

Peppard News

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The original Research Department of Johnson Matthey was established in 1918 at its Hatton Garden office in London by Mr A R Powell, FRS. The department relocated 20 years later to a site in Wembley and spent almost 40 years there before it made Blounts Court its home in June 1975. Since moving, the R&D group has grown to more than double its

original size and is now close to 300 staff. During that time Johnson Matthey has also invested in facilities at the site, completing refurbishments to two existing buildings, extending one of the laboratory buildings and in 2013 completing construction of a new office block to house its scientists.

Over the years, the teams at Sonning Common have been recognised for their ground breaking science. For example, in 1977 a Queen's Award for Technological Achievement was granted for work on the development of catalytic converters which are used to control vehicle exhaust emissions. Since then, Johnson Matthey has won a number of Queen's Awards, most recently the Queen's Award for Enterprise in Sustainable Development in 2014.

Currently, our researchers are advancing many areas of science and technology that have an impact on our everyday lives. These include the control of emissions from both automotive and stationary applications; developing next

generation battery and fuel cell technologies for zero emission transport and energy generation; formulating innovative catalysts which enable efficient energy use and reduced environmental impact in industrial processes; understanding the



environmental impact of natural resources and ensuring valuable commodities can be recycled for future generations to use.

As well as the above, there is an advanced characterisation group which uses the very latest analytical techniques to understand the properties of our products and how to improve their performance for our customers.

Blounts Court is also home to a team of information analysts who provide access to and analysis of scientific literature, patent information, market research and much more. Alongside engineering, IT and office functions, these resources support our scientists in enabling the company to meet its growth aspirations, facilitate innovation and foster collaboration with its customers.

As Johnson Matthey approaches its 200th anniversary next year, R&D remains central to the company's future success as we strive to use our science to create sustainable technologies that benefit the planet and the people and communities with whom we share it.

Dr Dan Carter



Our Schools

Peppard School

We're all looking forward to another exciting term!

We have two new members of staff; Sarah Hall is joining us as our French and German teacher and Celia Hall will be the teaching assistant in Springwood. Both are excellent additions to our staff team. We also have fifteen new children to welcome to our school.

Year Six pupils will have to rise to the challenge of being top of the school, which they all have the potential to do.

Years Five and Six children will be off on their residential adventures in September. Year Five travel by train to Kilve Court in Somerset and Year Six will travel to Saint David's, the smallest city in the United Kingdom, in Pembrokeshire.

Mrs Clinkard will get our choir up and running for a busy term of church services and Christmas (is it too early to use that word?) performances. We aim to have more morning and after-school clubs than ever, to add greater choice for children and parents.

Musically, we now have individual violinists and classes of recorder and ukulele players that I hope will be performing more regularly.

In our sporting adventures, we aim to host a couple of competitions for ourselves and other schools, on the Common. Last year, over 50% of Springwood children represented the school in five or more sporting competitions. We aim to have at least the same amount of participation in the coming year.

The children are also looking forward to meeting our new Rector and helping him settle into life at Peppard.

I hope that the term doesn't fly by too quickly, as I need plenty of time to plan

Peppard C of E Primary School

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Headteacher
Nick Steele

Chairman of the Governors
Christine Bradbury

my revenge for next year's water fight on the Common!

Nick Steele, Headteacher

FOPS

The Friends of Peppard School have had a great year of fund raising and fun. Our children have enjoyed a Lantern evening full of goo and squishy slime, a Valentine's disco, Christmas celebrations, summer activities on the Common and movie nights. The adults have had as much fun with a boat trip, a quiz night, Queen's picnic and BBQs with our children. The funds raised will be spent on extras for the school, such as new play equipment, musical instruments and school excursions.

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, friends and Peppard community for all your support.

We would especially like to thank the following businesses for their support: Hobbs of Henley, LavAzza, the Maltsters Arms, the Red Lion, Peppard Revels, MG Builders, Henley, Caversham Heath Golf Club, Sibleys of Caversham, Esme Health and Beauty, Caversham, MooGoo Skincare, Charlotte Snowden Photography, Tesco, Henley and Boots, Henley.

It's been a great year for FOPS and Peppard School and we look forward to the next one.

Michelle Whitfeld and Mel Hobbs

Sonning Common Pre-School

Big crowds and sunshine arrived for our 50th Anniversary Fair which boasted more attractions than in previous years.

Visitors enjoyed vintage tractor rides, two bouncy castles, a corral with ride-ons for toddlers, gift stalls, face painting, a soft play area, silent auction, a bar and BBQ. There were also fair games, such as hook-a-duck, jam-jar ping-pong and spin-the-arrow. The event raised £2700, which will be put towards creating a new forest school in the pre-school's garden.

Fair organiser and chairman, Viki Head, said: 'The Golden Anniversary was a big milestone for the pre-school so we envisaged a bigger, brighter fair. We pooled our contacts and used up all our favours to deliver a fun and relaxing fair for the whole family.'

There was also a photo exhibition of our history: we opened in 1966 as Sonning Common Playgroup at Kidmore End Memorial Hall.

Colleen Paviour

Kidmore End Pre-School

We are looking forward to new academic year and welcome several new families.

Each term we have a new theme for our activities and play, around which we base our learning, craft and play. Our theme for this term is Baby Animals and we have many fun things – and possibly some furry things – lined up.

We will be holding our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning early in September: all are welcome to come along and enjoy tea, coffee and cake, etc., at the Parish Room with us. (Date to be confirmed, please check on our website.)

We do have some available places. For more information please phone 0118 948 4985, e-mail enquiries@keps.co.uk or see www.kidmoreendpreschool.co.uk.

Emma Hawker

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Our Young Achievers

Peppard Teenagers Win Gold and Silver

We have featured both Scott Barnett and Henry Bell previously as award winning swimmers. Both boys are now 16 and attended the same primary school.



Henry Bell, left, and Scott Barnett, right

In June they entered the Henley Classic Swim in the Junior Men's Category, Scott gaining gold and Henry silver.

And another win for Henry! He also entered the Club to Pub Swim in the Thames at Henley, a 1.5km course from Henley Rowing Club to the Angel on the Bridge, coming third, as well as the Padstow to Rock Swim across the Camel Estuary in Cornwall. The latter is a swim he has done before and this time he won.

In August, Henry swam the 14k Thames Marathon from Henley to Marlow in just under three hours - faster than last year's winner.

Well done lads!

Sue Nickson

My Favourite Walk

This one or two pub circular walk is one that I do frequently. It begins and ends at the Unicorn pub and involves marked footpaths or bridleways and some lanes. As a five mile (or 7 km) walk, I consider this to be relatively easy. However if there has been recent rain it might be a good idea to have a stick with you.

With the Unicorn behind you head down Wyfold Lane. Just before the end of the 30 mph limit, go through an open-stile on the right. Bear left where the path forks, pass a wooden bench on the right and turn right at the next fork. When you come to another open-stile, turn left onto the paved lane. Just before a farm gate, turn right into an unmarked, but well worn and often muddy, path. Upon reaching the paved road, turn left.

Walk along the road for around 800 metres, then turn right into the bridleway alongside the tennis courts and continue straight ahead. Even at 1 o'clock, we saw a deer running across in front of us.

Go past Neal's Farm and continue straight along the track to reach a canopy of trees. For the next 15 minutes a map may be useful - my directions might not be enough! 100 metres or so further along the track is normally pretty muddy (but there is a well worn diversion around a large bush). Now look for, and follow, a directional yellow arrow to your left and a sign saying 'No Horses'. The path is marked by white arrows on tree trunks - as you approach the first one it veers right at about 2 o'clock. At a foot-path junction marked by yellow markers, turn left, looking out for the arrows on the trees, and continue until you come to a paved lane ahead of you.

