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Merton & Piddington

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IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE COMMITTEE

Due to the increased costs of producing PARISH MATTERS the committee need to consider the way forward.

We urgently need new volunteers who could help with the selling of advertising space in the magazine, help with production of the magazine and take on the role of Treasurer. If you are willing to volunteer please email rthom91543@aol.com

Over 1200 magazines are distributed each month to Ambrosden, Merton, Blackthorn, Piddington and Arcott.

We would be interested in your thoughts about the magazine and the need, or not, to continue with Parish Matters

Please email rthom91543@aol.com or text 07915331443 with comments

LETTER FROM THE CLERGY TEAM

To be a Pilgrim –

St Andrew's at Oddington have a vision and heart for Pilgrimage. Their patrons are from Walsingham which just so happens to be venerated as one of the holiest places in England. It receives many visitors and once you have been it calls you back; I have been three times now. It is said that in the late Middle Ages it was the duty of every English person to visit during his lifetime.

Walsingham is indeed a lovely village and there is something tangible about the shrine itself, but we too have a beautiful setting right in the heart of Oxfordshire and, furthermore, we are surrounded by the beauty of Otmoor itself right on our doorsteps. Again our churches have something tangible when it comes to feeling the presence of God in these historical and spiritual buildings.

In 2012 Oddington's Churchwarden, Nigel Lambert walked the Camino Francais to Santiago de Compostela, since then he has walked four other Camino routes to Santiago. Nigel's desire for other people to have a pilgrim experience has driven him to design some local 'pilgrim paths' for seekers to walk, they are a mixture of small routes and more challenging walks. The directions are accompanied by beautiful pictures of the journey.

Pilgrims from New Zealand are regular visitors at Oddington and in August this year we were joined at our Holy Communion service by

members of the Ngati Hinemihi tribe of Maoris, who were on a tour of this country. Before the service they paid homage at the grave of Maggie Papakura, a Maori princess who is buried in our church yard.

If you are considering going on a pilgrimage to any destination or have one planned in the near future we would love to pray for you at one of our services or perhaps you would appreciate a blessing or personal prayer for your journey we would love to be part of supporting you spiritually on your journey. Or perhaps you need more practical advice like what to take with you etc. If you would like us to be part of your journey please contact the following email address: otmoorgosling301@gmail.com.

We would love to hear from you; all at St Andrew's wish you a Bon Camino!

Rev Lisa Holmes

CHURCH SERVICES NOV.

RAY VALLEY SERVICES November 2019

Draft 2

Church	Time	Leader	Service
Sunday November 3rd	All Saints & All Souls		Daniel 7.1-3,15-18 Ephesians 1.11-end Luke 6.20-31
Ambrosden	10.30	Steve	Holy Communion
Merton	09.00	Steve	Holy Communion
Piddington	10.30	Philip	Family Service
Islip	10.30	Brian	Parish Communion – Brian Mountford
Noke	17.00	Matt	Evening Service
Oddington (Charlton)	10.00	Lisa	Toy Service - With Glenys
Sunday November 10th	Remembrance		Job 19.23-27a 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,13-end Luke 20.27-38
Ambrosden	10.30	Steve	Remembrance Service (Arncott 3pm)
Piddington	09.00	Steve	Holy Communion
Islip	10.55	Lucy	Remembrance Service, beginning at the war memorial
Woodeaton	09.15	Lucy	Family Service
Charlton	10.00	Lisa	Remembrance Service
	10.50	Lisa	Cemetery
Sunday November 17th	2nd before Advent		Malachi 4.1-2a 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13 Luke 21.5-19
Ambrosden	10.30	Steve	Holy Communion
Merton	09.00	Steve	Holy Communion
Piddington	18.00	Lisa	Evening Prayer
Islip	10.30	Lucy	Parish Communion
Noke	09.15	Lucy	Holy Communion
Charlton	10.30	Lisa	Family Communion
Sunday November 24th	Christ the King		Jeremiah 23.1-6 Colossians 1.11-20 Luke 23.33-43
Ambrosden	10.30	Matt	Morning Prayer
Merton	10.30	Steve	Family Service
Piddington	9.00	Steve	Holy Communion
Islip	10.30	Lucy	Family Service
Charlton	9.00	Lisa	Holy Communion
Oddington	18.00	Lucy	Evening Prayer
Friday November 29th	Patronal Festival		
Oddington	19.00	Lisa/Steve	St Andrew's Festival followed by supper – Brian Mountford to preach

