When the weather's good visitors can enjoy the outside spaces and make the most of the beautiful local setting.

Blewbury Clubhouse is fully accessible and has parking close by. Users also benefit from a well equipped kitchen and bar as well as state of the art audio visual equipment and wi-fi.

All of this is now available for hire at very competitive prices. To discuss your needs and find out more, just email Evi Holroyd, Blewbury Village Hall and Clubhouse Administrator at blewburyvillagehall.bookings@gmail.com. Or call her on 07398 919992. Or, to book directly, visit <https://v2.hallmaster.co.uk/Diary/ViewWeeklyDiary/9770>.

BLEWBURY CRICKET CLUB - NEW MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS WELCOME

As we (hopefully) start to bid adieu to a long, wet winter and the daffodils start swaying in the spring breeze, attention drifts to warmer months and the bucolic sound of leather on willow. Blewbury Cricket Club is always looking for new members and passionate supporters. We market ourselves as a club for **all ages and abilities with everyone welcome**. Since Covid lockdown where outdoor sports were permitted, we have seen somewhat of a renaissance of cricket in the village. We are a club of about 50 members with fixtures taking place from mid-May to the end of August. We tend to host three different types of matches throughout the season. Midweek games are generally 20 overs and played against local opposition or indeed scratch teams.



They start at 6pm and are normally finished by 9pm; they tend to take place on Tuesday and sometimes Wednesday and Thursdays. On Fridays we have an interclub turn-up-and-play match with two teams (The Badgers and The Roosters) playing a T20 against each other. These are fun for all the family with a well stocked bar and non-cricketers watching or indeed playing around the outfield. Finally we hold a few Sunday 40-over games against local opposition for those who like to take their cricket slightly more seriously. There is a pay bar at the ground and changing/toilet facilities. Thanks to the invaluable support of BlewShed we have had our gang mowers serviced which will no doubt improve the quality of the outfield. In addition this season a local team called The Berkshire Royals will be using our pitch every Saturday and may well be looking for some eager cricketers to play for one of their teams. If you are interested in becoming a member or indeed just simply coming up to watch, contact details for some of the committee members are below as are the links to join the club WhatsApp group and the new club website (thanks to Adam Stockley). Fixtures will appear on the club website and WhatsApp group shortly. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Parish Council for their ongoing support of the cricket club.

Contact details: Rob Southwell-Sander (Club Captain) rsouthwellsander@yahoo.co.uk; Ian Bacon (Chairman) ian.bacon@blewburton.com; James Barratt (Secretary) james@ashbrooklets.co.uk; Club website: <https://www.blewburycricketclub.co.uk/>; Whatsapp: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Ini9dXhahm48Gb0Z8LRLgS>



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The Didcot Emergency Foodbank is currently helping a larger than average number of needy families each session due to very high demand and if you can help by giving even one item it will make a difference. Please do help if you are able. The collection boxes are outside the Charity School House on these dates or at The Post Office any time.

All the usual items will be welcome - Please make sure that all food is within its sell by date.

* Foodbank cannot accept alcohol, razors, medicines, or homemade preserves

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We are holding a celebratory concert on Saturday June 1st at 7.30 pm at St Michael's Church Blewbury.

The aim of the concert is to celebrate the work of the Trust, celebrate the achievements of the beneficiaries and further promote the work of the Trust and we are inviting beneficiaries, sponsors and supporters to help with celebrations. Several beneficiaries are appearing in the Concert, starring Simeon Lord - Jazz Saxophonist and featuring Angels Performing Arts, Megan Hughes – Singer, Blewbury Brass Band and more. **Tickets are £15 and include a complimentary glass of wine or soft drink. Box Office is open from Friday April 19th. Please visit www.thetonyloytrust.org for further information and to buy tickets.**

The object of The Tony Loy Trust is to support children and young people from Blewbury and the surrounding area in sports and the arts. We have provided **£57,000 in 112 grants** to individuals, organisations and projects. 44% of these have been in the arts: we have purchased keyboards, cornets and stage lighting in local schools; helped young companies stage productions at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival; sponsored people on music and drama courses; and helped a performing arts group send children to international festivals. 56% of our grants have been in sports: to elite sportspeople in athletics, triathlon and motorsport; to a girls' football and boys' rugby club; and to an all-weather goal area at a local recreation area and play equipment in a pre-school. Overall, our support has improved facilities, provided opportunities, strengthened communities and developed skills and confidence.

JAZZ AT ST MICHAEL'S



In association with Mockbeggars Jazz, Friends of St. Michael's presents **The Fleur Stevenson & Hugh Turner Quartet**, featuring two fabulous multi-instrumentalists Raph Mizraki and Stu Henderson, at St Michael's Church at 5.00pm on Sunday 19th May. This is the Friends' first fundraising event to help with the costs of preservation and development of the church building. Tickets £20, including a glass of wine or soft drink, available at Blewbury Post Office or from Richard & Gill Loyd (07767 463285/gillianloyd@gmail.com).



A FUN FAMILY DAY OUT TO SUPPORT OXFORDSHIRE WILDLIFE RESCUE (LATE ENTRY – ACT FAST!)

Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue is a local charity dedicated to saving injured, sick and orphaned UK wildlife. We are organising a fun event on 28th April 2024 (10am-4pm) at Didcot Town Football Club (OX11 7GA). We are planning for the day to provide lots of fun including; mini land rovers, bouncy castles, music, food vans, stalls, competitions and games - a great day out for the whole family!

