

WHITCHURCH-ON-THAMES BULLETIN

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MAY 2006

Meeting of the Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday the 8th May at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

In attendance were the Chairman Matilda Oppenheimer and Councillors Nigel Grove, Kate Thatcher, Harry Butterworth, Elizabeth Robinson and Nigel Cabeldu.

Also present were the Parish Clerk Andrea Gardner and District Councillor Pearl Slatter.

Parish Clerk

Parish Clerk Email address: clerk@whitchurchonthames.com

Playground

The planning application for change of use from private garden to playground has been granted by SODC. Mr Sam Josefovitz has very kindly given a further donation for Playground equipment and this will be used to install a new Slide in the shape of an Apple Tree for younger children. We have applied for a grant from SODC to replace the existing tall slide on new safe surfacing and this application will be considered in the autumn.

Cricket Ground

The Cricket Club have met with the Whitelock family, who own the Cricket Ground. They have presented the Parish Council with a proposal that a Trust should be formed and have invited the Parish Council to nominate a representative to the Trust, proposing that the Cricket Club should have two nominations. The proposed purpose of the Trust would initially be to apply for outline planning permission for one house on the cricket ground. If this were successful the remaining land would then be sold to the Trust by the Whitelock family for £1. The Trust would then be responsible for holding the land in perpetuity for the benefit of the Village and the Cricket Club. This was discussed by the Parish Council and we received advice from Pearl Slatter our District Councillor who chairs the Planning Committee at South Oxfordshire.

The council have contacted Jan Gossett from OALC (Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils) who will take further advice on the Council's behalf from the National Organisation's solicitor. When all the information and advice is at hand it

is likely that the Parish Council will call a further public Parish meeting to discuss the matter with the Village.

Whitchurch Highways

Before the meeting we were informed by John Farrow that the Oxfordshire County Council were about to paint a large yellow box across the main highway in Whitchurch by the Greyhound pub. Difficulties had been experienced when a large school bus had tried to turn into Eastfield Lane. We have been in communication with the County Council about this as we feel that although it is a priority to maintain safety and access within the village a yellow box would look very unsightly. We have been informed that there will be a period of consultation with the Parish Council over the next 6-9 months before any road markings are painted in.

The Whitchurch Thyme Maze

There is a new lectern at the maze. The Parish Council were happy to donate a small sum to fund the encapsulated information beautifully presented by Sally and Peter Woolhouse and Nick Brazil. Peter Woolhouse has made the lectern out of brick and wood and we are very grateful to them all.

Village Hall

The Parish Council have been offered the purchase of the Village Hall, the playground land and the verge that leads along manor road from the playground to the High Street. Our lease of the Village Hall ran out in September and it was very likely that the rent would have been substantially increased if we did not purchase it. The SODC will make a contribution toward tidying up the verge and cutting back the trees and overgrown shrubs on the verge to make it easier to maintain. We have sufficient funding in our reserves to allow us to afford this purchase. Once the Village Hall is in our ownership we can apply for grants and even lottery money to improve the Village Hall.

Planning

Applications received between meetings

P06/E0308 – Fawney, High Street. Erection of detached garage, with associated gravel driveway. NO STRONG VIEWS

P06/EO233 - 26 Swanston Field. Erection of two storey side extension and new porch. NO STRONG VIEWS

No Applications to consider at the meeting

Decisions

P06/E0051 – Playground, Manor Road. Change of use from private garden to playground. GRANTED

P06/E0017 – Mellow Walls. Erection of single storey garden room and porch extensions. Construction of a new garden wall. GRANTED

P05/E1045 – 31 Swanston Field. Appeal against refusal of permission.

DISMISSED

P06/E0233 – 26 Swanston Field. Erection of two storey side extension and new porch. GRANTED

Finances

The following cheques were agreed for payment.

Parish clerk (salary, working from home allowance and postage), Allianz Cornhill Insurance, Ridgeway press for the bulletin, Filcris (lectern for the maze), Auditor, Impact (software and support), Village Hall subsidy and Bulletin expenses.

Monies received from Allotment Society, NALC (training grant) and Mr Sam for the playground

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday the 3RD July 2006 in the Whitchurch Village Hall at 8.00pm. An agenda and the dates of future meetings will be posted on the Parish Council Notice-board opposite the Greyhound before the next meeting.

