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Garsington Newsletter



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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, collection of prescriptions 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 jane kay@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?

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

We always welcome new drivers

Chairman's Remarks

On the 17th May, Garsington held its annual parish meeting. This is a meeting when amongst other matters the parish council reports to the village on what they've been doing in the past twelve months. More detail on the parish meeting will probably be in the next newsletter when the minutes are available but an edited version of the report from the council follows below.

“ The council regularly considers a very lengthy list of issues and questions but what I'd like to do this evening is to highlight some of the key activities of the council particularly those that concern our environment.

Traffic in the village and road safety has been a key concern and thanks to the hard work of our County Councillor Robin Bennet we secured funding for both a pinch point in the Wheatley Road and a school crossing which are programmed to be installed this summer. Similarly, we chose to be in the vanguard of councils adopting lower speed limits across much of the village and again with OCC we consulted and then installed these limits a few months ago.

Protection of the green belt and residents' quality of life were, for the parish council, the principal issues at stake when we decided to be professionally represented at a week-long enquiry into development in Kiln Lane split over two sessions. Our case was made very powerfully both by our lawyer, our district councillor and a number of residents but unfortunately we did not have the success that we had hoped for.

In the new burial ground, a portion of the land was consecrated in a ceremony conducted by the Bishop of Dorchester and the ground is now ready for use. In the Memorial Field, new adult fitness equipment has been installed and the environmental committee has been planting fine trees in the same area and in Parsler's Piece. The environmental committee has also applied to the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment for a grant to plant further hedging and trees in the village, partly over a concern to replace the large number of ash trees that we'll be losing over the next few years.

There is little to report on the lost green belt north of Northfield Brook since for almost all of the year the landowners, that is the county council and Brasenose College, were locked in negotiation about how the two land holdings would be integrated. Agreement has now been reached and we are waiting on our district council to provide us with an update on what has been agreed.

I should mention the Neighbourhood Plan which went to consultation in the village during the summer. It then needed to be materially changed when a local family withdrew their support for affordable housing but it is now awaiting review by a planning inspector at a date, to be decided, before coming back finally to the village for a referendum. If the plan is accepted by the inspector in something close to its current form, it should give us some helpful influence over further developments.

Finally, can I thank all my colleagues, both on the PC and the many volunteers who work with and for us, for the time that they invest and for their unstinting commitment and dedication."

Chris Wright

It's back...



Garsington Village Fete 2023

Saturday 2nd September at 2-5pm

Stalls, Games, Teas, Bar, BBQ, Music.
All in the most wonderful setting of
Garsington Manor Gardens.

But...

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Can you help to run a stall, organise a game,
serve some teas, pour some drinks,
cook some food and as importantly
help to set up and clear up?

If so contact Nick on
nmgreen78@hotmail.com
or call 0x 368799

News from the Vicar

Dear Friends,

I hope that you are well and enjoying the warmer weather?

Did you enjoy the Coronation weekend? I certainly did! I took part in an enactment of the Coronation in Horspath C of E Primary School. I thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as the Archbishop of Canterbury, and had a lovely time crowning and enthroning 'King Charles' and 'Queen Camilla'. I enjoyed the privilege of being Archbishop for an hour, without any of the many responsibilities and challenges which must surely go with the job. I also enjoyed the lighting of a large beacon, or fire, in Cuddesdon, with drinks in the Village Hall beforehand. I ate lots of cake over the weekend – with St Giles' Church transformed into Highgrove Gardens; and an afternoon tea in the Horspath Hub. Then, here in Garsington, I really enjoyed our Coronation Songs of Praise, followed by prosecco and cake, in St Mary's Church. Thank you to all who came, and to those who provided the prosecco, soft drinks, and cake.

