

Peppard News

A community newspaper for the parish of Rotherfield Peppard

Record Attendance at Fair

Autumn 2013

The summer fair
When we had our summer fair it was a very warm day. First we did some singing, one of the songs was 'Under the sea', 'Mae-Jess', and Amber-Lily went on the big bouncy castle. A fiver that we had a drink and a mini cake. My brother got a golf machine for one pound and a cake. I came with my Mum, Dad, my brother, grandma and I am. I had a wonderful day and lots of sun.

By Matilda
age 7



Fair Opening

The Summer Fair
I really enjoyed the Summer fair because it was so well organized. I loved watching the Tag-Rugby. I went with my Mummy, Daddy, Brother, Sister and my Grandmother, Nonna.
Singing Walking On Sunshine and Under The Sea were good songs because our topic is aqua, and it was such a lovely day.
The best stall was the donkeys, called Solo and Buggy.
I had a lovely time and I'm looking forward to next year!
By Lilibeth age 9

The Village Fair was run by All Saints' Church until the late 1990s and resurrected in 2007 by representatives from the local community, All Saints' Church and Peppard Primary School and continues bi-annually.

This year's event was a huge success: there were many attractions, from owl and donkey displays through to a huge bouncy castle/slide, a miscellany of stalls, plentiful refreshments, and live musical entertainment.

The centrepiece of the Fair was an inter-school tag rugby tournament; this year's being the most competitive to date. The eventual winners of the trophy were Stoke Row Primary with Badgemore, Checkendon and Peppard schools close behind.

The Fair raised over £4,500 with the main beneficiaries being the school and church. The school will be putting most of the funds raised towards improving the IT provision for the pupils upon the arrival of the new head teacher, Nick Steele.

Other organisations also benefitted from the day including Peppard Cricket Club, Wyfold RDA and FISH.

The event cannot proceed without the support of sponsors and the committee would like to extend their gratitude to A B Walker, Ruchetta, Sonning Common Vauxhall, Lawrence Hamblin, Oratory Preparatory School, Davis Tate and Johnson Matthey plc.

Village Fair Committee



Taking a Break

My day at the summer fair!

It was a really nice sunny day and first Peppard school sang walking on sunshine, Under the sea and some of the year 5 and 6 had to rush off to do tag rugby. I was the captain and our first game we drew, second game we lost but only by one point and it was the same with the third game.

When all the games had ended we and all the other schools went over to a small tent and we got medals and they said who had won and that was 'Stoke Row'. After all of the singing and tag rugby my friends and I went to all the different stalls and my personal favourite was 'Spoke the rat'. Then we came to the Tom and Chusney stall which my mum was running but sadly there were only 4 entries but at the last Peppard fair there were lots of entries.

I had a really good day taking part in the singing and tag rugby. I enjoyed all the stalls with my friends and family and the weather was excellent.

By Darcy Smith
Age 10

Editorial

The Hunt Is On For a New Editor!

After just under three years, my time as Editor of *Peppard News* is coming to an end.

Subject to the ups and downs of moving house, Ann and I will shortly be moving to another part of the country.

I have greatly enjoyed my time as Editor. I have had the privilege of working with a highly motivated group of volunteers, both on the Editorial Team and on the

Distribution Team. My thanks go to them all for their unstinting support.

If you want to know more about the vacancy for Editor, please speak to one of the Peppard News team or register your interest by e-mail to peppard-news@aol.co.uk.

Peppard News is alive and kicking and is a great asset to the community. I trust that you will continue to support the team and your new Editor.

With kind regards to you all.

Tony Treglown, Editor

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Our Schools

Peppard School

The Summer term has once again been a huge success! Sports' Day was lots of fun as always and we just dodged the rain. The children and staff put on an amazing Summer production of *Cinderella and Rockerfella* at the Kenton Theatre that was a complete sell out and only marred by the intense heat in the theatre as temperatures outside rose to 32 degrees!

We sadly had to say goodbye to Mr Cameron, our much loved Year 5/6 teacher, we wish him well at Harcourt. There will be a staff move around with teachers going into different year groups in September, and we welcome Mrs Antonia Rolph as our new Year 1/2 teacher. Mrs Rolph has been a parent at the school for quite some time and therefore knows us well. We also said goodbye to Miss Rogers who has been Acting Headteacher since January; Miss Rogers helped us through until we could find our new Headteacher, Mr Nick Steele, who will start in September.

The Autumn Term begins on Tuesday 3rd September and ends on Friday 20th December. Half term is Thursday 24th October to Monday 4th November. We have our two main residential trips during the term, the Year 5s to Somerset and the Year 6s to Shropshire. Of course, in the second part of the term we will be preparing for the Christmas services and plays, but that all seems a long way off now as we enjoy our Summer holidays in the sunshine.

Please be aware that there will be some more refurbishment works taking place in school during the holidays and we apologise in advance for any disruption to our neighbours.

Fiona Hilton

Peppard C of E Primary School

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Nick Steele

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Christine Bradbury

FOPS

Well what a fantastic year we've had!

FOPS (Friends of Peppard School) have put on various events over the year, including a Fancy Dress Disco, Film Night, Christmas Fair, Easter Egg Hunt, Quiz Night, as well as putting together a recipe book full of the children's favourite recipes - which is absolutely delightful!

We're thrilled that over the year the School has been able to purchase some fabulous PE and educational equipment as well as subsidise many School trips with the money raised from the events.

We're very keen to purchase new ICT equipment for the School and we're very much looking forward to our new Head, Mr Steele, arriving next term, to help us make these purchases.

Laura and I have thoroughly enjoyed our time as Co-Chair of FOPS and would like to thank the other members of FOPS and the parents for all their support, but as our year has come to an end we are now stepping down to allow someone else to take the reins.

