

Oaksey Village News

February 2018

Parish Council

We are now approaching the final stage in the preparation of our Neighbourhood Plan and to achieve this we have applied for another grant to get us help to write an appraisal of our heritage assets and in particular those within our conservation area. Our final document, which all Parishioners will have the chance to comment and vote on, should therefore provide all of us with a clear description of the type of built environment we want in the future. This won't preclude development but will be able to guide owners towards work that enhances our heritage assets. This also includes the environment around and adjacent to our heritage buildings where, for example, display boards or permanently housed refuse containers can seriously detract from the heritage value of the area.

On a lighter note, those of you who are interested in playing wind instruments may like to know that youngsters have their own Windband in Malmesbury which practices on Thursday evenings term time. Steph Kenny writes:

'We see youngsters going to Oaksey School with musical instrument cases.

Knowing how much fun can be had from playing music with other like-minded people, some of those who play woodwind or brass instruments might like to consider joining the Riverside Youth Windband. It meets at the Riverside Community Centre (next to the Co-op) in Malmesbury on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:45pm during term times. Further information is available from Steph Kenny at stephkenny65@gmail.com or 07764 336763.'

Of course, if you have left school behind then remember Tony Fleming's Malmesbury Brass Band is a marvellous local asset and very welcoming of new members.

I've been asked to clarify the use of our Village defibrillator for suspected heart attacks. I have recently republished a list of our Village first aiders who are trained in its use with their contact details. This is now permanently on the web site. The defibrillator is located at the school in the playground. When you ring 999- the very first task if a heart attack is suspected- you will be given the code number for the machine. Its operation is clearly explained by a recording if a first

aider is not immediately available. We maintain this machine for such emergencies and its security is therefore paramount hence the need for a confidential code.

Whilst we are waiting to receive updates on our traffic calming and 20 zone plans for 2018 there are a few other road issues that have arisen. Firstly, the news that one of the largest triathlon organisers has at last agreed to re-route cyclists away from Oaksey. Last season they actually came to observe and film the unacceptable behaviour of a large number of their competitors who raced through the Village with total disregard for traffic priorities. Thankfully this has happened before a bad accident has occurred.

Secondly, I have had complaints from a number of Villagers about the tractors that use our roads on a very regular basis. We live in a rural community and know that farming needs constant transport facilities. But, there is a balance and we would ask all farmers and contractors to take more care over spoiling soft road edges and speeding through our narrow roads.

Finally, on traffic, we are considering installing a Speed Indicator Device (SID) on the Somerford Keynes Road to help control speed and prepare drivers for our new 20mph zone. It will be used intermittently to maximise its impact. This will cost over £3,000 to buy and install, and we are hoping that private donations will help us to achieve this. If

you are able to help us with this purchase, please let me know.

Finally, back to the Neighbourhood Plan and the development of Bendy Bow to provide new affordable homes for existing tenants and also for other family members. The plans will be firmed up in the next few weeks and that makes it crucial that all of those Oaksey families who may want homes for relatives in the future make sure that individuals are on the housing register. I have described how this is done and our website confirms all the details. If there are insufficient demands from locals then some of the new additional homes may be allocated to others on the list.

Richard Moody
Chairman – Parish Council

OAKSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Our School performance, Angels up High, which included all the children in the school, raised a staggering £719.31 for Helen House Children's Hospice in Oxford and we are very grateful to everyone who attended for their support. This is nearly double the amount we normally raise and was a great start to our Christmas celebrations. Father Christmas visited on party day and we enjoyed our end of term service, with our new choir singing. Many thanks

to Oliver Kneebone who made a great job of representing the school at the village Christmas Carol Service – quite a daunting role in front of a full congregation.

We were very grateful to Ed Richards who gave up a morning to work with the older children, plus four children from Sutton Benger School. He talked with the children about his role as a scientist with underwater turbines. He had arranged for the equipment of electrical circuits and a dustpan and brush for the children and after a demonstration the children made their own 'Brush Monsters' which vibrated across the floor, out of the dustpan and brushes! It was something the children will not forget in a hurry and the photographs from the session are on the website.

This term has started with two staff and parent Forums, exploring academisation and collaboration for the school. Discussions around the benefits and concerns for the school were very productive and the sessions raised a number of questions. Governors will be discussing the results from these sessions over the next few months.

The start of term has been busy, with sports, swimming and music starting. Two teams of children will be attending the Malmesbury Schools Cluster Festival next week and we are preparing for hockey, football, netball and cross-country festivals this term. We are now looking forward to some better weather so we can get outside and practice without the cold and wet weather!