Watching the coronation itself, on TV, on the Saturday, two things stood out for me:

- the sight of King Charles, stripped of all his finery, wearing a simple linen tunic and trousers, after the anointing screen had been removed; and William, Prince of Wales, giving his father a tender kiss on the cheek, after swearing an oath of allegiance to him as King

Shortly after the Coronation, the Church celebrated Ascension Day, on 18th May, when the risen Jesus was taken up into heaven to be seated on his heavenly throne. I couldn't help reflecting upon the similarities and differences between Charles' coronation, and Jesus' enthronement. Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II spoke often of her desire to imitate the servant ministry of Jesus Christ, the Servant King; and Charles' coronation had a strong theme of servant leadership, service and volunteering.

I know that many villagers already volunteer: as drivers for Garsington Good Neighbours; at the monthly lunch club; in church and the churchyard; for the Friday gym; the school governing body and PTA; on the Parish Council; at the Sports & Social Club; on the fete committee; and in many other voluntary roles around the village and local area – but let's all try to learn from King Charles, and from Jesus Christ, the art of humility and humble service. Let's seek not to be served, but to serve.

Several people, from Garsington, Cuddesdon and Denton, helped me to set up, organise and lead Tea-Time Church between February – May

this year. However, after attendance dwindled, and no-one came to the Easter party or Coronation party, we have decided to stop Tea-Time Church, while we consider other ways of providing hospitality, support, friendship and, perhaps, some short, accessible and informal worship. I'd be really interested to hear what you'd like St Mary's Church to provide for you and for the village – a toddler group or toddler service? More frequent coffee and cake? More Songs of Praise? Opportunities to plan our own funeral services, over coffee and cake, or wine and nibbles? More outdoor worship? Pet blessing services?

I hope to put a 'suggestions box' in church soon – or you can email your ideas to

rev.karen.charman@gmail.com

Thanks and God bless

Karen x



June & July Diary Dates...

Jubilee Brass (Oxford) Band Summer Concert: Sat, 3 June, 4pm-6pm

Family Theatre - The Tales of Peter Rabbit and Benjamin Bunny presented by Quantum Theatre: Sat, 10 June, 5pm-6.30pm

Rare Plant Fair: Sun, 11 June, 10am-4pm

Contemporary Arts Festival - Handmade Oxford: Fri, 16 to Sun, 18 June, 10am-5pm (Sun 4pm)

Theatre - Romeo & Juliet presented by The Lord Chamberlain's Men: Sun, 2 July, 7pm-9pm

Contemporary Ceramics Festival - Celebrating Ceramics presented by Craft in Focus: Fri, 14 to Sun 16 July, 10am-5.30pm

Children's Summer Sculpture Trail: Sat 15 July to Sun 3 Sep, 10am-5:30pm

vOx, Oxford's leading chamber choir - Shakespeare Songs at Waterperry: Sat 15 July, 5pm-7pm

Ballet - Nightingale presented by New Creations Collective: Sat 22 July, 2:30pm-3:30 pm

Theatre - Hercules presented by IK Productions: Sat 29 July, 5pm-6:30pm

Concert of folk music - Moonrakers: Sun 30 July, 6pm-8:30pm

**For more information on all our events please visit
www.waterperrygardens.co.uk**

News from Garsington Church of England Primary School May 2023



Hello village people! Our names are Cassidy, Finnley, Amina and Luciano. We are the Red Kite news reporters from your best local nearby school. We would love to tell you all about the fun things that we have been doing in the last term at school. The photo with this article is of our MUGA (multi use games area) which was built at the beginning of the year thanks to kind donations from families and the community. Even Lollie and Bonnie (our school dogs) enjoy football!

So, what have we been up to at school since our last report in March?

Easter at school and at St Mary's Church

We really enjoyed all our Easter fun, especially the Easter Egg hunt. We even had a visit from the Easter bunny! It is a tradition at our school to have a Spring hat parade. We love creating our designs and dancing around the playground to music. We also have prizes for the winning creations.

Swimming

At Garsington school all children in years 4, 5 and 6 go swim-

ming at Barton pool. It is really important to learn to swim so you can stay safe near rivers. It is also good fun and keeps you fit.