Turn right along the lane and for the next 10 minutes or so, you will be on the roads of Stoke Row. At the crossroads turn right and you quickly come to the Cherry Tree pub (refreshment stop recommended) and then the Maharajah's Well.

At the crossroads, turn left and, for 350 metres, head towards the Crooked Billet. As the road bends to the left at the bottom of the hill, there are two bridleways going into the woods - take the right hand one. You are now on paths for the remainder of the walk. Keeping the sports ground, and then a farm field, to your right, there are white dots on several trees - keep going straight ahead ignoring other paths and any left arrows.

This steep path is where a stick becomes useful if it is muddy. Take care crossing the road and climb up the hill on the path immediately opposite. There are few tree markings but the path remains quite clear through wear and tear and is fairly straight. At the top, keep the fencing to your right, until you come across a group of trees that all have directional markings!

Now for a dog-leg: one tree has bi-directional arrows, turn right and after 5 metres, there is a yellow footpath sign - walk through two fence posts and turn left. Continue downhill until you arrive at a large junction of paths and lanes. Go through the metal gate and turn right on to the unpaved and potholed Colmore Lane.

Carry on until you are finally back at the Unicorn. If you kept up a steady pace and didn't make any real stops then you will have been walking for about 100 minutes and will have seen very few other walkers. Also, if you are as heavy as I am, you will have burned around 600 calories!



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The Councils

Peppard Council News

To commence, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking a council member for his contribution over many years of service. Councillor Terry Ryan resigned recently after five years. Terry, who is about to undergo surgery for two knee replacements, would like to spend more time recuperating both at home and with his family in New Zealand.

We thank Terry for his dedicated commitment, his great sense of humour and his valued advice to many of his less experienced colleagues.

These last few months have seen a flurry of Parish Council activity. Currently up for discussion within the Council, and no doubt for the rest of this year (at least ...) will be: Community Speed Watch, a future Local Development Plan, Unitary Councils for Oxfordshire and discussions about a potential venue for the junior playground.

Traffic on our roads only increases, and with discussion of a third bridge gaining momentum (which would increase traffic through our village), the Council has been exploring the feasibility of introducing a Parish Community Speedwatch programme. Please see www.thamesvalley.police.uk. (search Community Speedwatch).

In essence, this programme is conducted by a team of local residents working with Thames Valley Police. Speeding motorists have their registration numbers recorded and shared within the Thames Valley region. Any repeat offenders are 'contacted'!

In particular, residents have expressed concern over speeding at the Gallowstree Common Road/Stoke Row Road cross-roads. Those of us living nearby are well aware of the many accidents that have occurred there over the years.

We are also aware of a road traffic accident near the old Dog Inn: a man in his twenties suffered serious multiple injuries.

The Council does not have the resource to run this Community Speedwatch programme alone – volunteers are required. So, if you think this a worthy

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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.

exercise, please contact me or our Parish Clerk.

A future Local Development Plan is being discussed. Still at a very early stage, South Oxfordshire District Council is inviting expressions of interest for formal submissions. It is inevitable that more houses will be built in the Parish over the next 10 to 12 years. The Parish Council's view is that we do not need to submit a formal submission and plan. To give some perspective, SODC is proposing a 5% increase (approximately 30 to 35) of new dwellings during this timeframe. Organic growth centred on current infill usage, will more than meet the growth requirements. Ideas, thoughts and comments are welcome. Please remember that the Council is always looking for volunteers to support and become involved in any planning activity.

At the time of writing there are no new developments on Oxfordshire's Unitary Council proposal – other than all councils have agreed to produce a joint document for consideration.

An opportunity has arisen for the siting of the junior playground. With the demise of Peppard Bowls Club, we are

in discussions with Peppard War Memorial Hall charity about locating the playground on the old green, alongside the Memorial Hall.

There are still several key issues: raising funds, organising planning permission, co-ordinating plans and, of course, the Memorial Hall Committee must be in total accord with the Council.

We need a co-ordinator to organise the playground workgroup, so if this interests you please contact me.

It may be appropriate to conclude by misquoting President Kennedy's famous speech (albeit on a much, much smaller scale...)

'Ask not what your parish can do for you...ask what you can do for your parish...!'

Simon Crouch

Pothole Improvements

Following complaints from residents about the large amounts of mud deposited on the roads from the golf course re-development, the Parish Council has worked with David Einig to resolve this issue.

David Einig Contracting Ltd. is now diligent in clearing the roads and, to demonstrate how they wish to work in co-operation with the Council, they have undertaken work, free of all charges, to fill in many of the potholes in the village roads and car parks.

SODC News

Local charities can apply to South Oxfordshire District Council between 27th July and 15th September for a grant from £10,000 to £100,000 over four years for such things as rent, rates, salary costs and marketing and publicity for community events. Contact the grants team on 01235 422405. They can let you know what you are eligible for and can help you with your application.

SODC provides a home visit service to remove rats, mice, fleas, wasp and hornet nests and bedbugs. The service is free to recipients of full housing and council tax benefits. For more information and to book a visit go to www.southoxon.gov.uk/pestcontrol.



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Know Your Councillor

Simon Crouch

Having volunteered as a Parish Councillor four years ago, Simon plans to work hard to ensure the village retains the rural character that he loves. He is interested in the local community and also has a desire to get to know more people in the area.

He achieves this at the Peppard Revels Film Club evenings: he enjoys the films but finds the social occasion even more appealing. It affords an opportunity to meet lots of people and listen to their views – an excellent way to collect opinions informally!

Simon and his wife, Mary, moved to Peppard 20 years ago when they bought one of the houses built on the site of the old Highlands School. As an International Sales Manager in the satellite industry, he travelled the world – to Africa, the Middle East, Eastern Europe and also Russia. Initially he enjoyed the excitement of travelling but like so many in this position, the excitement wore off and he found it rather a chore. Having flown in and out of Eastern European airports during his working life, he would love to return with Mary and explore the countries at leisure. Now that he travels purely for pleasure, South America beckons for a future trip.

His working life, and therefore family life too, took him to Lincolnshire and London then culminated with residing in Japan for three years before finally settling in Peppard. He retired 18 months ago and definitely intends to stay put.

Mary was a teaching assistant at Kidmore End School for 20 years and this influenced their decision to send their son and two daughters there.

Now both happily retired, Simon and Mary enjoy gardening although he claims he does the donkey work under the careful supervision of his 'horticultural advisor'.

Simon was brought up in Hastings, East Sussex, where his grandfather had a TV and radio shop with a repair workshop. From around 10 years old Simon 'helped' both his grandfather in the shop and Little Bill, who carried out repairs and would explain his work - thus Simon's interest in electronics began.

After gaining a degree in Electronic Engineering at Cardiff University he joined the telecomms company Cable and Wireless. Initially he worked in the wireless business and subsequently for a subsidiary of Airbus where he designed, built and sold satellites.

Since he was elected Chairman of the Parish Council in May, he devotes the equivalent of four half days a week to council business. There are also evening meetings and the occasional Planning meeting on a Saturday morning. He is happy to give this commitment for the next two years but then would like to hand over to someone new. Indeed, he envisages the ideal situation as having a rotating chairman with everyone taking a turn.

Simon is at pains to maintain a good relationship with the Sonning Common council: he understands the pressure to build more housing but has no desire to see a re-run of the boundary review.

With what time he has left after council business and gardening, he is an amateur horologist and loves renovating antique clocks and watches. Currently he has some ten antique clocks and upwards of 30 watches. Favourites include an old silver pocket watch hallmarked London 1796. 'Amazing to think this was hand-made during the year we granted the Americans their independence!'

Perhaps too, when he has more time to spare, he will travel more of the canals and rivers of England in his newly bought 20' river launch.

