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Garsington Newsletter



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Garsington Good Neighbours

Do you need a hand with changing that light bulb, checking if that wonky table leg can be fixed, fixing that squeaky gate? We are volunteers in Garsington who are willing to help with light tasks in the home or garden. We will do occasional shopping or just come and say hello.



Telephone 07487 680507

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Everyone is welcome

2.30pm on the second Tuesday of the month.

We charge £2 for the tea and cake

If you would like to come and need a lift please phone us

Other enquiries to the organisers Jane Kay 01865 361497 or email janejay@mac.com
New volunteers always welcome



GARSINGTON VOLUNTARY DRIVERS

Do you need a little extra help to get to medical appointments? or to village events?

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and leave a message, we will call you back.

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(For example, a return journey to the John Radcliffe hospital is £4.95)

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Please give as much notice as possible for us to find a driver, at least 48 hours
Enquiries to Fiona Rix, 01865 361266 fionarix2@gmail.com

We always welcome new drivers

Chairman's Remarks

Chelgate, the reputation and relationship management consultants to the Northfield developers are planning a public session in the Garsington Village Hall in mid-May to update the village on their plans. They expect to issue further details nearer the time.

The developer's indicative timetable at the moment (although I realise there have been many of these) is to submit the outline principles of the development, a masterplan, to the SODC planning Committee in July. This will be followed by a process of public consultation and workshops at which people may be able to have their say in August and September. Following a decision by SODC on this masterplan there will then be further more detailed planning applications for individual sections of the site. It was indicated at a recent meeting with the developers that that the site could be constructed progressively over a period of twenty years.

The parish council has access to a modest financial reserve called the Community Infrastructure Levy and at the March meeting of the PC it was decided that our priorities for the expenditure of these monies were

- 1) A footpath at the top of Pettiwell, where there is no pavement
- 2) A footpath from North Manor to the playground in the Memorial Field and
- 3) Railings to enhance safety when walking from The Hill into the Village Hall.

A number of people have raised concerns about the absence of parking for users to the Village Hall and specifically in the road without a name between Pettiwell and The Green. In order to address this problem we are trying to arrange for there to be parking restrictions on this road to prohibit people from parking there permanently or all day. We are also going to refer to this road as Plough Lane in future.

Christopher Wright



Garsington School News

This is the news from Garsington Primary school and we are the Red Kite reporters.

Our names are Cerys, Elvie and Eloise and we are going to tell you about life at our school.

Ms d'Archambaud, our headteacher, has asked us some questions.

What have you been enjoying in class?

We are so excited as we have just got two Guinea Pigs! Their names are Thor and Loki. We really enjoy the responsibility of looking after them and our classroom is now much quieter as we don't want to upset them with any noise.

In Design and Technology we have been making moving toys that may jump or go round and round. We have designed these, made them and then we will evaluate how well they work.

This term our topic is Rainforests. We went on a school trip to the Living Rainforest. It was very hot because this is the climate that suits the animals in the rainforest. We saw a bird that when it eats berries the feathers change to that colour to blend in and survive. We found out about the Blue Dotted stingray which sadly is nearly extinct. We loved the Poison Dart frogs. These are born in the forest canopy but live their life on the forest floor. The brighter the colour of these frogs, the more deadly they are.

In English we have been writing about the risk to rainforests and plan to send our concerns to the Prime Minister.

What events have happened in school recently?

We really enjoyed the glow disco organised by our parents. We dressed up and played games like musical bumps and statues. We also had a dance competition and a best costume parade.

A few weeks ago some of the year 5 and 6 pupils went to Sportshall Athletics at Wheatley Park school. Garsington won and went through to the final where we came 6th out of over 20 schools. We were really proud of our teamwork and determination. The events included obstacle races, relay, over and under and jumping.

We recently entered Strictly Dance Oxford. We learned how to Jive and Tango and wore very sparkly gold dresses. We performed in front of a large audience at a theatre. It was really good fun.

On World Book Day everyone dressed up as their favourite book character. We read to each other and found out why we loved different books.

At our Breakfast Cafe last week the year 6 pupils served a very yummy breakfast of croissants, pain au chocolat, hot drinks and juice. It was a good way to start the day. This was also Red Nose Day and our charity reps organised a Red Nose day treasure hunt and a penalty shoot out. We raised over £200.

What are you looking forward to this term?