Magical Maths

We have just started a new club at school called Magical Maths. It is a great way to learn maths. The maths teachers dress up and do lots of drama during the lessons.

Breakfast Cafe run by Year 5

At our school we run breakfast cafes. We do this every month. It is organised by either year 5 or year 6 children and parents. We normally have a French theme with croissants and pain au chocolat but sometimes we have an American theme with pancakes and waffles. This event teaches us to work hard as a team and show responsibility.

Friendship Time and Active Leaders

We would like to tell you about Friendship time and Active leaders. These are both led by year 5 children. Friendship time helps everyone to flourish. We organise lots of team building games and encourage kindness and teamwork. During our last friendship time we chose our favourite hobby to share with other year groups.

All year 5 children are active leaders and have been trained to organise and run games at break times. The younger children love to get involved and it keeps them active as well as learning new games.

Trips

We have had lots of trips this term including a visit to the Pitt Rivers museum to learn about the Mayans. We learnt lots of fun facts including how they used silk. Year 4 has been on a two day trip to Youlbury. They got to sleep over in dorms. Year 1 went to the Natural History museum in town.

Coming up...

We have lots of exciting events coming up this term including our school fete. This is on Saturday 1st July. Save the date!

Thank you for reading our report. 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

Written by

Year 5 pupils Red Kite Reporters

One last message from our teachers...

Can you spare any time to come and hear our children read? We are always looking for volunteers and would love to hear from you. We provide training and cups of tea!

Also we would like to restart our Full Circle group. Here is some information about the group.

Full Circle is an intergenerational group that brings together children and older volunteers. We meet in school on a weekly basis for about 45 minutes over lunchtime (Thursdays 12.15-1.00) with the aim of nurturing friendship and understanding between the generations. During our sessions we chat, play games, cook and do arts and crafts.

We would love some of our volunteers who came to Full Circle pre Covid to come along again and any new volunteers who may be interested.

If you would like to find out more you can either email me at zdarchmbaud@garsingtonprimary.org or phone the school on 01865 361263 or just pop into school and ask to speak to me.

Everyone is warmly invited to take part in St. Mary's Church Garsington Annual Safari Lunch

on Sunday 25th June 1 pm

What is it? - a 3-course meal fundraising event.

What is it for?

Christian Aid - a charity which works worldwide to support sustainable development, eradicate poverty, support civil society and provide disaster relief. It is a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), which gives emergency aid and rapid relief to people in disasters and humanitarian crises, e.g. Ukraine and Afghanistan.

Who is invited? – everyone

It does not matter if you come alone - everyone is paired with a mystery partner.

Transport can be arranged for people who are less mobile.

Where? - different homes around Garsington

How to take part? – you can either be a guest or a host

- **Guests** meet at the pub at 1pm, are given a schedule and a mystery companion, then spend a leisurely afternoon walking round the village with them, visiting 3 different homes for 3 different courses, meeting different people each time.

- **Hosts** provide a 3-course set meal for themselves + 4 guests in their home.

Everyone is encouraged to go to the pub afterwards.

Why take part?

It's fun – you will meet lots of different new people.

It's a fundraiser for a good cause.

The price • Guests: £20 / person (cash on the day) + bring a bottle of wine each

or • Hosts: please provide a 3-course meal for 6 people (including yourselves) in your own home, with non-alcoholic drinks. It is not a culinary competition and simple plain food is fine. You will be given 4 bottles of wine at the beginning of

the afternoon.

Hosts are not expected to provide a choice of menu but please advise if you have / can cater for special dietary requirements.

Please contact Angharad Jeffery

(angharadrichard@yahoo.com / 07989 332758) if you have any questions and/or would like to book.

ADVANCE BOOKING ESSENTIAL by Friday 16th June please to allow hosts to plan.