Rita Hadgkiss

Snippets

Bus Service No 145C

The Woodcote to Henley Bus service (No 145) ceased on Thursday 21st July. Henley Town Council is in negotiation with the operator, Whites Coaches, to extend the Caversham to Henley service (No 145C). Its current route incorporates Peppard during term time, if requested.

It stops outside the Red Lion at 08:06 and returns from Henley Town Hall at 16:20.

Concerts

The Orchestra of St John's has a monthly Prom series at the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, and a festival of Music in Dorchester Abbey, 15th-25th September at . Details at www.osj.org.uk

Sonning Common Business Collaboration

The next meeting will be on Monday 19th September 10:30-12:00 topic - Assertiveness in Business. Our Third Anniversary meeting will be on Monday 24th October 10:30-12:00. Meetings at The Butcher's Arms, Blounts Court Road. Contact Kathryn Fell, 07958 37177, or kathryn-fellphotography@hotmail.co.uk.

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Our Village

Health Walks

Our 20th anniversary celebrations are over and we've enjoyed some good summer walking, whatever the weather! We always welcome new walkers and with such beautiful 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 12th September, and if you've never been on a health walk, autumn is the ideal time - not too hot, and hopefully not too wet! We aim to have two trained leaders (volunteers) on every walk, one to lead the way, and the other to bring up the rear.

The timetable is available at the Library, Health Centre or the Herb Farm, or see: 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

Special Advanced Care Planning Workshops

Following on from the success of the Matters of Life and Death Open Day, the Sonning Common Health Centre team have arranged four further workshops: Wednesday 21st September, 10:00-11:30, advanced directives to refuse treatment, practical and legal issues, wills, lasting power of attorney and probate with Elizabeth Short, solicitor; Monday 24th October, 14:30-16:00, first aid for older people and issues around 'do not resuscitate', Message in Bottle scheme with Community Responders, and South Central Ambulance Service; Wednesday 16th November, 14:30-16:00, funerals 'What are my choices?', 'Where do I start?' with Tomalin funeral Director, Andy Chanter, Woodlands Burial Custodian and Chrissie Phillips Tilbury. Finally on Wednesday 7th December, 14:30-16:00, bereavement, grief, family support and befriending services with Ken Blanton, Sue Ryder chaplain, Alison Clements, Sue Ryder Befriending Coordinator and Sue Nickson, FISH Home Visiting Co-ordinator.

All sessions are free for everyone. They will be held at Sonning Common Health Centre or, if there is a lot of interest, in the village hall. You may attend as many sessions as you like. Please book your place and leave your contact details by email schreception@nhs.net, by phone 0118 972 2188 or drop a note into the Health Centre reception. More information on the website

www.sonningcommonhealthcentre.co.uk.

Dr Ellen Kruidenier

Greys Court Events

On Sunday 4th September enjoy the annual Rotherfield Greys village fête at Greys Court from 12:30-16:00; everything from bottle tombola to a fun dog show and a pop-up stall from the fine local pub.

Entries in the National Federation of WIs annual Huxley Cup flower arrangement competition will be on display in the Cromwellian Building on 15th and 16th September from 10:00 to 17:00. Enjoy this creative display and see how the arrangements ranked in the competition. Free to National Trust Members, WI members £5.00.

Peppard War Memorial Hall

Great news! I am writing this article shortly after we have successfully signed the contracts to undertake the largest project in the Hall's history. In August, at a cost of nearly £60,000 commenced retiling the roof and replacing the ceiling within the Hall which will include the provision of LED lighting and insulation.

The tiles are original from when the Hall was built in 1921 and, of course, in those days the type of insulation required today was not available.

The Trustees have worked closely with Trust for Oxfordshire Environment and SODC and the Parish Council. These organisations have awarded us grants for the work. We have been very fortunate in receiving contributions from private organisations, along with our own financing derived from the numerous organisations that hire the Hall. We took the decision several months ago to undertake the work in August in order to minimise the impact on the users of the Hall. We very much look forward to welcoming you to your new-look hall and thank you for your patience while the work is being carried out.

With regard to the development of a play area at the Hall we are speaking with the Parish Council and I am sure I

will be able to update you on progress in the next issue of *Peppard News*.

Clive Mills

Library News

The 'Big Friendly Read' summer reading challenge generated a lot of interest in reading over the summer holidays, and there is still time to complete the challenge and win a medal: just do it!

The mobile libraries have all now finished, but remember that the library in Sonning Common is still in business – come and see us! If you can't get to the library for any reason, give us a call (on 0118 972 2448) and we'll find a volunteer to either bring books to you, or help you get to the library. There are lots of things you can do online via our website:

research your family history, read current magazines, or download e-books and e-audio books. Go to www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries to investigate.

Rosemary Dunstan, Library Manager

KPCV

The Kingwood and Peppard Commons Volunteers (KPCV) are a friendly group of conservation volunteers who meet twice a month to work on Kingwood and Peppard Commons. We own and work with a range of tools and equipment, including brush-cutters, scythes, saws, rakes, pitchforks and azadas; there are also courses available on how to use and maintain some of the larger tools.

We have continued clearing paths and glades on Kingwood Common - with two cuts of the bracken and brambles each year we hope to reduce its vigour and encourage heather and other species. We have been rewarded with a beautiful show of foxgloves, heather, slender St John's Wort and broad leaved helleborines. We have work parties planned during September, October and November (see Diary page for dates). The work parties run from 09:30 to 12:30. Volunteers are welcome for all or any part of that time, and we usually break for coffee and cake at about 11:00. For more details please contact ShKinghorn@aol.com.

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Junior Peppard News

London Trip

On Tuesday 19th July, one of the hottest days of the year, Peppard School went on a trip to London. Peppard class, Greys class and Springwood class visited the Science Museum. Highmoor class went to Buckingham Palace and then to the London Eye.

When they arrived at the Science Museum, they split into their classes to do different activities. Peppard class went in the Garden Room where there was a giant water tray and they experimented with sound and they also visited the Pattern Pod (a sensory room.) Greys class also enjoyed the Garden Room as well as taking a closer look at space and different forms of transport. Springwood class went to see a 'Crash, Bang, Wallop!' workshop where they learnt all about making explosions. Ciara said, 'All the tricks were cool, but the best one was the gunpowder trick because it made a really big bang when it went off'.

Meanwhile, Highmoor class were busy trying to stay cool and getting ready to watch Changing the Guard at Buckingham Palace. Their favourite part of the day was when they reached the air-conditioned pods of the London Eye and had amazing views across the whole of London.

Overall, it was a fantastic day out in London and the whole school really enjoyed it.

By Ciara Simmonds and Lois Powell



Peppard schoolchildren enjoying Buckingham Palace

Gillotts Pioneer Week

During the week beginning 16th June, the Year 6 children (together with other Year 6's from local schools) went to Gillotts for their Pioneer Week.

Firstly, they were introduced to the school and its rules and all their questions were answered. Then they had a whole class orienteering activity to help them get to know their way around the school.

At 12.30, they had lunch. Some children brought money in to try out the cafeteria. They had the choice of paninis, sandwiches, pizza, sausages and much more. After lunch, the Pioneers had History – their first proper lesson. They learnt about the Tollund Man, a man buried in peat, perfectly preserved.

The next three days were all lessons giving the Year 6's a real taste of secondary school life. They had Maths, English, Science, Food Technology, Drama, Computing, Music and P.E. Sophia Kent said, 'Gillotts was really fun, we made lots of new friends'.

Pioneer Week is a great way for the new children to get to know the school so that they feel confident when they start in September.

Isobel Young, Year 6

New Junior Editors

That time of year has arrived again when our Year 6 Junior Editors are moving on to their new schools, so two new Editors need to be appointed.