OWR has been given notice to leave our current rented premises in the autumn. So this event is being organised to raise funds for OWR to buy land and build Oxfordshire's first wildlife hospital. We help 1000s of patients each year within Oxfordshire and Berkshire, so finding a new home for the charity is vital for local wildlife.

We have been fundraising desperately since November 2023 and still have a long way to go, here is a link to our fundraiser if you would like to take a look: <https://bit.ly/4aInK3R>. Thank you in advance for your support.

DUCK RACE RESULTS & BELL RINGING NEWS FROM BLEWBURY TOWER

It was lovely to see such a big crowd to cheer on the ducks on Easter Sunday. The weather was kind to us, and the stream was in full flow, which was great for the ducks, not so much for those in the stream at the end of the race who ended up with very wet cold feet, the water having gone over the top of their wellies!

The winning numbers:

1st 177 Alison Clark 2nd 018 Robert Forman 3rd 160 Helen Aitkins

The winner of the **Name the Lamb** was Milly Rollings, the lamb was called **Minnie**.

A total of £571.25 was raised, this going to the Tower Maintenance Fund. A big thank you to everyone who bought tickets and supported this event.

ARTWEEKS EXHIBITIONS IN BLEWBURY - OPENING 18TH – 27TH MAY

The Clubhouse, Bohams Road, Blewbury, OX11 9HF | 10am-3pm (weekends & Bank Holiday 10am-5pm)

Just a reminder that we will be holding our annual Artweeks exhibition in the Blewbury Clubhouse, opening on Sat 18th May at 10am. Come and see new work by:

- Josie Clouting (expressive landscapes)
- Lin Kerr (still life oil painting and floral watercolours), Julian March (hand thrown ceramics), Eleanor Wong (semi abstract painting) and
- Yvette Phillips (textiles & embroidery).

Also in Blewbury we have Artweeks newcomer Anna De La Mare (animal, landscape painting and portraits) at **59 Bridus Mead, Blewbury, OX11 9PJ, on 18-19 & 24-27 May, 11am-6pm**

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We had an *eggstraordinarily* large turnout for Blewbury’s Easter Egg Rolling 2024, with veteran rollers returning to offer wisdom and guidance to the next generation. It was also wonderful to see so many new members of the village for this vital rite of passage. Thank you to Tony Mather for judging this year’s best dressed eggs and Jonathan Fraser, Thomas, Henri and Ruth Elderfield for keeping us on track with the rolling. Of the 85 participants, our champion rollers, garnering the admiration of the entire village are: Roan and India (0–5), Lucia and George (6–9), Thomas F and Ella (10–13), Joseph and Matilda (14–17), Lucy P and Alister (18+), Skipper and Astrid (pet).



Note: we have a few prizes still to distribute, so email blewburybvs@gmail.com and we’ll unite you with your egg.

Blewbury Garden Market returns from Saturday 11th May - The Blewbury Garden Market will be back for its 15th year on Saturdays at 9:15–11:00 on the garage forecourt from 11th May. The BGM gives Blewbury people an opportunity to sell excess home-grown or home-made produce and plants, to promote local food and reduce waste. We welcome all types of home produce for sale, including fresh fruit and vegetables, cut flowers, seedlings, bedding plants and perennials, free-range eggs and home cooking such as jams and chutneys, bread, cakes and biscuits. Producers set their own prices for their sale items; the BGM takes a 10% levy to cover our costs. See blewburygm.co.uk/ for more details.

BVS and Parish Council AGM, Wednesday 15th May - The combined BVS and Parish Council AGM will be held on Wednesday 15th May at 7 pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Blewbury Beer Festival, 2pm-midnight Saturday 18th May - The final pieces are now in place for the Blewbury Beer Festival. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in the Village Hall to enjoy the locally sourced beers and cider, as well as wines and a gin bar for those who prefer something else. Food provided by Blewbury Primary School PTA will be available from 4:00 pm, and there will be live entertainment throughout the day. Please visit our website: www.blewbury-beer-festival.co.uk/ to see the line-up, information about the available drinks, the good causes we are supporting and our kind sponsors. All profits will support Blewbury Pre-School, the UNICEF Ukraine appeal and the BVS. We are still looking for volunteers to help with pouring pints and making the day go smoothly: if you are able to join the rota, please contact us via www.blewbury-beer-festival.co.uk/#contact.

Blewbury Summer Dance, Saturday 22nd June - The annual Summer Dance will take place on Saturday 22nd June from 7.30 pm to midnight at Ashbrook House, with music from the brilliant McFunky – returning after fantastic performances in previous years. This is a great evening to get together with your village friends and beyond, to enjoy "bring your own" food and drink in beautiful surroundings, listen and dance to great live music. Gazebo set up 4–5pm Saturday; collect by 11am Sunday. Tickets are £15 each and can be bought in advance by emailing blewburybvs@gmail.com or at the gate on the evening.

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BLEWBURY WI NEWS

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Come as a visitor in May – no commitment – see if you fancy it. If you’d like to join any of the regular events listed below contact our Secretary Joy, on 850543 or email blewburywi@gmail.com.

Calendar of events

Most Mondays	2.30pm	Mah Jong	Sharon
May date to be confirmed	7pm	Evening Scrabble	Joy
Friday 3 May	7pm	Craft evening	Karen
Thursday 9 May	2.30pm	Rummikub	Judy
Friday 10 May	10.30am	Coffee morning	Trish
Wednesday 29 May	2.30pm	Afternoon Scrabble	Judy



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The Nature Reserve will close (except for the guided walks) after our next volunteering session on **Sat 27 April until end July** while the migratory birds are nesting.

