

# Oaksey Village News

March 2018

## Parish Council

At last we are round to March and the birdsong is louder, the daffs are coming through and England are going well in the 6 Nations (at least as I write this!). In an effort to spruce up the Village we have a small group of intrepid volunteers who are going to help our fantastic one or two regulars on a litter pick day. Please look out on the Buzz for details. We have also had the youth club brightening up by the planters and they look great- thanks to all those involved and to the organisers. Great work. Hopefully we can all maintain the normal high standard of our frontages to really show of the Village at its best.

A quick update on our Neighbourhood Plan. The heritage statement is now being written and we have some great photos from David Hall to illustrate the areas of our Village which best capture its character. Thanks to David. Green Square have produced the first draft of their plan for Bendy Bow and when the revised version is released we will be able to make it more public on the web site. We should be able to open up for consultation on the full document by March.

There have been a significant number of comments (mostly strong objections) to the Street Farm applications (17/12512 and 18/00571) and the closing date to have your say has been pushed back to 19<sup>th</sup> March because of problems with the Wiltshire planning website. The Parish Council and most objectors would be very supportive of improvements to the north and south barns as long as access remains unchanged through the farm gate which itself should be maintained as an important heritage asset for the Village.

We are planning to improve the fencing/boundary of the playing field car park and the playing field itself with collaboration from the Playing Field trust and School. We are seriously considering a new hedge around the car park- initially it will back up the old (to be repaired) fence and we can then work on the fencing between the school and the field. This is in recognition that the Village conservation area has primarily walls and hedges and we would like to remove post and rail and wooden fencing as much as possible. We'll need a bit of patience to get the hedging established and in the meantime the mud and tracks

spoiling the play area will get some urgently needed attention.

*Richard Moody*  
*Chairman – Parish Council*

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## OAKSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Two teams of Year 5 and 6 children took part in the Cluster Schools Gymnastic competition at Malmesbury Secondary School last week, with some individual successes. The boys triumphed this year and congratulations to Sam Dunnage who was joint first in the Advanced Floor Sequence, Sonny Parker for winning the Advanced Vault, John Walsh for second and Oliver Kneebone who was third in the Beginner Floor Sequence. The team came seventh out of 12 teams with the final scores being very close. The first team gained 71.4 points and Oaksey gained 69.1 points in seventh place – congratulations everyone and a big thank you to the parents who helped transport the children.

Hockey teams and a girl's football team are competing this week and we are preparing for the Year 3/4, 5/6 cross country festival early next month. The older children will be having Nordic Walking training for six weekly sessions and the younger children are starting cricket training. Alongside this we have 'Dan, the Skipping Man' visiting us in

March to set up some skipping challenges to trial at playtimes.

We shall be having a female mature teacher from the University of Zurich, Switzerland visiting us at school from 30<sup>th</sup> April – 18<sup>th</sup> May. The school has linked with the University in past years and we have been lucky that we have been able to secure them lodgings within the village for these three weeks. If there is anybody who would be able to provide lodgings for this period, please contact the school office 01666 577221 - and we can provide you with further details.

*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

## Easter Crafts and Treasure Hunt

in  
Oaksey Church

**Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

10.00-12.00

All ages welcome

interesting talk and very thought provoking and increased our pleasure in reading and singing them.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> March, at 10.00am. in Sherston Church. This is during Lent and the Rev. Susan Harvey will lead us in a quiet morning of reflection and prayer.

Looking ahead, on April 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a Mothers' Union Lady Day service in Bristol Cathedral which will be attended by our Worldwide President, Lynne Tembey, and we hope several of us will be able to go to this. We shall discuss plans for transport to the service which will be at 3.30pm. Hope to see you then.

*Jane Gibbs*  
577282



### Mother's Union

We had our February meeting at the Willow Tree in Tuners Lane, Crudwell when Richenda Milton-Dawes talked to us about the psalms, quoting from some of her favourites which included several of the favourites of members present. She talked about the background to the wording and read some of the verses which today sound very vengeful and are often left out of readings in church. Many of them were written by King David full of thankfulness for God's care for him but also some asking for destruction of enemies. We would consider some too violent for today. It was a most

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### Oaksey WI



On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February we had a craft session with Judy Paginton who introduced us to Zentangling which is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. It's a form of doodling! Each member practised some patterns and then after a very absorbing and quiet 30mins produced a card with a decorated daffodil motif. Oaksey WI hadn't been so quiet for 30mins for some while!! This was followed by

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refreshments –lovely cakes made by Mary and Nancy!!!

