

# Oaksey Village News

November 2017

## Parish Council

We have now started to discuss our Neighbourhood Plan in more detail with Wiltshire Council and Green Square and also our consultant for whom we have received a public grant. There are no further design details yet other than those already seen at the village meeting and posted online. We do though need to make real progress by Jan/Feb with our consultation plan deadline approaching. This needs to be finished by March.

On the planning front there is still much to do and we are currently being helped by a group of Bendy Bow residents who will also look at early draft plans to feedback local views. This is the advantage of a Neighbourhood Plan-influencing the design of the new development within the limits of the costs.

While all of this is going on we need to make sure that all those in the Parish who are eligible and wish to live in their own affordable home here in the future register on Wiltshire's housing register or the open register. A local connection is very important indeed. I have tried to

simplify the guidance below based on information supplied by Homes4Wiltshire:

If you are over 18 and have savings of less than £16K and want to find your own affordable home in Oaksey in the future then you can apply at <https://www.homes4wiltshire.co.uk/content/training/Myra>

Your local connection is the most important factor but your need will also be assessed in relation to a number of other factors. There are 4 Bands which you could be placed in.

<https://www.homes4wiltshire.co.uk/content/training/Ross>

The decision is made primarily on the basis of; 1. Local connection 2. Band Number 3. Time on the register. The open register is still available for those who don't record a priority band.

The key is for those with local connections and want to be considered in the future to register as soon as possible.

In a very expensive village such as ours this is a very significant opportunity to

find a local and affordable home. Please take it.

The effort and time needed to plan the growth of our village based around local need and not the speculation of land owners is well worth it if we also continue to preserve our village's unique heritage assets and in particular our conservation area. At the PC we continue to deal with planning applications for alterations to homes or the building of new homes. We have a beautiful village and the PC often battles with Wiltshire planners and even Wiltshire Council who appear at times to be disinterested in protecting our heritage assets. This should be a major concern for all of us. Many of our buildings and their planned environments have been here for hundreds of years and will outlive all of us. The PC believes it is our job to take a long-term view and we hope that you will help us by being very cautious before making applications for any changes or additions to properties-particularly if listed or very old or in a planned environment. Neighbours and Parishioners should also use their right to comment on applications if they want to help protect what we have. Comments are easy to make online and do have some impact on decisions.

By the time you have read this we will have held the funeral of Stan Hancock on Monday 30th October. Stan was one of our oldest residents and a lifelong resident who will long be remembered for his heroic war time service and the Legion d'Honneur he received in Oaksey

in 2016. Our condolences go out to his family and close friends.

*Richard Moody*  
*Chairman – Parish Council*

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## OAKSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



The Year 4, 5 and 6 children have returned from their residential visit in South Devon with many happy memories and tired legs. They took part in beach bouldering, coastal walks, learning about the D Day practices in Slapton Sands, experiencing spam and egg sandwiches, going on bat walks, visiting the Otter and Butterfly Centre and travelling on a steam train. The weather was kind to us and stayed warm throughout. The performances based on the theme 'Lost to the Sea' were memorable and great fun and everyone also enjoyed the Centre at the old school in Slapton, along with the high ropes course in the grounds.

Whilst the older ones were away, the younger children have been taking part in a 'Caring for our World' week. This has involved a visit from Jonathan Jungle and learning about exotic animals who are in danger of extinction, a visit from Wessex Water with ideas about saving water, making musical instruments from recycled materials and thinking about how they can help in the future. The

displays that the children have made are really thought provoking and interesting.

Our football and tag rugby teams have been out in cluster school's competitions. The girl's football team reached the finals out of 13 teams and lost by one goal and the boy's team was placed 7th out of 17 teams – a great result. We have also had an Indian Dancing day as part of our Hindu RE learning and the older children performed their dance at the end of the day to the whole school and parents. This was quite hard to remember the dance steps in order and use the whole of the body to very specific angles. The children really enjoyed this experience and we look forward to repeating it again in the future.

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*

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## **Oaksey WI**

At our October meeting Louise Swayne from Highgrove entertained us with a talk and slide show that gave us an

insight into the development of the garden at Highgrove during the 30 years that Prince Charles has lived there and the photos of the garden were stunning. Louise has been working there for 8 years and stated that the Prince is a very enthusiastic gardener, hates chemicals so is completely organic, willing to get his hands dirty and tries to recycle everything. Needless to say, everything in the garden is rosy! Proceeds from his garden tours are shared between 20 charities of which the Prince is patron, the best known being the Prince's Trust. After a very interesting talk and answering members' questions, leaflets and information were distributed as to how tickets could be obtained to visit Highgrove. Names were given to the Secretary after the talk.

Delicious refreshments by Liz Fleming and Liz Kirkham were then served, which incorporated Welsh and English themes.

The 2018 programme is nearly completed and committee members were reminded that there would be a short meeting to discuss the programme at the end of the month.

Our next meeting is the Annual General Meeting and will be held on Thursday 9th November at 12 noon. This year the lunch will be prepared by committee members. The Christmas Lunch will be at the Wheatsheaf Oaksey on Thursday 14th December at 12.30pm at a cost of £19.95. The menu will be distributed to members at the AGM and payment will be taken.

Two other Christmas events are the group Carol Service on Tuesday 5th December and The Gloucestershire Federation Christmas Concert at Cheltenham Town Hall with Guest Artists Wynne Evans (Go Compare) and Mark Cummings (Radio Gloucestershire) on Wednesday 6th December at 2.30pm.