Reminder: Repair café, Sun 28 April, 2 to 4pm, Village Hall - Bring your household items including clothing, electrical, clocks and gardening articles for mending and bikes for fixing for free. Refreshments available. Donations welcome to cover costs.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two-part aluminium ladder; extended length approx. 7 metres. • 24 concrete paving slabs; 18x18x1.5 inches. 	Peter Cockrell peter.cockrell9@gmail.com	07824 631184
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ikea Antilop white high chair for babies with detachable legs. • Booster seat with a back for a dining chair with a detachable tray, suitable 6 months - 3 years old. 	Lesley Ogden logden@blewbury.net	850372
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BLEWBURY LAD STANDING FOR PARLIAMENT IN WEST READING & MID-BERKSHIRE

I am standing under a centrist no-nonsense banner for a new political party I have founded, Enterprise. My grand-parents Enid and George Boon first came to Blewbury in the 1980s, previously they were in Streatley. My father Peter is a resident. I am staying down here much more this year as I canvass the electorate.

Blewbury is one village out of the above constituency which spans the Ilsleys, Aldworth, Streatley and as far east as Calcot. My aim in writing here is two-fold: firstly to garner support

from Blewburians to volunteer to help me canvass the electorate, and secondly to hear what I am up to. I am giving speeches over meals so that you can hear what it's like to launch a political start-up and trailblaze against the stale established political parties, and hear your suggestions. It is a sort of quid pro quo where there could be an option of a contribution to my campaign expenses which you and your guests might feel appropriate after hearing my story and debating on what needs to be done to fix this area/the country.

I am an optimist and it is by putting one's head above the parapet that opportunities and help arrive. At present, the application for Enterprise is with the Electoral Commission, then I shall launch the website. For more information, you can email me/call me and I could send you the 1.5-page manifesto I have written that covers some policy ideas and why me.

I am 48 years old. I humbly have assessed that there are not enough persons in the Commons who have national and international business experience (residing as well as working overseas), speak foreign languages or who have grit, humility, and determination. Alok Sharma MP is retiring, his majority is just 4K, so this is a winnable venture. I look forward to hearing from you. *Anthony Boon 07765 471380 anthonyboon@hotmail.com*



BLEWBURY LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

The next meeting of the Blewbury Local History Group will take place at 8pm on Tuesday May 14th in the History Room behind Robinson's House. We are continuing with our program of interviewing local long-term residents of the village and have various other projects in hand. You are very welcome to join us if you wish to find out more about what we do.



News from St. Michael's

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Services at St Michael's Blewbury for May 2024

† Sunday 5th	Sixth Sunday of Easter
	8.00 am Holy Communion
	10.30 am All Age service
Thursday 9 th	Ascension Day
	7pm Benefice Choral Evensong
† Sunday 12th	Seventh Sunday of Easter
	10.30 am Taizé Service
Thursday 16 th	10.00 am MU Holy Communion
† Sunday 19th	Pentecost
	10.30 am Parish Eucharist
† Sunday 26th	Trinity
	10.30 am Village Service

In addition to the services in Church, we continue to have an **online service at 10.30am 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, as well as the Mothers' Union communion service on the third Thursday of the month here in Blewbury. We can also bring home communion to those who are unable to attend a service in person.



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Food Bank Collection SATURDAY 27 APRIL - MONDAY 6 MAY



The Didcot Emergency Foodbank is currently helping a larger than average number of needy families each session due to very high demand. If you can help by giving even one item it will make a difference. Drop off at the Old School House between the dates above or at the Post Office anytime. **Your generosity would very much be appreciated!** - *St Michael's Action Group*

An Old Tradition Revived

Have you ever heard of the Rogation Days? These are the special name given to the three weekdays before Ascension Day. Ascension Day is always observed 40 days after Easter day, and so this year the Rogation Days fall on Monday 6th May, Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th.

You may well be wondering: what are the Rogation Days? They are days specially set aside for prayer (the English word Rogation comes from the Latin word, rogare, which means “to ask”). On these days, we ask God’s blessing on the world around us. In the old days, the emphasis was very much on asking God’s blessing on the crops growing in the fields, and there was often a tradition of going on a procession around the fields. This seems to be the origin of the tradition of “beating the bounds” of a parish. Nowadays, the scope of Rogation has been widened to include prayer for the world of work more generally, as well as prayer for local communities.



In England, Rogation processions were suppressed at the Reformation, and the tradition of observing Rogation seems to have gradually died away. However, in the last thirty or forty years or so, there has been a revival of the tradition, at least some villages and communities. Locally, the tradition is observed at South Moreton. The 10.30am service at South Moreton on Sunday 12th May will take the form of a Rogation procession, and everyone is most welcome to come along and join in.

The idea of a procession to ask God’s favour to protect the crops growing in the fields goes back long before Christianity. Despite its origins in ancient beliefs, I think it still has a place today, even in this age of scientific agriculture. It reminds us that all of us are still dependent for our food on the men and women who grow our crops and look after our farm animals. And now that so many of us no longer work on the land, it is good that the tradition has been expanded to include prayer for the world of work in all its diversity. The world of work, both paid and unpaid, plays such an important role in our lives. It is good to have the opportunity to ask God’s blessing upon it. It recognises the fact that God cares for the whole of our lives- not just for what we might or might not do on a Sunday.