On Monday 27th June, the current Junior Editors (Marie Guthrie, Lois Powell, Charlie Upsher and Finley Robertson) went to Highmoor Class to explain the role of Junior Editor and the key skills required to do the job. The current Year 4 children, who were interested in the position, were then asked to write a formal letter to apply for the job.

On Thursday 30th June, the Editors looked at the letters from Highmoor Class. Everyone did a great job and seven people were chosen to interview. Marie Guthrie went into Highmoor again to tell them the good news.

On Monday 4th July, Marie Guthrie, Finley Robertson, Mrs Davies and Mrs Nickson interviewed the Year 4's. Marie and Finley took it in turns to ask questions and write notes down.

Meanwhile, in the background, Mrs Davies and Mrs Nickson were also taking notes. Then all the Editors had the very difficult job of deciding who should be the next Editors.

We would like to congratulate the new Junior Editors of *Peppard News* - Archie Croft and Lily Jelowitz and thank everyone else who took the time to apply for the job.

By Charlie Upsher

My Time at Peppard

One of my best memories would have to be my last meeting with the Peppard News Team: Every time we go to a meeting, we are asked to come up with ideas for the next issue. I really wanted to do a survey to find out how many people in school or in their families read the *Peppard News*. The whole of the News Team were very supportive of my idea and I was really proud when the graph showing the results of my questionnaire appeared in the last issue. Being a Junior Editor has made me more confident.

My happiest memories at Peppard come from Broad Haven when Mr Steele claimed that Custard Cream biscuits are dangerous so he could eat them all himself. Also, the amazing Bat Walk where we heard all the strange sounds made by a Pipistrelle bat on the bat detector.

Overall my time at Peppard has been really fun and I am very sad that I have to say goodbye. All my memories of this school are good.

By Finley Robertson

The Peppard News Editorial Team wish Finley and Marie the very best of luck in the future.

Junior Peppard News cont'd

Chiltern Edge Rounders Tournament

On Thursday 16th June, Peppard School entered three teams in the Rounders competition at Chiltern Edge School.

Throughout the morning, all teams played against different schools and at lunchtime they waited for the results to see who would make it into the finals.

All three teams did really well. I was really proud of our performance and it was an honour to be Team Captain especially when the Year 6 team beat Sonning Common and won the tournament for the first time ever!

By Max Jelowitz



The winning Rounders team

Swimming Gala 2016

Following two terms of swimming lessons at school, eight swimmers (4 boys and 4 girls) were selected to go to the annual Oxfordshire Swimming Gala. The eight children were all from Springwood Class: Max Jelowitz, Oliver Renwick, Joe Biggin, Elio Babb, Sophia Kent, Ava Timms, Matilda Byrne and Francesca Whittle.

Each swimmer chose their strongest stroke and with Max and Matilda swimming butterfly, Francesca and Joe swimming front crawl, Sophia and Elio swimming breast stroke and Oliver and Ava swimming back stroke, it looked like Peppard had a promising team.

The day of the competition arrived and everyone was very nervous, there were so many schools who had tall, strong swimmers - some were even triathletes! Most of them swam at Reading Swimming Club (RSC) and they can get competitive!

Everyone swam really well in their races and the girls' team, after gaining third place overall, got into the county finals.

On the day of the finals, the girls were in the second heat. All the swimmers were so talented and the races were really close. The girls were all really nervous but swam brilliantly! They had lots of support and spirits were high!

Then came that nerve racking time again, the results! We waited patiently for the judges to finish deliberating and then we found out we came fourth. We all did amazingly well and were so proud of our performances.

By Sophia Kent

Springwood Class Turns Into A Business Building

Did they complete their task?

On the 14th June, Springwood class took part in a Virgin Enterprise project right in their classroom.

Peppard Primary School does an annual production (this year it is Dream On) it is quite expensive. So Miss Ballantyne, who is Springwood's teacher, and Mrs Davies came up with the Virgin Enterprise challenge.

Once they got the money, Springwood was split into teams - each child had £5. They had to come up with a business idea and a clear plan on what to do. They also had to dish out roles: Designer, leader, accountant and buyers.

As soon as they had got rolls they all had to figure out what to buy and where to buy it; everyone had to stay in budget though or they were out of business.

The selling day came quickly and the excitement and chaos was bubbling up. All the stalls were fabulously decorated. Marie said 'I have butterflies in my stomach; I wonder what people are going to think? Will they like it?'

When the selling started it was easy enough, but eventually the place was busy as bees swarming a hive. There were not waffles, fizzy lemonade, home-made cookies and lots of sweets.

The day went extremely well. The profit was all going to the summer production. After paying Virgin back, the class raised: Over £250! The children definitely made £5 grow. 'Mission accomplished!' Sophia said. Congratulations Springwood!

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Sports Day

On Friday 17th June, Peppard School got sporty! After school, at 5.00pm, all the children split into their teams (red, yellow, green and blue) to race.

There were lots of races: sprint, long distance, relay, three legged, obstacle and sack. All of them were brilliant!

Parents enjoyed the occasion too and even got involved in some races of their own at the end of the night.

After some very close races and great performances, the Yellow team had the most points and won the cup.

Overall, sports day went swimmingly and everyone loved it!

By Lois Powell

Peppard Take On The ESB.

At Peppard School, on the 24th and 25th May 2016 all of the year 3^s and all of the year 6^s took part in an English Speaking Board (ESB) assessment. The pupils had to remember and say a poem, read out loud from a favourite book (the examiner chose which bit) and give a two minute talk about a favourite object.

Everybody went into the exam in small groups and took it in turns to do their poem, talk and reading. Evin Paton from Highmoor class said, "During my presentation I felt really nervous because I had never presented something like that to someone I didn't know and I was scared I was going to make a mistake."

Peppard School started doing the ESB three years ago to help improve pupil's confidence and social speaking skills. Good luck to everyone waiting for their results.

by Freya Wall

Peppard's Summer Production.

Peppard's play this year was Dream On, a modern adaptation of A Midsummer's Night Dream. Peppard School practised their plays a lot, especially Springwood class who had the main parts.

The school got told what the play was in assembly by Miss Ballantyne. When they heard it was Dream On, everyone was very excited.

Every class apart from Springwood didn't have to audition for a part in the play as the teachers already knew what they were going to be in the play. Springwood class had about 5 days to memorise a poem or monologue and, if they wanted to, sing a song for their auditions. The auditions went amazingly and everyone was happy with what they had done.

When they were told what their parts were, they were all happy with the parts they had been given.

A few weeks before the play, the whole school was rehearsing the play. Foundation were fairies, Greys were Olympic athletes, Highmoor were dancers and Springwood were the leads.

On the day of the play, the whole school went to the Kenton to practise on stage. There were no mistakes made and the play was AMAZING!

There were no stumbles with words and the full house loved it! It was an unforgettable experience!
By Marie Guthrie

Goodbye to Mrs Julie Davies

We have very much enjoyed working with Julie Davies, Teaching Assistant at Peppard Primary School, who has been our link person with our Junior Editors. Julie has accompanied the Junior Editors to all the editorial meetings since she joined Peppard Primary and with her help and encouragement the children have produced some really good copy for Peppard News.

Whilst we are sorry she is leaving Peppard, we wish her all the best for her future and look forward to welcoming Mrs Celia Wall whom we hope to meet at our next editorial meeting in September.

Sue Nickson

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Our Village cont'd

Peppard Unplugged

This popular musical evening has now been running for over two years and has given the opportunity to many artists to perform in a relaxed atmosphere amongst like minded people. All the money raised has gone into the War Memorial Hall Roof fund. The work started on programme on the 1st August.

The evenings start again after the summer break. The dates for the rest of the year are 1st October, 5th November and 3rd December.