*Jean Bennett 577485*  
[jeanbennett@tesco.net](mailto:jeanbennett@tesco.net)

## **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

## **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.

*Ellen Blacker*  
*07557 922020*  
[ellen.blacker@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:ellen.blacker@wiltshire.gov.uk)



## **Mother's Union**

We have just had our meeting with Jill Wilding who leads the team of Friends for Parents in the Bristol children's hospital. Members of the team are on duty one at a time for a week in the hospital meeting parents of children in the hospital, being a sympathetic ear and support through a difficult time. They are very much appreciated and occasionally have meetings with groups in other hospitals to change experiences of what they find is "best practice". The Mothers' Union provides the income and refreshments in the parents' rest rooms which they can use while they are visiting their children. Our group was most interested and kept Jill talking and answering questions – the Friends group has been going now for 30 years.

On the 9th November we are having a fund-raising coffee morning at 10am with Margaret Godfrey at The Close, Upper Minety and hope to raise funds for Mothers' Union projects in the diocese

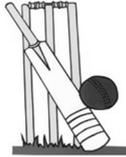
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and worldwide, as well as having a happy social morning. Hope to see you all there.

*Jane Gibbs*  
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## **The Richard Hiscock Memorial Cricket Match**



I would like to give you an update on the Richard Hiscock memorial cricket match held at Oaksey on Sunday 3rd September.

Thank you to everyone who supported the event with sponsorship, donations to the Just Giving page and to everyone who joined us on the day and especially friends and family who gave up their time to help with setting up, serving food and drink, selling raffle tickets and clearing away, it is greatly appreciated.

The final total for the event is £1672.39 which has been divided between Prostate Cancer UK and the cricket charity Chance to Shine

**Prostate Cancer UK** Are working to provide better treatments, diagnosis, support and prevention of the disease. One in eight men in the UK will get prostate cancer and one man dies every hour therefore this work is crucial

The **Chance to Shine** charity runs and raises funds for its Schools and Street campaign and thanks to supporters who donate vital funds to Chance to Shine

every year the charity has now linked over 1,000 cricket clubs to 11,000 primary and secondary schools. As a result, children in these schools are playing competitive cricket again and learning key life skills. Schools in our area who have benefitted from this campaign are Oaksey, South Cerney, Ampney Crucis, Rodmarton and Sapperton

All the funds donated to Chance to Shine from our fund raiser have been matched £ for £ by the ECB

*Judith*

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## **North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club**

### **September meeting**

The business side of the meeting was carried out quickly and efficiently by our chairman, who then introduced Mary Hinton from the local Hedgehog rescue organisation. Mary was able to enlighten the audience about many aspects of hedgehog lifestyles and the care of those that are taken in at the hedgehog hospital.

### **Future meetings**

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.

January 17th Demonstration by Andrew Baker entitled "Moments"

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*  
**01285 770 639**

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

*Judith*  
**01285 770301**

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## Friday Club

Poole Keynes Village Hall

Friday 3rd November 2017



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## PARISH CHURCH NEWS

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## Viceroy's House

New nations are rarely born in peace... India, 1947: Lord Mountbatten (Hugh Bonneville) is dispatched, along with his wife Edwina (Gillian Anderson), to New Delhi to oversee the country's transition from British rule to independence. Taking his place in the resplendent mansion known as the Viceroy's House, Mountbatten arrives hopeful for a peaceful transference of power. But ending centuries of colonial rule in a country divided by deep religious and cultural differences proves no easy undertaking, setting off a seismic struggle that threatens to tear India apart

## Services

The Royal British Legion Remembrance service will be held at Oaksey on 12th November at 3pm.

## Sunday School

This will be held on Sunday, 19th November at 10.30am for all children aged 3 years and upwards, followed by the Family service at 11am.

All are very welcome to attend.

## Manning the Church

The PCC would like to, once again, extend their grateful thanks to all of you

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who gave up your time to sit in the Church over the past six months, during which time, many visitors have been greeted by you and have expressed their delight at their reception and the beauty and peacefulness of the Church. Your efforts are very much appreciated by the PCC.

## Oaksey Lunch Club

The next lunch will be on Wednesday, 15 November at 1pm in the Rest at a cost of £4.00 per head. Unless you are known as a 'regular', please let Miriam (577689) know by Wednesday, 8 November if you are planning to come.

*Jerry Falkingham*

*01666 577956*

*j.falkingham@tesco.net*

	<b>5 Nov</b>	<b>12 Nov</b>	<b>19 Nov</b>	<b>26 Nov</b>
<b>Ashley</b>	Holy communion (BCP) 8.30am	Evening Prayer 6pm	Morning Prayer 9:30am	Holy communion 9.30am
<b>Charlton</b>	Family Service 9.30am	Holy Communion 9.30am Remembrance	Bell Ringers' Service 6pm	Holy communion 9.30am
<b>Crudwell</b>	Morning Worship 11am	Remembrance Service 10.50am	Holy Communion 9.30am	All Age Worship 11am
<b>Hankerton</b>	Holy Communion 9.30am	No service	Informal Worship 11am	No service
<b>Minety</b>	Holy Communion 11am	Remembrance Service 10.50am	Holy communion 8:30am SotW 10am	Service of the Word 10am
<b>Oaksey</b>	Matins 11am	British Legion Remembrance Service 3pm	Family Service 11am	Holy communion 11am