Peppard School is a wonderful school and we look forward to it continuing to grow from strength to strength over the coming years.

Liza Upton and Laura Powell

Rainbow Children's Centre

Based in Sonning Common, we offer services for families and children from 0-5 years including Stay and Play, Child-minders' Group, Twins' Group, Dads' Group and Baby Clinic. We also run occasional courses on Managing Difficult Behaviour, First Aid and support with extra learning in Maths and English. All are welcome. Please contact us on 01189 724024 for further information.

Rosie Freeman, Action for Children

Our Young Achievers

Kayaker Sam in the News Again!

You may recall reading about Sam Kirschein-Smith in previous editions of *Peppard News* Young Achievers' column. He has since been chosen as one of 128 youngsters across England and Wales to receive £1000 towards his training from Lloyds TSB Local Heroes scheme. He will use the money to help him travel to more competitions and to buy equipment. The award will help Sam work towards the possibility of inclusion in the Olympics in 2016.

Sue Nickson

Young Achievers' Awards

These awards are for young people in recognition of their achievements in the arts, sports and voluntary service. All young people aged 11-18 may apply; the closing date is 14th September. The categories are:

Arts: to include music, dance, drama, creative writing, painting, sculpture, photography, video production, multi-media and crafts.

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Snippets

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If you live in Peppard, *Peppard News* would like to hear from you too even if you are not successful in getting an award!

Peppard Lads Play Cricket for Berkshire

The photo shows, left to right, wicket keeper/ batsman Stewart Davison, aged 22, fast bowler Tom Nugent, aged 19, and all rounder Euan Brock, aged 22, who all play for the Berkshire senior team. It was taken at the Berkshire v Buckinghamshire minor county match held on Sunday 26th May at Kidmore End Cricket Club. Berkshire won by 8 wickets.



Marylebone Cricket Club Universities (MCCU) runs a scheme in six university towns to give young cricketers the opportunity to progress into professional cricket whilst continuing their studies. Stewart

plays for Oxford MCCU, as he went to Oxford Brookes, as well as Berkshire and Henley Cricket Clubs. Euan and Tom are both at Loughborough. Euan plays for Loughborough MCCU as well as Berkshire and Henley while, as well as playing for Loughborough MCCU, Tom also plays for Berkshire and Leicestershire Ivanhoe Cricket Club.

Stewart has known Euan since they were nine when they played at Kidmore End Cricket Club together and they have been playing for Berkshire for four years. Tom has been playing for Berkshire senior side since last year and he and Stewart have known each other for four years.

Stewart told me he has been playing cricket for as long

as he can remember. His family tell him he used to wander around the house with a miniature cricket bat as a baby! He really enjoys the team environment and all his best mates are from the game. Obviously winning makes everything more enjoyable and the team has done really well for the last few years which gives them lots of encouragement.

Stewart is now a cricket coach, which he finds fits easily around his playing, and plans to continue after university.

Sue Nickson

Lions Gift to Greenshoots

With a donation of £500 from funds raised at the local Goring & Woodcote 10k Run organised by Goring & Woodcote Lions, the Greenshoots Charity in Peppard, has been able to purchase some much needed new machinery.



From left: Roy Green (head mechanic at Toad Hall), Paul Jarman (instructor & supervisor at Greenshoots), Lion Chris Stevens, Angela Fordham (Greenshoots Manager), Alan Lovegrove (Lions Club President), Lion Cynthia Lovegrove and Frances Hill (Way & Means Trust)

The photograph shows a new mower and a hedge trimmer being delivered to Greenshoots at Manor Farm.

For more details and information about Greenshoots view the website www.waysandmeans.org.uk.

For details about Lions view the website: www.lions-gwd.org.uk

Sonning Common Society

There will be a talk on Medical First Responders for Peppard & Sonning Common by Christine Brook. It will be on Thursday 14th November from 19.30-21.00 in Sonning Common Library, Grove Road. £1.00 entry for non-members and refreshments available.

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The Councils

Parish Council News

In the last issue of *Peppard News* we asked for your views on whether the current parish council boundaries in the district should be changed. Since then, South Oxfordshire District Council has started the process of considering what changes, if any, should be taken forward.

Many residents have written to the Parish Council expressing their views on what many see as a possible 'takeover' of part of the parish.

South Oxfordshire District Council has now set up a working group of six councillors to conduct a full review of parish arrangements within the district. This will take place over the coming months and will include a public consultation on proposals later in the year.

The Parish Council welcomes your views on this and other matters affecting residents and businesses within the Parish. All Parish Council meetings are open to the public. It would also welcome volunteers willing to put themselves forward for co-option to fill the two vacancies on the Parish Council. If you know someone who would be willing to be co-opted as a Parish Councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk – Linda Collison (clerk@rppc.org.uk) 01491-629676.

Information about Parish Council Meetings and much else is on the Parish Council website: www.rppc.org.uk.

David Hammond, Chairman

What is Happening to Parish Boundaries?

There has been much comment and concern over the suggestions made to South Oxfordshire District Council about Parish boundaries as a starting point for the Community Governance Review.

What is a Community Governance Review?

Community Governance is the structure that relates local residents to the decisions that affect life in the community. Over time communities change and therefore it is appropriate to review whether the local government arrangements are still appropriate.

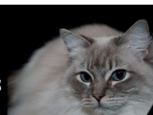
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Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council usually meets on 2nd Monday of the month at 19.30 in the Pavilion. Parishioners may attend and observe, and may briefly raise issues of concern to them. All may attend intermediate planning meetings as well - see Diary for dates and times.

field Peppard started with a request by Oxfordshire County Council to ensure that all County Councillors represented the same number of electors. This resulted in an expanded Sonning Common Division (of which Rotherfield Peppard is one of the 9 Parishes) and David Bartholomew being elected in May 2013 as our councillor.