Clive Mills

Nottakwire

Audiences expressed their enjoyment of both our programme and performances in July. We sang a medley of Rodgers and Hammerstein songs in the first half, with solos from two of our members and followed this with *Captain Noah and His Floating Zoo* by Flanders and Horowitz in the second half. Lucky tickets were on sale, with everyone winning a prize, and there were refreshments in the interval with a Name the Animal Toy game for children: it was great to see them enjoying the concert, attached to a soft toy they had won!

The event raised £882 which we topped up from our kitty to make a total of £1,000 and donated as follows: Sonning Common Health Centre £200; Club SC £200; the Village Gardeners £150; Sonning Common Lunch Club £150; SC Magazine £150; Sonning Common Skate Park Fund £150.

In addition, we have sponsored the annual Sonning Common village lunch by paying the £72 hall hire fee and have gifted £100 to the Library as a token of our support for their newly revived Friends of Sonning Common Library fund.

We have received five inquiries since term ended, from local people interested in

joining us when we recommence on 9th September. If anyone else is interested in joining us please email margaret.moola@btinternet.com or phone 0118 972 1248 for further information. We promise not to chase you!

Margaret Moola

Fundraising Events at Sue Ryder

Come and join our Woodland Walks on 24th September at 11:00. Our 5km *Wind in the Willows* themed route is suitable for families, while our 10km route is ideal for more confident walkers. Refreshments and entertainment await you across the finish line and time to relax in our beautiful hospice grounds. Visit www.sueryder.org/nbwoodlandwalk or call 01491 641384 ext. 276.

Until 30th September make time for tea and hold your own cake off – get your friends together for a right royal teas up! Download your kit and get started. Visit www.sueryder.org/NBCakeOff or call 01491 641384 ext. 245.

Hurry – entries must be submitted by 5th September for the Big Art Competition. To sign up and for terms and conditions, visit www.sueryder.org/bigartcompetition. There are big prizes and an exhibition of finalists' entries.

Margaret Thomas

Henley and Goring Ramblers

There are several guided walks taking place in our area including one starting from the Red Lion - for more detail see www.ramblers-oxon.org.uk or contact the person named for each walk.

The walks are on Thursday 8th September 10:30 from the Rising Sun, Witheridge Hill - Peter Stone 01491

412330. Saturday 10th September 14:00 from Henley Town Hall above Happy Valley and back via Cowfields - Sheila 01491 575625.

Sunday 11th September from the Old Kiln, Nettlebed - Alie 07894 580413. Wednesday 14th September 10:00 from the Red Lion, Peppard - Graham Cross 07748 662184.

Sunday 18th September 10:30 from Woodcote Village Hall car park - Susan Maguire 07835 872791. Thursday 22nd September from the Maltsters, Rotherfield Greys - Jean Smith 07773 503868.

Saturday 24th September 14:00 Henley Town Hall to Culham and back - Sheila Dickie 01491 575625. Wednesday 28th September 10:00 from the King William pub, Hailey - Alan Futter 07050 203800.

There is no need to book, new members are always welcome.

Valerie Friend

Green Gym

We've continued to work two mornings a week all over South Oxfordshire, including Ipsden Wood, Ewelme Watercress Beds, Kingwood and Peppard Commons, Bishopswood Sports Field, Gillotts Field in Henley and Greys Court, to name just a few. It's rewarding work, leaving us feeling good, and the local countryside looking good. We're particularly keen to attract people nearing retirement, in order to help them stay fit and healthy for as long as possible. We have a sensible attitude to safety (since some of our tools are potentially dangerous, as is some of the work we do). All our leaders are trained first aiders, with three-yearly updating courses, and we carry a first aid kit. You have the opportunity to learn new skills and to visit places that you might otherwise miss. So do give Robin Howles a call on 0118 972 3528 or visit our website www.sonningcommon.tcv.org.uk.

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Clubs and Societies

Flat Earth Society

It is rumoured that Matthew Davis will be writing an appreciation of the society this quarter and, as a consequence, our QC is still on hold.

The society successfully ran the BBQ and assisted in the setting up of the Top Common for the Queen's 90th Birthday picnic: this being sited next to the beer tent had nothing to do with the running out of beer, although Gordon Macrae had an interesting ride home on his bike.

In June there was another Wife Placating evening at the Red Lion, as usual an excellent evening. Jim Smith gave us the good news he'd been discharged from the Oncology Dept after five years and thanked everyone for their support.

Thanks to Hannah and her staff for providing superb food, the standard never changes. Friday nights will have to continue to replenish the kitty.

The lectures at Café Scientifique have finished for the summer, the last being on Human Evolution. They recommence in October, as does the bowling.

We all wish Peter Taylor a full and speedy recovery from his short visit to the surgeon at the Royal Berks.

My usual plea; if anyone has any interesting photographs they would like to display in the telephone box (they can be contemporary or historical) please contact me at tryan123@btinternet.com or through *Peppard News*.

Terry Ryan

Sonning Common and District Tennis Club

If you are a member of our club I hope you have had good use of the courts during this balmy hot summer. As those of you that play will know, tennis is a fantastic sport playable by all ages and with all levels of experience.

If you have never picked up a racket but fancy a go, or you want your children to be active and get some exercise, then give us a call or drop us an email.

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Why do we keep our fees so low? Well, firstly because we can, and secondly because the aim of the club is to provide an affordable facility in the area for those who want access to a tennis court for themselves, their friends and their family. For those that then want to have coaching or compete in tournaments we are lucky to have other excellent local tennis clubs that they can join. So dust off that racket, dig out those trainers, get in touch and give it a go.

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Dave Pinder

Sonning Common and Peppard Table Tennis Club

Your local table tennis club play at the Peppard War Memorial Hall. The club will be entering eight teams in the 2016/17 Reading & District senior league catering for all standards of play; we have 40 adult players split across the league's five divisions.

The league runs from mid-September to March. Pre-season practice sessions take place on Thursdays (19:30-21:30). Junior coaching sessions are on Monday evenings from September in two sessions from 17:00-19:00. Anyone interested in either senior or junior table tennis can contact me, the club secretary, at n.maltby587@btinternet.com or telephone 0118 946 3191.

Nigel Maltby

Peppard and Stoke Row Cricket Club

These are heady times as the season heads towards its conclusion, .

With five weeks of the league season remaining, the 1st XI are second in the Berkshire League Premier Division, the 2nd XI are second in Division Two, and the 3rd XI under the guidance of captain Robbie Dyer are top of Division Four.

Things have been even more impressive among the ever-growing junior set-up. The Under-15s have qualified for the

county play-offs by finishing the season second in the Western Division, while both the Under-13s (who also made the County Cup final) and Under-11s completed 100% records in reaching the same stage. Including the Under-11 Maharajas and the two Under-9 sides, the youngsters have won a staggering 49 of 62 matches.

To celebrate this, and the club as a whole, there will be a Festival of Cricket at Peppard Common and the Les Clark Oval, Stoke Row, on Bank Holiday Monday 29th August. The juniors will be playing throughout the day and a Coaches vs PSR game will take place in the afternoon at Peppard Common. Presentations will take place during the day.

PSR runs three Saturday league sides, two Sunday sides and youth cricket from Under-6s to Under-19s.

If anyone is interested in joining the club as a senior player, please contact chairman Gerry Bacon (07785 771847) or as a junior, Andy Watts (07884 931906).

Richard Ashton

Peppard Revels Film Club

We'll be back in the autumn with two smashing films. We're kicking off on the 21st October with *A Man for All Seasons*, the wonderful 1966 film about Sir Thomas More, Chancellor of England and his refusal to support Henry VIII in his determination to divorce his first wife, Catherine of Aragon, in order to marry Ann Boleyn. This film won no less than six Oscars and stars Paul Scofield, Leo McKern, Orson Welles and Nigel Davenport, to name just a few. And then on 25th November we're screening *Much Ado About Nothing*, the 1993 version with Kenneth Branagh, Emma Thompson, Richard Briers and Kate Beckinsale. It's got some wonderful music and splendid cameo parts for Ben Elton and Michael Keaton and is great fun. (See insert.)