Ursula Scott
Headteacher

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

The Oaksey Archive

In the past six years since the formation of the Oaksey Local History Group we have accumulated a great deal of material about the village, including documents, press cuttings, maps, photographs of the village and village people and events. This has now been sorted into folders and will be stored in a



filing cabinet at the village hall. Anyone is welcome to access the Archive, and we intend to add material as it becomes available. If you or members of your family have anything about the village or it's people and wish to donate it (or allow us to copy it) please get in touch with myself or Margaret Morgan, Lucinda Gill, Carole Soden and Wendy Castle. The Group meets periodically, and if you have an interest in local history and would like to join in our activities please let me know.

Fred Price (577955)



Mother's Union

We held our A.G.M. on Thursday the 11th January with Margaret Godfrey in Minety and the meeting was taken by Susan Harvey. We voted in our committee for another year and we shall continue to keep our small branch going for 2018. We have 10 Indoor Members and remembered that Noel Witchell celebrated her 100th birthday at the beginning of 2017 with a memorable party arranged by her family and special service in Long Newnton church the following Sunday. We had a list of all the projects we support, mostly run by the Mothers' Union in the Diocese but also others which we support run by other organisations in the Diocese. The

treasurer gave a report which also shows how much we donate to the various projects, and we had a report from our cathedral welcomers who belong to a rota of members who serve as welcomers in the cathedral throughout the year meeting visitors from all over the world and giving out leaflets in the various languages. This was started by the Mothers' Union many years ago and is much appreciated by the cathedral staff and visitors.

We meet again on Thursday, the 8th February at The Willow Tree, Crudwell when we have Richenda Milton-Dawes talking about the psalms. Hoping the weather won't turn nasty again and make driving difficult and you will all be able to come.

Jane Gibbs
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Oaksey WI



Six members thoroughly enjoyed the Gloucestershire Federation Christmas Concert on December 6th at Cheltenham Town Hall. Mark Cummings from Radio Gloucestershire was one of the stars and in the interval, we were given a very short interview which was broadcast the following day on the Breakfast Show!!! Since then he has agreed to be the speaker at our June meeting in 2019 – so watch this space.

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The Annual Christmas Lunch was held on 14th December at the Wheatsheaf, Oaksey. Many thanks go to Michaela and Mikey at The Wheatsheaf for their excellent cuisine and hospitality. The event was thoroughly enjoyed by all - members, partners and friends.

Our January meeting was held on 11th January in The Rest, which was an introduction to Pilates.

We welcomed Jessica Kirkham who outlined the history of Pilates and then encouraged us to join in her demonstrations of various exercises. She also gave us some ideas as to what we could do at home. It transpired that there were quite a few lapsed and 2 current "Pilaters" and amongst our members! The session was thoroughly enjoyed by all and got our 2018 programme off to a very good start.

Future meetings and events

Thursday 8th February 2.15pm
Craft session with Judy Paginton – zentangling!

Thursday 8th March 2.15pm
Travels in Uzbekistan with Charlotte Burnaby- Atkins.

Friday March 16th

The Denman Appeal (Denman being the WI residential training centre) finishes at the end of March 2018, and for a final push WIs have been asked to hold a coffee and cake event in March. This will take place on 16th March 2-4pm in The Village Hall which coincides with the visit from our Police Community Support Officer (PCSO).

Subscriptions

The Annual Subscription is now due. This is £41 which includes 12 local meetings and opportunities to participate in other outings, activities and crafts both locally and in the Gloucestershire region and nationally.

Interested in joining? then please contact Jean.

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The Village Fete

At a meeting after the Fete last year it was decided that the Fete will be held on Saturday 30th June this year. We usually have a meeting early in the year to start planning ahead, so if you are interested in coming along and have ideas for possible attractions, or in helping on the day, you would be most welcome. The meeting will be at the village hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday February 13th.

Fred Price (577955)

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

Our 45th anniversary year has now come to a close and we can reflect on a programme that was full of celebration, demonstrations, talks and workshops all of which culminated in a successful and

flower filled year. Alongside all this activity the club also managed to raise a significant amount for charities. (Dorothy House Hospice & Perennial formerly The Gardeners Royal Benevolent Society) As we look forward to our 2018 programme we would like to wish all our readers a happy and healthy new year.

Future meetings

February 21st

Demonstration by Jayne Morriss
"Aspects of Chelsea"
(competition - a single flower)

March 21st

Demonstration by Jane Haas
"Spring is in the Air"
(competition – a single flower)

April 18th

Workshop tutored by Anna Steven
"Do you see what I see?"

