Garsington Newsletter



February March 2024

Garsington Good Neighbours

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 Please join us for Tea in the Village Hall. 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 janekay@mac.com New volunteers always welcome



GARSINGTON VOLUNTARY DRIV

Do you need a little extra help to get to medical appointments?or to village events? Do you have a temporary or permanent disability which makes using public transport difficult?

Phone 07825 085550

Monday to Friday

and leave a message, we will call you back.

We charge 45p per mile for the cost of the fuel. (For example, a return journey to the John Radcliffe hospital is £4.95) Local village trips are £1

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

Recently there has been a lot of disruption in the village. Gigaclear, the full-fibre broadband supplier, has been ploughing the green areas, digging up pavements and installing traffic lights. Southend has become a skating rink and more traffic seems to be using the village as an alternative to worse journeys elsewhere. The Parish Council has been in dialogue with Gigaclear and is trying to arrange a public meeting with them so that they can hear people's concerns. Likewise we are trying to make nuisances of ourselves with Thames Water and the County Council concerning Southend.

Discussions with the County about the construction of the pinch point on the Wheatley Road continue and whilst it has been confirmed (again) that there is sufficient funding for this project, for some unaccountable reason we cannot be given a date for when the project is to start. We will keep pushing!

A new (and continuing) application to have the village pub classified as an asset of community value has been submitted by the parish council (many thanks to Ian Ashley for his hard work on this)

Christopher Wright

GARSINGTON VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall management team are looking for new members to help with the running of the hall. Would you like to join the committee and be part of looking after this village asset? We meet approximately every two months so if you would like to join us please contact Marie Holmes (marieholmes24@btinternet.com) or John Seymour (iohnandlynnseymour@vahoo.co.uk) for more information.

Ernest (Ernie) Tipping

4th February 1931 – 28th December 2023

Dad's association with Garsington began when he started dating my mother, Hilda, who lived at 4 Blenheim Cottages. They were introduced by mutual friends and married in St Mary's church on 30th July 1955. Married life began in Sandford, but when one of the new council houses became available in the village, they became the second occupants of 4 Wheatley Road in April 1960.

Dad quickly became involved in village life, taking an active role in the administration of the football club and playing darts & Aunt Sally for the Plough. The creation of the boys' football section, saw dad become more heavily involved in the sports club, helping maintain the grounds and chasing off naughty children cycling over his beloved grass. Dad was always very vocal in his support of the local village teams and often made his feelings known to the visiting players, supporters, and referees.

Family was important to dad and he took great pride in the achievements of his four sons (Douglas, Andrew, Stephen, and Robert), all of whom actively participated in the football, cricket, Aunt Sally and darts sections of the sports club. In later life, he doted on his nine grandchildren, eager to sweep them up in his arms and set out on a trek around Cuddesdon or visit the sports field.

Much of dad's working life was spent at the Cowley car factory; daily he would join others from the village cycling to and from the plant in all weathers. After leaving the factory, dad worked in the maintenance department of the John Radcliffe before 'retiring,' but continued to work part-time at

Minoli Tiles, helping with displays in the showroom.

Being idle was not in dad's nature, after finishing work he continued to look after the sports field but also took on responsibility for cutting the grass in the churchyard and the common areas around North Manor estate. He also got into local politics, sitting on Garsington Parish Council, where dad was always forthcoming with his views.

In later life, dad took on the responsibility of caring for his beloved wife until mum's passing in 2018. This left a huge hole in dad's life, but the love and support of his family and the village sustained him, along with the roast dinners, cooked breakfasts, Victoria sponges and lardy cake. Daily he would walk familiar routes to the church, up Wheatley Road, dropping in to see people and pass the time of day.

Sadly, dad passed away in December having been ill since August 2023. He was a character once met never forgotten. I am sure many will have their own personal memories of dad, so raise a mug of tea, eat a slice of cake and reminisce.

Andrew Tipping

FIELDS IN WINTER.

Bleak, until the cloud breaks and the late sun glints through to catch the last glimpse of daylight.

Bleak, until the raindrop crystal clear, alights and dances on a lace cobweb.

Bleak, until the silence is broken by a startled pheasants call, and colour frames the ragged field.

Bleak, until the raw desolation gives way to the safety of bright sunshine across the valley.