Some members will be attending the GFWI Annual Council Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 at Cheltenham Town Hall with speaker Adam Henson.

Jenny and Jean B had attended the handing over Group Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Members were notified that Siddington with Preston will be hosting the group this year and their meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> June will have Allan Wells who will be speaking about bees.

As previously agreed, members will be holding a coffee and cake event on 16<sup>th</sup> March in aid of the Denman Appeal. They were asked to sign up as to availability and also as to what cake they could provide. See advert elsewhere in newsletter.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2.15pm in The Rest when Charlotte Burnaby-Atkins will be telling us about her travels in Uzbekistan illustrated with slides.

This will be the last afternoon meeting until November. Between April and October meetings take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month 7.15 for 7.30pm at The Village Hall (except July and August when we have an outing and garden meeting).

**Jean Bennett 577485**  
**jeanbennett@tesco.net**

## Oaksey Cricket Club

Oaksey Cricket Club plays on Oaksey Playing Field and are



currently placed in Division 1of the Cotswold District Cricket Association Saturday League. The importance that the club places on playing within the “Spirit of Cricket” is evidenced by the fact that the Club has won the Sportsmanship Award on three occasions in the last nine years and been runner up in every other year. The Club also plays in the Wednesday Evening Twenty20 League, as well as Sunday friendly matches.

From 2016, the Club has formed a Junior section with boys and girls up to the ages of 13. Coaching is undertaken by our 2 ECB qualified coaches ably supported by Coach Support Workers

Everyone is welcome to support the Club at matches and join the players for a cup of tea during the interval at around 4 pm on a Saturday or in the Wheatsheaf after matches, at around 7.30 pm, where post-match refreshments are shared with the opposition.

Oaksey Cricket Club also organizes post-season social events, such as a race night and golf day.

If you are interested in playing then kindly contact Andy Steward, club captain, on 07411 806246

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## North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

Our first meeting of the year was held in January at our usual venue Crudwell Village Hall. The demonstrator for the evening was Andrew Baker, florist and college tutor from Bath. Andrew called his demonstration “moments” with a focus on Valentine’s Day. He created some beautiful arrangements, one of which was a stunning heart which was won in the raffle by a visitor to the club. Andrew also told the room of his life in floristry and his teaching of the art. After all of the evenings creations had been raffled the evening concluded as always with tea /coffee and cake.

### Future meetings

- March 21<sup>st</sup> Demonstration by Jane Haas – “Spring is in the Air” (competition – a single flower)
- April 18<sup>th</sup> Workshop tutored by Anna Steven - “Do you see what I see?”
- May 16<sup>th</sup> Members’ Dinner (Mayfield Crudwell)

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**

Oaksey WI invite you to a

## Pop-up Coffee and Tea Shop

Friday March 16th 2-4pm

Oaksey Village Hall

Coffees, teas, soft drinks.  
Delicious WI homemade cakes!!

All welcome

Come along anytime during the afternoon or before and after picking up the children from school.

(mini cakes and an activity for them too!!)

This coincides with the visit from our Police Community Support Officer (PCSO).

In Aid of The Denman Appeal (Denman being the WI residential training centre).

## Charity Film Night

After the success of last year’s charity film night Poole Keynes Film Club is holding another charity film night with 2 course supper and screening Paddington 2 on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April. This year we will be supporting the local children’s charity the James Hopkins Trust

In 1989 a small children's charity, the James Hopkins Trust was founded, with the aim of improving the quality of life for the severely disabled, life limited and life threatened young children of Gloucestershire, mainly through the provision of nursing respite care in the home. The trust has since expanded including setting up a bank of nurses, building a purpose designed multi-sensory respite centre and gardens to provide night/day care and holiday clubs.

The cost will be Members £7.50 Guests £10 6.30pm for 7.00pm

To Book contact Judith on 01285770301

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## Friday Club

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

**Victoria and Abdul**



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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## So....what is a Health and Wellbeing Champion????

Good question, and I sometimes wonder! The official definition is "Supporting individuals to live independent, happy, healthy and fulfilling lives by offering information on

a variety of topics. Working to improve outcomes for people by representing their needs at decision making levels". Tall order? You bet! But what does that actually mean in practice? I often describe it as being a "walking yellow pages" whereby I hope to have useful phone numbers to hand for whatever question I am asked.