CLERGY CONTACTS

CLERGY

Church of England contacts:

Rev Steve Hayes (Rector Ray Valley Benefice)	01869 247813
Rev Lisa Holmes (Charlton and Oddington)	01865 331279
Rev Lucy Thirtle (Islip, Noke and Woodeaton)	01865 379470
Mrs Glenys Edwards (based in Oddington)	01865 331233
Lynne Lewis Benefice Administrator	01865 331225

Methodist: Rev Steve Mann (Bicester Methodist Church) 01869 323030

Methodist services: Please consult the website: www.bicestermethodist.org.uk

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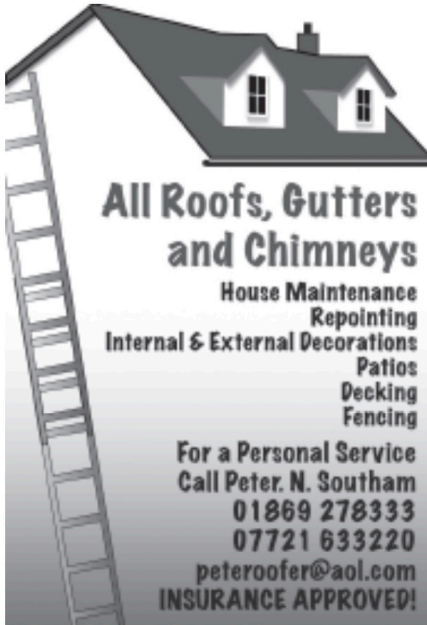
CHURCHWARDENS

Ambrosden:

Piddington: Margaret Hutchings, Kings Cottage, Lower End, Piddington	01844 238724
Merton: Lawrence Comiskey, 2 Church Close, Merton	01865 331429
Robert Kerr, Merton Croft, West End Lane, Merton	01865 331870

ORGANISTS & BELLS


Ambrosden: Mrs Pam Newell (bells only)	01869 241667
Organist (vacant)	
Piddington: Mrs Betty Newell	01844 237236
Morwen Ashton	01844 238510
Merton: Mr Russell Thompson	01869 246093
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Ambrosden Parish Council meetings held in the St Marys Church on 3rd Thursday of each month, at 7.30pm

Parish website and facebook

www.ambrosden.info/parishcouncil

Ambrosden Parish Councillors:

Mark Longworth (Chair) – ambrosden@mlongworth.co.uk

Maureen Cossens (Vice Chair) –
01869 252722

Chris West

Philip Blazdell

Wendy Cheeseman

Dawn Seaward

One Vacancy

Parish Clerk - Lynne Bustin

11 Otmoor View, Merton, Oxon

Ambrosden.parishclerk@gmail.com

District Councillors

Three District Councillors represent the ward of Ambrosden and Bicester South.

Dan Sames (Conservative)

Daniel.Sames@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk

Lucinda Wing (Conservative)

lucinda.wing@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

Nick Cotter

Nick.cotter@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

County Councillor

Dan Sames (Conservative)

dan.sames@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Facebook Community message boards

Ambrosden Community

Ambrosden and Caversfield Forces Wives

St. Mary's Church

www.ambrosdenchurch.org.uk/

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ambrosdenvillagepreschool@hotmail.co.uk

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Rosie Hayes 01869 247813

Parish and Village Hall Notice Boards

Costcutter and Merton Road (outside village hall).

Community Notice Board

Public board – Ploughley Road bus shelter

Recycling

Bottle banks, behind Spar

FLYTIPPING AND POTHOLES

Street lights, pot holes, fly tipping, hedges obstructing footways, and many other highways issues can be reported direct to the County and District Councils, via <http://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>

ALLOTMENTS

The village allotments opened at the start of August, and are now all taken. Please do contact the parish clerk if you are interested in a plot or would like to go on the waiting list.