Garsington Voluntary Drivers reach their 10th Birthday



Who knew, when there was a meeting in September 2013 to do with the Village Plan, that not only the Garsington Voluntary Drivers Scheme would be started the following February, but also that it would still be going strong 10 years later!

We have taken local residents on 1,860 trips to hospitals, GPs, village events, podiatrists, dentists and opticians. We are a group of about 22 volunteers who live in Garsington and who enjoy meeting villagers from all parts of the parish and helping out.

We always welcome newcomers to join us, either as a driver, or someone who takes the phone for a week at a time, picking up the messages and emailing the drivers to find someone who is free. If you would like to help out, please contact Fiona Rix our organizer (fionarix2@gmail.com).

To all our clients, drivers and controllers past and present, very many thanks and here's to the next 10 years!

The Committee, GVD.





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There are few better places to celebrate the arrival of spring than Waterperry Gardens in Oxfordshire, where the historic ornamental gardens provide the perfect setting for the Galanthus. These wonderful little heralds of spring carpet the old orchard and riverside walk at this time of the year, and winter aconites are also likely to bring a smile to visitors' faces, providing new hints of colour in the garden (normal garden entrance fee applies).

Waterperry boasts beautiful displays of double and single-flowered snowdrops all around the 8-acre gardens and is the perfect excuse for a walk in the gardens followed by a visit to the Teashop to warm up - a lovely way to spend time with friends and family.

www.waterperrygardens.co.uk

News from Garsington Church of England Primary School January 2024



Hello everyone in Garsington. Happy New Year! We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas. We are the Red Kite reporters and our names are Mia, Rayan, Lottie and Tyler.

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

What have you been enjoying in class?

PE because it is fun. This term we have been learning how to play tennis and this has also really helped our fitness levels.

We have really enjoyed computing. We have been programming and learning how to control devices. In English we have been reading about Frankenstein and his monster. It's a really interesting story that has helped us with our own writing.

In Maths we are learning the bus stop method in division.

What events have happened in school recently?

We now have a Full Circle group. This is an intergenerational group that meets every Thursday at lunchtime. During this time we eat together with people from the community and then we do an activity like cooking, puzzles, card games and crafts. If you are interested in helping at this group then please email our school.

We have had Aspirations week in year 5 and 6. During the week we have had lots of visitors coming into school to talk

about their jobs. These have included a football player, scientist, the Sheriff of Oxford, a musician, a chef and even a

ghostbuster! We got to think about what we want to do when we are older and how hard we will need to work!

What are you looking forward to this term?

Next week we will be organising Friendship time for the school. This is when we use our skills from our Active Leaders training to teach other children lots of team building games.

We are also organising the next breakfast cafe at the end of term for all our families. We will get to take orders and serve the food.

Why should families choose our school?

We respect each other and try hard to be friends with each other. Our lessons are fun and we learn lots of new things. We have many responsibilities including being active leaders, prefects and walking our school dogs (Lollie and Bonnie). At our school we always try to show our Red Kite values (responsibility, enthusiasm, determination, kindness, independence, teamwork and enrichment). 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 head-teacher by emailing her at zdarchmbaud@garsingtonprimary.org or phoning 01865 361263

Are you interested in volunteering in our school? We are looking for adults to help us run a weekly reading club. Do get in touch if you are interested.

Written by from Year 5 Red Kite Reporters

An acknowledgement from Garsington Sports and Social Club

The end of 2023 proved to be a very sad end to the year for the Club, with significant members passing away very close to each other.

After hearing the news of Mick Belcher's passing earlier in 2023 we weren't expecting the late sad end to the year as well. Mick of course represented the Club for many a year as a top first team cricketer and later as an official umpire.

We also lost Brian Field in 2023, who was a great character around the village and of course represented the Club at Darts and Aunt Sally. Brian had that infectious laugh and could psych anyone out. As a young dart player, I remember too well how Brian would stand behind you simply saying "you better finish this game or I'm checking out next". Great memories.

December brought more sad news for us all with local Tony Barson passing away first. Tony was a prolific rugby player/supporter in his day and in latter years he supported the table tennis club run weekly at the sports club. He also sponsored my son Will with his Speedway racing exploits locally and abroad, a sign of the kindness of this gentle giant.

