

Oaksey Village News

October 2017

Parish Council

It's been a very busy and positive summer for making progress on our longer-term projects such as traffic calming, housing and playground improvements. I'll update you on these a bit later.

The Parish Council at its September meeting reaffirmed its opposition to a front extension on a property in Court farm. This will now be called in to a future North Wiltshire planning committee. We are committed to protecting original environments within the conservation area as much as possible. Court Farm has a well-designed open plan court yard frontage and we wish to retain such original design in the village not only for all current neighbours but also for future generations.

Our public meeting to explain the neighbourhood plan and its impact on regenerating Oaksey homes was very well attended and it was great to see such a level of interest. We are very well aware of the passions that such big changes raise and all involved are determined to find solutions that will eventually improve living conditions for

all. With Green Square, we are working hard to improve homes that are well past their life time and also provide additional affordable homes for Oaksey families for whom this is the only affordable solution to staying in the village. There is no other land available for building additional affordable homes.

In the 2017 SHLAA (strategic housing and land supply) Wiltshire report on future housing supply in our area we were able to satisfy Wiltshire at this first stage that the Village can grow satisfactorily through our own plan- rather than having more large detached private homes forced on us outside our boundary- which as you know we work hard to protect.

I have received a very positive response to our plans for traffic calming through the village and have tried to answer those who were concerned about the ability to continue to park outside the shop. This small space is shared by vehicles and pedestrians and has to be respected as such. Our plans will make no difference to current stopping arrangements and pedestrian space will be clearly demarcated. Other concerns about drainage and raised edging to the

road have been taken on board. We do though have a long wait to get the funding for this.

Just time for a couple of other items. The playground development team have done a fantastic job to raise the money for phase 2 which should begin very soon. They have an amazing capacity to find funding and I'm sure that all of those future happy children (and parents) will be for ever grateful to our band of intrepid volunteers. Thanks.

Finally, I have been having a chat to neighbouring parishes about the possibility of sharing the cost of a neighbourhood community minibus to improve transport to nearby towns. Currently we have had very few requests from villagers for extra transport – or where the gaps in the timetable are particularly problematic. Perhaps you could let one of the parish councillors know if you would regularly use such a facility.

Richard Moody
Chairman – Parish Council

OAKSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



The children and staff have all returned to school refreshed from their holidays and learning has started in earnest. During the holidays, we had new carpet laid in the old classroom in the school

and the old front porch has been renovated and repainted. The old garden area is due to be levelled and a membrane put down in readiness for hard landscaping for the Values Garden. Then the children's designs will be implemented. The funding for this has come from the proceeds from the older children's 'Tea Party' which raised just over £600. It was lovely to see so many friends from the village and we hoped they enjoyed sampling all the cakes and sandwiches the children has made.

A big thank you to Lyndsey Richards and the school Gardening Club. The children were thrilled to receive two third prizes and a 'Highly Commended' for their produce at the Village Autumn Fayre. FoOS have very kindly helped fund the club and the children have learnt many new skills.

The older children will be off on their Residential Visit to South Devon at the beginning of October and we will be hoping for some warm weather. During that time the younger children will be holding their project week where they will be learning about caring for the world.

We will be hosting an 'Open Afternoon' on October 31st, from 2.00 – 3.00pm, when the focus will be on mapping skills. This will be a chance to see and join in with the children working around the school and it is open to our current parents, prospective parents and any visitors.

Ursula Scott
Headteacher

Oaksey 100 Club

Thank you so much for your support last year. I do hope you were a lucky winner. October is the beginning of the 100 Club year and if anyone would like to take part could you please put £10 in an envelope and leave it at the shop. Just to remind you that roughly £500 goes out in prizes and £500 for something in the village. Thank you so much and best of luck for the next year.

Chicky Oaksey

Scare Crow Trail and Produce Show

Ros and Catherine would like to thank everyone who supported the event this year.

The winner of the people choice was Alice in Wonderland No 47 made by Aidan Burnett-Herd.

The guess the scarecross competition was won by Izzy Moran of Minety Lane. Seven entries tied and the was drawn from a hat at the village shop. £757 was handed to the Fete Fund for distribution.

Oaksey WI

Our September meeting was on Thursday September 14th when we had



a fascinating talk by Geoffrey Carr entitled 'The loss of the Titanic and a Wiltshire Family – Some Mysteries and Myths.' Lt Cdr Carr linked this horrific disaster to a Melksham family and the fate of them and their 6 children. He gave us some interesting facts and laid to rest some of the myths surrounding the tragic loss of both the ship and lives of many of the passengers. Needless to say, lessons have been learnt from the tragedy. Questions then followed and Lt. Cmdr. Carr stated that he would give his fee to the R.N.L.I. We were thrilled by the interest in this talk and the number of visitors that joined us. Refreshments were served after the talk and enjoyed by all and the jewellery stall attracted lots of interest.