Matilda Oppenheimer
Chairman

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR JOHN FARROW TO WHITCHURCH PARISH 2006

I am sorry, but due to unforeseen circumstances I could not attend your Annual Meeting.

Having just completed yet another busy year which started with the build up to the Elections in May where on the day, for the first time in the last twenty years the Conservatives took control of the County by winning 43 of the 74 seats, this major step forward has enabled us to concentrate on reviewing specific areas and concerns regarding administration and finance without being restrained by any outside influences, as a result it is rewarding to report that we are able to return a budget increase for 2006/07 of 4.375% . It was hoped that we could get this lower, but unfortunately with only a short time to carry out the reviews, 4.375% was the lowest we could achieve, I know though that we have already started looking for a lower figure next year.

Each year I try to concentrate on specific areas in addition to the routine procedures within the Council, this year I have been involved with two prime areas which have both local and county concerns,

- **Crime and Disorder**—This subject is always in the front of our minds, I know that last April the Police changed their boundaries and moved the responsibility of Whitchurch to the Henley Office, this was a concern that I took up with their Business Commander in Kidlington who assured me that it was for best practice in policing and that there would not be any detriment in the response and service provision.

Recently Sarah Thornton, Acting Chief Constable, outlined the future Police Strategy, and I know that following this announcement the area officer has been in discussion with the Parish Council regarding local issues.

- **Youth**—Last year I said that I had been working with the youth service addressing the lack of County support for a youth worker in the village. I am pleased to report that as a result the Youth Services budget has been increased to fill vacancies in the area, in an attempt to encourage youth activities and reduce vandalism. Unfortunately though we are still short of volunteers in this discipline.

In my address last year I identified that additional money had been allocated to catch up with repairs to damaged road surfaces and footpaths. I know that there is still a lot of work required in this area but I am pleased to say that in Whitchurch we did get a good slice of the cake. Currently engineers are looking to make Eastfield Lane junction safer for larger vehicles such as emergency services, delivery lorries, and the school bus to turn into, I would appreciate your comments on this.

As always, in my fight for maximum efficiency from all of the County services, I have not neglected any local issues that have needed attention whenever they have been drawn to my attention, these issues have always been dealt with to achieve the best result possible.

If I can assist you in any way please do not hesitate to contact me either by email john.farrow@oxfordshire.gov.uk or by phone 01491 825485

Looking to the future
J. Farrow
County Councillor

WHITCHURCH CRICKET CLUB

International cricket stars to play Whitchurch CC

This year promises to be one of the most exciting in the club's history. We are hosting a match between Whitchurch Cricket Club and Lashings XI- an international team of current and former Test Cricketers on 9th June in aid of the primary school. The Lashings XI squad playing us at home has just been announced and will include Courtney Walsh (West Indies), Vasbert Drakes (West Indies), Jimmy Adams (West Indies), Alvin Kallicharran (West Indies), Phil DeFreitas (ENG), Clare Connor (ENG), Chris Lewis (ENG), Chris Cairns (NZ), Tatenda Taibu (ZIM), Aravinda de Silva (SL) and Greg Blewett (AUS). More information on the players and Lashings XI can be seen at www.lashings.co.uk

Unfortunately, I haven't found a bookie willing to offer odds on the game! However if you want to be present on a historic day for the village you can purchase tickets from Linda Close (0118 984 4591) or online at www.whitchurchcricketmatch.co.uk. If you are feeling really extravagant, why not consider a table in the corporate hospitality tent!

Whitchurch Cricket Club is not just about Lashings though: we have a growing squad for this season with matches on both Saturdays and Sundays. We would welcome anyone in the village interested in playing to join us for nets on Thursdays from 7pm.

A very special event for Whitchurch and the local area

The Lashings XI v Whitchurch CC will be an event which will excite both fans of the game and those looking for a great day out. We have planned a day of thrilling entertainment for all ages, as our local cricket team take on some of the world's greatest players. You'll be able to meet the stars and have the chance to collect autographs. There will be a BBQ, Hog Roast, afternoon tea tent, licensed bar and plenty of activities for children, including a bouncy castle. And to really kick off summer, we have lined up some great evening entertainment, including live bands and an orchestra.