Later in December we heard the news local builder and personal friend to many, myself included, Malc Hill had passed away after a short illness. Known to many as simply "Baldie" or "the bald eagle" Malc helped with the grass cutting in his school years at the club, before going on to represent Garsington FC. He was very proud of his association with the club and indeed was scouted by Arthur Turner of Oxford United fame, a story he enjoyed telling us many a time. Malc also loved Aunt Sally and right up to this season was a key member of the side. The club were honoured to host Malc's wake very recently, and all after a lovely service by our vicar Karen, and a packed out church, following a walk behind Malc's coffin from another favourite venue, The Manor pub, in his

beloved Land Rover, the esteem in which he was held was obvious.

Christmas came and went but the sad feelings returned, shortly after, with news that local farmer Dave Parsler and village legend Ernie Tipping had passed away on the same day. Dave represented the club at both football and cricket and was a regular supporter of the venue, including a visit earlier this Aunt Sally season, which sadly proved to be his last following recent poor health. I'll personally never forget getting to know Dave and his brother Sheriff, over the years, and his trademark flick of the "V's" when seeing my van pass by him, will always be in the memory bank and bring a smile to my face.

Ernie needs no introduction, and was known throughout the area. The family have penned a tribute about his life elsewhere in this newsletter, but we couldn't not acknowledge all his sterling efforts over his long life at the club. The list of what he did is endless but will never be forgotten. Ern chased many of us out of the rec, over the years, for riding our bikes around the old witches hat or generally being a nuisance, but he had a heart of gold and it was our pleasure to pick Ern up weekly for his speedway fix when the sport returned to Oxford in 2022 and we laughed together at many of his, and our, antics over the years. Ern was of course highly thought of at Oxford with his 70 odd years of attending and winding up the opposition!

We'd like to pass on all our thanks to these great people for everything they did supporting the Garsington Club and of course send our love and condolences to all the families, the place is a poorer place without them going forward.

Rob Jeffery Chairman GSSC

Senior Citizens

I hope you all had a very merry Christmas and we wish you all a prosperous new year.

Our club is now looking forward to another year with monthly trips from May to September and also our Christmas shopping trip, these destinations are to be confirmed.

We have meetings twice a month on the first and third Tuesday. We are always looking for new members and if you would like to see what we do then come along and have a look before you join. We meet at Garsington Sports and Social Club from 2 - 4 but open our doors at 1:15 giving us a chance to chat and catch up.

If any readers of the magazine have parents who might be interested then please pass information to them. It's a good way to make new friends and meet up with old friends. You do not have to live in Garsington, any from the surrounding areas are welcome.

Janet Greenway (acting secretary)

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

Happy New Year. Thank you to everyone who kindly contributed to the Garden Vouchers given to all the Volunteers who organise or help at Lunch Club, these tokens were very much appreciated.

Dates for Lunch Club

Wednesday 7th February 2024 in the Village Hall at 12.30pm PLEASE NOTE LUNCH CLUB WILL BE HELD ON FIRST WEDNESDAY IN FEBRUARY

Wednesday 6th March 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 16th Febrary 2023 and Friday 15th March 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 (except this February when there is no class on Tuesday the 6th), there is a pilates class.

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

https://beckyalan.myfitnessclass.com

GARSINGTON GETS GREENER UPDATE



Between now and April 2024, with an eye on the weather, we have a series of working parties planned to plant hedging and trees as the second phase of the project progresses.

HEDGING: Preparation and planting FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16th & FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23rd

TREES: Preparation and planting SATURDAY MARCH 23rd.

This project was started in 2022 when the Parish Council funded us to plant trees in the Memorial field, and our first group of tree adopters have been caring for them ever since.

We are now in the second phase, and soon it will be time to welcome our new volunteers to adopt one of the 24 trees we will be planting on Parsler's Piece and at the top of the Memorial Field.

With funding from the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (including funding from Grundon Waste Management Ltd), we have bought so far 500 bare root hedging plants and 24 trees. Most of the hedging is being used to create new hedges in Parsler's Piece and to infill existing hedges in Parsler's Piece around the Memorial Field.

Although it is ideal to plant in the winter, we have been

hampered by flood and frost. Despite all, a team of hardy individuals began the work and we have planted some hedging.

We hope that friends and families of our new Adopt-a-Tree volunteers as well as those who have already adopted trees will come along on March 23rd to plant and label the new trees.