You note that I have PHONE NUMBERS rather than websites! Many people use and love the internet with "google", "ask" and all the other search engines. For some people this is the best way to find out answers, but sometimes you need to know some more information before a search engine can help. For others, the internet is something which exists, but NOT something to get involved with. Some solutions simply aren't on the internet anyhow, particularly the very local things that go on in our communities and this is where I can help. From information on health, transport, finance and loneliness to supporting new groups, activities and projects. Whatever your question, ask me and I will see if I can find the answers for you. As ever, call 07557 922020 or (dare I suggest it?) email [ellen.blacker@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:ellen.blacker@wiltshire.gov.uk). I look forward to hearing from you!

PS, although I love my job, I do only work part time so please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

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



## Letter from the Rector

Following my prolonged sickness absence, during which I have taken up offers of professional support and made every effort to recover, it is clear that my health has not improved and there is little prospect of it doing so in the medium term. After much prayer and after consultation with the diocese, I have therefore handed in my notice as Rector of Braydon Brook. Although we do not yet have a leaving date, we will be moving from Crudwell to our house in Devon. Our Area Dean is working with the Ministry Team and Churchwardens to put plans in place to support the life of the benefice.

It has been a very difficult decision to make as Rhoda and I have enjoyed our life in North Wiltshire. We have been warmly welcomed and I have been encouraged by the progress each church has made in the last three years. We have developed friendships and good relationships throughout the benefice. There is much that we are thankful for, and much that we will remember very fondly.

Over the last few months we have deeply appreciated people's genuine care and concern for us. It has meant a great deal, and we are truly sorry that my ill health

is forcing us to leave. Be assured of our prayers for the future.

With all best wishes

Rev'd Phil

## The Reverend Phil Daniels

It is with great regret that we have to announce that the Rev. Phil Daniels has handed in his notice as the Rector of the Braydon Brook Group of Churches. He will be leaving the Benefice by the 1<sup>st</sup> May but will not be officiating at any further services in the Benefice.

This means that we are now in a period of Vacancy during which time the Benefice will, in due course, be advertising the post once all the paperwork and legalities have been formalised and approved. The process takes a great deal of time which, unfortunately, means that we are unlikely to have a new Rector in place this year.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Phil for the gifts he brought to the Braydon Brook Group of Churches and wish him every success and good fortune for the future.

During this period of Vacancy, the first point of contact for weddings, funerals, baptisms and general enquiries should now be made to the Church Warden, Nick Mangnall. It would be appreciated if you would not contact the Rev. Sarah Wyman.

**Nick's details 01666 577982**  
**[nickjmangnall@gmail.com](mailto:nickjmangnall@gmail.com)**

## Services

There will be a Braydon Brook Group Mothering Sunday Holy Communion service on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> March at Oaksey @ 10am. It would be lovely to see lots of families at this very special service, so do please come along and enjoy this important day in the Church calendar. There will be gifts for the children to give to their mothers / grandmothers.

The Maundy Thursday service for the Braydon Brook Group will be held on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March in Crudwell Church @ 7.30pm.

An advance notice that the Easter Sunday Holy Communion service will be on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> April at Oaksey at 11am.

## Sunday School

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

## Lent Lunches

The 1st Lent lunch will be hosted this year by Jill Neilson & Angela Gee on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30pm to 2pm at Church Farm Barns, Oaksey (behind The Wheatsheaf Pub). Please note the change of date - previously advertised as Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March.

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

All are very welcome to attend.

## Good Friday Crafts Session

30<sup>th</sup> March at 10am until 12.30pm at Oaksey Church.

After last year's success, we are holding another craft session for children of all ages. They will be able to participate in lots of different crafts ending with a Treasure Hunt and an Easter egg.

Refreshments will be available, and we will have a baby corner for the small ones. Please come along and enjoy the fun.

If you would like further information, please contact Helen McKenna on 577279.

## 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, 21<sup>st</sup> March 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, 14<sup>th</sup> March if you are planning to come.

*Jerry Falkingham*

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	<b>4 Mar</b>	<b>11 Mar</b>	<b>18 Mar</b>	<b>25 Mar</b>	<b>30 Mar</b>
<b>Ashley</b>	Holy communion (BCP) 8.30am	No service	Morning Prayer 9:30am	Holy communion 9.30am	No service
<b>Charlton</b>	Family Service 9.30am	No service	Evensong 6pm	Holy communion 9.30am	No service
<b>Crudwell</b>	Morning Worship 11am	No service	Holy Communion 9.30am	All Age Service 11am	Family Craft Activities 10:30am
<b>Hankerton</b>	Holy Communion 9.30am	No service	Informal Worship 11am	No service	Family Craft Activities - 10:30 Devotion Service 3pm
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<b>Oaksey</b>	Matins 11am	Holy Communion Group Mothering Sunday 10am	Family Service 11am	Holy communion 11am	Family Craft Activities 10:00am