- *Father Jason*

Mothers’ Union (MU), established in 1876, is active here!

In our benefice of 6 parishes, we have one MU branch, now called The Churn MU, with just over 30 members. The aim of our charity is to provide Christian care for families locally, nationally and across the globe. The world-wide organisation has over 4 million members in 83 countries.



Our members here support projects around the world through fundraising, campaigning and prayer. Here are a few examples:

- Standing up against gender-based violence
- Savings & skills project in Tanzania, enabling women to start businesses and support their children
- Agricultural & literacy programme in DRC

Locally members are very active. In 2022 we set up a monthly baby and toddler group we call “Coffee & Kids!” Originally a Methodist initiative, our members with other helpers organise and host a weekly “drop in”. It has become a warm and friendly space for all generations. Members give support to our local churches pastorally and have previously been involved baptism and marriage preparation.

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The Caucasian Chalk Circle at Orchard Dene Garden Theatre - 17-20 July, 2024

Directed by Erica Harley. This is a gem of a play. The play is full of action, humour, music, and emotion. Described as a masterpiece of 20th century drama. Farmers are arguing over land when they are interrupted by a group of singers and actors who come to perform a play. The story is about a young maid, Grusha who is caught up in a rebellion and finds herself caring for the son of the Governor's wife, who has fled with her best dresses, but forgotten her son. Grusha flees to protect the child and goes through a number of trials, finally being judged by a comic and seemingly unscrupulous judge after the real mother returns to claim her child in echoes of The Judgement of Solomon... who will win? It's a wonderful story performed by a gang of actors - in a new translation. This adaptation provides an alternative and more accessible version than the more traditional text.



Box office – Tickets will be available online at www.blewburyplayers.co.uk. Priority booking for Friends opens 5 June (using a code that will be sent to them). General Box Office opens 7 June.

Friends Evening - A night of Blewbury films - 26 April, 2024

This will be held in the Village Hall on Friday 26 April. We will show all the short films from the recent Song for Europe, which people said they'd like to see again, as well as films from previous revues and live and on-line shows. The evening, which is free to our Friends of Blewbury Players, will include wine and gossip. Roger Colebrook, our Friends Secretary, will be contacting our Friends about tickets. To become a Friend and get priority booking for Blewbury Players' productions and an annual entertainment and newsletter, please contact of Roger at bpfriends123@gmail.com. Subscription is £15 and is renewable on 1st May 2024. If you subscribe for 2024/25 before 26 April you will have a complimentary month and invitation the Friends' Evening.

Jeff and Peter's Music Quiz – 9 November 2024

More news nearer the date.

Puss In Boots – January 2025 (Auditions September 2024)

We are excited to confirm that we will be performing another pantomime in 2025! This has been written and will be directed by Blewbury's very own Andy Jarvis.

For updates on all our events please refer to www.blewburyplayers.co.uk, or visit us on Facebook or Instagram.

Anyone who would like to get involved in our plans please email us at blewburyplayers@gmail.com

COFFEE & KIDS!

We skip the May Day holiday and meet again on **Monday 13th May**. We welcome all bumps! babies & toddlers, along with parents, grandparents and carers. We meet in the Vale Room, Blewbury Village Hall, 9.30am - 11am. A friendly and safe place to enjoy the company of others and have some refreshment as the little ones have fun with toys, learning to play together. We finish the session with songs and action rhymes. A donation of £2 is appreciated towards our costs. Mothers' Union hosts look forward to welcoming you. Louise - 07837 009730



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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.

Our **AGM** is on **21st May**, followed by an Awareness Talk by Caroline Prance of the Oxfordshire Prostate Support Group. For details email chairman@didcotu3a.org or

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

BRIDGE CLUB

Congratulations to our Wessex League team, and to Captain Finn Clark, for finishing second in Division Two, having won all our matches other than the first. This should mean that we will play in Division One next season.

Dates for our Club Realbridge sessions for May will be the 9th and 23rd. We will join the Wantage Bridge Club Realbridge sessions on the 2nd, 16th and 30th.

Friday evening Social Bridge sessions have now been suspended until the autumn. *Michael Allen 851870*

BOOK NOW FOR NORTH WESSEX DOWNS WALKING FESTIVAL 2024 - 31 MAY – 9 JUNE

The fourth annual walking festival, organised by the team at the North Wessex Downs National Landscape, takes place from Friday 31st May to Sunday 9th June this year. The festival provides the perfect way to get out into the countryside with a varied programmed of 29 events. These include opportunities to visit farms, seek out wildlife, discover history, picnic with the family, take part in a self-guided sponsored walk, or simply soak up the views from the top of the downs. Many of the walks are free.

Full programme details and booking information are on the website at: northwessexdowns.org.uk/walkingfestival

POST OFFICE NEWS

The post office will be closed on Monday May 6th and Monday May 27th for the spring bank holidays. We will also be closed on Friday 17th of May for a staff holiday. During half-term (May 28th - 31st) we will be operating our reduced hours of 9am - 12pm, Tuesday to Friday. Thank you for your understanding during this time. Don't forget we have fresh kitty's eggs and local honey on sale as the hay fever season approaches. We have a variety of sweet treats and chocolate for sale so do come and have a look. You can also do all your banking at the post office, including cash withdrawals, cash deposits and cheque deposits. We look forward to seeing you in the post office soon. Thanks so much. *Sarah, Karen and Andrew*

Looking for a garden helper

A garden in Blewbury needs a helper to work with another gardener. Gardening experience is desirable. Casual work, as and when needed, depending on season (e.g., a few days a month or once a week). Duties include weeding, cutting hedges, clearing up, etc. Hours can be fitted around childcare and other responsibilities. Payment: £15-20 per hour, depending on experience.