AMBROSDEN PARISH COUNILLOR VACANCY

There is one vacancy for a Parish Councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk for more details.

AMBROSDEN VILLAGE PLAYSCHOOL

Ambrosden Village Preschool was started in 1974, during that time the dedicated staff have nurtured hundreds of the communities under fives in their years before “big” school. Unfortunately with the passage of time it is becoming very difficult, to fund and replace equipment. Has anyone any new ideas for fundraising, or could anyone help individually or in a group to provide assistance. The staff would be most appreciative. Thank you.

Please contact Jackie Floyd - 07759755179
ambrosdenvillagepreschool@hotmail.co.uk

PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED AT APPEAL FOR 84 HOUSES IN MERTON ROAD

Cherwell District Council has submitted a petition to Court to challenge the result of the Planning Inspector who granted an approval.

BLACKTHORN ROAD FOOTWAY

Work has started on installing a new footway along Blackthorn Road, from the junction

of Ploughley Road to the new housing development in Blackthorn Road, Blackthorn.

VILLAGE HALL CLOSURE

The Village Hall, has been closed for repairs to the floor, it is hope that the hall will re-open in a few weeks. Public meetings and events may be held in different locations for a few weeks until the problems of the collapsed floor have been resolved.

The Village Hall Committee will be holding an Annual General Meeting shortly after re-opening and will be seeking new members.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Village Hall Committee, please contact the Parish Clerk who will be able to forwards your details to the remaining members of the Village Hall Committee.

TRAFFIC CALMING/ SPEEDING

The Parish Council co-ordinated a number of speed surveys in the village in February 2019, which highlighted speeding issues throughout Ploughley Road, and Blackthorn Roads. Over the last few months the Parish Council have had a series of meetings with the County Council to review road safety. This has now progressed to the design stage and the Parish Council is negotiating funding. With road build outs costing £7000 each and speed humps at £5000 each, major works will significantly exceed Parish Council reserves and budgets so the Parish Council is concentrating on the locations with the greatest issues.

ARNCOTT NEWS

For more info about any parish council item please attend a parish council meeting, email your question(s) to the parish council email address or contact the parish council chairperson. For more info about any village hall / VHMC / ACA item please contact VHMC chairperson at arncott300@gmail.com

PARISH COUNCIL - Parish council meetings take place in the village hall at 7:30pm on the first Tuesday of the month. Parishioners are welcome to attend. Current parish councillors are Paul Wilson (Chair) 01869245514, Lee Savidge (Vice Chair) 01869246565, Martin Byrne 01869246532, Ade Doore 07850979455, Linda Hooper 07803592183, Russell Todd 07368492525. Parish clerk is Mrs A. Davies 01865379645 - clerkatarncott@gmail.com Parish council website is www.parish-council.com/arncott (also contains pages for the ACA) Parish council Facebook address is www.facebook.com/arncottpc/ Parish council email address is arncottpc@gmail.com

REMEMBRANCE DAY – The Remembrance Day Service will take place at the War Memorial Garden on Sunday November 10th at 3:00pm. Please come along and pay your respects to all of the good people who have given their lives on our behalf.

HS2 - No further updates have been received from Eiffage Kier regarding the utilisation of MOD sites for HS2 construction. The parish council will make enquiries as to what the future intentions are.

WOODPIECE ROAD PARKING – phase 2 – The parish council has not received any new updates from CDC regarding the phase 2 work. The parish council will make enquiries as to present status.

SPORTS & OUTDOOR GYM FACILITIES –

Much work needs to be done before this project can be realised. This is an ongoing project.

ADDITIONAL & NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT

– Enquiries and discussions regarding this project have taken place. More will need to happen. The project is ongoing.

VEHICLE ACTIVATED SPEED (VAS) SIGNS

AND ROAD MARKINGS – The parish council is waiting for OCC permission for the work to be done. The consultant who advises OCC about VAS units, road signage and markings continues to help the parish council with this project.

FREE RANGE EGG PRODUCTION UNIT

OFF PALMER AVENUE – The parish council has not been advised and is not aware of any further applications being submitted to CDC regarding this unit being built.