Gates open at 1pm noon and the match will start at 2.30pm. Evening entertainment starts at 7pm. Tickets are available in advance, priced at £8 per adult and children under 16 have free admission, please contact Linda Close on 0118 984 4591 or visit www.whitchurchcricketmatch.co.uk

Corporate hospitality opportunities are available. The Lashings XI match is the ideal opportunity to entertain staff, clients and special guests or have a day out with friends. Anyone interested in entertaining and enjoying a superb lunch with the cricketers at this unique event, can find out more about our special corporate hospitality arrangements from Gill Hayes on 07949 592 626.

This event promises to be a wonderful day for the local cricket team, the Primary School, the village and our surrounding communities, so please come and join us.

Maureen Stovell

Chair, Whitchurch Primary School Association

Tel: 07768 108392

THE WHITCHURCH SOCIETY

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Garden Walks Sunday 11 June

The ever-popular Garden Walks will be on Sunday 11 June, and the gardens will be open for visits from 2.00 pm. Matilda and Neil King have kindly agreed to host the tea party once again at the White House from 4.30pm. They have also offered the use of their swimming pool and tennis court on the day, so please bring your costumes and towels if you fancy a dip! Rackets can also be provided. If the weather is wet, Matilda has said that we will be able to go into the house for tea, so please give the event your full support.

The list of gardens on view will be delivered to every home in the village shortly. The Whitchurch Society is very grateful to all those who have agreed to display their gardens on the day.

CJM

**THE WHITCHURCH SOCIETY: THE ART & CRAFT
EXHIBITION
The weekend of 18th/19th November 2006**

Yes, the time has come round again to put the date in your diaries for this year's Exhibition and to start thinking about your entries. If you have never entered before, remember that there is a special prize for 1st time entries! We really value ALL entries so don't be shy and think you can't match the standard of work displayed on previous years – the ethos of the exhibition is that it is a 'whole village' event for the participation and enjoyment of all.

This year's theme for the Joyce Voysey Award is "Myths & Legends" – we chose this topic because it gives huge scope for some really imaginative work. Each entry in this category will be displayed with some explanatory text about the story it depicts. This class is open for all age groups to enter art, craft or photography.

The organizing Sub-Committee of the Society comprises Sarah Dixon, Jill Bradon and me – we are sorry that our 4th member, Chris Martin, has stepped down this year due to heavy commitments with the Theatre Club. I would like to note our thanks to Chris for her hard work over the last 4 years. We would like to recruit a replacement as soon as possible, so if you would like to join us, please ring me so I can explain what it involves. It really is good fun and very rewarding!

Our website (www.wotarts.co.uk or via the Village website) has lots of details about last year's event and the categories, rules of entry etc. for 2006 will be loaded soon.

Sally Woolhouse (Tel 0118 984 4365).

WHITCHURCH VILLAGE FETE

Saturday 9th September 2006

The Village Fete will be held this year on 9th September, at Walliscote Farm, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Aldridge.

Tea Tent: Beer Tent: Bouncy Castle: Kids Corner: Stalls and Games!

If you would like to have a stall at the Fete, please contact Jo Williams on 9842194.



Back to school after a lovely Easter break, when the grass actually did manage to recover just a tiny bit. With a little work, we're hoping the Summer holidays should help in this respect too. The garden is also looking less muddy and much more colourful, with tulips, pansies, daffodils and of course daisies. We're really hoping to develop a vegetable patch too, but this needs a bit more planning and of course, some physical toil ! Any volunteers welcome (Tel: 0118 9844516)

The topic this term is 'All Change' and getting the children involved in growing their own 'crops' is just one of the aspects of this theme we can look at over the next few months.

They're currently looking at water, where it comes from, what it's used for, how it changes things and how water itself can change. We have a wonderful underwater display with all manner of sea creatures crafted by the children.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed the staff's clever use of books to help bring the various subjects alive. The inside of Pre-School has in fact been taken over by an enormous beanstalk and a giant (he looks quite friendly though with some lovely glasses and clothes all made by the children)

Over the next few weeks there will be chance for the children to experience first hand the changes food undergoes with some great cooking ideas. Cooking always proves a hit! Of course the children will be looking at themselves and how they change too, not forgetting the inevitable tadpole/frog and caterpillar/butterfly life cycle!