The Garsington Society

In April Julia Simpson shared with us her knowledge and expertise in the world of Antiques, and challenged the audience to identify and value a selection of unusual objects. While that was going on Julia examined various objects of interest brought in by members and all went swimmingly until a bone from a whale's ear showed us the limits of our imaginings. The next Test of Knowledge, courtesy of our now fully electrified quizmaster Gary Leahy, was held in the school hall just a few days ago. Our thanks to the school for putting up with us again, we hope that this year you will find everything returned to its photographically correct place and sparkling clean. Our thanks to Gary for a fun evening. Ten teams took part in the quiz but only one could win! ...who was it now?

On 9th June Roger Heath-Brown is taking us on a Wild-flower Walk and we all hope the weather will be a bright and sunny as it is today.

I'm off out now to pull up some weeds, or perhaps they are wildflowers, I'll know very soon

Mike Hardwick

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 7th June 2023 in the Village Hall at 12.30pm

Wednesday 5th July 2023 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 June 2023 and Friday 21st July 2023, between 10am – 12noon. Please come for tea/coffee/cake, we look forward to seeing you. Transport within the village to Friday Café can be arranged if you have a problem, please contact Eileen on 01865 361639. If, for any reason we need to cancel we will contact you.

Eileen and all the helpers

Do you get your Prescriptions from Wheatley?

Garsington Good Neighbours collect prescriptions for some villagers and would like to collect more at the same time in order to reduce overall unnecessary car journeys to Wheatley.

Would you like to have prescriptions collected for you or would you like to help to deliver this service?

Let Garsington Good Neighbours know on 07487 680507.

Senior Citizens

I hope you all enjoyed the Coronation Celebrations.

Garsington senior citizens club have once again booked our summer days out, these are to Poole, Portsmouth and Southsea, Windsor, Bognor, and Eastbourne. Our Christmas shopping trip this year is to Southampton.

These are always well booked and a trip to the sea-side and back or to other places of interest for under £20 is a good deal.

We are always looking for new members to our club, you do not have to live in Garsington, we have members from other areas, so if you know of anyone who would enjoy meeting for Bingo, chat and a cup of tea on each 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month they would be very welcome.

We are very welcoming, give us a try, it's a way to make new friends.

Janet Greenway (acting secretary)

St Mary's church film night

Thanks so much to everyone who came to the film
My Octopus Teacher and supported the Tanzanian
project to prevent AIDS transmission from mother
to child. Thanks too to all who couldn't come but
made a donation. £645 was the grand total.
Tina Everett

SUMMER.

The soft gentle breeze of Summer whispers
Through the corn, golden now, and ripe,
ready for the harvest.
The poppy, scarlet, drowsy, bows its head,
as if in sleep.
The field mouse, unsuspecting, watches,
and clings to the stalk, gathering its
own harvest, hurriedly.
A lady bird, pretty thing, alights and
settles on my finger.
The swallow, in agitation, swoops to
catch an insect.
They, like I know that this dreamlike day
will soon be gone.

CEDRUS ATLANTICA (Atlantic Pine Green Needle)

In a conversation recently the question of the green tree on the triangle opposite the War Memorial came up.

The tree was purchased and planted by Garsington Players approximately 18 years ago in memory of Michael Royal, a much loved member of the Players and former Head Teacher of Garsington Primary School. At the base of the tree is a small plaque bearing a dedication to Michael.

Many older residents and former pupils will remember him, he was a wonderful storyteller and actor, taking many roles over the years particularly productions in the Manor, he was great at ad-libbing and had the knack of making it look as if you had forgotten your lines, when in fact he was the culprit.

The above species of tree was chosen because it was slow growing and provided an ideal base for the village Christmas tree lights. With the planting of trees in various areas recently taking place in the village this seemed an appropriate time to remind everyone of the history of this particular tree.

GARSINGTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We had a fun night in April with a "Murder Mystery Night" playing *Jazz Age Jeopardy*, a murder mystery set in a speakeasy in the Roaring 20's. Members wore 1920's fancy dress or came dressed as their favourite mystery character. Ann Waters won Best Costume prize, while Ann Histed won for Best Character Performance as the murderer. Special thanks to Marion Townsend for organising the characters. We had a lot of laughs!