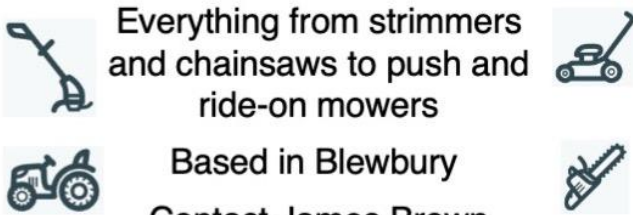
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Blewbury Flying Squad

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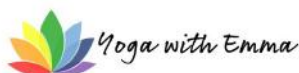
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BLEWSHED NEWS

DIY for beginners: Our enthusiastic DIY Beginners now know where to turn off the water when household appliances spring a leak or water starts appearing where it shouldn't. They can also fix a dripping tap and unblock a sink, toilet or drain, so if you have any of these problems ask someone who's been to a BlewShed DIY for Beginners evening recently. Our next course module will be announced soon so keep an eye on BlewShed News. For DIY-ers who missed drilling and fixing, or saws and cutting last year, we will repeat these later this year. In our next DIY workshops we will focus on helping beginners with their individual projects using the techniques they have learned.

Community Projects: Dick Street is putting the finishing touches to Blewbury Cricket Club's mower and filling the gear boxes with oil after his thorough restoration of this venerable machine over the past six months. Dick has earned the admiration of all BlewShed members and visitors to the Shed with his dedication and skill in this challenging task - a real work of engineering art. Blewbury Cricket Club will be able to keep their pitch mown again for this and future seasons. Work will now begin on restoring the old and rickety Tickers Folly Field park bench.

BlewShed products: Garden trugs, garden trays, boot removers and a smaller version of our popular full-sized trug as well as a wood-turned cake stand went on sale at Savages for Easter and will also be available at the village garden produce stall.

Meetings: Members who turned up for April's club night sharpened their woodturning skills with the skew chisel. This versatile tool can do virtually any spindle turning shape or detail and its correct use can save a lot of sandpaper! For anyone who missed this session one of the BlewShed woodturners can show you how.

Next BlewShed club night will be Tuesday 14th May, 7.30pm in the bar of the Blueberry where we will have a social evening to discuss future projects. All welcome.

BlewShed opening times and membership: Tuesday, Friday and Saturday afternoons 1.30-4.00 pm and Thursday afternoons 2.00-4pm for electronics, non-dusty work and a chat.

BlewShed annual membership subs are £25 for individuals, or £37.50 for a family. This includes expert advice from members and use of a very well-equipped metal-working, woodworking and electronics workshop.

Aims: BlewShed is here to help members and DIY course attendees learn various woodwork, metal-work and other practical techniques, so come along and acquire some new skills, or just have cuppa and chat.

Everyone is welcome to club night meetings on the second Tuesday of the month. We look forward to seeing you.

Mike Wrottesley, BlewShed secretary <https://blewshed.home.blog/news/>

THE BEATLES, DAVE STEVENS AND ME – MORE TALES FROM THE MILITARY

The year is 1963 and I am still in Y Survey Troop which is now part of 21 Survey Regiment Royal Artillery stationed at Fallingbostal, a garrison town in West Germany. One day a member of the troop told me he was going to start a rock and roll band with three other soldiers and they would like me to be their manager. He said this was because I could converse and make myself understood in German, which I was taught at my grammar school, and I also had the army qualification for colloquial German. But I suspect another reason was because I drove a large German car, an Opel Kapitän, which seated six people and was ideal for carrying the band's drum kit, guitars and sound system. The name of the group was The Rocking Squaddies, with Dave Stevens on vocals and lead guitar, Jock Urquhart also on guitar, Stan Beck on bass guitar and Scouse Darkes on drums.

After agreeing to be their manager I started looking for gigs for the band. It was common in Germany that their equivalent of our public house, the *gasthaus*, always had live music at week-ends. These were the venues I approached, saying we were a group from Liverpool touring Germany. In 1963 German pop music fans knew all about the groups coming from Liverpool and the Merseyside area such as Gerry and the Pacemakers, Brian Poole and the Tremolos, the Searchers and other groups, so the *gasthaus* management signed us up immediately. I would agree a fee for five hours, playing from seven in the evening till midnight. This payment was always in cash and ranged from 200 to 250 deutschmarks. In 1963 225dm was about £20, equal to £337.50 in today's money. Shared equally between the five of us it came to the equivalent of £67.50 each for a night's session. On top of the fee, I negotiated rooms for us to put our heads down after the music finished and free drinks all night for the band and myself. All through the summer of 1963 I arranged gigs around Hannover, Celle Fallingbostal and Hamburg.

When I was not ferrying the band around to gigs, a group of us would go to the Reeperbahn area of Hamburg most week-ends when not on duty to see the American rock'n'roll stars performing in two night clubs, the Star Club and the Top Ten Club. In the clubs I saw at least a dozen American stars perform including my favourites, Little Richard, Jerry Lee Lewis, Fats Domino and Johnny and the Hurricanes amongst others. Also over twenty British acts appeared at the two clubs in the sixties. I remember watching the Beatles in December 1962 at the Top Ten Club. They were just celebrating their first UK hit *Love Me Do* that autumn.