This was followed by the South Oxfordshire District Council Ward Review - a review of the South Oxfordshire District Wards which resulted in a grouping of 10 (different) parishes to create the new Woodcote and Rotherfield Ward effective May 2015 when our two new District Councillors will be elected.

Parish Review - The current and final phase is a review of the parishes themselves and looks at various aspects, ranging from the number of Councillors on a Parish Council through to the location of the parish boundaries or merging two or more parishes together. Reviews are a lengthy process (detailed below) and the final recommended changes will not be implemented until April 2015.

Does this affect you?

Until the proposals are announced on 20th February 2014, we will not know if or how Rotherfield Peppard will be af-

ected by the Parish Review. However in the first phase of the process (ended 28th June 2013) Parish Councils were asked to suggest any areas that should be considered as a change that they would like to see in their Parish

Our Parish Council suggested:

Amending the boundary of the Parish to include a triangle of land bounded by Peppard Road, Widmore Lane and Blounts Court Road, currently in Sonning Common Parish.

Sonning Common Parish Council suggested:

... reviewing the boundary with Rotherfield Peppard parish along Shiplake Bottom and Blounts Court Road ...

What are the next steps?

1. Agree Draft Terms of Reference: 24th July 2013 – 30th September 2013

The (Draft) Terms of Reference is a document which includes the parish suggestions, e.g. above, the criteria on which decisions should be made, and the types of changes that can be made.

At this stage only the scope of the review is being decided – the Parish Council is being asked to comment on this document and make any changes to the suggestions previously made.

Final Terms of Reference to be agreed on 24th October 2013 and published on 1st November 2013.

2. Consultation on Final Terms of Reference : 1st November 2013-31st January 2014.

The Review Committee (6 district Councillors) will review of the Final Terms of Reference – including all the parish suggestions. Where these suggestions involve the possible moving of properties from one parish to another, the residents will be made aware and given the opportunity to comment.

The final proposals for change will be published on 20th February 2014.

3. Consultation on Final Proposal : 20th February 2014 – 4th April 2014

Final chance to comment on the proposals: for discussion at RPPC Full Council meeting on Monday 9th September 2013

For more information go to www.rppc.org.uk

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Snippets

ORCC News

Make your communities more dementia-friendly: the number of older people in Oxfordshire is growing significantly, especially in rural areas. That means that there will be more people with dementia who will need support and help to continue to be part of the community. ORCC (Oxfordshire Rural Community Council) is helping to develop a new project aimed at supporting people in communities and workplaces who want to help overcome the stigma related to dementia, and to encourage their community to be more dementia-friendly.

Find out more by contacting Beth Weston on 01865 883488 or e-mail beth.weston@oxonrcc.org.uk.

Nominations sought for prestigious volunteer award: the Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire is encouraging the community to nominate the county's unsung heroes for a special award. Nominations are being sought for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS), a prestigious National Honour. This unique national honour was created over a decade ago by Her Majesty to mark the Golden Jubilee in 2002 and to recognise the outstanding contributions made to local communities by groups of volunteers and has an equivalent status for voluntary groups as the MBE has for individuals.

Nominations by members of the public who have been helped personally or witnessed the benefits of a group's work in their community should be made by 30th September by visiting www.qavs.direct.gov.uk.

The above extracts were taken from the ORCC August Newsletter. See www.oxonrcc.org.uk for the complete newsletter.

Help Needed With Hedgehog Conservation

Ecologists at Reading University are examining the impact of road networks on hedgehog populations which have declined by 20% in the last 20 years. They want to find out if hedgehogs are avoiding crossing major roads leading to populations becoming more isolated from one another.

The ecologists need genetic samples from hedgehogs in a zone approximately 10 miles north and south of the M4 between Bristol and Reading.

If you require further information or find bodies of hedgehogs please report them to Ben Williams via e-mail to b.williams@pgr.reading.ac.uk.

Interest in Art Classes?

Robert Lobleby is a local artist with wide teaching experience and for some years he has held popular art classes on Wednesday evenings at Checkendon Village Hall. The autumn term starts on 18th September. The class is extremely friendly and caters for artists of all abilities. Class members mainly paint in watercolour but some paint in oil and acrylics. During the term artists paint landscapes, flowers, still lives, and buildings; they also do some life drawing. If you are interested contact Robert Lobleby by telephone: 0118 348 4025 or email the.lobleby@gmail.com.

Oxfordshire Advocacy

We are looking for volunteers to attend our next training course to become an advocate for Oxfordshire Advocacy.

Oxfordshire Advocacy is an independent, confidential free service that supports adults living in Oxfordshire to get their voice heard and their wishes taken into account.

Our volunteer advocates work with people who need support in a meeting, writing a letter or making a complaint, or making sure that correct procedures are followed.

Our next training course for new volunteers is in Oxford on 3rd, 4th and 11th October and Banbury on 14th, 15th and 22nd November. If you would like to find out more about volunteering for OA please contact us on: 01865 741200 or e-mail: jacinta.sands@oadg.org.uk, or look at our website on www.gettingheard.org

Ian Strides Again!

The Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust annual Ride and Stride event takes place on Saturday 14th September with All Saints' Peppard once again fielding a strong team in support of this charity.

Team leader Ian Fraser recalls how, some years ago, he managed to achieve the unlikely target of visiting 50 churches in Oxford in one day! Since then he has visited Norwich, Cheltenham, Cambridge and Winchester, but always in support of the OHCT. However this year he intends to return to Oxford. His effort will be matched by other team members who have a lot to live up to: last year they raised more in sponsorship (£3386) than any of the 500 county churches taking part. Half of the money raised by a team is used for maintenance of their own church, with the other half being distributed by the Trust to county churches of all denominations that are in need of repair.