At the October screening we'll be voting for the films you want to see in 2017. The price is unchanged at £10 and of course you'll get supper in a bowl prepared by our wonderful team of cooks and a glass of Laithwaites' wine. A bargain!

John Hasler

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Clubs and Societies cont'd

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Cub Scouts and volunteers have been enjoying a selection of amazing events and activities to celebrate 100 years of Scouting. In Sonning Common they celebrated with a tea party with ex-cubs,



Ron Brindley and Ben White cutting the cake

scouts and leaders from the local group. Nonagenarian Ron Brindley, who still lives in Sonning Common, became a cub 85 years ago and cut a birthday cake with Ben White aged 8, the group's newest cub. Ben's granddad, who became a cub over 50 years ago, was also there.

Throughout the year the young people have been finding out about the history of Cub Scouting, taking part in new activities, learning new skills and looking to the future. Over 200 activities, including adventure camps, climbing and water zorbing, are on offer at Sonning Common. For further information contact me, the chairman, on 0118 948 3223 email

Club SC

It has been a wonderful summer for Club SC (Sonning Common Youth Club). In June, we went to Atom Trampoline Park in Reading where we

all had a wonderful time and managed to master all kinds of tricks and flips. Many of our members hadn't been to the park and were pleased to have the opportunity to go for free with funds raised by a cake sale in the Co-op. Thanks to all who supported us at the cake sale and thank you to the Co-op.

We have been busy fund raising for our next trip either to go paintballing or to a theme park. We raised a mighty £80 from a chocolate tombola at the Sonning Common Primary School fete; the chocolate was kindly donated by Tesco. We also organised a tombola at the Chiltern Edge 'Fest', collecting prizes from our members and again, Tesco in Henley. The club has been open throughout the summer holidays and we have enjoyed BBQs, water fights and a kite-making competition alongside a hockey taster session to name but a few. We are looking forward to the Autumn term and meeting many new faces. Find us above the sports hall at Chiltern Edge on Wednesdays (Years 6,7,8) and Thurs (Years 9,10,11) from 19:00-21:00 www.clubsc.co.uk, www.facebook.com/sonningcommonyouthcentre.

Becky Jenkins

Year Round Coaching

Fresh from our summer camps, our term time coaching programme at Peppard Tennis Club restarts on Monday 5th September. We have six fantastic courts (four are floodlit to allow play and coaching when the evenings darken) and a vibrant coaching programme for players from the age of three. The sessions run six days a week and we cater for all age groups.

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Another tennis star in the making

Peppard WI

At our June meeting, we were joined by Virginia Lawrence who, until quite recently, was the Oxfordshire Federation Secretary, one of very few salaried posts in the county. Since her retirement and as a WI member herself, Virginia has become an Ambassador for Denman College. She told us something of its history but also explained the need for us all to support the fund raising effort currently underway for its maintenance. The students' fees cover the day to day costs but the upkeep of this beautiful old house and gardens is a constant matter of concern to all of us who enjoy time there.

We gathered earlier than usual for our July meeting as our retiring President invited us to her garden for a ploughman's lunch. It gave us all a chance to thank Liz

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Waterfall for the tremendous effort she has put in on our behalf during her short 'reign'. We were all aware that, when Liz agreed to help us to remain open, she and John were planning to move house in the not too distant future. Fortunately for them it is now moving ahead smoothly but they will both be missed. John is a fully paid up member of the WISH CLUB (WI Supporting Husbands). We all wish them well in the next stage of their lives together.

Peppard WI is planning a trip to the Cotswolds in 2017!

Irene Lindsay

Wyfold RDA

Thanks to the efforts of one of our long-standing volunteers, Sheena Rand, we now have a brand new shiny signboard at the stables. We also thank the wonderful staff of local business, Sign People, Vines Farm, Cane End, who made and

sponsored the sign for us. It is made from very special weatherproof material.

At the end of June, over thirty volunteers from Wyfold helped with judging and check points for TREC 2016 at The Black Horse, Checkendon. A great weekend was had by both competitors and helpers and we have been generously rewarded with a donation of £2,000 from them which will go towards our carriage fund.

We are building up a fund of £10,000 to replace our old two-wheel carriage with a more stable four-wheeler which will take wheelchairs. This donation brings our carriage fund up to £6,500. We will then be able to get our wheelchair bound members out into the countryside.

On 14th June, a team from Wyfold attended the Wellington Equestrian Centre Fun Day. Elowyn, Alex, Tom and Millie all arrived back with rosettes and Elizabeth,

our stable manager, brought back the trophy for the best turned out group (and this was for the second year running!).

Earlier in the month another team from Wyfold went to the RDA South Region Show at Wellington and took our ponies, Benny and Joe. Etholle came back with a

first on Joe, Rachel with a fourth on Benny and Daisy with a sixth on Joe. Forthcoming Events: on Saturday 27th August, the Wyfold RDA stall at Binfield Heath Flower Show; on Sunday 2nd October, Wyfold RDA stall at Henley Ploughing Match. The ever popular Wyfold RDA Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 10th December from 12:00-15:00. More information will be in the next issue of *Peppard News*.

Can you spare the time to become a Wyfold RDA volunteer? Please contact me at gillr400@btinternet.com or 01491 628260

Gill Rushworth

Peppard Tennis Club

We are enjoying an extremely busy time. A 'Wimbledon' style tournament was held during the famous fortnight and great tennis was enjoyed by many - as well as the strawberries & cream! This was followed by an 'American' tournament which was very well attended and a great evening was had by all.

The club continues to enter teams into the local leagues and, as a result of recent success, will be entering additional teams into this year's competition. New players are required for men's, women's and mixed teams and the club would like to invite existing and prospective members to attend team training sessions on Sundays 18th and 25th September. The sessions will be from 10:00 and run until noon.

The popular club sessions continue to run on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 18:30 and also Sundays from 10:00.

If you are unable to attend but would like to be part of the team or require any further information please visit www.peppardtennisclub.co.uk or call 0118 947 4051.

Richard Dilger



From left: Diane Lee (volunteer), Sara Lee, our National Dressage Champion, the very handsome Big Bob, Elizabeth King (Stable Manager), Kim Price (instructor) and Sheena Rand (volunteer)

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Dear Friends,

I am delighted that Rev'd James Stickings will be the Rector before September is out and I wish him well and every blessing in his new ministry.

As Rev'd James arrives, I am preparing to take on the role of Priest-in-Charge in the Parish of Purleigh, just outside Chelmsford in rural Essex. We will be closer to family and it is an area we know well from times past. It is an exciting time for us but tinged with sadness as Ron and I are already bidding farewell to many wonderful people who have been part of our lives and my ministry here.

My last service will be at All Saints' on Sunday 28th August at 10:30 to which you are welcome. Ron and I thank you for your love and support over the past two and a half years. I will be licensed and installed on Tuesday, October 4th at 19:30 in All Saints' in Purleigh.

Please will you pray for both Rev'd James and me as we continue to follow Christ and take up our respective ministries.

God bless you all.

Susan

From All Saints'

Life is a rich tapestry – and to this end, here at All Saints' we have some good and some sad news. We are delighted that our new Rector for the Benefice has been appointed. The Reverend James Stickings will be joining us in September. Our prayers have been answered and we look forward, in anticipation, to his pastoral care and ministry. A service of Induction will take place at St John the Baptist, Kidmore End, at the end of September.

You will be able to meet this young and delightful incumbent at subsequent services across the benefice and a warm welcome always awaits.

Sadly, Rev'd Susan Cooper will be leaving for pastures new in Essex where she has been invited to become Priest-in-Charge at All Saints', Purleigh. A Benefice service will be held at All Saints' on Sunday 28th August at 10:30, followed by refreshments. All are welcome to say a fond farewell.