Easter! We will be having an Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter bunny, a Spring hat parade and also an Easter Egg hunt around the village.

Why should families choose our school?

We try to always show kindness to each other and follow the Red Kite values. We help everyone to flourish with their learning and make the school a happy place to be.

If you are looking for a school place, we sometimes have spaces so do get in contact for a tour of the school. You can get in touch with our headteacher by emailing her at zdarchambaud@garsingtonprimary.org or phoning 01865 361263

Are you interested in volunteering in our school? Do get in touch if you are interested.

Written by Year 5 Red Kite Reporters

SPRINGTIME.

The days are warm and fragrant,
Gentle rain falls, and across the valley,
sunbeams glint on fresh green
blades of corn.

Shades of yellow and gold primroses
and celandines abound.
Scented white violets grow on mossy banks,
in quiet country lanes.

Tranquil streams, and swallows swooping
low to catch their prey.
A kestrel hovers, and a skylark soars and sings
unseen above the fields.

Buds unfold, and tendrils, pale green reach
upwards all around us.
Life begins anew.

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April & May at Waterperry

The Big Easter Bunny Hunt 31st March – 14th April Join the Big Easter Bunny Hunt around the ornamental gardens. £3.95 per child with a prize! (Children must be accompanied by an adult for whom the normal garden entrance fee applies).

Fritillary Season See the county flower of Oxfordshire in all its native splendour as it flowers throughout April in our wildflower meadow and riverside walk. Normal garden entrance fee applies - £11.50 per adult.

Gnometastic 25th May – 2nd June Half-term fun - help the gnomes who have forgotten their names. £3.95 per child with a prize (children must be accompanied by an adult for whom the normal garden entrance fee applies).

Waterperry Saxifraga Day 25th May, 10am till 4pm

Visit Waterperry Gardens to see the largest collection of Saxifraga in the UK.

Whether you are new to gardening or have a passion for plants, pruning, or crafts, we have a host of one-day courses for you – for more details visit:

www.waterperrygardens.co.uk

Garsington Senior Citizens

I hope you are all well and looking forward to better weather, we are at the club as we have booked our outings for the coming summer.

The first trip is in May and then once a month. We are going to Poole, Bournemouth, Portsmouth, and Chichester.

We are also arranging a Christmas shopping trip to Southampton.

If anyone is interested then please contact us at Garsington Social Club, we meet on every 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month. If anyone would like to join us you would be most welcome.

Janet Greenway (acting secretary)

Garsington Players Summer Production 2024

This year the Players will be staging Lady Windermere's Fan by Oscar Wilde. The show will run from Thursday July 4th-Saturday July 6th at Garsington Manor. It will be directed by Kate Lockey and Jonathan Kay and will be produced by Marie Holmes.

We will be auditioning for the play at two read through sessions in Garsington Village Hall on Sunday 21st April at 7pm and Thursday 25th April at 7:30 pm.

We welcome new members of all ages over 18, both on stage and behind the scenes. If you think you would be interested in taking part, please contact Marie Holmes at marieholmes24@btinternet.com or join us at one of the read through sessions, where we look forward to seeing you.

St Mary's Garsington PCC Treasurer's Report 2023.

Many thanks to all the villagers that continued to support the Church over 2023. The full accounts for the year will be adopted at the APCM, c10.45am on 28th April after our Breakfast discussion Service – all very welcome.

St Mary's Garsington had a stable year financially, seeing the full-year benefit of the previous year's Generous Giving campaign, services and activities continuing largely as per the normal pattern.

The General Account showed a small surplus of £36, benefiting from a generous legacy of £4,000 which covered the underlying deficit. We once again paid our full Parish Share of £23k and other costs were generally held, apart from Electricity which rose considerably, as expected. Special collections / events mainly funded donations to Asylum Welcome, Christian Aid and Bibles for Garsington School. The General Account balance stands at £20k.

The Fabric Account would have shown a deficit of c£3k had it not been for the very welcome share of the profit from the very successful Fete, which was shared with the School Experience Fund. This and the Christmas Concert donation led to a surplus on the fund of £1,032, but with a commitment to support the church improvement plans from the fund, which stands at £32k. There is now a Fabric Sub-Group with members of the PCC and Fete Committee to oversee the prioritisation of fabric / reordering works from the fund (e.g. repairs to the flooring and porch will cost c£10k+ each).