Local synthesist Mark Griffiths gave a fascinating talk on the "Women Pioneers of Electronic Music" at our May meeting, including Daphne Oram (co-creator of the Dr. Who theme) and Delia Derbyshire of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop, and how their contributions influenced the evolution of electronic music and musical production.

We're looking forward to welcoming local resident and author Anita Mathias at our next meeting on **Wednesday, 14th June at 7:30pm** to talk about her autobiography "Rosaries, Readings, Secrets: A Catholic Childhood in India."

We are holding our annual fundraiser event, "**Cakes & Crafts,**" on **Saturday, 17th June from 1:00-4:00 pm** in the Village Hall. We will be selling delicious home baked cakes and sweets, lovely handmade baby clothes, fun summer jewellery and accessories, and garden plants. We will also be serving tea and cake, so come by to say 'hello' and have a cuppa. Admission is free, and our prices are always family friendly.

On **12th July at 7:30 pm**, Anne-Christine Cameron will give us a behind-the-scenes look at what it was like taking care

of Royal treasures with her “Stories from the Crown Jewellers.”

Our WI currently has two very active subgroups:

Our next two WI Book Group meetings will be **Tuesday, 20th June** and **Tuesday, 18th July at 10:30 am**. The Book Group meets at the Mill View Nursery café in Wheatley.

Our craft-and-chat group, “Ripping Yarns,” will be meeting on **Wednesday, 28th June and Wednesday 26th July at 10:00 am** at the Bowler residence, Hillside on Elm Drive.

Some of us knit and stitch, and some come along just for the chat. All are welcome.

Sadly, we recently lost a dear friend and much-loved WI member, Mrs. Sheila Quainton, after a brief illness. Sheila was the sort of person you were always glad to see. She seemed to bring sunshine with her and always had a positive outlook and a kind word for whoever she met. We will miss her sunny disposition and mischievous smile.

WHY NOT TRY THE WI? New members joining during the summer pay only £27 for the remainder of our membership year, which ends 31st March, and we have room for new members. Non-member visitors are charged £3 for admission, which includes refreshments, so you can “try before you buy,” and we allow 3 visits before we ask you to formally join. For more information, please contact Martha at 01865 361730 or msjgriffiths@btinternet.com, or our Secretary, Angela, at 01865 361530 or amgars@gmail.com.

Martha S.J. Griffiths, President



GARSINGTON SCHOOL PTA



SUMMER FETE

SATURDAY

1st July 2-5pm

**GAMES, FOOD AND DRINK, ENTERTAINMENT,
STALLS, RAFFLE, AND MORE**

Adults £1, Children FREE

Everyone welcome



Charity number:1180768



Tythe Barn

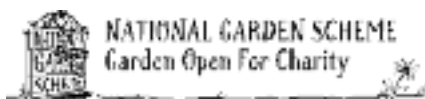
Guydens Hamlet, Oxford Road
Garsington, Oxford, OX44 9AZ

Sunday 4 June
2 - 6pm

Adults £4 Children free

Also open: 1 Oxford Road, OX44 9DA

Local honey for sale. Teas and cakes available.



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GUIDE DOGS

Thank you everyone for the extra amount of foil over the past months, and your continued support for the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

I recently received a card from a guide dog owner, which I thought you would like to read.

Dear Mrs Gunther,

Because of the kindness of supporters like you I was able to experience the life changing moment that I was partnered with my very own guide dog. I can't thank you enough.

When I met Scooby, something just clicked. He helped me explore and navigate life with confidence and new found independence. Scooby helps me experience life in a whole new way and has opened up my world.

So many life changing partnerships are being made by people like me, living with sight loss, and our wonderful four legged champions, and it's all thanks to you!

Thank you, David.