Our next meeting on 12th October at 7.15pm will be a speaker from The Prince's Trust. Tickets at a cost of £25 to visit Highgrove Gardens will also be available at the evening.

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Youth Club

The AGM took place on Tuesday 12 September. The meeting was presented with a very proactive Leader's report which contained details of activities for this term. Apart music sessions with Kandu Arts, which is currently underway, other activities include guinea pigs and crafts and popcorn and film night. If you feel you would like to offer your time and

skills helping in any way please let us know.

The youth club seems to be in a very healthy position and this was supported by the Treasurer's report which presented a good financial statement enabling us to provide additional resources and a wide range of activities.

After 25 years Miriam Nicholls has decided to step down as Chair of the Youth Club Committee. She will however, continue to be actively involved in a different role. We would like to thank her for unstinting commitment to the young people of Oaksey through the youth club. We believe that without her the youth club would not exist as it does today.

As a result of this the main contact for youth club is now through the Committee Secretary.

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Mother's Union

On Saturday we had our Wave of Prayer when we remember our overseas linked dioceses – we are now linked to Pacong in South Sudan, Southern Nyanza in Kenya, Kutigi and Ijesa North in Nigeria, and Karnataka Central in India. There are so many new dioceses forming overseas

that we now have some new links and hope to get to know them in time with correspondence and news via central Mothers' Union. We have had a letter from Ijesa North which was very welcome and I have written to them and the other links and hope that in due course we shall hear back – they now have email addresses which will be a great help to communication. It does show how widely spread the Mothers' Union is and growing. We may seem a small group here but it is growing worldwide. We are also having a tea party for elderly members this month which will be a happy event.

We meet next on the 12th October in Hankerton Church and we shall have a talk from Jill Wilding who organises a team in the Children's Hospital in Bristol who bring friendship to parents with seriously ill children and we supply their rest room with refreshments. We look forward to hearing an up-date on how this is going – they provide a most necessary shoulder to lean on when their children are in hospital. Hopefully see you all then at 10am.

Jane Gibbs
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Friday Club

Poole Keynes Village Hall

Friday 6th October 2017

Hidden Figures



Doors open at 7.30 pm for refreshments of wine, beer and soft drinks as well as tea, coffee and snacks and the film starts at 8pm

If any members wish to bring a guest then the entrance charge will be £3.50 per person

Please Note: Guests need to book as priority is given to members and seating is limited. Please call Judith on 01285 770301 to book

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Oaksey Mothers and Toddlers

We meet on Wednesday mornings
(term time only)
at 10am to 12.
in Oaksey Village Hall

New-borns to school age, with mums,
dads and grandparents

All welcome. We have a great selection
of toys and activities, and pause for a
drink or snack mid-morning

For further information, contact Claire
on 01666 575146

Richard Hiscock Memorial Charity Cricket Match

I just wanted to give you an update on our Charity Cricket Match on Sunday 3rd September. It was a great day despite the weather and we had an excellent turn out and everyone who joined us had a good time playing in the table top cricket tournament in Oaksey village hall. So far we have raised £1,371.79 including donations and sponsorship, to be divided between Prostate Cancer UK and Chance to Shine.

My thanks to our sponsors, Cirencester Civil Engineering Ltd, Moore Allen and Innocent, Woodward Hale Accountants, Tim Theakston of Theakston Brewery and Jonathon Hall of Greenhall Estates. I am leaving the Just Giving page open for donations until 3rd October which would have been Richard's 75th birthday

Judith and family
www.justgiving.com/teams/WRHT20

Oaksey Midweek Walkers.



The midweek walkers have been out and about during the summer. Walks have been on Selsey Common, footpaths around Oaksey and Bibury.

Walks take place on the 3rd Tuesday of the month starting at 10.00am and are usually of 4-5 miles in length followed by lunch at a pub.

Our next walk will be on Tuesday 17th October.

New members welcome.

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Health and wellbeing

Just a quick word to remind you all that I am around for general help and support on a wide variety of issues including transport, mobility and safety around the home and reducing the feeling of loneliness. Give me a call on 07557 922020 and leave a message. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

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Oaksey Choir

After four extremely successful years providing the musical support for the Oaksey Church Carol Service (and on several other occasions), we are now looking forward to the next one on Saturday 16th December 2017!

We are hoping that we can again assemble a Choir to lead the Carols in four-part harmony and deliver a couple of solo seasonal Anthems. As before, this will not entail a huge commitment, just two or three rehearsals beforehand (dates to be agreed), but we will need a

reasonably balanced group of singers, comfortable with reading music.

We are a friendly local group who are looking for a few additional volunteers (particularly altos and tenors) so, if this could be you, do please get in touch. If you have sung with us on previous occasions, do please confirm that you will be willing to do so again.

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North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

August meeting

The audience filled Crudwell village hall for our charity evening. Our speaker was Bob Brown from Cotswold Garden Flowers who named his talk "Still Looking Good in August". Bob who is a nursery man, garden writer and well-known horticulturist brought along a variety of plant samples and was able to talk in great depth on his subject which culminated in an interesting and amusing evening. Those keen gardeners in the room were also able to indulge in the plants that Bob had brought along for sale. All proceeds from the evening are to be donated to Perennial – formerly the Gardeners Royal Benevolent Society.