If you haven't been before, please feel free to join us. Let Richard Betteridge know in advance so he can make sure you have all the information you need (rjbetteridge@hotmail.co.uk)

NB weather allowing, we may be able to bring these dates forward. Any changes will be posted on Garsington Greatness, and all those on our mailing list including those who are adopting trees will be informed if these dates change.

Janet Bolam.

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 Santander bank Sort Code 09-01-52 Account Number 31498802. Account name: The Garsington Society

Give your surnames as a reference (+ first name initials if paying for several members with the same surname), then email Ang-

harad Jeffery (angharadrichard@yahoo.com) that you have paid, with the name(s) / email address(es) of all members covered so everyone can be emailed with updates.

Forthcoming Events Tuesday 13th February 8pm Village Hall

"AI GENERATED ART A historical and evolution overview", by Tony Wyer

A visual presentation outlining the course of AI generated Art complete with physical examples, 'drawing robot' and an audience participation finishing section where the audience can jointly assist in producing original creations live on the screen.

Saturday 2nd March 7.30pm Village Hall "Call My Wine Bluff"

Recent Events

12th Night Party

A relaxed 'bring and share' supper was enjoyed by 35 people. An event worth repeating in the future.

AGM & talk by John Hall

A brief AGM was held to inform the society of last year's events and to elect the new committee. Thank you to Angharad for all her hard work as Chair of the Society and we welcome Chris & Steffi Tack and Gilliam Williams as new members on the committee.

However the real draw of the evening which enticed the 50 plus people to brave the cold January weather was a talk by John Hall on "From Madness to mental Health: places, people and practice in Oxfordshire"- a potted history of changes in the provision of local mental health services over the past two hundred years.

Ann Sharpley (Chair Garsington Society)



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GARSINGTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



(photo of founding Committee Minutes from 1929)

Around Garsington, it is said that you cannot claim to be a local unless your family name is on the War Memorial, or you have lived here at least 50 years. I've only been here since 2010, so I have a long way to go. However, I am lucky enough to be following in the footsteps of some very special local women.

After meeting at the Rectory to elect its founding Committee, 95 years ago, on 7th February 1929, the Garsington Women's Institute was officially constituted as the local chapter of the National Federation of Women's Institutes. It was formed by local women whose names you will recognise. The original officers, Committee, and members were:

"Mrs. Liddell, President, Mrs. Parsler, Vice Pres., Mrs. Blake, Secretary, Miss Randall, Assistant Sec., Mrs. Clinkard, Treasurer; Mrs. Surman, Mrs. Windley, Mrs. Heaton, Mrs. Gidney, Mrs. Whitcomb, Mrs. Blay, Mrs. Parsler (co-opted)." This year, our Institute will celebrate this special 95th birthday with lunch at The Manor Pub on Thursday, 8th February at 12:30 pm. We will continue our celebrations at our regular meeting on Wednesday, 14th February at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall. We will have a special taster session of Chair Yoga with Nancy Pugliese of Yoga Confetti, followed by cake and refreshments. In March, we will be electing our new officers and Committee for the coming membership year which begins 1st April. Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 13th March at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.

We have managed to keep our membership subscription rates low, but we will have a small increase for 2024-2025.

Our subs will increase from £36 to £38. Our admission rate for visitors will also increase to £5 effective 1st April. We allow women three visits before requiring formal membership to give an opportunity to decide if our WI is right for you.

We have two lively sub-groups which meet during the day and are well-attended. There are no additional costs for at-

tending them - they are included in membership.

Our next Book Group meetings will be Tuesday, 20th February and Tuesday, 19th March at 10:30 am. We meet at the Mill View Nursery café in Wheatley. Our books are supplied free of charge through the public library's book group service. We read one book a month, and we have read quite a wide variety of books.

Ripping Yarns, our craft-and-chat group, will meet Wednesday, 28th February and Wednesday, 27th March at 10:00 am at the Bowler residence on Elm Drive. Being a crafter is not necessary; some members come just for a chat and a cuppa. This is another good way to meet some of our members and

decide if our WI might be right for you.

I think that Mrs. Liddell, Mrs. Parsler, and friends would be pleased that what they started 95 years ago is still going strong. Despite so many social and technological changes, upheavals, wars, Covid-19 lockdowns, and more, we're still here. We still offer a fun and welcoming place for women from all walks of life to meet and make friends. We still do what we can to serve our community through our charitable work. We still have interesting educational presentations. Our founders loved to get together and have fun, and so do we. We are grateful for what they started, and we are looking forward to continuing their legacy on for many more years.