GREEN LANE / VILLAGE GREEN -

REPLACEMENT POSTS – The parish council has agreed with a contractor for the necessary work to be done. The date(s) for the work are to be agreed.

DOG POO - Take photos / videos of anyone you see who does not pick up after his / her dog. Email them to the parish council and / or the CDC dog warden - Christopher Cundy – telephone number 01295 221633 – email Christopher.Cundy@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk

DEFIBRILLATOR UNITS - Arncott has two public defibrillator units. One unit is at the village hall on the wall facing Murcott Road – ID no. AR84. The other unit is at The Tally Ho Hotel on the building end wall in line with the car park entrance – ID no. AR82. Telephone the ambulance service on 999 to gain access. Tell the call desk operator the ID number on the cabinet door.

MOTO PARC - If you have any questions / concerns regarding the Moto Parc then please contact CDC and / or the operators of the Motor Parc – telephone 07377 988580.

ILLEGAL DRUG USE - If you are aware of or see this happening report it to the police, make the report anonymously by telephoning Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or fill out an anonymous form online.

LITTER LOUITS - Please report this to CDC. Video / photographic evidence is useful. If the problem persists, CDC can assign an enforcement officer to get involved.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR - Get witness statements, take photos and / or record video of the behaviour and report it to police. The parish council has no legal power(s) to deal with this.

ROADS AND STREETLIGHTS - Report any road / pavement / street light issues you see to OCC on via the Fix My Street website - www.fixmystreet.com.

Village Hall / AVHMC / ACA - AVHMC contact Wendy Wilkins (Chair) - arncott300@gmail.com , For Village Hall hire - Christine Dunkin 01869 249560 – avhlettings@gmail.com, Village Hall email address is arncottvhmc@gmail.com ACA contact is Christine Dunkin (Chair) 01869 249560 – avhlettings@gmail.com . ACA email address is arncottea@gmail.com. ACA 300 club is Wendy Wilkins – arncott300@gmail.com. ACA Facebook address is [www.facebook.com / groups/arncottCA](http://www.facebook.com/groups/arncottCA)

SEPTEMBER 300 CLUB WINNERS 185 Mrs J. Mansell, 260 Danny Seekings, 179 Mr K. Buckley 102 Andrew Rennison, 218 Mrs S Broadbent. If anyone is interested and would like to start or rejoin the 300 Club, please contact Wendy Wilkins by email at arncott300@gmail.com.

Clubs and community events at the hall

- Note – contact details for clubs are included only with written consent. If you wish your details to be included or wish to amend any entry for your club please email to arncottvhmc@gmail.com.

MON 11:00 AM - 12:00 NOON - Keep Fit for Mature Movers - £4.50- includes tea & biscuits

MON 8:15PM – 9:15PM – Beacons of light meditation

and deep relaxation – contact beaconsoflighthealing@gmail.com

TUES 9:30AM – 1:30PM – Tumbletots - contact juliatumbletots@outlook.com

2nd Wed each month – 1:45pm – 3:45pm – Over 50's friendship club. £2 – includes tea, coffee and cake raffle ticket. Bingo, quiz and board games. Contact Christine Dunkin on 01869 249560 – Email to christinedunkin1@gmail.com

WED 5.15 PM - 6:45 PM – Cubs - School term only – contact 1stambrosdenscouts@gmail.com

THU 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Dog Training – contact ockcairns@yahoo.com

Fri 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm – Scouts - School term only - contact 1stambrosdenscouts@gmail.com

Community events at the village hall

THU 31ST OCT - Halloween Night - Doors open at 6.30 pm - Hot Dogs, Soup, Soft Drinks Prize for the best boy & girl costume. More Info on Arccott Village Facebook. Sponsored by the ACA. **SAT 23RD NOV** – Charity dinner in aid of Macmillan Nurses & Child cancer – 7:30pm - £13 per person. Starters - Winter veg soup, Prawn cocktail, Pate & melba toast. Mains – Chicken Chasseur, Gammon steak Hawaiian, Salmon & creamy lemon sauce, Vegetarian option. Sweets – Chocolate gateau, Brandy basket & berries, Cheese & biscuits. Red or white wine £7 a bottle. Cheques & menu choice to Gwen McEwan by Fri 15th Nov. Contact Gwen at 14 Hopcraft Close - tel 01869 248309

TUE 10TH DEC – Christmas Carol service. **SUN 15TH DEC** – Children's Christmas party. **SAT 11TH JAN 2020** – Senior's Christmas lunch. **SAT 15TH FEB 2020** – Charity event - Valentines dinner – details to follow.