In June All Saints' Church was transformed with an amazing display of 'Flowers for the Queen' which was viewed by a large and very appreciative number of people. Delicious afternoon teas were served from the Parish Room and also outside in the tranquil and beautiful church surroundings, tastefully adorned with tables, chairs and bunting. The occasion made a splendid profit which rewarded all the hard work.

Service for the Fellowship of St. Birinus: this is an honorary fellowship awarded by the Bishop of Dorchester to individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to Church life over a period of time. This year we are happy to announce that the recipients will be Pat Fraser and Robin Howles from All Saints' and also Neil and Helen Scott from St John the Baptist, Kidmore End. A service will be held at Dorchester Abbey at 18:00 on Sunday 18th September. There will be no service of Evensong at All Saints' that evening.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service will take place at 10:30 on Sunday 25th September followed by a parish Bring and Share Lunch at Peppard War

Memorial Hall. Why not join us in this wonderful celebration – you could even win the notorious quiz. If you would like to come please telephone Pat Fraser on 01491 629631.

The Royal Schools of Church Music Annual Choirs' Festival will take place at Dorchester Abbey on Saturday 8th October, followed by Choral Evensong at 17:00 to which all are welcome.

Our Patronal Festival for All Saints' Sunday will take place on Sunday 30th October at 10:30 with Benefice Sung Eucharist and at 18:30 Festal Evensong. We would be delighted to see you at one of these services.

The Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance will take place at All Saints' at 10:50 on Sunday 13th November.

That is all for now, with blessings.

Jenny Wingrove, PCC Member

2016 OHCT Ride and Stride

This year's Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride event will take place on Saturday 10th September. Once again, a team of riders and striders representing All Saints' Peppard will be taking part.

Some 500 churches in the county will also be participating and the aim will be to do even better than last year, in terms of money raised through sponsorship. Last year this amounted to over £135,000 countywide. Half the money raised by a church team is returned by the charity to their church, to be used for church fabric maintenance. The remainder is then distributed by the Trust to county churches urgently in need of repair.

The OHCT has an excellent website, ohct.org.uk/ride-stride, which gives much more detail about this Ride and Stride event.

If you are interested in taking part, please contact Ian or Pat Fraser on 01491 629631.

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We are still awaiting the appointment of a parish priest but, in the meantime, parish life continues. At weekends visiting priests have been coming to celebrate our Masses. During June, 18 children made their first Holy Communion and 20 were confirmed. Many of them attend our primary school, St Martin's, in Caversham Park Village.

The Catholic Church is celebrating a Jubilee Year of Mercy running from 8th December 2015 to 20th November 2016. Throughout the year many pilgrims from around the world are heading to specially

designated holy places in Rome such as St Peter's Basilica.

Not everyone can get to Rome, so in May, parishioners from St Michael's made their own pilgrimage to a closer holy place: the shrine at Our Lady and St Anne in Caversham. At noon one Saturday, about 15 pilgrims set off from St Michael's to walk the 4.5 miles to Our Lady and St Anne's. The route chosen took us through Kidmore End, Chalkhouse Green and Bugs Bottom. About halfway along the route we stopped for a short break and were joined by a couple more people. Many of us were amazed how close we were able to get to Our Lady and St Anne's before we had to emerge from the countryside onto the busy streets of Caversham by the Prince of Wales pub.

At the shrine we were joined by other parishioners who were unable to make the journey on foot and a service of prayer and reflection took place. The day finished with a cream tea, prepared by parishioners, in the adjacent parish room. For those unable to attend we will repeat this pilgrimage on 15th October.

In November we traditionally remember those who have died so will be having prayers at Kidmore End cemetery on 6th November and a service in the church on 10th November.

As always everyone is welcome to join us at one of our regular weekend Masses:
 17:30 Saturday, 09:00 and 10:30 Sunday.
Brian Theobald



Kevin and Linsey Potter
 0118 972 4519
www.springwaterchurch.org.uk

Springwater meets on Sunday mornings at 10:30, and all are welcome to attend.

To find out more about the Springwater community check out our new website www.springwaterchurch.org.uk

Over the last months Springwater has held several community gatherings and workshops that are open to all. One of the most artistic was the Compassionate Art event carried out in partnership with Heart Jam. This event sought to bring together creative people of all ages,

encouraging them to express their talents in a place of freedom and safety.

As a church, our community has been personally involved in supporting charities in Africa and Asia. Members of Springwater have worked with poor communities in Moldova and practically engaged with people in the US city of Angels, Los Angeles, to partner with Oasis India to support work amongst young women who have been impacted and affected by human trafficking in South India and specifically Bangalore.

Springwater facilitates several gatherings, a couple of these are the mums' and toddlers' group called The Ark and also Aspire, a place where women can find friendship and support.

Over the last few months, we have also run spiritual prayer events focused on seeking a blessing for the sick and vulnerable in our local towns and villages, especially in the atmosphere of confusion and fear post-Brexit.

Over the next several months we will be continuing our relaxed Sunday services as well as running other additional workshops to raise awareness of the needs around the world and in our local community. One such awareness event planned for September will be led by an expert in the field of orphan care in India.

For more information and updates on all our current and upcoming events, please see our website www.springwaterchurch.org.uk
Kevin Potter

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Peppard Diary

SEPTEMBER	
Sat 3	Hort Soc/Autumn Show/Chiltern Edge Sch/14:30-16:30
Sun 4	Greys Village Fête/Greys Court/12:30-16:00 Circle Dancing/Christ the King/15:00-17:00/01491874220
Mon 5	Peppard School/Term starts Kgwd Pepp Com Vols/09:30-12:30/Shkinghorn@aol.com
Sat 10	Oxon Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride
Mon 12	Trustee/RPPC/Planning/Meetings/Pavilion/19:30
Wed 14	WI/In Common Memory/PWMH/14:00
Thu 15	NFWI Huxley Cup Flower display/Greys Ct/10:00-17:00
Fri 16	NFWI Huxley Cup Flower display/Greys Ct/10:00-17:00 Hort Soc coach outing RHS Wisley
Sat 17	Sue Ryder Sale/10:30-12:30 Kgwd Pepp Com Vols/09:30-12:30/Shkinghorn@aol.com
Sun 18	Peppard Tennis Cl Team session/10:00-12:00/01189474051
Mon 19	SC Business Collab/Butcher's Arms/10:30-12:00
Wed 21	Peppard Lunch Club/PWMH/12:00/01491681780 Adv Care Planning/SC Surgery/10:00-11:30/01189722188
Sat 24	Sue Ryder Woodland Walk/11:00/01491641384 ext 276 RPPC/Planning/Pavilion/10:00
Sun 25	All Saints' Harvest Thanksgiving Peppard Tennis Cl Team session/10:00-12:00/01189474051
OCTOBER	
Sat 1	Peppard Unplugged/PWMH/19:30/01189723609
Sun 2	Wyfold RDA stall at Henley Ploughing Match Circle Dancing/Christ the King/15:00-17:00/01491874220
Mon 3	Kgwd Pepp Com Vols/09:30-12:30/Shkinghorn@aol.com
Sat 8	Sue Ryder Sale/10:30-12:30
Mon 10	RPPC Meeting/19:30/Planning/21:30/Pavilion
Tue 11	Hort Soc/Royal Landscape & Savill Gdn/PWMH/19:30
Wed 12	WI/Hearing Dogs for the Deaf/PWMH/14:00
Sat 15	Kgwd Pepp Com Vols/09:30-12:30/Shkinghorn@aol.com
Sun 16	Greenshoots Stall/It's Your Life Event/Crowne Plaza Rdg
Wed 19	Peppard Lunch Club/PWMH/12:00/01491681780
Fri 21	Revels Film Club/A Man for all Seasons/PWMH/19:00 Peppard School/Term ends
Sat 22	RPPC/Planning/Pavilion/10:00
Mon 24	Kgwd Pepp Com Vols/09:30-12:30/Shkinghorn@aol.com SC Business Collab/3rd Anni/Butcher's Arms/10:30-12:00 Adv Care Planning/SC Surgery/14:30-16:00/01189722188
Wed 26	Beechwood Grp WIs/Writing my 1st Novel/PWMH/14:30
Sun 30	All Saints' Patronal Festival
Mon 31	Peppard School/Term starts
NOVEMBER	
Sat 5	Peppard Unplugged/PWMH/19:30/01189723609
Sun 6	Circle Dancing/Christ the King/15:00-17:00/01491874220
Mon 7	Kgwd Pepp Com Vols/09:30-12:30/Shkinghorn@aol.com
Tue 8	Hort Soc/Chinese Gdn & More/PWMH/19:30
Wed 9	WI/A Wreath for Christmas/PMWH/14:00
Sun 13	Remembrance Sunday/All Saints'/10:50
Mon 14	RPPC Meeting/19:30/Planning/21:30/Pavilion
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Sat 26	RPPC/Planning/Pavilion/10:00
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Church Services