All this came to an end when I crashed the car in November 1963, and I will give details of that crash in my next instalment! *Pat Warn*

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LETTER FROM DAVID JOHNSTON MP

Along with the other Conservative MPs in Oxfordshire, I wrote to the CEO of Thames Water to demand that more action is taken to tackle sewage pollution in our waters, and have secured a meeting with him. The Government has taken decisive action to address the sewage issue, including putting in place the strictest ever legally binding targets, which I was proud to vote for; increasing the monitoring of sewage discharges in England to 100% (up from 7% in 2010 under Labour); ensuring fines against water companies are unlimited; and requiring Thames Water and other water companies to deliver the largest ever infrastructure investment of £56 billion to fix this problem. However, people are rightly very angry about this issue, as am I, and I expect Thames Water to act with far greater urgency - which I will make clear during my meeting with the CEO.

I met with the new Chief Superintendent of Thames Valley Police for Oxfordshire and discussed local policing and my campaign to tackle anti-social behaviour, which I know is a huge concern for local people. Thames Valley Police has now recruited 784 more police officers since 2019 (which has meant more officers overall than ever before) thanks to extra Government funding and tackling this should be a priority for them.

I met with the Roads Minister to discuss my campaign to improve our roads and the results of my Local Roads Survey. The Government has given Oxfordshire County Council millions of extra pounds (a 30% funding increase this year) to improve our roads and fix our potholes. We discussed how they should use this money effectively, including filling potholes correctly and not in a way that means they reappear within weeks, as we all know often happens on our local roads.

Autism Family Support Oxfordshire provides vital support to parents across my constituency. Local families wrote to me after Oxfordshire County Council announced they were going to cut their funding which would have had a huge impact. I wrote to them on behalf of all my constituents who rely on this vital service and was glad to hear that the Council have (finally) listened and reversed their funding cut which will be a relief to many families.

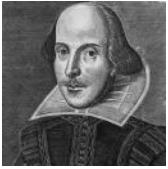
I am hosting a fair for families of children and young people with special educational needs. It will take place on Tuesday 28 May at Didcot Civic Hall from 12:30pm to 4:30pm and will be attended by various local and national organisations who help SEND families. Please register on my website at www.david-johnston.org.uk/SEND if you plan to attend. I look forward to seeing you there!

Visits this past month included to Drayton Community Primary School to present Local Hero Awards to four pupils who secured help for an unconscious woman and meeting Kathleen Law in Wantage, at the invitation of her son David, to wish her a happy 100th birthday.

As ever if I can help with anything please contact me at david.johnston.mp@parliament.uk

FROM OUR CANADIAN CORRESPONDENT

This year has seen an increased interest in my favourite subject, composting, which has resulted in my giving four talks in as many weeks! First, our Vancouver Master Gardeners held an intensive pruning and composting workshop at the Riley Park Community Garden (where I volunteer), which enabled me to get all three bins turned in record time with minimal effort. Second was a combined Composting and Soil talk with my friend Art, a retired Soil Scientist from the University of British Columbia, and our go-to soil expert, attended by a very knowledgeable and enthusiastic group. Third, one of our Neighbourhood Houses asked me to talk to their (very elderly) Seniors Lunch Group, and it dawned on me halfway through that most of them wouldn't have gardens anymore, let alone compost bins. Still, they were very pleasant and I got a free lunch, as well as the opportunity to take part in their Tai Chi session! Finally, last week I was invited to go and speak to the Victoria Horticultural Society on Vancouver Island about home composting; they have their very own Compost Education Centre on the Island but were not available on a Tuesday (the regular meeting night) so another Master Gardener colleague asked me if I could step in. The trip involved an hour's drive to the ferry terminal, an hour and a half journey across the sea to Swartz Bay and then another hour's drive to the capital of BC, Victoria. In addition to my regular speaker's fee, the Society kindly covered my evening meal, overnight hotel stay and breakfast the following morning! I did, however, get a free trip on the ferry, being a BC Senior (mid-week concession). The Society was founded over a 100 years ago and holds its meetings in a large hall, which is just as well as they have over 400 members. In addition to the main event (me!), there was a plant sale, a flower arranging competition, a seed swap and gardening book swap, as well as a presentation by an alpine garden specialist. Drinks and snacks were also provided. My talk went down very well, with lots of questions (always a good sign), after which I was taken back to my hotel. The following morning my friend and I visited the Compost Education Centre, which was so impressive! Apart from the wide range of equipment for sale to gardeners and informative displays (Mason Bees and Worm composting to mention only a couple) in the surrounding garden, there was a rack of leaflets on twenty different associated gardening subjects. I went back to Vancouver on the ferry, happy in the knowledge that Vancouver Island was well looked after in the composting area! **Angela Hoy** (angelahoy23@gmail.com)



THE BARD'S BIRTHDAY AND OTHER STORIES

Blewbury's new Shakespeare group is going from strength to strength! There are now over 50 members on the mailing list, and we already have two 'Shakespeare for Beginners' sessions under our belt. By the time you read this, we will have celebrated the great man's birthday at a sack-fuelled party, and at our next event (date tbc) our very own professional actor/director Catie Flye, will be conduct a mini-masterclass focusing on Act 2 Scene 2 of *Twelfth Night*, and in particular the 'ring' speech spoken by Viola at the end of that scene. Catie will show how a couple of dozen lines can advance the plot, build the character and develop some of the themes of the play. She will also share some 'tricks of the trade' that can be deployed to engage the audience and maximise the impact of Shakespeare's words. I have no doubt that this will be a great introduction to the art of staging these 400-year-old plays, as well as an ideal 'teaser' to *Twelfth Night* itself, which we can then develop by watching the Trevor Nunn film and perhaps conducting our own group reading of the play in the near future.