This year Ian will be joined by his wife Pat, and they will be giving it their best effort. However advancing years suggest that a target of visiting 50 churches on the day is now totally unrealistic - we shall see! The AS team members are actively seeking sponsorship, either for a small amount for each church visited, or a fixed sum for finishing the course! Further details from Ian - 01491 629631 or e-mail Ian_Fraser@btinternet.com.

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Our Village

We are FISHing Again!

'But there are no rivers in these villages' I hear you say. That is, of course, true. So where are the fish? They are everywhere.

If you are reading this you could well be one of them - Yes, you've got it! We are the FISH Volunteer Centre and we are in urgent need of people with cars.

Last time we made an appeal for volunteers we filled some gaps in our office helper and mini bus driver teams. There are SO many people who need our help to get to hospital, doctors and other important appointments and we cannot help them all at present. If you are a car driver and have even an hour a week to spare, we would love to hear from you. A mileage allowance of 40p is paid.

Our office in Sonning Common Village Hall is open each weekday from 09.30-11.30, tel. 0118 972 3986 or phone me for a chat on 0118 972 4520.

Please check village notice boards for details of FISH outings.

Fred Nickson, Chairman

Better Broadband for Oxfordshire

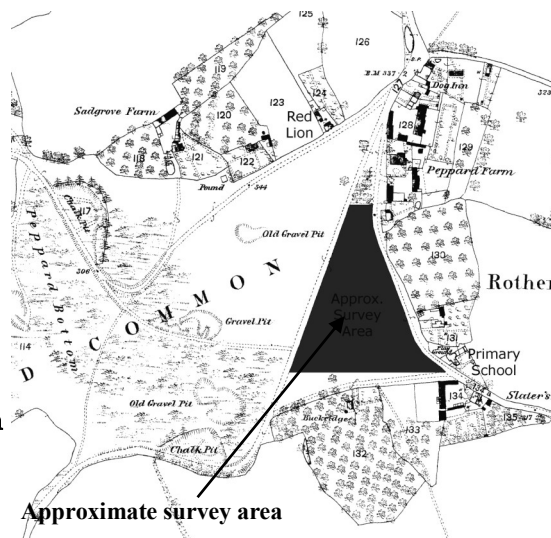
The contract to provide improved broadband speeds in Oxfordshire has been awarded to BT by Oxfordshire County Council. Details are at: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/news/2013/aug/better-broadband-its-way-oxfordshire

A map has now been published showing the preliminary view of which areas will benefit from the investment: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/broadband-coverage-map. At this stage the map has to be viewed as provisional as coverage is still dependent on detailed work 'on the ground' looking at existing infrastructure of lines and cabinets. The map indicates black for areas where fibre broadband is commercially available, blue for areas where the County Council investment will deliver superfast broadband and finally white for areas which will not benefit and are only promised 'at least 2Mb/sec broadband' by 2015.

As far as Rotherfield Peppard is concerned, it appears mixed but possibly a substantial number of households will benefit. *Peppard News* will endeavour to keep all our readers informed of ongoing progress.

Peppard Common Survey

Peppard Common is described by The Nettlebed and District Commons Conservators in their booklet as having a long history of open grassland and heath, but is this really correct? A map created for the Stonor Estate in 1725 (Bodleian Library E. C17: 49 (91)) shows five buildings that no longer exist on what today is the common. One of these buildings appears to be on the piece of grass used by the primary school at approximate grid reference SU 7095, 8167.



To try and establish if the common was open grassland or settlement, a topographical survey of the eastern part of top common (see map for area surveyed) has recently been completed. The results of this survey indicate the area surveyed had numerous enclosures and tracks. An image is available on www.PeppardNews.co.uk.

The majority of the enclosures appear to be almost parallel to the B481 with the largest enclosure to the North West. One track appears to link Church Lane to the entrance of Sadgrove Farm, with another possible track crossing this at the eastern edge of the large enclosure mentioned above.

There also appears to be a well-worn track running across the common virtually north south starting slightly west of the present day Springwood Lane.

Even though the data is incomplete and a geophysical survey is required, the results question whether this was ever historic common land.

For more information please feel free to contact *Peppard News* or me at tim.southern@talktalk.net.

Tim Southern

N.B.: Survey area is shown on the 1880 First Series OS map

Health Walks

After a wet start to the year we've enjoyed some beautiful summer walking in the local area. We welcome new walkers and with such wonderful countryside around us, walking is a really pleasurable way of keeping fit and making new friends.

Our new programme of free daily walks begins on Monday 16th September, and if you've never been on a Health Walk, autumn is the ideal time of year to try one: not too hot, and hopefully not too wet! We try to have two trained leaders (volunteers) on every walk, one to accompany the faster walkers and the other to bring up the rear with the slower walkers.

The new timetable is available from the library, the Health Centre and the Herb Farm, or on the website at www.sonningcommonhealthwalks.co.uk/timetable. If you'd like to talk to someone about the Health Walks, phone Colin Davies on 0118 972 2527

Rosemary Dunstan

Library News

This year's Summer Reading Challenge (*Creepy House*) comes to an end at the end of September, so if you haven't read six books over three library visits and collected all the free goodies, time is running out!

We hope you enjoyed the special *Creepy House* storytimes on Saturday mornings in August, and the home-made cake sales. We'd like to thank all the volunteers involved, especially the Chiltern Players. We hope to continue these themed storytimes on certain special Saturdays in Autumn and Winter. Contact the library for more information: 0118 972 2448

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Danger - Men at Work!

The phone box outside the school is undergoing a face lift in preparation for a new lease of life. Members of the Flat Earth Society have been slaving away in the heat to clean up the paint work.