The majority of regular donors now use the Parish Giving Scheme, which is very good as it significantly helps improve the cash-flow and simplifies the accounting process, for which I personally am very grateful! The Scheme is now also set up to receive one-off donations too, again making the tax reclaim simple and immediate.

Overall, the church does continue to face a financial challenge, despite our income from our many generous regular donors. This is predominantly due to meeting the Parish Share (£25k for 2024) which accounts for 75% of expenditure, but St. Mary's shares this position with many, if not

most, rural parishes in Oxfordshire. The PCC will continue to pay its full share while it can.

Richard

The table shows a summary of the total Income and Expenditure in 2022.

<u>St Mary's Kensington Combined Income and Expenditure Summary 2022.</u>	
Income	
Gift-aided giving (incl. tax reclaim)	12,937
Other giving / fundraising	8,857
Fees	2,297
Legacy	4,000
	<u>28,091</u>
Expenditure	
Parish Share	22,544
Local Clergy / Benefice / Service Costs	2,004
Church & Churchyard Running Costs	3,387
Outreach / Charitable Giving	1,188
	<u>34,022</u>
Net Loss / Gain	<u>1,069</u>
<u>St Mary's Kensington Combined Balance Sheet Summary 2022.</u>	
CCLA Funds on deposit	15,074
HSBC Bank & Cash	37,555
Debtors	0
Total Assets	<u>52,609</u>
General Fund	12,890
Restricted Funds	32,713
	<u>52,609</u>

"Happy Easter from the Revd Karen and from all at St Mary's Church. There is no 'From the Vicar' in this edition, as we wanted to update you on our plans to enhance the seating inside church. see p 18"



The biennial Dorchester-on-Thames Festival is one of Oxfordshire's leading Festivals and is based in and around the stunning location of Dorchester Abbey. The Dorchester Festival takes place this Spring, 3rd – 12th May, with an amazing collection of over 50 events packed into just 10 days at Dorchester Abbey.

Since 2005 the Festival has regularly attracted over 3,000 people each year, from serious followers of the arts to schools, families and children of all ages and has raised significant profile and £250,000 for Dorchester Abbey and local charities.

In 2024 we are partnering with wonderful local charity Restore, who support individuals to live with increased freedom from the constraints of mental ill health, through therapeutic activity, coaching and learning.

Highlights in 2024 include the return of world class classical group The Tallis Scholars, the BBC Elstree Concert Band, the now legendary abseil down the abbey's 100ft tower, cookery workshops by top chefs, comedy, folk and jazz nights, a gift and food fair, and even a duck race. Restore will be adding its own activities focused on mental health and well-being.

<https://dorchesterfestival.com>

Dorchester Festival was started in 2005 following a major restoration of Dorchester Abbey. It was initially a way of encouraging new people into the building and showing the potential of the Abbey as a venue for booking a variety of events.

Over the years it has become a major community event, offering opportunities to members of the community to perform and create and also to experience big professional arts events that would not normally be available on their doorstep in rural South Oxfordshire

It is entirely run by volunteers who take roles organising events, taking tickets or simply pouring tea!

We raise money across the Festival as a whole, and share our profits

equally between Dorchester Abbey and a different local charity every time.



John Howell MP writes...

Issues around the environment are never far away. As I write this month it's The Big Plastic Count. I'm joining lots of people across the country counting the single use plastic that I use this week. It will be interesting to see the data for this year to see how we are doing in moving away from single use plastics. Since the introduction of the Resources and Waste Strategy for England in 2018 significant progress has been made, including a ban on microbeads and restricting the supply of plastic straws, drink stirrers, plastic-stemmed cotton buds, plastic plates, trays, bowls, cutlery, balloon sticks and certain types of polystyrene cups and food containers.

Another concern raised with me recently is for our hedgerows which are an important part of our landscape. There are schemes to encourage farmers to maintain and restore existing hedgerows, while also planting more. Defra is also supporting farmers in assessing the condition of hedgerows, and to manage them in a way that will work for wildlife and improve biodiversity. There are also plans in progress for domestic hedgerow regulations which will protect nesting birds in the season.