Other community events

Thursdays - 6:30pm - 9:00 pm – Craft Club in Greenfields Common Room. All welcome no matter what your craft or standard. Please come along and show us what crafts you can do - we would be very interested to meet you and you will be most welcome. Material for the parish magazine - To submit any Arccott related item for publishing in this magazine then e-mail to arncottpc@gmail.com or contact the parish council chairman. Entries submitted by the 20th

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ambrosdenchristmastreefestival@rayvalley.com

BLACKTHORN NEWS

Blackthorn Facebook page

Keep up to date on events, fitness classes, social events, Neighbourhood Watch news and much more on the Blackthorn Village Facebook page.

Next time you're on Facebook, simply search Blackthorn Village and add yourself.



The group is intended for villagers' and only allows adverts for

local events/companies.

Neighbourhood Watch Update

If you are not a member of the Blackthorn Neighbourhood Watch scheme and would like to be added, please send an email with your name & address to Simon at:- nhw.blackthorn@gmail.com

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Blackthorn Village Hall

Autumn Events Calendar

Sat 26th Oct – Kids Halloween Party 10 am

Sat 9th Nov Quiz Night 7.30 pm

Sun 1st Dec Christmas Lights and Carols



Pub Night - 7.30 pm

Fri 25th Oct

Fri 29th Nov

Fri 20th Dec



11 am

Thu 7th Nov

Thu 5th Dec



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Merton Parish Council

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Jo Copping: jcoppingmerton@gmail.com

David Richardson: cllr david@penguinmail.co.uk

Lucy Katz: cllr lucykatzmertonpc@gmail.com

Steve Kelly: stevenkelly.mertonpc@gmail.com

Simon Ward: simonwmpc@gmail.com

Parish Council Clerk - Mrs Charlesworth:
clerkmertonpc@gmail.com

FREE FILM SHOW IN MERTON VILLAGE HALL: THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER

The next presentation in our 2019/20 'season' of FREE films – open to ALL residents of Merton and neighbouring villages – will be shown in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 21 November.

'The Age of Stupid' is 2009 British crowdfunded documentary by Franny Armstrong starring Pete Postlethwaite that purports to look back from 2055 at devastating self-inflicted climate change. It's a very powerful and engaging film, so we're hoping to encourage a discussion of its implications after the showing, for anyone who's interested. Fred Foxon has volunteered to lead any such discussion.

As usual, there'll be (free!) tea/coffee and biscuits afterwards. And if you fancy a glass of beer or wine during the film, please feel free to bring your own!

The provisional programme of films for the rest of the 'season' is as follows: 19 December 'Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again' (2018), 16 January 'Finding Your Feet' (2017), 20 February 'The Childrens' Act' (2017), 19 March 'Victoria and Abdul' (2017) and 16 April 'Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri' (2017).

Please send suggestions of suitable future films to patmurphy153@btinternet.com (or 01865 331643).

St Swithun's Church, Merton 2019,
Christmas Crafts,
Sat Nov 23rd
11am - 3pm



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PIDDINGTON NEWS

PIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL (PPC)

Next meeting: Tuesday 19 November at 7.30pm.

Planning applications currently under review: NONE

Clerk: Anne Davies, Tel: 01865 379645, Email:

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Councillors: Francesca Darby (Chair), Tel: 01844

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Terzino.

NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS NEEDED FOR

2020: Three members of the current council will be standing down in May 2020 and we are now looking for replacements. Please contact the Parish Clerk or Chair, Francesca Darby, if you wish to put your name forward or have any questions.