Alan Smith and Ian Heriot get to work

There are several suggestions as to what use the box should be put to (information about the village; including maps, pictures and a library of local books for local people to borrow) but nothing has yet been decided so if anyone has any ideas ...!

Adrienne Heriot

Peppard War Memorial Hall

Further to our recent AGM I am glad to report that your village hall has enjoyed one of its busiest periods and bookings for the future are very encouraging. Your use greatly helps meet the overheads in operating the hall. Thank you.

Details for your diary: November 9th. Due to popular demand we are organising a Casino evening which will include supper. Please see your village notice boards and website for further details:
www.peppardwarmemorialhall.btik.com

On 4th August 2014 we will be having a tea party to commemorate the start of the 1914-1918 War. Your hall was built

as a tribute to those local people that never returned.

We are after your stories: local news, family news so that during the afternoon we can share the different experiences. More details early in the New Year.

Clive Mills, Chairman

Chiltern Edge Horticultural Society

CEHS hold regular winter talks on all matters horticultural in the Peppard War Memorial Hall from 19:30-21.00. Guests are welcome.

15th October: House Plants. Geoff Hawkins gives an illustrated talk showing some of the common plants that you are likely to grow in your house.

12th November: Beauty and Diversity of Plant Foliage. Brian Fisher has been lecturing in horticulture for many years. As a recognised plantsman, he has travelled widely and discovered many exciting plants and gardens.

Lots more information is available at www.cehs.info

Rod Norman

Greys Court

Come and enjoy our Big Harvest Event during the weekend of 21st and 22nd September, where local food, drink and crafts come together for you to enjoy. It is from 11.00 to 17.00 with the last entry at 16.30 on both days. Delicious teas available in the Cromwellian Tea Room. For more info: 01491 628529

Louise Walker

Commons News

The Commons Conservators have developed a management plan for Kingwood Common for the next 15 years. No radical changes are proposed: the Common will continue to look much as it does today: there will be no clear felling of trees. A guide to future management includes:

- Widening paths and rides and 'growing' the glades. The marginal

habitat thus created enhances the opportunities for wildlife to thrive.

- Creating a new ride to act as a corridor for wildlife, connecting the glades on Kingwood to neighbouring heathland to the north.
- Introducing small areas of coppice, a traditional method of woodland management that has been used for hundreds of years to provide firewood, charcoal, building materials and other products such as chair legs for the Chiltern furniture industry. Coppicing involves cutting trees to ground level or higher (also known as pollarding) on a regular rotation. As new growth appears, the different ages of trees in the woodland provide a wonderful mosaic habitat for a large variety of species.
- Monitoring non-native plants and garden escapes such as Himalayan balsam, buddleia and crocosmia. Such plants can gain a foothold when local residents dump their garden rubbish on the common, and if left unchecked, may quickly spread, suppressing native species.
- Protecting the common from encroachment and misuse, so as to retain the land for the whole community.
- Finding out how much is known about the historic environment with the help of local archaeologists and historians. An oral history project is already under way, where local residents record their memories of life on the common.
- Improving public access to the common by linking open spaces, and in some places, enlarging them. Children and adults alike can learn first-hand about the natural world.

We are ever grateful to both the Green Gym and the Kingwood & Peppard Conservation Volunteers (KPCV). The KPCV have been keeping footpaths clear and tackled the spread of Himalayan Balsam by the salt depot. The next quarter includes working in the glades, cutting bracken and clearing bramble and birch in amongst the heather.

Nigel Wooding

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From the Rectory

Church Times the weekly 'parish magazine' of the Church of England, widely read in the Anglican Communion, has a full page photograph on the front cover, each week. Recently, it was of the Pope while he was in Brazil. The leading article spoke again of the simplicity of the new Pope and the remarkable effect he was having among the young.

Finding a Swiss Guard had to stand outside his door all night he asked why. 'My Captain's orders' He went back into his room, found a chair and putting it outside his door said, 'Well, I'm the Pope and I say sit down'. At their first meeting, the Pope said to the Archbishop of Canterbury, 'I'm senior to you. By two days', for their inaugurations back in March were two days apart - the Pope's first.

The new Archbishop too has set a different course to any of his predecessors and we hear him speak out far more on issues that are normally said to be none of an Archbishop's business yet in the way he does so, he seems to be commanding respect. In Church of England terms, he seems happy both at *New Wine* and at Walsingham.

At the end of September four younger people and an adult are to be Confirmed at All Saints' by Bishop Anthony Russell at a Benefice Service and we greatly look forward to that.

The Fellowship of St Birinus exists to recognise exceptional service in the Dorchester Episcopal Area and again in September Allen Harris is to be admitted to that, by the Bishop of Dorchester in Dorchester Abbey. St Birinus baptised Cyne-

gils, King of the West Saxons in the River Thames at Dorchester in 634 and was given the land to build an abbey.

Graham

Christian Aid

The house-to-house collection in Peppard and Greys in May raised £1,525. In July, the retiring collection following the very enjoyable *By a Mill Stream* concert held in All Saints' Church amounted to £285. The Peppard and Greys communities have therefore donated a total of £1,810, inclusive of recoverable Gift Aid, towards this year's Christian Aid appeal. This money will be put to good use, helping the Christian Aid charity achieve its aims to work on relief, development and eradication of poverty throughout the world.

Grateful thanks to everyone who helped with, and donated to, Christian Aid Week, and to Julia Booker and Robin Howles for their hard work in the preparation of their concert.

Ian and Pat Fraser

Outdoor Production of the Life of Christ

On Thursday, 27th June, a small party of church members went by minibus to attend an outdoor production of the Life of Christ set in the stunning grounds of the Wintershall Estate, a few miles south of Guildford.