Another area which I know is of interest to constituents is the growing dependence on new technology and the risk of alienation that this can lead to for some people. We live in an increasingly online world and it is not going to change. This means that digital skills are important - from the basics that people need to make the most of online connectivity, to the skills needed in every job, to the high-level skills for the growing number of specialist jobs in the economy. The Government is committed to helping those who need support to acquire basic digital skills and is also working to remove barriers. This is all part of its broader strategy to reduce digital exclusion and very welcome.

As always I am interested to know the issues that concern constituents. The best way to contact me is via email:

Lunch Club



Our monthly Lunch Clubs are held in the Village Hall, please note they are on the first Wednesday of the month except for January (no Lunch Club) and this includes the 1st if it falls on the first Wednesday.

If you are unable to attend and you do normally, then please let us know by Monday morning at the latest prior to the Wednesday Lunch Club. We understand that sometimes an emergency occurs, and you cannot do this, however, to avoid over catering please let us know if you can.

Contact: Eileen on 01865 361639 or Judy on 01865 343563

Dates for Lunch Club

Wednesday 3rd April 2024 in the Village Hall at 12.30pm

Wednesday 1st May 2024 in the Village Hall at 12:30pm

Currently we are unable to invite new people to join, but we would still like to hear from you if you are interested in joining us when we do have space. Contact Eileen on 01865 361639. We sometimes have space at short notice and if we have your details we can contact you.

Lunch Club currently costs £5 for a two-course meal.

Eileen, Judy and Nan

Friday Cafe



Friday Café will take place at St Mary's on Friday 19th April and Friday 17th May 2024, between 10am – 12noon. Please come for tea/coffee/cake for a small donation of 50p. We look forward to seeing you.

If you are a Mum or Dad, Grandparent or Carer looking after pre-school children, please join us. There is a small children's play area in the church.

Transport within the village to Friday Café can be arranged, please contact Eileen on 01865 361639.

If, for any reason we need to cancel we will contact you.

Eileen and all the helpers

Pilates in the village Hall

Every Tuesday at 9:45 am in the village hall there is a pilates class.

Becky Alan teaches the classes and you can book through her website

<https://beckyalan.myfitnessclass.com>



Left to right -

Mavis Griffiths - VP, Jen Alsop - Treas,, Martha Griffiths Pres,, Angela Prescott Secty

GARSINGTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We had a wonderful lunch at The Manor Pub to celebrate our 95th birthday in February, and we followed that with a fun night at our birthday meeting with Nancy Pugliese of Yoga Confetti leading us in a chair yoga taster session.

We held our Annual General Meeting and elections in March. Our elected Officers and Committee members for the 2024-25 membership year are: President – Martha S.J. Griffiths, Vice President – Mavis Griffiths, Secretary – Angela Marriott, Treasurer – Jen Alsop, and members Ginny Baker, Elizabeth Bowler, and Judy Eden.

Our craft group responded to a request for pairs of small stuffed hearts to be given to patients and their loved ones by the Cardiac-Thoracic Critical Care Unit at the John Radcliffe Hospital. We were able to deliver 40 pairs of hearts to the CTCCU. We also delivered another batch of handmade baby hats and cardigans to the SSNAP Unit, which is one of our ongoing charity projects.

We're kicking off our new membership year

Wednesday 10th April at 7:30 pm with "Making the Most of Your Personal Possessions with Creative Ideas and Practical

Tips for Your Stuff,” with Jane Fletcher, just in time for a spring clean of the clutter.

Our meeting on **Wednesday 8th May at 7:30 pm** will be a talk about “Those Extraordinary Things We Say” with Jennifer Cowling. If you’ve ever wondered how some figures of speech came to be, come along and find out.

Our next two WI Book Group meetings will be **Tuesday, 16th April and Tuesday, 21st May at 10:30 am**. The Book Group meets at the Mill View Nursery café in Wheatley.

Our craft-and-chat group, “Ripping Yarns,” will meet on **Wednesday, 24th April and Wednesday 22nd May at 10:00 am** at the Bowler residence, Hillside on Elm Drive. Call or email for directions. Some of us knit and stitch, and some come along for the chat. We have a cuppa and share stories as well as stitches, hence the name Ripping Yarns.

WHY NOT TRY THE WI? Our annual membership subscription is a low £38 for the year, and we have room for new members. Our regular meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall. Visitors are charged £5 for admission, which includes refreshments, so you can “try before you buy,” if you’re not certain, and we allow 3 visits before we ask you to formally join. We can usually help with transportation to meetings, if needed. For more information about the Garsington WI, please contact Martha at 01865 361730 or msjgriffiths@bt-internet.com, or our Secretary, Angela, at 01865 361530 or amgars@gmail.com.