VILLAGE INFORMATION

Piddington News & Events: For regular updates of what is going on, and important issues affecting our locality, go to the home page of the village website and register: <http://www.piddingtonvillageoxfordshire.org.uk>. The website Information Centre contains a range of useful information, including phone numbers and email addresses: www.piddingtonvillageoxfordshire.org.uk/information-centre.html

APPEAL REFERENCE APP/C3105/W/18/3209349

GYPSY/TRAVELLER SITE ON WIDNELL LANE

At the time of writing the decision has not been published.

WIDNELL PARK & PLAYING FIELD

Grass cutting is due to finish in November unless unseasonal weather means it continues to grow. The gate on Arncoth Rd will be repaired shortly.

CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

Work is due to start on the new play area on 18 November and, weather allowing, will be completed within 2-4 weeks.

BUS SERVICE TO LORD WILLIAM'S SCHOOL

PPC understands that some children in the village have been unsuccessful in obtaining places on the Bucks County Council bus which runs from Piddington to the school. This is a paid for service. PPC is working with Oxfordshire County Council on trying to find a solution. If you wish your children to make use of a paid for service, contact Cllr Mario Terzino so that numbers can be quantified. The service costs £1000 per year. Mario's email is mario.terzino@piddingtonpc.com.

ALLOTMENTS

A couple of allotments are still available. For more information and to apply, please contact John Galloway: jmg.galloway@gmail.com. Regular meetings of allotment holders are held at the monthly Pop-Up Pubs. It is hoped that a water supply to the allotments will be installed shortly and hedges will be trimmed back from the roadside.

VILLAGE HOUSEKEEPING

PPC asks anyone with vegetation on their property growing close to the roadside to ensure it is cut back sufficiently. The problems with drain subsidence on Thame Rd and Ludgershall Rd and faulty streetlights have been reported to Oxfordshire County Council (OCC). PPC has also agreed to add a step in front of the dog bin on Vicarage Lane. The step to the noticeboard on Thame Rd will also be repaired.

Full or damaged dog bins: contact Cherwell District Council (CDC: 01295 227007) or the Parish Clerk. PPC will repair the dog bin on Shady Lane.

Fly-tipping: use CDC's website (<https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/7/environment/374/fly-tipping>). If you

you cannot access the internet contact the Parish Clerk with an accurate location.

RURAL POLICING

The next meeting is on 22 January, at Ardley. If you have experienced any problems locally or wish to raise any concerns, contact Ken Howard (ken.howard@piddingtonpc.com).

To report suspicious behaviour or vehicles in the village, email BicesterRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

NETWORK RAIL

Work will continue along the embankment until such time as surrounding land begins to flood.

OX-CAM EXPRESSWAY

On 21 October CDC will vote on two motions regarding their approach to the Expressway scheme. PPC, along with a number of other parishes, agreed to support a letter from NEG and NEA calling into question CDC's apparent support for the Expressway without council debate and prior to any public consultation.

HS2

Eiffage Kier (contractor for HS2) is now in offices at 'H' site and in discussion with the MoD regarding the potential use of the old Home Office area at 'A' site. Local parishes have a contact at Eiffage Kier and PPC will be liaising with them on any Government announcements.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Following the generous grant from Viridor Credits, preparatory work has started on the children's play area. The main construction, by Proludic, will start around 18 November and, weather permitting, will be completed before Christmas. This will make the Village Hall an ideal venue for children's parties.

The new heating system will be installed during November. It will be based on air-sourced heat pumps, which will also cool the hall in the summer. The front doors to the hall will also be replaced during November. The interior will be repainted in early January.

PIDDINGTON 200 CLUB

Results for the draw that took place at the Pop-Up Pub on 27 September 2019: 1st 101 Marie-Claire Nixon £30; 2nd 19 Jan Rixon £20; 3rd 86 Mick Barnes £10; 4th 165 Peter Maynard £5. For more information or

to join, please phone: 01844 238707, or download an application form from the village website (www.piddingtonvillageoxfordshire.org.uk/200-club) and drop it into the post-box outside the Village Hall.