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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Friday Club

2nd February

Dunkirk

In May 1940, Germany advanced into France, trapping Allied troops on the beaches of Dunkirk. Under air and ground cover from British and French forces, troops were slowly and methodically evacuated from the beach using every serviceable naval and civilian vessel that could be found. At the end of this heroic mission, 330,000 French, British, Belgian and Dutch soldiers were safely evacuated.

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 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

Oaksey Pilates

Happy New Year all. Come and Join our classes and have some fun.

There is a brand-new Stott Pilates instructor running private sessions and group classes in Oaksey.



Janique McGuinness is offering sessions for all ages, all abilities, and for many conditions or injuries. 'In ten sessions you'll feel the difference, twenty you will see the difference, and in thirty you'll have a new body'.

Call Janique on 07730596933 or email at janiquemcguinness@hotmail.com

Consultation shapes new mobile library routes

Wiltshire Council has completed a consultation of public mobile library stops to help shape the service for the next two years.

The routine consultation is carried out every two years to ensure the service operates efficiently in local communities, reaching the people who need it most.

There were 768 responses to the consultation, with 98.9% of customers satisfied or very satisfied with the proposed location of mobile stops, and 92.7% satisfied or very satisfied with the proposed times of the stops.

Every effort has been made to incorporate customer suggestions and comments into the final routes, which will be implemented from Monday 12 February 2018.

The new routes provide an improved service to customers; particularly at busier stops, where the frequency of visits will increase from every four to two

weeks, and the visit times will also be extended where there is a higher usage.

John Thomson, cabinet member for libraries, said: "We have listened to our mobile library users, and have developed these new timetables with them in mind.

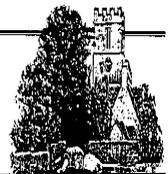
"We know how important the library service is to local communities, and our mobile libraries are part of this service. We also provide a home library service for customers who are physically unable to access a library or mobile service."

To find out more about the new timetables, or our home library service, see

<http://services.wiltshire.gov.uk/MobileLibrary/> or pick up a printed copy of the new timetables from the mobile libraries.

For Oaksey this means bendy Bow between 13:00 – 13:45 on Feb 23, Mar 9 and 23, Apr 6 and 20

PARISH CHURCH NEWS



Services

There will be a Holy Communion service for the Braydon Brook Group of Churches at Ashley on Sunday, 11th February at 10am.

The Ash Wednesday service for the Group will be on Wednesday, 14th February at 7.30pm at Charlton.

Sunday School

This will be held on Sunday, 18th February at 10.30am for all children aged 3 years and upwards, followed by the Family service at 11am.

All are very welcome to attend.

Lent Lunches – a note for your diaries

The 1st Lent lunch will be hosted this year by Jill Neilson & Angela Gee on Tuesday, 6th March at 12.30pm to 2pm at Church Farm Barns, Oaksey (behind The Wheatsheaf Pub).

The 2nd lunch will be hosted by Catherine Woodward & Ros Taubenheim on Tuesday, 20th March at 12.30pm to 2pm at 22 The Green, Oaksey.

All are very welcome to attend.

Manning the Church

As in previous years, we are planning to open the Church on Saturdays from 31st March until 6th October inclusive. There are two-hour slots available on various

Saturdays to greet visitors to our Church, so, if you are able to volunteer, please let Mike Martin know on 577797. For anyone who hasn't done this before, we can provide guidance and help on interesting features of the Church, so do please join us in looking after our visitors once again this year.

Church Cleaning Day

A note for your diaries: This will take place on Saturday, 2nd June at 10am, followed by a lunchtime barbecue at the back of the Church.

Further details to follow in due course.

Oaksey Lunch Club

The next lunch will be on Wednesday, 21st February 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, 14th February if you are planning to come.

Jerry Falkingham

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	4 Feb	11 Feb	18 Feb	25 Feb
Ashley	Holy communion (BCP) 8.30am	Group Communion 10am Evening Prayer 6pm	Morning Prayer 9:30am	Holy communion 9.30am
Charlton	Family Service 9.30am	No service	Evensong 6pm	Holy communion 9.30am
Crudwell	Morning Worship 11am	No service	Holy Communion 9.30am	All Age Service 11am
Hankerton	Holy Communion 9.30am	No service	Informal Worship 11am	No service
Minety	Holy Communion 11am	Service of the Word 10am	Holy communion 8:30am Service of the Word 10am	Service of the Word 10am
Oaksey	Matins 11am	No service	Family Service 11am	Holy communion 11am