Martha S.J. Griffiths, President

The Garsington Society

Please consider joining the society, it really helps us if we can demonstrate a strong membership when we are voicing objections to green belt incursions.

To join (annual subscription £5/person) - Pay by bank transfer online to Santander bank
Sort Code 09-01-52 Account Number 31498802
Account name: The Garsington Society

Give your surnames as reference (+ first name initials if paying for several members with the same surname), then email Angharad Jeffery (angharadrichard@yahoo.com) that you have paid, with the names/s / email address(es) of all members covered so everyone can be emailed with updates.

Forthcoming Events

The Quiz Friday 17th May at Garsington Primary School 7pm for 7.30 start. Gary Leahy will again plumb the depths of your knowledge (bone up on Liverpool). Bring your own refreshments. Contact Ann Sharpley (annl.sharpley@gmail.com) to reserve a table for your team.

Roger Heath-Brown will lead another Wildflower Walk on the afternoon of Sunday 2nd of June
We'll contact members via the GarSoc mailing list with further details soon. Put a note in your diary, numbers are usually limited to 20 or so, and demand is high.

The (Almost Midsummer) Barn Dance Saturday 15th June
The Great Barn, Garsington Manor
Doors will open 7pm and The Banana Band will call the dance from 8pm. Food will be included in the ticket price, a

choice of meat or vegetarian. The bar will be open from 7pm (pay as you go).

Ticket sales are limited to 100, the Barn will not accommodate more!

Tickets will be £12 per person (under 16 years £8)

Reserve your ticket(s) ASAP by contacting Lorna or Stefania, and leave your contact details

Lorna Stevenson (lorna_now@yahoo.co.uk) (01865 361671)

Stefania Cavaliere (stefania_cav@yahoo.it) (07952 939512)

Recent Events

Seventy guests enjoyed a light hearted Wine Bluff in the village hall in March. The gold star for top marks was awarded to Ann E., the rest of us will no doubt keep practising. Thanks to Barbara Catherine and Roger for the eloquent falsehoods and to Ann S and helpers for keeping the evening flowing.

February talk on AI is reported on p 20.

Mike Hardwick 20 March 2024

Update on St Mary's Church seating

In recent months, a small group of villagers have been meeting with members of the PCC to explore options to improve the interior and exterior of St Mary's Church. We have been exploring possible improvements to the seating, to increase the flexibility of the very impressive space we have within St Mary's.

A few years ago, some damaged and unused pews were removed, some of which were purchased by villagers. We have been considering whether we could further reduce the number of pews. Many rural churches in Oxfordshire and beyond have already replaced pews with chairs. For St Mary's, it could contribute to encouraging more people to come into

the building, and providing potential additional sources of income.

After the highly successful popular music event in Church in December, we reconfigured the layout of some pews and chairs. The shortest pews have been moved to the middle section of the church, either side of the central aisle, with some chairs alongside. The longer pews, have been moved to the side and back of the Church. So far, we have received a lot of positive feedback. We would therefore like to reduce the number of pews. One option could be to remove all the longer pews, leaving just the twelve shorter ones in the central section, as currently laid out.

In the short term, we hope to upgrade the current brown chairs at very low or no cost, before eventually replacing these with stackable wooden chairs, more in fitting with an older church. This final step would require fund-raising, possibly including the option of villagers sponsoring a chair and having a small plaque with their name or other commemoration placed on it. The wooden chairs would be aesthetically pleasing, and comfortable, and would complement and enhance the internal appearance of the Church. We are eager to ensure that the capacity is not significantly reduced by the replacement of some pews with more flexible seating.

We hope to complete repairs to the porch and floor this summer, which would then enable us to plan and implement improvements to seating. This would require formal applications and permissions. Please do have a look inside the church, and let us know your thoughts on seating and other possible improvements to the church interior. You can contact the Vicar by email: rev.karen.charman@gmail.com or speak to any PCC member. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

Revd Karen, the Fabric Committee, and St Mary's PCC.