Sunday Services at All Saints'	SEPTEMBER				OCTOBER					NOVEMBER				NOTES	
	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		
09.00 Communion	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X A B S 25 th Sept 30 th Oct 13 th Nov R 27 th Nov	No Service Benefice Sung Eucharist Festal Evensong Advent Sequence Harvest Thanksgiving All Saints' Sunday Patronal Festival Remembrance Sunday Service of Remembrance 10:50 Advent Sunday
10.30 Communion (sung)		✓		✓		✓		✓	A	✓			✓		
10.30 Matins	✓				✓						R				
10.30 Family Service			✓				✓					✓			
10.30 Sunday School		✓				✓				✓					
18.30 Evensong	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B	✓	✓	✓	S		

Sunday Services at Springwater
(Peppard Congregational Church)
Family Service: 10.30 - 11.45 ♦ Sunday School 10.30 - 11.30

Mass at St Michael's Roman Catholic Church
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Saturday 17.30 ♦ Sunday 09.00 & 10.30

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South Chiltern Coral Society

South Chiltern Choral Society welcomes new members

The South Chiltern Choral Society, based in Sonning Common, is looking for new members.

Under the direction of their new Director of Music, Paul Burke, the choir sings a varied and challenging repertoire, including classical masterpieces, 20th century music and also newly commissioned works. They rehearse at Chiltern Edge School on Monday evenings, and sing 3 public concerts every year.

The choir is particularly looking for new men to join the tenor and bass sections.

If you are interested in singing in the choir or just want more information, please contact Richard Larkin on 07557 049092 or contact the choir via the website:

www.southchilternchoralsociety.org.uk



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Unabridged Articles

1st Sonning Common Cub Scouts

Cub Scouts and volunteers from 1st Sonning Common have been enjoying a selection of amazing events and activities to celebrate 100 years of Cub Scouting. From 1st January they have been having a year to remember. They recently celebrated their 100th birthday by hosting a tea party with ex-cubs, scouts and leaders from the group and local area. Nonagenarian Ron Brindley became a



cub 85 years ago and celebrated with the group's newest cub Ben White aged 8 by cutting the birthday cake. Ron said 'It was a great privilege to be asked to take part in the festivities'. Ben was there with his grandad who was a cub with group over 50 years ago. Throughout the year the young people have been finding out about the history of Cub Scouting, taking part in new activities, learning new skills and looking to the future. Cub Scouts are 8-10 ½ years old and they take part in a wide range of activities designed to be interesting and challenging. A Cub Scout meeting consists of games and activities with plenty of time spent outdoors.

The young people have been involved in an adventure packed programme including County Cub Camp, (Cub Fest) with over 1500 Cubs from across Oxfordshire. Phoebe Taylor aged 10 said, 'We've tried so many new things from zorbing to roller disco, this is turning into the best year of my life! Being a Cub Scout is all about doing your best and I try to do that every day'. Adult volunteer Penny Edwards said, 'I've had some great times volunteering as a Scout Volunteer and I can't recommend it highly enough. I volunteered to help develop young people but I stayed because its great fun!' Scouting in Sonning Common seeks to transform the lives of young people by providing an inspiring programme of everyday adventure. Over 200 activities, including adventure camps, climbing and water zorbing, are on offer. Chief Scout Bear Grylls commented, 'I am excited to see Scout num-

bers continue to rise across the UK and the big reason for this are the adventures made possible by the amazing volunteers from 1st Sonning Common Scout Group. Whether it's the opportunity to be involved with some incredible adventures, learn practical life, outdoor and teamwork skills, or helping to improve their local communities Scouts and Volunteers have a brilliant time!' Scouting is shaped by young people in partnership with adults and we are always looking for new volunteers and if you fancy a go why not join us at www.1stsonningcommon.org.uk.

For further information about joining please contact me, the Group Chairman, on 0118 948 3223 or via email: chairman@1stsonningcommon.org.uk

Graham Edwards

Kidmore End Pre-School

Hello from the pre-school in Kidmore End, and welcome to another new academic year. We are looking forward to a busy start to the year and we welcome several new families.

Each term we set a new theme for our activities and play, around which we base our learning, craft and play. Our theme for this term is Baby Animals and we have many fun things – and possibly some furry things – lined up for the children.

As usual, we will be holding our annual Macmillan Coffee morning early in September: all are welcome to come along and enjoy tea and cake at the Parish Room with us. (Date to be confirmed; please check our website.) Our Annual General Meeting will also be held this term, and at some stage due to popular demand we will be holding another Open Afternoon: do please drop me a note if you would like to come along to meet us all and find out about the pre-school.

Kidmore End Pre-School is a small pre-school set in a rural location, with session numbers limited to 14 children. We are always looking for new committee members, not necessarily with children still at the pre-school. If this is something that you might be interested in taking on – it's not a huge time commitment, but it is a really important contribution to the running of the pre-school - please do not hesitate to let us know. We would welcome the support. I do still have a limited number of spaces on the register so if you would like more information about our pre-school, or you would like to add your child to our waiting list, please do not hesitate to let me know. You can contact me on 01184985 or e-mail enquiries@keps.co.uk as soon as possible. Please see our website at www.kidmoreendpreschool.co.uk for further information.

Emma Hawker



Unabridged Articles Cont'd

Sonning Common Pre-School

Big crowds and the sunshine came out for Sonning Common Pre-School's 50th Anniversary Summer Fair on Sunday 26th June. The fair boasted more attractions than in previous years to mark the pre-school's half-century birthday.

Visitors enjoyed vintage tractor rides, two bouncy castles, a corral with ride-ons for toddlers, gift stalls, face painting, a soft play area, silent auction, a bar and barbecue. There was a fun selection of fair games, such as hook a duck, jam jar ping pong and spin the arrow. The event raised £2700, which will be put towards creating a new forest school in the pre-school's garden.

Fair organiser and chair of the pre-school's committee, Viki Head, said: 'The Golden Anniversary was a big milestone for the pre-school so we envisaged a bigger, brighter fair. We pooled our contacts and used up all our favours to deliver a fun and relaxing fair for the whole family.'

Star guests the CBeebies' Twirlywoos mingled and posed for photos with the children. BigHoo, Toodloo, Chickedy and Chick came to the fair after a teacher won a contest to have the much-loved characters visit their pre-school.

There was also a photo exhibition of the history of the pre-school, which opened in 1966 as Sonning Common Playgroup at Kidmore End Memorial Hall.

Colleen Paviour

50th Anniversary Summer Fair