Thanks to everybody who came along to, and helped with the pirate treasure hunt. It was a great afternoon for the children and parents alike. Thanks too to the tireless efforts of the fundraising team whose work is greatly appreciated. We understand

that the Bridge Club dinner was a success and I know that the quiz night certainly went well and was thoroughly enjoyable.

It won't be long before sports day, family fun day and the annual picnic will be upon us. Let's hope the weather's kind !

As always, if you are thinking of sending your child to Pre-School and would like to visit, please telephone Helen on 0118 9844516. You can also find out more from our web site www.whitchurchpreschool.org

Maria

Whitchurch and Goring Heath Twinning Association

Trip to La Bouille

Over the May Day bank holiday weekend a group of 15 people went over to La Bouille where we received the usual warm hospitality. Soon after arriving we were formally welcomed by the Mayor at a champagne reception. This was followed by dinner with the French families and a chance to catch up with old friends over French cuisine and wines.

On Sunday we were taken on a trip through the Calvados region of Normandy. First stop was at a charming village called Beuvron-en-Auge. After a coffee in one of the cafes, we wandered around admiring the well-preserved buildings and market place, dating back as far as the 17th century. Then on to the chateau de Vendevre. After an interesting guided tour of the chateau, we looked around the many and varied attractions, including a garden with 'water surprises', an exhibition of beautiful, intricate miniature furniture and a display of niches for pampered pouches.

Sunday evening saw us being wined and dined again, in different groups to the previous evening. On Monday we were shown around the recently completed new school buildings, which were very impressive. After lunch, it was time to bid a fond farewell to our French friends and return to Whitchurch with full stomachs and happy memories.

You can read more about our trip and take a look at the photographs by visiting www.whitchurchtwinning.org.uk.

David Robinson
Chairman, Twinning Association

WoTHABS (Whitchurch-on-Thames Habitat Study Group)

TREE-PLANTING

Many thanks to all who helped with the work early in March. The timing was just right and all the trees are flourishing. Janet's apple tree, planted in the adjacent maze field at about the same time, is now blossoming.

COWSLIP WALK AT BOZE DOWN

There was much more to this than cowslips. You could walk in the woods and enjoy the bluebells and other flora, as well as magnificent views. One special attraction was a handsome harris hawk with his handler Clive from 'One to One with Raptors'. The hawk's partner had to stay home minding her eggs. There was also an animal quiz for the children, and tractor rides for old and young. The event raised £220: for WotHABS £100 and for BBOWT £120.

Recycling – beyond the Green Box

A theme of WoThab's stand at this years fete will be recycling. Not just a reminder of the Green box scheme & garden waste, but what can be done beyond the green box. Highlighting who in our area is collecting mobile phones, spectacles aluminium cans etc, things that don't have to go to landfill and collectively have a value to schools / charities.

The idea is to publicise our local collection points. For example postage stamps are welcomed at Help the Aged in Pangbourne, as well as by other charities.

There is a cash benefit, apart from making better use of resources. An obvious financial link is with supermarket voucher schemes for schools. Those with school children can get them to the village school. Failing that, the parish magazine reminds us of collection point at St Mary's. Linda Close 984 4591 also co-ordinates collection of these for the school.

The next issue will have a comprehensive list of items and local contact points. If you have any suggestions we'd be pleased to hear about them.

Please contact **John Southey (9841802) jsouthey@btopenworld.com, Alison Michael (9845214) bob.michael@virgin.net, or me, gill_goodwin@yahoo.co.uk.
Tel: 9842924**

THE WHITCHURCH DOCUMENTARY

NOT YET A WRAP BUT DEFINITE PROGRESS

The famous and controversial film director Ken Russell is reputed to have said that shooting a film is like making a jigsaw from scratch. First you make all the pieces then you fit them together to create a completed picture.

Having already shot between seven and eight hours of tape for the Whitchurch documentary I see what he means. This footage represents about 40% of the material I need for the completed film which should be about 45 minutes long. But in order to complete this project I need help either from residents or friends to provide the following:

- 1) Male in non speaking role to play Saint Birinus walking through the surrounding woods in Seventh Century monk's clothes.
- 2) Males with beards to play King Cynegils and Ealdorman Wigod dressed in clothes from the Dark Ages. Both are non speaking roles and ages can range from 20 to 50 plus.
- 3) Bearded male to play non speaking role of Sir Thomas Walshe the King's wine taster. This is a particularly onerous part since it mainly involves Walshe being filmed tasting wine from a goblet.
- 4) Male with moustache to play *Wind in The Willows* author Kenneth Grahame walking along the river and over the Toll bridge. Dress would be Edwardian age mid to late forties.
- 5) Someone, preferably female to do the commentary for the final film.
- 6) Some kind person to read my script and point out any factual howlers.