The day began at 10.00 with the Nativity and childhood of Jesus. The excellent sound system ensured all individuals could be heard clearly. A flock of sheep, controlled by a superb sheepdog, played their part, as well as several horsemen,

who galloped onto the biblical, hillside scene.

The ministry of Jesus progressed onto a different setting on a hill overlooking a small lake with a boat used by the disciples. The sceptical questioning of the Pharisees and well known, simple answers given by Jesus enabled one to appreciate the brilliance and truth of His message to the world of how we should all live in harmony with each other. However, there was much amusement, when we realised that we were integrated into the enactment of the *Feeding of the Five Thousand!*

After lunch the day progressed to the Passion and Ascension of Jesus. It was an amazing outdoor experience.

Val and Stewart Morgan

Harvest Lunch

Your PCC cordially invites all friends and Electoral Roll members of All Saints' Church to join them for a Harvest 'Bring and Share' Lunch which will take place on Sunday 22nd September at 12.30 in the Peppard War Memorial Hall following the Harvest Thanksgiving Service at All Saints'.

There will be no charge for tickets but there will be a retiring collection which will be used to cover costs. Any surplus will be donated to the local charity Peppard Relief in Need.

Members of the Sunday Club, Junior Choir and Guides together with their parents as well as parents of pupils at Peppard School, families who have attended weddings and baptisms or any other services in our Church are warmly invited to come. Please make every effort to join us in this simple act of Church fellowship. Tickets need to be booked and can be obtained (from 1st September) from Ian or Pat Fraser (Tel: 01491 629631). Remember 'Your Church needs you'.

Rob Crawshaw

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Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 29th September at 10.30: Benefice Baptism and Confirmation Service at All Saints'.

Saturday 12th October at 17.00: Festival Evensong will take place at Dorchester Abbey on the occasion of the RSCM Choirs' Festival

Sunday 20th October at 10.30 : Autumn Fun, Fruit and Veg. Festival. You are invited to an amusing, artistic celebration of British fruit and vegetables to be held at All Saints' Church. All ages are welcome to bring their artistic contributions on a cake board, plate or tray for church display with them, when they attend the monthly Peppard Praise service. All contributions to the festival will be displayed inside the church.

After the service, there will be the usual free refreshments, followed by several activities, including a separate indoor and outdoor church quiz and treasure hunt, as well as a half hour nature walk in the local countryside.

Saturday 23rd November at 14.00: an RSCM Oxfordshire event will take place at All Saints' Church entitled *New Ancient and Modern Explored* directed by the Revd Canon Dr Gordon Giles.

Margaret Woodward



Revd Chris Lewis
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We live in uncertain times: Britain's economy is a mess, unemployment is high, houses are being repossessed, people are finding it hard to make-ends-meet, and politicians prattle on with no real solution to the problems. Britain is in the grip of bad news. But we need some good news in a bad news world. Christians

have received the good news of Jesus Christ who calls us to, love God, love one another, love our enemies, and love our neighbour. So, as a Minister of the Christian faith, what good news can I offer you?

Well you don't have to go too far away, the CCA (Christian Community Action) shop in Sonning Common village is doing a great job by selling second-hand goods that are donated by generous people and most of the proceeds help towards bringing relief to struggling people in Reading and the surrounding areas. Good news.

Another example is our church, Springwater, which since Christmas last year, has been operating a Food Bank and each month we take food parcels to families who are experiencing financial difficulties. Good News.

So how can you become Good News?

Well, instead of selling all your unwanted items on eBay, or at a car-boot sale, why not give some of them to CCA so they can sell them and you will be helping others? Or, what about buying an extra item of food (if you can afford it) to help someone less well-off than you and bring it to Springwater church so we can distribute it, or drop it into the CCA shop and we'll collect?

Or, what about coming along to Springwater Church one Sunday morning? You'll receive a warm welcome, hear some good news, your faith will be strengthened, hope will be quickened, and you'll 'feel the love'.

I'm inviting you to join us in being Good News to our community. We need your help, will you accept the invitation? As one supermarket slogan reminds us, *Every little helps*.

Peace & love

Rev. Chris Lewis

Which Way To Sonning?

Wyfold your brow in search of the Grange,
When the Common is here within your range?

'But which Common?' I'm sure you'll ask.

'Is it **Sonning** or **Peppard** I've just passed?'

Which **Kingwood** you say had lived here about?

And did he hang from the **Gallowstree** after a rout?

No feather pillows for the locals back then.

Just a **Nettlebed** 'long side the sheep in the pen.

Watch out for the goats at **Kidmore End!**

Go up **Gravel Hill** on a bit of a bend.

When you're on **Peppard Common** there's **Highmoor** beyond,

But keep tight to the road or you'll be in the pond!

Naughty boys got a beating with the **Cane End**,

In days gone by when it was the trend,
To steal the apples so carefully grown,

By **Tanners Green** fingers in orchards all mown.

'But none of this helps!' I hear you exclaim.

'I still can't find **Sonning** which is why I came,

To this part of the country with such odd place names,

Please give me directions and stop playing games!'

Sue Nickson

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Clubs and Societies

1st Peppard Guides

Our summer term has been packed with Traditions of Guiding and our patrols go for its challenges. We have also been judged by the RHS for our edible garden. We particularly enjoyed the radishes! It was great to see the growth week by week and share the job of watering with the Brownies. The judge was very impressed with our enthusiasm. Many thanks to the Village Gardeners for getting us involved.



We are off to a camp in the New Forest over August bank holiday called Wellies and Wristbands - a festival for Guides!