For more information about the Garsington WI and/or our sub-groups, please contact Martha at 01865 361730 or msj-griffiths@btinternet.com, or our Secretary, Angela, at 01865 361530 or amgars@gmail.com. We can usually help with

transportation to meetings, if needed.

Martha S.J. Griffiths, President







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Yoga Classes at the Garsington Village Hall



*every second Wednesday from 5:45pm-6:45 p

Please confirm your space by contacting Nancy on 07792092882. For more information, please visit www.yogaconfetti.com.



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Women's Institute Martha Griffiths

EVENTS DIARY February/March

February

Sun 4th	Parish Communion St Mary's 09:30am
Mon 5th	Parish Council meeting Village Hall 7:30pm
Tues 6th	Senior Citizens S&SC 2:00pm

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Sun 11th Parish Communion St Mary's 09:30am

Tues 13th Good Neighbours Tea and Cakes Village Hall 2:30pm

Wed 14th Ash Wednesday 2pm St Mary's

Wed 14th WI Village Hall 7:30pm

Fri 16th Friday Cafe St Mary's 10:00-12:00 noon

Sun 18th Parish Communion 1st Sunday Lent St Mary's 9:30am

Tues20th Senior Citizens S&SC 2:00pm

Sun 25th Breakfast Discussion 2nd Lent St Mary's 09:30am

March

Sun 3rd	Parish Communion	3rd Sunday	Lent St Mary'	s 09:30am
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Mon 4th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7:30pm

Tues 5th Senior Citizens S&SC 2:00pm Wed 6th Lunch Club Village Hall 12:30

Sun 10th Parish Communion Mothering SundaySt Mary's 09:30am

Tues 12th Good Neighbours Tea/Cakes Village Hall 2:30pm

Wed 13th WI Village Hall 7:30pm

Fri 15th Friday Cafe St Mary's 10:00-12:00 noon

Sun 17th Parish Communion 5th Lent St Mary's 09:30

Tues 19th Senior Citizens S&SC 2:00pm

Wed 20th Last Date for contributions to newsletter Apr/May Sun 24th Breakfast discussion Palm Sunday St Mary's 09:30

Fri 29th Good Friday 1:45 pm St Mary's

Sun 31st Easter Sunday 09:30 am St Mary's with easter eggs

Front Cover photo - Ernie Tipping

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

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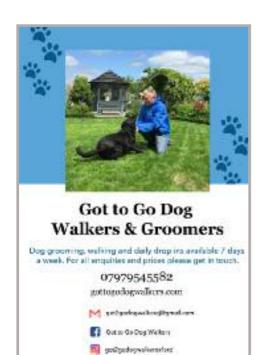
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From the Vicar – February 2024 Dear all

Happy New Year! I hope you had a lovely Christmas and New Year. I expect it all feels a long time ago now, but I wonder if you can cast your mind back and recall your highlights of the season? I particularly enjoyed the fund-raising concert in early December, our Village Carol Service, our Christingle Crib Service, and all the services around the Benefice on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. I hope to offer a Christingle Crib Service again next year – with additional oranges! It was also lovely to see the church full of people, with the pews moved, tables arranged café-style, and lights around the pillars, for our concert

Sadly, in January, St Mary's Church has also been full for a couple of large village funerals. I'm aware that Christmas and the New Year haven't been easy for many families in the village. The death of a loved one is always difficult, and can be particularly challenging and distressing when we lose a loved one around Christmas. It is always a huge privilege to be able to conduct funerals for villagers, and for those with links to our community. Thank you to the whole village for your ongoing support. St Mary's is your church, and I hope that the church will remain open for many, many years, to serve the village and wider community.

During Lent, the Diocese of Oxford is inviting people to 'Come and See' – to explore the Christian faith afresh. We invite you to come along and see what is happening at St Mary's Church. All are welcome to any of our services and events. You might also want to sign up for the Diocese of Oxford's daily emails throughout Lent, and weekly videos – sign up at

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I hope to hold some extra services around the Benefice during Lent – beginning with a Communion Service in St Mary's at 2pm, on Ash Wednesday (14th February). All are welcome to this, and to any service in church.

I hope to see you in St Mary's, or out and about in the village, soon.

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