Since this is a documentary about our village it would be very good if those involved were residents. Because this is a non-commercial venture I am afraid the only payment I can offer is glory.

What form will this documentary take?

Called "Mr Toad's Village" it will comprise two parts. The first half will trace the history of the village from its beginnings thousands of years ago to the present day. The use of actors in the above roles are designed to give this section life and prevent it from being a dry presentation of facts. To this end I have also filmed re-enactments of Viking and English Civil War skirmishes.

What is the purpose of this film?

Anyone who has seen Dan Cruikshank's fascinating series called the "Lost World of Friese-Green" would know how valuable film and video footage can be in documenting social history. It is my hope that in a modest way this documentary will provide future generations a record of life in Whitchurch in the 21st Century.

I also believe that many people would like a copy on dvd or vhs tape to keep or give as a gift to friends and family. All proceeds will go to The Helen House Children's Hospice in Oxford.

I very much hope to have the film completed by the Spring of 2007.

Anyone who would like to help either by stepping forward to play one of the roles or provide costumes or other logistics please contact me.

Nick Brazil, The Garden Flat, The Mount, Hardwick Road, Whitchurch-on-Thames. Tel: 01189841602 or e-mail: nicholasbrazil@btinternet.com

DON'T FORGET

WHITCHURCH HILL FETE

SATURDAY

27TH MAY

2.PM

Marching Jazz Band Juggler

Ferret Racing

Punch and Judy

Children's Races and Games

Raffle

Barbeque

Beer and Tea Tents

Bottle Stall

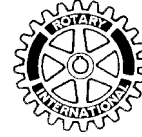
Plant & Stalls Galore

At

Whitchurch Hill Recreation Ground



Rotary Club of Reading
presents



An Evening of OPERA & SONG

featuring
Kishani Jayasinghe *Soprano* Kate McCarney *Mezzo-Soprano*
- - Daniel Meades *Tenor* James Bobby *Baritone*
accompanied by Rosalind Jones

in support of
Reading Single Homeless Project
& local Rotary Charities

**Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel
Pangbourne College**

Friday 26th May

7.30pm

**Tickets £15.00
Including Interval Refreshment**

available from
Premier Pets
8 Reading Road Pangbourne RG8 7LY
Tel: 0118 984 2111

Box Office
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Thames Vale Singers Summer Concert

The Choir's next venture is a delightful programme of summer songs to be performed at Denefield School, Long Lane, Purley on Sunday evening, 9th July. It is a joint concert with the EMC Big Band, who will accompany the Choir for a couple of numbers, as well as perform on their own.

The Concert will include such pieces as *Ain't misbehavin'*, *Summer holiday*, *Chattanooga Choo Choo* and many other favourites.

For more information please phone 0118 9624651.



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Four Seasons Festival Weekends - 2006

The Garden's festivals are a mix of performances, demonstrations, family activities, wildlife and stalls celebrating the diversity and beauty of the Garden throughout the year.

Founded in 1621, the Botanic Garden has seen many seasons come and go! The Four Seasons Festival Weekends will celebrate the passing of the year and the exciting, ever-changing cycle of the Garden and natural world.

The festivals will be an opportunity for our adults, children and the young at heart to find out what is happening in the world of plants and wildlife in their gardens and in the countryside at different times of the year.

Local branches of wildlife groups will be on hand to help you search for and identify all manner of insects, animals and plants. Storytellers and musicians will entertain you with traditional tales and songs that reflect the passing of the seasons. Family friendly sessions will keep everyone busy with a selection of fun, creative activities. Specially commissioned promenade theatre performances will lead you through the Garden as the tales unfold. All activities take place in the beautiful setting of the historic Walled Garden.

The activities are complimented by a mini farmer's market with traders selling local produce, plants and crafts, all with a seasonal theme.

Summer Festival Weekend **Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 July**
Summer is ablaze with bold, flashy flowers and insect's industrious activity.