Jo Waugh

Peppard Cricket Club

As the season continues, the fortunes of our teams vary. The 1st XI has levelled out in mid-table thanks to Andy Watts' performance, plus wickets from both Roy Hayden and Ian Jackson. Without the curse of player non-availability, the 1st XI should be playing in the Premier Division next season. The 2nd XI, however, is firmly rooted at the bottom of Division 2 and will need some sterling performances to escape the drop. Enthusiasm is still high, bolstered by Gary Legg's contribution. A few more wins must surely be around the corner.

The Junior XI's have all completed their league programmes with the U9's finishing in 9th place out of 10 and the U13's finishing in 6th place out of 8, ahead of local rivals Kidmore End and Wokingham. These are creditable performances in their first year against some well-established clubs. Pride of place goes to the U11's who won 7 of their 9 league matches to finish top of Division 2 (West) of the Berkshire Youth Cricket League. They have now moved into the semi-final stage against Royal Ascot U11's. A truly outstanding performance with all credit going to the players, coaches and transport executives (parents) for their achievement.

The Sunday XI continues to perform well and fulfil a function of bringing on the youngsters for the club. Already Jake Leach and Will Legg have recorded their first centuries with Will reaching 153 not out against Highmoor. Long may it continue!

Ronnie Brock, Chairman

Peppard Revels Film Club

We start our 2013-14 season on Friday 18th October with *Chocolat* - a delightful story about chocolate and morality in a French village! On that night we will also be asking everyone to vote on the films they'd like to see in 2014. On November 22nd the film will be *Breakfast at Tiffany's*. The Film Club meets in Peppard War Memorial Hall from 19.00.

These film nights have become very popular and are great value with supper, a glass of wine and the film for only £10. Tickets from Linda Collison 01491 629024 or lindacollison1@aol.com. Do come and if you've not been before - you won't be disappointed!

John Hasler

Peppard Bowls Club

During the summer I have spent many an afternoon at our club, both as a spectator or player. When I feel in need of company I know that it always offers me friendship, a boost to my social life, support and a good 'natter', let alone the thrill of an exciting game to pass the hours. It's good gentle exercise too. Amazingly, we can still boast a beautifully lush green surrounded by flower beds - a truly tranquil and peaceful spot. Our bar can boast very competitive prices - so we can enjoy a cold beer, lager, glass of wine, soft drink or even, if you fancy, tea and biscuits.

We were formed in 1929 by local residents - many of whom were well known Peppard characters. The club was run in conjunction with the War Memorial Hall, which we are still behind, with great support from Arthur Butler and his workmen.

We wish to increase our membership and would love to meet you on the green if you fancy trying your hand at this fascinating, addictive and inexpensive sport. Why not come along before the season closes in mid-September? We hold Club Afternoons on Mondays and Thursdays. Just arrive by 13.45 when you can have a trial 'roll up'. You will receive a warm welcome. Alternatively, ring me on 0118 924 2617 when we can perhaps arrange private tuition to suit you, if you would prefer. Looking forward to seeing you ...

Jenny, Membership Secretary

Chiltern Players

Chiltern Players plan to put on three evenings of entertainment. Performances will take place on 28th, 29th and 30th November at 20.00 at Peppard War Memorial Hall. Tickets are £7 and available on the door or from 0118 972 4705.

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Sylvia Overbury (01491 628 245)

Circle Dancing

Our July meeting saw a sixth birthday celebration for our group, and despite the heat, we managed to find the energy to do it justice. Fortunately circle dancing embraces many styles and speed so we were able to enjoy *Lazy Old Days* to music by Enya, *Cloud Visit* to evocative South American rhythms and *Green Mountain Ketri-Ketri* to a Mexican tune. Add to that *Dancing on Water* to Israeli music and *Seaweed*, to an Irish melody, we were able at least to imagine we were cool. As we go into autumn, many of the dances will seek to reflect that season and we guarantee you will find our dances uplifting. If you come in the door feeling down, we're sure you'll go out a new person! Every first Sunday of the month, 15.30-17.00 at Christ the King, Sedgewell Rd, Sonning Common. First time free – no partner, no special skill needed. For more details contact me on 01491 874220

Ros Jennings

Peppard WI

Pauline Lester's new garden is a haven for Wildlife and Insects so it was the perfect setting for the 'busy bees' in the WI to hold their July Garden Party. The weather was kind and we had plenty of time to chat to lesser known members. A sales table and an interesting raffle resulted in us putting over £100 into our funds. Thank you, Pauline, for your hospitality.

Members have recently completed a survey to establish the way forward for Peppard WI. We aim to maintain the best of WI traditions, but to also bring us up to date and fit for purpose in the 21st Century. So as we meet again in the autumn, some things may well change.

However, one thing which will not change, is the warm welcome any lady will receive when they come along as a visitor. Visitors can now come three times

before they are asked to pay a subscription. Some WI's charge visitors up to £3 each time but, at present, we like you to experience our meetings free of charge. So, ladies, do come along.

Gentlemen, if you spot one of our posters and the speaker interests you, feel free to join us. We had a number of visitors for the talk on *The New Reading Station* in June. For more information ring me on 0118 348 0485.

Irene Lindsay

Wyfold RDA

Sara Lee, who qualified again this year for the RDA National Dressage Championships at Hartpury College in Gloucestershire was delighted to achieve 3rd place in her section; a better score than last year.



Sara Lee with Charlie

The day was not without a slight hitch however, when we found she had inadvertently been entered in the wrong class on the wrong day! The problem was sorted out but it meant a longer wait in extreme temperatures before they were able to compete. Luckily we had a magnificent, large airy stable for Charlie to keep cool in while they waited.

Adrienne Heriot

Peppard Tennis Club

The Tennis Club is situated behind the Red Lion Pub on Peppard Common. Our Autumn coaching programme will continue to provide comprehensive tuition for all ages. Any enquiries about our coaching schedule please contact louise@ashtaylortennis.co.uk. For membership enquiries contact Helen Lee at helenlee100@hotmail.co.uk or on 0118 972 2352.

