

Oaksey Village News

April 2018

Parish Council

Well, I don't intend to make any weather or sporting predictions for a while. If you remember my last efforts in the March newsletter you'll know why that is!

We really had some extreme weather in March and the Village kept going although it was wonderfully quiet on the roads during the worst days. The potholes are much bigger now and the speed of repair is even slower. Please photo and upload potholes that concern you to the myWilts site. If we don't complain it won't get done!

You will find inserted in this newsletter a leaflet which lets you know how to access the Neighbourhood Plan and also comment on it. Just click on our website and click on Neighbourhood Plan. A few paper copies will be available for temporary lending. It has been a very long and complex effort to get to this stage and your views would be helpful. The plan sets out strategies for the development of the Village and guidance for those who want to develop property or the environment. I hope that everybody who intends to do this will

read the plan and heritage guidelines with great care.

There will also be a chance to talk about the plan on April 21st 9.00am-1.00pm in the Village hall and the consultation period will end on May 12th, 2018. The amended documents then go to Wiltshire and the Government before a formal referendum for your vote in the summer.

We have come to the end of the consultation period on the plans to put three houses behind Street Farm and the planning web site (see application No: 18/00571) shows the extent of the well-argued opposition to these plans. These houses are not part of our plan and are not needed by the Village for our sustainable development. It is extremely disappointing that the applicant does not share these local priorities.

We are continuing to improve the fencing in the playing field and now have a plan to collaborate over the fencing we share with the School. Please keep an eye on the new fences going up and intervene if you see any person damaging them.

We have a number of projects currently which require both private and charity funding. The playground team are seeking significant charity and public funding while the Well Garden team are bidding for charity funds so that we can get started on the improvements there. Many thanks to the Village Trust fund for finding £500 to get them started.

The third project is to try to find funding for a Speed device (S.I.D.) for the Somerford Keynes Rd. Possibly similar to the new one in Crudwell. It's very effective and will work well with the upcoming 20mph zone. We need some donations to get this going with a target of over £3000. Please let me know if you are able to support this project. Thanks.

Richard Moody
Chairman – Parish Council

OAKSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



The school has had a very exciting end to the term with the arrival of 10 eggs which are due to hatch. The children will be watching the new chicks hatching for two weeks as part of their Science learning on life cycles and growth. We are really grateful to FoOS (Friends of Oaksey School) who has funded this for us.

FoOS continue to support the school in so many ways providing additional

resources to support the children's learning. This year they have funded the Library resources service, which sends book boxes, pictures, artefacts, DVDs, etc for classroom support on a termly basis. Staff select what they will need for the term and this is delivered and collected from the school as part of the service.

Our recent Ofsted report (January 2018) is published and on the school website. The school has received the highest 'good' grading where Ofsted is not expecting the school to be inspected again for the next five years. The report says 'Your school lies at the heart of the village community..... pupils are articulate and thoughtful, valuing the ethos of the school and the support they are given by all adults in the school community.'

Recent evidence of this is when staff asked members of the village community to come into school to answer questions about their role in the village. This was part of the World Book Day activities and the children are currently compiling a booklet about different groups and organisations in the village.

All the staff and Governors wish to recognise and thank everyone from the Village community for all the support the school receives. It is what makes the school special for our children. We wish everyone a very happy Easter holiday with term starting on Monday 16th April.

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

will be the speaker on the Good Neighbours Scheme which she runs, and I know from experience how helpful she is in times of need.

But before that on April 8th we have a Lady Day service in Bristol Cathedral with our Worldwide President Lynne Tembey who is looking forward to meeting as many members as possible and some of us are hoping to join with Chippenham and go to Bristol by coach. Lynne is also attending our Diocesan meeting at Marshfield on the 7th April and if anyone would like to come and meet her there please ask for a lift as some of us will be going to that as well. Please feel free to ask for lifts for anything you would like to attend.

Jane Gibbs
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Mother's Union

We have just had our March meeting in Sherston and had Lenten thoughts on some of the women of the Bible. Susan Harvey talked about Ruth and Esther who are the only women who have books about them in the Old Testament and Mary the mother of Jesus and Mary Magdalen from the New Testament – they are all very special women who followed and acted for God and were examples to us all. Our next meeting is Thursday April 12th at 10am in Hankerton church when Ellen Blacker

The **Village Hall Tea Rooms** will open for coffee and Miriam's fabulous homemade cakes. Also, Dan's legendary bacon rolls.

Every Second Saturday until September but not July.

In partnership with the plant sale.

Starting Saturday 10th March 9am til 12noon.

Please do come along to enjoy the local Tea Room.

Miriam and Isabella



Oaksey WI

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 12th April 7.15 for 7.30 pm in The Village Hall.

'My Life as an Auctioneer and how to spot fakes.'