Autumn Festival Weekend **Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 October**
Autumn, a time to remember fine blooms, look forward to colourful scatterings of golden leaves and to help wildlife to find safe homes for the winter.

Winter Festival Weekend

Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 December

Winter's thrill is the sight of stunning berries and a rare glimpse of a migratory visitor from far away lands.

For further information about any of these events or for images please contact:

Emma Williams, Education Officer, emma.williams@obg.ox.ac.uk

University of Oxford Botanic Garden

Rose Lane

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Telephone **01865 286690**

www.botanic-garden.ox.ac.uk

Opening times:

March, April, September and October, 9.00am until 5.00pm

Last admission 4.15pm

May to August, 9.00am until 6.00pm

Last admission 5.15pm

No dogs are allowed in the garden except guide dogs

Entry:

Adults £2.70, Over 60s £2.00, Children in full time education free, but must be accompanied by an adult.

WOODCOTE LIBRARY

The merry month of May has two Monday Bank Holidays, so we will be closed on 1st May and 29th May and date stamps will be adjusted to take account of this.

From 4th May we will have the work of Pam Hobbes' art class on display for three weeks and shall also celebrate 'National Share a Story Week', which begins on 1st May, by keeping a special shelf of books especially recommended by readers.

For those seeking information on-line, Oxfordshire now has free access to Oxford University Press sites - the Dictionary of National Biography, Reference Online, English Dictionary Online, Grove Music Online, and Grove Art Online. These are all invaluable sources, and available not only from our free Peoples' Network computers but also from your home computer. You do need to have an Oxfordshire

libraries membership number - so please come in and ask if you'd like to take advantage of this new service.

In this virtual world life can be very difficult without the ability to use the internet or correspond by e-mail. We are therefore offering another taster session on Friday 9th June between 10am and 12 noon when help will be on hand, whether you want to send and receive messages to family members travelling abroad, research holiday prices or look for information on hobbies. It is not difficult - just takes a little time and thought- and is a good investment for the future. We rarely fail to get people involved - so take up the challenge and ring 01491 682323 or come in to book a time. It is of course free. New timetables for the mobile libraries start on 5th June. For Checkendon, the stop will be on Tuesdays 10.25-10.40 at Emmens Close starting on June 6th. For Whitchurch Hill the stop is on Tuesdays at the Post Box 2.45-3pm starting on June 12th. For Whitchurch the stop is at Manor Road on the same day 3.03-3.45. From then on the stops are every other week. There will be no service in the week beginning May 29th, so feel free to call in here to return books and to borrow them too. Your library ticket is valid at all libraries in Oxfordshire. The art exhibition of work by Pam Hobbes' Drawing and Painting class continues until June 8th it is a colourful and varied body of work and we'll be sorry when it goes. The new Feast on Fiction collection is going well and our DVD and video promotion for June will be "Best of British" - 3 for 2 on British films. In this virtual world life can be very difficult without the ability to use the internet or correspond by e-mail. We are therefore offering another taster session on Friday 9th June between 10am and 12 noon when help will be on hand, whether you want to send and receive messages to family members travelling abroad, research holiday prices or look for information on hobbies. It is not difficult - just takes a little time and thought- and is a good investment for the future. We rarely fail to get people involved - so take up the challenge and ring 01491 682323 or come in to book a time. It is of course free. New timetables for the mobile libraries start on 5th June. For Checkendon, the stop will be on Tuesdays 10.25-10.40 at Emmens Close starting on June 6th. For Whitchurch Hill the stop is on Tuesdays at the Post Box 2.45-3pm starting on June 12th. For Whitchurch the stop is at Manor Road on the same day 3.03-3.45. From then on the stops are every other week. There will be no service in the week beginning May 29th, so feel free to call in here to return books and to borrow them too. Your library ticket is valid at all libraries in Oxfordshire. The art exhibition of work by Pam Hobbes' Drawing and Painting class continues until June 8th it is a colourful and varied body of work and we'll be sorry when it goes. The new Feast on Fiction collection is going well and our DVD and video promotion for June will be "Best of British" - 3 for 2 on British films.