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EVENTS DIARY June/July

June

Sun 4th	Parish Communion St Mary's 09:30am
Mon 5th	Parish Council meeting Village Hall 19:30pm
Tues 6th	Senior Citizens S&SC 14:00
Wed 7th	Lunch Club Village Hall 12:30
Sun 11th	Parish Communion St Mary's 09:30am
Tues 13th	Good Neighbours Tea and Cakes Village Hall 2:30pm
Wed 14th	WI Village Hall 19:30
Fri 16th	Friday Cafe St Mary's 10:00-12 noon
Sun 18th	Parish Communion St Mary's 09:30
Tues 20th	Senior Citizens S&SC 14:00
Tues 20th	WI Book Club Mill View Nursery Cafe 10:30
Sun 25th	Breakfast discussion St Mary's 09:30

July

Sun 2nd	Parish Communion St Mary's 09:30
Mon 3rd	Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 19:30
Tues 4th	Senior Citizens S&SC 14:00
Wed 5th	Lunch Club Village Hall 12:30
Sun 9th	Parish Communion St Mary's 09:30am
Tues 11th	Good Neighbours Tea and Cakes at 2:30pm venue TBC
Wed 12th	WI Village Hall 19:30
Sun 16th	Parish Communion St Mary's 09:30
Tues 18th	Senior Citizens S&SC 14:00
Tues 18th	WI Book Club Mill View Nursery Cafe 10:30
Fri 21st	Friday Cafe St Mary's 10:00-12:00
Sun 23rd	Breakfast discussion St Mary's 09:30
Mon 24th	Last Date for contributions to newsletter August/Sept

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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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Mondays to Fridays (except Public Holidays)

Oxford St Aldates stop G4	0715	0820	0955	1055	1210	1310	1400	1545	1725	1845
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
Garsington Village Hall	0630	0747	0855	1025	1125	1240	1340	1442	1628	1803
Chiselhampton The Coach and Horses	0636	0753	0901	1031	1131	1246	1346	1448	1635	1810
Stadhampton School Lane	0638	0755	0903	1033	1133	1248	1348	1450	1637	1812
Chalgrove The Red Lion	0644	0801	0910	1040	1140	1255	1355	1457	1645	1818
Chalgrove Fairfax Road	0645	0802	0912	1042	1142	1257	1357	1459	1647	1820
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		
Cowley Road Shelley Road	0925	1055	1155	1325	1425	1555	1655	1810		
Cowley Templars Square stop C	0830	0932	1102	1202	1332	1432	1602	1702	1820	
Cowley Lidt	0720	0840	0940	1110	1210	1340	1440	1610	1710	1825
Garsington Village Hall	0725	0845	0945	1115	1215	1345	1445	1615	1715	1830
Chiselhampton The Coach and Horses	0731	0851	0951	1121	1221	1351	1451	1621	1721	1836
Stadhampton School Lane	0733	0853	0953	1123	1223	1353	1453	1623	1723	1838
Chalgrove The Red Lion	0740	0900	1000	1130	1230	1400	1500	1630	1730	1844
Chalgrove Fairfax Road	0741	0902	1002	1132	1232	1402	1502	1632	1732	1845
Watlington Library	0751	0913	1013	1143	1243	1413	1513	1633	1743	1855

Sundays & Public Holidays

0925	1145	1455	1705		
0935	1155	1505	1715		
0941	1201	1511	1721		
0946	1206	1516	1726		
0951	1211	1521	1731		
0957	1217	1527	1737		
0959	1219	1529	1739		
1005	1225	1535	1745		
1007	1227	1537	1747		
1016	1236	1546	1756		

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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	
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John Howell Writes

This month with the local elections we have seen people come and people go as councillors. Firstly my thanks to all those who have worked as local councillors, at parish and district in the last four years or more. Having been a councillor myself I know the work involved and sometimes it can be a thankless task. You can never please everyone and there are always more people ready to complain than to compliment. Welcome too to new councillors. I look forward to working with you in the future.

Turnout figures for local elections are generally low. Issues are often raised with me that I have to defer to local councils as the councils are fully autonomous and responsible for their own decisions. So it is timely to remind people what the different councils do.

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