THE PANTRY - END OF AN ERA

The team behind The Pantry has decided that the time has come to hang up their aprons. It is fitting that the community market finishes as it began – with a Christmas celebration. Over the last 7 years the group has held 25 markets, which have raised over £12,000, of which £8,875 has so far been donated or committed to village causes.

The Pantry group would like to take this opportunity to thank all its fantastic volunteers and the stallholders who have supported the markets. As much as The Pantry was a vehicle for fundraising, each market was also about fun and friendship.

The last market will be held on Saturday 7 December (10 – 2) and will kickstart Piddington's Christmas season. Please support the event and let's make it the best one yet!

After the Christmas event, the balance of fund money will be held in trust by the group, ready to be donated to suitable new village projects as they come to its attention.

VILLAGE DIARY

C - Church; VH - Village Hall

1 November - Halloween Disco at Pop-Up Pub, 7 till late. Dress to scare! (VH)

23 November - Cats Protection Funding Bazaar, 2-4. Many stalls, raffle, teas and coffee. All monies raised go to veterinary costs and cat care (VH)

29 November - Ukulele Night! It's that time of year again – music, fun and general mayhem with Ukolade. Bar from 6.30, music starts 7.30, tickets £6 from Ken 01869 320950, Chris 01844 238707 or Andrew 01844 237582 (VH)

30 November - Wreath Making Workshop, 10-12, £12.00 to include mulled wine and mince pies. Contact: Margaret 01844 238724 or Maggie 01844 237688 (C)

7 December - The Pantry Christmas Market, 10-2. Our last ever market, so come and celebrate 7 years of village fun and fundraising (VH)

13 December - Village Christmas drinks (VH)



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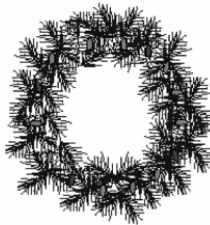
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To book a place contact:
Margaret 01844 238724 or Maggie 01844 237688

VET'S REPORT

Too Many Teeth

I recently met a new dog named Scarlett who has come to live with a long-term client of the practice. Scarlett is a very sweet, very small Pomeranian who made herself at home very quickly. Our first official meeting was for a health check and vaccination update where we discovered that despite being well over a year old, she still had some of her baby teeth. These are properly known as deciduous or temporary teeth and sometimes get called “milk teeth”.

Dogs and cats start to lose these deciduous teeth between 3-4 months of age, and they should all have been replaced by adult teeth by the time they are 6 months old. Sometimes, especially in smaller dogs, the system goes awry, and the adult teeth come up beside the temporary teeth or sometimes they don't erupt at all. The presence of the 2 sets of teeth can lead to malocclusion (teeth not lining up properly) and also it creates tight crevices between teeth for plaque & food to build up causing early dental disease.

Scarlett was booked in for a spay and, as she was having a general anaesthetic, this was an opportune time to remove the extra teeth. (We wouldn't normally do major dentistry at the same time as a spay due to risks with cross infection, but these were healthy, non-infected teeth and the extractions are usually straightforward so the risk was very low).

The starting point is some routine x-rays of the teeth to plan the extractions – (see picture). We could clearly see that the roots of the deciduous teeth, which should have dissolved many months before, were healthy

and strong. The extractions were then performed, and Scarlett made an excellent recovery.

Deciduous teeth start with roots but these should dissolve naturally as the new adult tooth becomes ready to come through. The dissolving of the root means that only the crown remains (which is what the tooth fairy normally collects from children). Failure of the root to dissolve means that the teeth stay firmly in place causing an obstruction to the eruption of the adult tooth and hence the problem.

Everything went according to plan with Scarlett and she is doing well at home - though she has started to cause a bit of mischief. I do understand, however, that she has performed very well in

some local dog shows and is starting to build up a collection of rosettes!

If you'd like to watch a short video about Scarlett's surgery and teeth, then look for the Bicester Vets YouTube channel and you should find a video called “Bicester Vets – Surgery and Dental”. I hope you find it interesting. We've also got a new video showing a “behind the scenes” look at the practice – please share your comments on the channel if you'd like.

Enjoy your pets
Jason Williams
Bicester Vets





Ukulele Night!