We have club evenings on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 18.30, but if you feel you need some practice we run group coaching sessions to let you spruce up on your tennis skills.

We have six all weather courts in lovely rural surroundings and we will be pleased to see any new faces wanting to enjoy playing tennis.

Kim Fry, Secretary

Club SC

Tanya Page, 4th Dan from Caversham's Shotokan Karate Club, kindly offered to run a free taster session for our members. She arrived with an army of assistants which gave members the rare opportunity to have 1:1 tuition in the ancient art form. Members were treated to a full karate class including a rigorous warm up and a fantastic 'crab fight' (it needed to be seen!!) at the end to encourage fair play and team spirit. Much fun was had by all and our members are now keen to try their hand at the real Dojo (St Andrews Church Hall in Caversham). Anyone interested to know more about official Shotokan Karate lessons visit www.tsku.co.uk or contact Tanya at tanya.page@tsku.co.uk.

We are looking for volunteers to help on Wednesday and/or Thursday evenings. Can you help us? Just two evenings a month would help keep the club running.

Carol Viney

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Peppard Diary

SEPTEMBER	
Sun 1	Greys Court/Greys Village Fete/13.00 Circle Dancing/Christ the King/15.30-17.00
Mon 2	Mobile Library/Peppard School/11.45-11.55
Tue 3	Peppard School term starts
Thu 5	FISH Cricket Match trip/Oval/Details FISH office
Sat 7	Kingwood/Peppard Comm Vols/01491 641199
Mon 9	RPPC Meeting/19.30/Planning/21.30/Pavilion
Wed 11	WI/Reiki & Healing Energy/Mem Hall/14.30
Sat 14	Club SC & SC Skatepk/Toy Sale/SC Hall/10.00-12.00 Dads' Group/Rainbow Children's Ctre/CE Sch/0118 9724024
Mon 16	Mobile Library/Peppard School/11.45-11.55
Wed 18	Peppard Lunch Club/12.00/Mem Hall/0118 9722808
Thu 19	FISH Pub Lunch/11.30/details FISH Office
Sat 21	Sue Ryder Sale/10.30-12.30 Greys Ct/Big Harvest Event/11.00-17.00/01491 628529
Sun 22	Greys Ct/Big Harvest Event/11.00-17.00/01491 628529 All Saints' Harvest Thanksgiving/10.30/Lunch 12.30
Wed 25	Chiltern Players/Reading at the Ref/20.00
Sat 28	RPPC/Planning/10.00/Pavilion
Mon 30	Mobile Library/Peppard School/11.45-11.55
OCTOBER	
Sat 5	Kingwood/Peppard Comm Vols/01491 641199
Sun 6	Circle Dancing/Christ the King/15.30-17.00
Wed 9	WI/Members' Meeting/Mem Hall/13.00
Sat 12	Sue Ryder Sale/10.30-12.30 Dads' Group/Rainbow Children's Ctre/CE Sch/0118 9724024
Mon 14	Mobile Library/Peppard School/11.45-11.55 RPPC Meeting/19.30/Planning/21.30/Pavilion
Tue 15	Hort Soc/House Plants/Mem Hall/19.30-21.00
Wed 16	Peppard Lunch Club/12.00/Mem Hall/0118 9722808
Thu 17	FISH Pub Lunch/11.30/details FISH Office
Fri 18	Peppard Revels Film Club/Chocolat/Mem Hall/19.00
Sun 20	All Saints'/Autumn Fun, Fruit & Veg Festival/10.30
Thu 24	Peppard School term ends
Sat 26	RPPC/Planning/10.00/Pavilion
Mon 28	Mobile Library/Peppard School/11.45-11.55
NOVEMBER	
Sat 2	Kingwood/Peppard Comm Vols/01491 641199 Sue Ryder Sale/10.30-12.30 FISH Charity Sale/SC Vill Hall
Sun 3	Circle Dancing/Christ the King/15.30-17.00
Mon 4	Peppard School Term starts
Sat 9	Mem Hall/Casino Evening/details Notice Boards/01189724154
Sun 10	All Saints' Service of Remembrance/10.30
Mon 11	Mobile Library/Peppard School/11.45-11.55 RPPC Meeting/19.30/Planning/21.30/Pavilion
Tue 12	Hort Soc/Diversity of Plant Foliage/Mem Hall/9.30-21.00
Wed 13	WI/Christmas Flowers/Mem Hall/14.30
Thu 14	SC Soc/Medical 1st Responders/Peppard & SC/SC Library/19.30
Wed 20	Peppard Lunch Club/12.00/Mem Hall/0118 9722808
Thu 21	FISH Pub Lunch/11.30/details FISH Office
Fri 22	Peppard Revels Film Cl/Breakfast at Tiffany's/Mem Hall/19.00
Sat 23	RPPC/Planning/10.00/Pavilion Sue Ryder Sale/10.30-12.30
Mon 25	Mobile Library/Peppard School/11.45-11.55
Tue 26	FISH/Winchester Christmas Mkt/details FISH office
Wed 27	FISH/Winchester Christmas Mkt/details FISH office

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday Services at All Saints'	SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER				NOTES
	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		
09.00 Communion	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	22 nd September: Harvest Thanksgiving 29 th September: 09.00 No Service 10.30 Benefice Confirmation Service with Bishop Anthony Russell 3 rd November: All Saints' Sunday – Patronal Festival R – Service of Remembrance	
10.30 Communion (sung)		✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓		
10.30 Matins	✓					✓					R				
10.30 Family Service			✓					✓				✓			
10.30 Sunday School		✓					✓								
18.30 Evensong	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		

Sunday Services at Springwater (Peppard Congregational Church)
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