The Owl and the Pussycat.
AI GENERATED ART A historical and evolution overview.
A talk to the Garsington Society

On a wet February evening, a sizable crowd gathered in the village hall for the event. Before the talk started, the audience witnessed a brief demonstration utilising a small robotic vacuum cleaner with coloured pens attached. The robot once moving drew its random and constrained movements on the paper it was placed on. The audience were then taken through the brief and short history of AI Art, illuminated with numerous creations sourced from specialist AI Art interest groups.

Creations are generated on various AI Art application platforms, predominantly by 'text to image'. This is where a list of descriptive terms are used to describe the creation envisaged. They are fed into an algorithmic model, and within seconds a creation is produced. This can be undertaken on either a laptop, tablet or even a smart phone.

The audience were then invited to suggest prompts to create their own creation live on screen. These followed the simple maxim of SUBJECT, SUBSUBJECT, ARTISTIC STYLE, MEDIUM, DESCRIPTIVE TERMS.

In order, the audience called out the following - seascape, boat, storm, cubism, mosaic, deep dark colours, uplifting, cat and owl in a boat.

The algorithmic model, Stable Diffusion SDXL 1.0 was selected and a batch of four Owl and the Pussycat images appeared on the screen. The best of that batch was then evolved further culminating in the creation that now adorns the cover of this newsletter. The evening culminated in extensive questioning by the audience. More of my AI Generated Art creations will be exhibited during Oxfordshire's Artweeks in the Oxford Brewery Tap in Horspath. Site 336. May 16-19 and 23-27.

Tony Wyer



Helen Carter
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EVENTS DIARY April/May

April

- Tues 2nd Senior Citizens S&SC 2:00pm
- Wed 3rd Lunch Club Village Hall 12:30
- Sun 7th Benefice Communion St Mary's 10:00am
- Mon 8th Parish Council meeting Village Hall 7:30pm
- Tues 9th Good Neighbours Tea and Cakes Village Hall 2:30pm
- Wed 10th WI Village Hall 7:30pm
- Sun 14th Parish Communion St Mary's 09:30
- Tues 16th Senior Citizens S&SC 2:00pm
- Fri 19th Friday Cafe St Mary's 10:00-12:00 noon
- Sun 21st Parish Communion St Mary's 9:30am
- Sun 28th Breakfast Discussion St Mary's 09:30am then APCM

May

- Wed 1st Lunch Club Village Hall 12:30
- Sun 5th Parish Communion St Mary's 09:30am
- Tues 7th Senior Citizens S&SC 2:00pm
- Wed 8th WI Village Hall 7:30pm
- Sun 12th Parish Communion St Mary's 09:30am
- Mon 13th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7:30pm
- Tues 14th Good Neighbours Tea/Cakes Village Hall 2:30pm
- Fri 17th Friday Cafe St Mary's 10:00-12:00 noon
- Sun 19th Parish Communion 5th Lent St Mary's 09:30
- Tues 21st Senior Citizens S&SC 2:00pm
- Wed 22nd Last Date for contributions to newsletter June/July**
- Sun 26th Breakfast discussion St Mary's 09:30

Front Cover photo - Tony Wyer from his talk on AI at Garsington Society Feb 2024

Please send me any photos you think would be suitable for the front cover - jw@judithwestgate.plus.com

towards **Watlington**
via Garsington, Stadhampton & Chalgrove

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Cowley Road Shelley Road	0724	0832	1005	1105	1220	1320	1418	1603	1740	1855	
Cowley Templars Square stop C	0735	0841	1012	1112	1227	1327	1430	1615	1750	1902	
Cowley Lidt	0625	0742	0850	1020	1120	1235	1335	1437	1622	1757	1907
Garsington Village Hall	0630	0747	0855	1025	1125	1240	1340	1442	1628	1803	1912
Chiselhampton The Coach and Horses	0636	0753	0901	1031	1131	1246	1346	1448	1635	1810	1918
Stadhampton School Lane	0638	0755	0903	1033	1133	1248	1348	1450	1637	1812	1920
Chalgrove The Red Lion	0644	0801	0910	1040	1140	1255	1355	1457	1645	1818	1926
Chalgrove Fairfax Road	0645	0802	0912	1042	1142	1257	1357	1459	1647	1820	1927
Watlington Library	0655	0814	0923	1053	1153	1408	1511	1659	1832	1936	