Presented by Gordon Brockman

Gordon is the Auctioneer and Valuer at the new Marlborough Auction Rooms, and has also been on "The Antiques Road Trip" and "Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is"

This promises to be a very entertaining evening. It will be an open evening, and all are welcome to attend.

Non-members £4 to include refreshments. There will also be a table top stall.

On Thursday 8th March Charlotte Burnaby-Atkins gave us a fascinating talk with slides about her trip to Uzbekistan. Photos of silk worms and the production of silk material were of great interest and Charlotte brought along some beautiful material and garments. Margaret Dakin gave the vote of thanks.

The competition was for the most unusual holiday souvenir and this was won by Liz F with her carved wooden hot chocolate whisk from Mexico.

WI members can attend the BBC Countryfile Live Show 2-5th August at Blenheim Palace. There will be a 10%

reduction for WI members and £23 per adult for 8 + group tickets. Members to let Jean know if interested.

Our pop-up coffee and tea-shop on 16th March raised £65 (after expenses) for the Denman College Appeal (Denman being the WI residential training centre).

Many thanks to all those who came along to support us, and we hope you enjoyed this social afternoon.

Jean Bennett 577485
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Oaksey Village Hall Trust

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 10th April at 7.30pm

at Oaksey Village Hall

This is when we elect our Committee and Officers for the year, review the past year, and our plans for future events. The Meeting is open to all, so please come along - especially if you are new to the village, and want to know more about the Hall, or wish to play a part in village life.

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

At our February meeting we were treated to a demonstration by Jane Morriss. Janes' theme for the evening was Aspects of Chelsea. Her

arrangements took us on a journey which started at the source river Thames locally and finished on the Chelsea embankment in London. Janes' arrangements depicted different aspects along the way with her final arrangement being a tribute to her experience as a floral art contestant at the famous Chelsea Flower Show.

Future meetings

April 18th - Workshop tutored by Anna Steven – “Do you see what I see?”

May 16th - Members' Dinner (Mayfield Crudwell)

June 20th - Garden visit to national demonstrator, Pam Lewis' garden, near Devizes.

Looking forward

Our regular flower arranging classes will be starting on May 23rd. There will be a set of four classes, with the first one being a beginners and back to basics class. This will be open to non-members and spaces are still available. If you would like to join us, please call the number below, for more info.

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

Friday Club

Friday 6th April 2018

Alone in Berlin



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

Charity Film Night Reminder

Poole Keynes Film Club is holding another charity film night with 2 course supper and screening Paddington 2 on Friday 20th April. This year we will be supporting the local children's charity the James Hopkins Trust

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

To book and make your menu choice contact Judith on 01285 770301

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

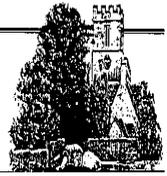
home and reducing the feeling of loneliness. Give me a call on 07557 922020 and leave a message. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Ellen

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PARISH CHURCH NEWS



Services

Easter Sunday Holy Communion service will be on Sunday, 1st April at Oaksey at 11am. The service will be taken jointly by Richard & Margaret Maslen.

A service for the Braydon Brook Group of Churches will be held at Oaksey on 29th April at 10am.

Sunday School

This will be held on Sunday, 15th April at 10.30am for all children aged 3 years and upwards, followed by the Family service at 11am. All are very welcome to attend.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The APCM will take place on Monday, 23rd April 2018 in The Rest at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

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

Wessex Concert Orchestra Spring Concert

Malmesbury Abbey

On Saturday 28th April 7.30pm

Mozart - Overture to the Magic Flute

Beethoven - Piano Concerto No 1 -
Soloist Max Li

Brahms - Symphony no 2

Conductor: - Tim Harrison

Leader: - Nicola Ashton

Tickets £12 (£10 Concessions), £5 under
16s

From Malmesbury Abbey Bookshop,
Thomas of Malmesbury or
www.wco.org.uk

Or from Liz Fleming
liz@jacfleming.plus.com -tickets at £1
reduction each if purchased through me
by 15th April

Classical music in the lovely setting of
Malmesbury Abbey with a full symphony
orchestra at affordable prices!!!

The next lunch will be on Wednesday, 18th April 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, 11th April if you are planning to come.

Jerry Falkingham

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	1 Apr	8 Apr	15 Apr	22 Apr	29 Apr
Morning Prayer		Ashley	Charlton	Crudwell	Hankerton
Ashley	Holy communion 9.30am	Evening Prayer 6pm	Morning Prayer 9:30am	Holy communion 9.30am	
Charlton	Holy communion 9.30am	No service	Evening Prayer 6pm	Holy communion 9.30am	
Crudwell	Sunrise Service 6am Holy communion 9.30am	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	Group Holy Communion 10am	Holy communion 8:30am Service of the Word 10am	Service of the Word 10am	
Oaksey	Holy Communion 11am	No service	Family Service 11am	Holy communion 11am	Group Holy Communion 10am