Looking further forward, we are in talks with a world-renowned Shakespeare scholar to give a talk to the group sometime in the autumn, and just under 30 of us are booked in for a group outing in September to see the RSC's *Pericles* at Stratford. If any of this is of interest and you're not already on the mailing list, please email me at shakescene@mac.com and I will add you to the group – no obligation and no subscription fees! *Chris Whatmore*

NATURE NOTES – BLACK POPLAR

We are very fortunate in Blewbury to have many fine examples of one of Britain's rarest timber trees, the Black Poplar (*Populus nigra* var. *betulifolia*). These can be found in a few gardens in the village as well as the gnarled stump on the island in the Cleve. They are invariably associated with water and are in fact known vernacularly as the Water Poplar. On a walk along the concrete track in the springtime you will see the orange, red glow of the male catkins, delineating the hedgerows. At the end of the track several excellent specimens of the species can be observed. A large limb that fell in a past storm is now used as a seat next to the nature reserve.

The tree is of much value to wildlife and man. Moths such as the Figure of Eight, the rare Clifden Nonpareil, Hornet and Leopard Moth make it their home. The catkins are a great spring source of nectar for bees. For man, the species is renowned for its fire resistance and was often used as floorboarding. The light, spongy fibres of the wood made it good for clogs, matches (it can absorb paraffin) clothes pegs, wagon bottoms, brake blocks and cartwheels!

These are imposing organisms. Uncurtailed they can reach 100 feet in height. Due to their size and height, they were often planted as 'marker' trees on field boundaries. Black Poplars have rough, fissured trunks and are often dotted with burrs and bosses. Their sweeping limbs often curl and head back down to earth. Their leaves are a bright green and heart shaped, and if crushed have the faint scent of balsam. As mentioned, they are dioecious, meaning they have male and female trees. The female tree is extremely rare; due to the profuse cotton white seeds that she produces many female trees were cut down or not cultivated. And herein lies one of the problems: so few female trees exist (around 600 from a total UK population of around 7,000) that natural fertilisation is almost impossible and even if it did occur, the right conditions of damp, June mud for the short lived seeds to strike are just as extinct, in a landscape drained of its water.

However, Blewbury has one of these rare female trees and even more fortunately we have persons in the village with the knowledge and stewardship skills to aid its survival. Black Poplars are a member of the Willow family and so take readily from cuttings, often referred to us 'truncheons', and this as been done to ensure future generations of this elegant and rarefied tree will remain in our village and landscape. *Glen Meadows*

ROAD CLOSURE

There will be a temporary Road Closure and "No Waiting" restriction on the A417 between the Upton pedestrian crossing and the Rowstock roundabout from **May 29th** up to and including **June 1st**. This will operate between 05:00 and 18:00. The closure is to facilitate surface dressing works.

BLEWBURY SCHOOL RECEPTION CLASS NEWS

Spring is in full swing here at Blewbury School and the children in our lovely O'Keefe Reception Class have been enjoying taking part in lots of Easter-themed activities. Among other things they have made some beautiful Easter bonnets – thank you to the PTA for providing the resources and for coming in to help! They have also been making full use of our wonderful outdoor space and our amazing Bio-dome, by going on an Easter egg hunt around areas including our lovely Forest School area. They have also been making Easter gardens in response to the Easter story. Tasty treats have also been included – the children enjoyed getting stuck in to making chocolate nests.

This term, the topic for these children has been 'In The Garden'. So far in Maths, they have been using physical resources to explore number. They have also been reading lots of fantastic stories including traditional tales such as *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *Superworm* and *Oliver's Vegetables* by Vivian French. As a result of all this they have already produced some amazing writing! *Sam Coleman, Assistant Headteacher*

PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of Blewbury Parish Council's meeting: 7pm, **Wednesday 10 April 2024**, Melland Room, Blewbury Clubhouse.

Present: Dermot Mathias (chair), Sheila Austin, Andrew Calder, Lydia Inglis, Anne Millman, Lee Robinson, Julia Saunders and Mark Shayler. Also present Elizabeth Cooper (clerk), David Hollick (lengthman) and district councillor Hayleigh Gascoigne. Apologies were received from county councillor Sally Povolotsky.

Following Jane Gibson's resignation, BPC has a vacancy for a new parish councillor, and we'd love to hear from you. The work is varied – from planning to ecology, finance to property management, speed awareness to tree planting. So, whatever your particular interest within our thriving village, you'll find a place to make a difference. We are keen to represent as wide a range of villagers as possible, so please contact the clerk (blewburypc@gmail.com) to find out more – she can also put you in touch with other councillors if you'd like further information. (You must be 18 or over, be eligible to vote, and live in the village – or within 3 miles of it.)

We all love and care for our beautiful village, and it is good to celebrate our community and tackle any problems we face. Your annual chance to meet with councillors, hear what has been going on, ask questions and give your feedback is coming up on 15 May, from 7pm at the Village Hall. This year's meeting will be fun, social and informative, with different areas of the hall devoted to exhibitions/reports/plans on all our main areas of work, including environment, recreation areas, planning, speed awareness, finances etc. So if you have ideas about our green spaces and footpaths, want to see how the money is spent, or find out exactly what a lengthman does, please come along. (If you represent a Blewbury society and would like to tell us about your activities, please email the clerk and we'll reserve a space under the appropriate theme.)