Future meetings

October 18th. Demonstration by Sally Taylor – entitled "Harvest Home." Competition – favourite flower.

November 15th. Our Christmas Event with demonstrator Lorena Dyer. This will take place at the Sundial Theatre, Cirencester, the title "Its Christmas Let's Sparkle". Open to all, tickets available from Gill on 01666 824 813 £10 for members £12 for non-members.

December 20th. Christmas social evening with workshop and bring & share supper.

Looking forward

We will be running a flower arranging course, consisting of four lessons starting on September 27th, spaces are still available. Contact number below for more details.

Flower club meetings take place at Crudwell Village Hall on the third Wednesday of the month, seven for seven thirty. (unless stated otherwise) If you enjoy flowers come and join us, visitors and new members are always welcome.

Margaret
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Royal British Legion – Kemble and District Branch

Saturday 7th October

If you are unable to attend the Kemble and Ewen Harvest Supper (more information from Tony Ferris - 770756) on the above date, you might like to listen to The Wessex Male Choir who are performing in the Cirencester Baptist Church at 7pm. This is a Concert to

launch "The 2017/18 Poppy Appeal". For more information please ring Pat Ayres - 770385

Tuesday 7th November

Our Annual General Meeting this year is being held at The Thames Head at 7pm where all members are very welcome.

Sunday 12th November

This year's Annual Remembrance Service will be taking place at Oaksey Parish Church. Cirencester Band will be playing at this Service which starts at 3pm. This Service is for everybody — not just Legion members. Light refreshments will be served after this Service in the Church.

Friday 1st December — Christmas Dinner — Thames Head

This popular annual event has been arranged for the above date and members will be receiving more information nearer the time.

Jeremy Clarke
Chairman
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Bridge Club

If you've never played bridge and would like to try, here's an opportunity you can't ignore! If you played some time ago but feel you need a refresher, it's for you too. Somerford Keynes Bridge Club is running a "first steps in bridge" course this autumn, and everyone is welcome. It will be a gentle introduction to a great

game and we aim to make it fun. No previous experience is necessary and if you can count up to 13 you're on your way!

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Malmesbury Concert Band – Musical Extravaganza



Some of you may have heard the Malmesbury Concert Band at the Village Fete earlier this year.

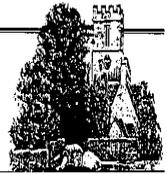
If you liked what you heard, you may be interested in the Band's annual Musical Extravaganza, the highlight of its musical year, which is to be held at the Town Hall, Malmesbury at 7:30pm on Saturday 28th October.

The programme will include a wide range of music to appeal to all tastes – light classics, much loved tunes from famous films, popular and big band numbers, marches and some quality original music for concert wind band. In fact, there will be something for everyone!

Tickets, which cost £9, or £7 for concessions, are on sale at A4 Stationers, 14 High Street, Malmesbury or through members of the Band.

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PARISH CHURCH NEWS



Services

The Oaksey Harvest Festival service will be held on Sunday, 1st October at 11am.

There will be a Group Holy Communion service at Oaksey on Sunday, 8th October at 10am.

There will be a Group Holy Communion service at Ashley on Sunday, 29th October at 10am.

Sunday School

This will be held on Sunday, 15th October at 10.30am for all children aged 3 years and upwards, followed by the Family service at 11am.

All are very welcome to attend.

Dates for your Diary

Nativity service - Sunday, 10th December @ 11am.

Carols by Candlelight service - Saturday, 16th December @ 5pm.

Christmas Day service - Monday, 25th December @ 11am.

Oaksey Lunch Club

The next lunch will be on Wednesday, 18th October at 1pm in the Rest at a cost of £4.00 per head. Unless you are known

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as a 'regular', please let Miriam (577689) know by Wednesday, 11th October if you are planning to come.

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	1 Oct	8 Oct	15 Oct	22 Oct
Ashley	Holy communion (BCP) 8.30am	Evening Prayer 6pm	Harvest Service 11am	Holy communion 9.30am
Charlton	Family Harvest Service 9.30am	No service	Evensong 6pm	Holy communion 9.30am
Crudwell	Morning Worship 11am	Harvest Service 6pm	Holy Communion 9.30am	All Age Worship 11am
Hankerton	Harvest Service 9.30am	No service	Informal Worship 11am	No service
Minety	Holy Communion 11am	Harvest Service with School 10am	Holy communion 8:30am SotW 10am	Service of the Word 10am
Oaksey	Family Harvest Service 11am	Group Communion 10am	Family Service 11am	Holy communion 11am
<p>29 Oct: Group Communion 10am at Ashley 29 Oct: Thanksgiving and Remembrance Service 6pm at Crudwell</p>				

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