Saturdays

Oxford St Aldates stop G4	0915	1045	1145	1315	1415	1545	1645	1800	0925	1145	1455	1705		
Cowley Road Shelley Road	0925	1055	1155	1325	1425	1555	1655	1810	0935	1155	1505	1715		
Cowley Templars Square stop C	0830	0932	1102	1202	1332	1432	1602	1702	0941	1201	1511	1721		
Cowley Lidt	0720	0840	0940	1110	1210	1340	1440	1610	1710	1825	0946	1206	1516	1726
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Chalgrove Fairfax Road	0741	0902	1002	1132	1232	1402	1502	1632	1732	1845	1007	1227	1537	1747
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Chalgrove Fairfax Road	0609	0709	0835	0940	1110	1210	1300	1425	1535	1720	1849
Chalgrove The Red Lion	0610	0711	0837	0942	1112	1212	1302	1427	1537	1722	1850
Stadhampton School Lane	0616	0717	0844	0949	1119	1219	1309	1434	1544	1730	1856
Chiselhampton The Coach and Horses	0618	0720	0846	0951	1121	1221	1311	1436	1546	1732	1858
Garsington Village Hall	0625	0728	0853	0958	1128	1228	1318	1443	1553	1739	1904
Cowley Lidt	0631	0734	0859	1005	1135	1235	1325	1450	1600	1746	1909
Cowley Templars Square stop A	0640	0745	0910	1015	1145	1245	1335	1500	1610	1800	1915
Cowley Road Shelley Road	0645	0756	0921	1019	1149	1249	1339	1509	1619	1809	
Oxford Speedwell Street	0658	0810	0940	1030	1200	1300	1350	1525	1635	1824	

Saturdays

Watlington Library	0755	0920	1020	1150	1250	1420	1520	1640	1750	1900	0828	1025	1245	1555	1800
Chalgrove Fairfax Road	0805	0930	1030	1200	1300	1430	1530	1650	1800	1910	0837	1034	1254	1604	1809
Chalgrove The Red Lion	0807	0932	1032	1202	1302	1432	1532	1652	1802	1911	0839	1036	1256	1606	1811
Stadhampton School Lane	0813	0939	1039	1209	1309	1439	1539	1659	1809	1917	0845	1043	1303	1613	1817
Chiselhampton The Coach and Horses	0815	0941	1041	1211	1311	1441	1541	1701	1811	1919	0847	1045	1305	1615	1819
Garsington Village Hall	0821	0948	1048	1218	1318	1448	1548	1708	1818	1925	0853	1051	1311	1621	1825
Cowley Lidt	0827	0955	1055	1225	1325	1455	1555	1715	1825	1930	0858	1056	1316	1626	1830
Cowley Templars Square stop A	0835	1005	1105	1235	1335	1505	1605	1725	1835	1938	0903	1102	1322	1632	1835
Cowley Road Shelley Road	0839	1009	1109	1239	1339	1509	1609	1729	1839						
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


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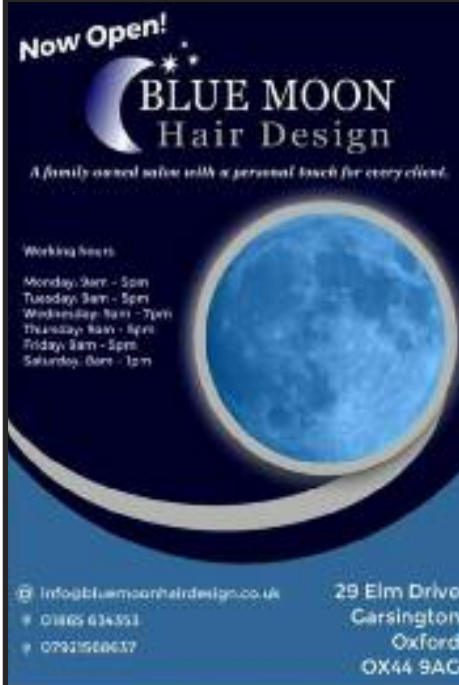
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<http://www.fixmystreet.com> or 0345 310111

South Oxfordshire District Council

<http://www.southoxon.gov.uk>

Blocked Drains

<http://www.thameswater.co.uk/help-and-advice/12954.htm>

FlyTipping - go to southoxon.gov.uk and search for fly tipping.

Illegally parked vehicles

<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/illegal-parking>

Important Telephone Numbers

To share information with the Police but remain anonymous call Crimestoppers, 0800 555111.

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