The speed indicator devices (SIDs) are now live and collecting data on Bessels Way and London Road. Speed Watch and the PC are hopeful that the SIDs, together with the road roundels and bigger repeater signs on Bessels Way, will lead to a general reduction in speeding. Data will be monitored over the course of a year, and then the PC will consider whether to pursue further measures.

The zip wire at Ticker's Folly needs extensive repairs to operate safely; it's been too wet to get a vehicle onto the site, but as soon as the weather is predictably drier, repairs will happen.

At Great Western Park the new health centre is now in the hands of the Buckingham, Oxfordshire, Berkshire Integrated Care Board, who need to submit an updated planning application. To let them know you think this is urgent, you can contact them directly or sign a petition using this link (<https://www.oxonld.uk/buildgwpsurgery>)

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:

P24/V0384/S73 Ashbrook House, Westbrook Street. Variation of condition 9 (wildlife protection) & 10 (Ecology) on application P23/V1825/HH – amended impact plan & certificate (Ashbrook House annex).

P24/V0249/PIP Adjacent to Upperton, Pilgrim's Way. Permission in principle for residential development on the site. Granted.

P24/V0217/HH Collis Moor, Nottingham Fee Demolition of existing annexe. Erection of new single storey side extension. Granted.

P24/V0350/LB Corrydon House, London Road. Various works to whole house (external & internal) including sensitive removal of impervious materials, structural repairs, joinery refurbishment, insulation upgrade, replace rainwater goods & decoration. Granted.

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

NEED TO CONTACT YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS?	Lee Robinson 6 Chailey Gardens
Sheila Austin 3 Ladycroft Park	Julia Saunders Charity School House, Church Road
Andrew Calder Trefagus, Chapel Lane	Mark Shayler 2 Eastfields
Lydia Inglis Chapmans, Nottingham Fee	
Dermot Mathias The Old Mill, Berry Lane	
Anne Millman Brook Cottage, Church End	Elizabeth Cooper (Clerk) 07968 772935 or blewburypc@gmail.com

The next PC meeting will be at 7pm on **Wednesday 8 May 2024**, in the Melland Room at the Clubhouse.

PLAYFUL CLIMATE ACTION

You are invited to a workshop about Climate issues using Lego Serious Play to generate new ways of thinking, led by Lucy Hawthorne of Climate Play. Join us at the Centre for Reflection, URC, Aston Tirrold on Friday May 24th 7pm. Cost: donation. For notifying in advance of your plan to attend if you can and for details, contact Julian Gallop at jgallop@freeuk.com

Autumn Leaves The dates for our May Bingo Sessions in the Vale Room at Blewbury Village Hall at 2pm are May 7th and May 21st. For details call Cilla Maguire (01235 851966). If anyone would like to join Autumn Leaves, please contact Cilla on the above phone number. We would welcome any new members to come and join us.

Astons Online supports people to be digitally confident on the Internet, with smartphone apps and online services like health and banking. Astons Online is free and open to everyone. You will be welcome at our event in Astons Village Hall (OX119EQ) on Tuesday 21 May from 10:00 to 12noon. It would help to know if you're coming. We're available for Zoom, Facetime, WhatsApp or telephone consultations on Tuesday mornings between 10:00 and 12:00. Website: www.astonsonline.uk email; theastonsonline@gmail.com

BLEWBURY FLYING SQUAD is a volunteer hospital car service for Blewbury residents. We cover appointments in hospitals, doctors' surgeries, dentists, opticians, chiropodists, physio etc. As the Flying Squad is a voluntary service which relies entirely on people's personal time and vehicle availability, we need as much notice as possible to arrange a driver. Please note that journeys to the Horton Hospital in Banbury are not available from the Flying Squad. To make a booking, telephone **07891 768197**. If the Flying Squad telephone holder is not available, you will be prompted to leave a voice message. Wait for the beep at the end of the BFS phone message then give your name and telephone number. Please speak clearly. You will be phoned back as soon as possible.

BLEWBURY POST OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday & Thursday: 9am – 3pm. Tuesday & Friday: 8.30am - 12pm & 2.30 – 5pm. Wednesday: 9am – 12pm.
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Wednesday	8	7 pm	Parish Council meeting, Melland Room	19
Saturday	11	9.15-11am	Blewbury Garden Market re-opens, Garage forecourt	7
Saturday	11	9.30am	Guided bird-watching walk, meet at Village Hall	9
Monday	13	9.30-11am	Coffee & Kids!, Vale Room	13
Tuesday	14	7.30pm	BlewShed meeting, The Blueberry	15
Tuesday	14	8 pm	Local History Group meeting at Robinson's, Parsonage Lane	9
Wednesday	15	7pm	Parish Council and BVS joint AGM, Village Hall	7
Saturday	18	9.30am	Guided bird-watching walk, meet at Village Hall	9
Saturday	18	10am-3pm	Artweeks exhibition, Blewbury Clubhouse – until May 27th	5
Saturday	18	2pm-midnight	Blewbury Beer Festival, Village Hall	7
Sunday	19	5 pm	Jazz at St Michael's, St. Michael's Church	5,6
Tuesday	21	2 pm	Autumn Leaves Bingo etc., Vale Room	20
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Wednesday	22	7.30 pm	Deadline for June Bulletin – Swallows, Church Road	

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

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