With Ukolade

Friday 29 November

Bar opens at 6.30 pm, music begins at 7.30 pm

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Tickets £6.00

From:

Chris – 01844 238707; specman53@yahoo.com

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OTMOOR GARDEN SOCIETY

September sees the re-start of the garden society programme after our summer break. In fact the committee have had a busy summer planning the programme for 2020, so the wheels never really stop turning. On the committee we make decisions about what we think you want – which tends to be based on what we want ourselves! Coach trips have been slower to book up this year, but local trips really popular, so we respond to that by going back to one coach trip and increasing locals, but do please tell us whether we are getting it right. All input gratefully received.

I'm pretty confident that you will be happy with the rest of this year's programme. Rosy Hardy in September will have been and gone, and hopefully you did not miss it. As will the final trip, to Malvern, which did end up with a good number of takers after a slow start. We still have two more good speakers to come though before ...that thing that happens at the end of every year, which you either love or hate, and which I am not going to mention!

So, on 22nd October at Charlton we have a welcome return from Peter Richardson who will be demonstrating ideas for "Winter Pots and Baskets". Peter is the charismatic owner of Preston Bissett Nurseries, once met never forgotten! This is a family run nursery in Buckinghamshire, well-stocked and well worth a visit. It is also one of the nurseries with which the garden society have a negotiated 10% discount on plants, even better reason to visit. Peter will no doubt be bringing a wide selection of plants from the nursery, and we have timed this for October as it is just when your summer containers will be coming to an end and you will be wondering what to put in them next for a display to carry you through

the winter months.

This is a good point for me to mention that the garden society have made a donation to Fencott and Murcott Village Hall of a new border, at the front to the left as you enter. It is designed for low-maintenance, year-round interest and as much scent throughout the year as possible, which might catch your attention even if the plants themselves don't. The majority of the plants have been sourced from Preston Bissett Nurseries, and we thank Peter for a good deal and free delivery! OGS volunteers will have been planting this up at the end of September; give it a year or two and it should make a nice entrance to the village hall.

Finally I must just say that John Reid, a long-term member of our committee, will be standing down at our AGM in January as he is moving on to pastures new. We wish him well in his new home in Kidlington, and hope that we will continue to see him at our meetings, as they just would not be the same without him complaining that the speaker has started too late and gone on too long!

It is a long-standing tradition that whoever lives in "Maryland", Black Bull Lane, Fencott is a member of OGS committee. The society was started by Mac almost 24 years ago and he was then succeeded by John. So a very warm welcome to our new Fencott neighbours and we look forward to you joining us soon!!!

Happy Gardening,
Judith Rawlinson

For more details, or to join, contact Brian Eadle on 01865 331472, www.otmoorgdensociety.org.uk or find us on Facebook



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Former fishmonger Kevin Little was the speaker at the October meeting of Otmoor WI. He kept members entertained with his fishy tales including tussles with the health inspectors and customers with unusual requests. From the marketing of pike removed from a trout farm to the preparation of a salmon for a celebratory meal he had a tale to tell. Even a dolphin featured. Who would have thought fish could be so controversial or engender such intense feeling.

The break offered a chance to enjoy refreshments prepared by Linda and Maureen and to take a closer look at entries made by members to the recent County Craft Fair.

The business of the evening included arrangements for the Pop-up Café on Wednesday 30th October. Members were reminded that at the next meeting on November 12th, the speaker is Richard Anderson talking about Edward and Mrs Simpson.

Dates for the Diary

CCH = Charlton Community Hall MVH = Murcott Village Hall

Tuesday 12th November – Edward and Mrs Simpson, Richard Anderson (CCH) 7.45pm

Wednesday 27th November – Coffee Craft and Cake (MVH) 7.45pm Wood block printing. NB this is a change from the usual day and date.

Tuesday 10th December – Members Christmas Party (MVH) 7.30pm

There is no craft session in December

Tuesday 14th January – Room 101 (CCH) 7.45pm

Thursday 16th January – Coffee, Craft and Cake (MVH) 7.45pm

For further details of any of the above please contact Virginia 01865331521

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