WADS bring Cole Porter to Woodcote

An Evening with Cole Porter will be a glorious excuse (if one were needed) to enjoy the work of one of the greatest songwriters of the twentieth century. With a storyline written by WADS member, Pam Moren Brown, join us if you can, at a soiree given by Lady Henrietta in her London home during the 1930's. Awaiting the arrival of the great Cole Porter himself, her guests lose no opportunity in singing plenty of his best-loved songs. Lovers of his music and those who haven't yet had the good fortune to hear it are in for a terrific evening.

So do join us at Woodcote Village Hall 7.45pm on 15th, 16th or 17th June. The ticket office is now open on 01491 680556.

Many thanks!
Matthew

Matthew Heath
Managing Partner
OpenDoor Group

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Parish Press Briefing – Spring 2006

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Do you know a group of young people that have an idea but no money to make it a reality?

Are you aged 13 to 19 and want to do something fun with your mates in your village but have no idea where you can get the money?

You can get an application form from www.spired.com or just phone the youth service on 01865 815166 and ask for the Youth Opportunities Fund application form.

Hurry as the first deadline is 31st May and the second is 30th August

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Do you have a youth project or youth club in your village that could use some one-off match funding for either revenue or capital costs?

The New County Council "Chill Out" fund has been set up to help with your own match funding of youth provision in your village.

For more information contact Monica Hanaway on 01865 810511 or download an application form from www.spired.com

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Heritage lottery fund uses money from the National Lottery to give grants for a wide range of projects involving your local heritage.

Heritage includes many different things and places that we have inherited from previous generations among these are the countryside, parks and gardens; objects and sites that are links to our history; records such as local history archives, photographic collections or oral history; historic buildings; and museums and gallery collections.

For more information phone 020 7591 6000 or visit www.hlf.org.uk

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www.oxfordshireservicesdirectory.org.uk is an online directory of services for children young people and families in Oxfordshire. The new, easy to use, directory provides up to date details of organisations and their services. Information can be found on parenting and family support, counselling, schools, health centres, local advice and voluntary sector organisations, help lines and much more.

For more information or help using the directory contact Oxfordshire Children's Information Service on 08452 262636

enquiries@oxoncis.org.uk

WHITCHURCH HILL CAMERA CLUB

Our meetings in June commence on the 7th when we have our Annual General Meeting followed, one day later, by our monthly Digital Group meeting.

On the 14th June, we have our first Digital Projection Competition which will be judged by Colin Harrison from the Oxford Camera Club.

The following week features an evening of the very best photography from our successful Club members who share "The Winners Enclosure." All the best prints and slides from all of our Competitions this season will be shown again providing an opportunity to learn a little of how and why the shots were taken.

The last meeting of the current season will take place on Wednesday, 28th June when members of our Digital Group will be showing a series of sequences using laptop and digital projector. The evening will close with a Presentation Ceremony

when the club trophies will be handed to the winners of this season's competitions by our Chairman, Alan Copeland.

Our Programme for next season has already been prepared and our first meeting will take place on September 13th.

We meet every Wednesday evening from mid-September to the end of June at the Village Hall, Whitchurch-on-Thames starting at 8pm.

If you enjoy taking photographs or just like looking at pictures, come along and see us.

Further information and a copy of our full Programme for next season is now available on our website: www.whitchurchhillcameraclub.co.uk or from Alan Copeland on (01491) 681471. Copies will also be available at Pangbourne Library.

FRIENDS OF THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY
BOTANIC GARDEN

Plant Sale and Teas

Sunday 4th June 2006

2.30 – 5.00 pm

**Harcourt Arboretum, Nuneham Courtenay
Oxfordshire**

**Enjoy a wide range of plants for sale, lovely teas, bookstall,
plant advice from experts,
and explore the beautiful Arboretum too**

Free parking

All welcome

In aid of the Palmers Leys appeal

NSPCC Fourteenth Annual Bridge Tournament

Due to the generosity and enthusiasm of all those who took part, or indeed simply donated money, we were able this year to send the magnificent sum of £507 to the NSPCC. Thank you all very much indeed, with special apologies to those men who are annually referred to as 'hostesses'!

NEW FEATURE

Contributions welcome for this column if anyone knows of a date that would be of interest to the village.

DIARY DATES

MAY

26th Rotary club evening of Opera and Song
27th Whitchurch Hill Fete

JUNE

9th Whitchurch Cricket Club V Lashings X1
11th Whitchurch Garden Walks
15,16,17 WADS Cole Porter evening

JULY

3rd Parish Council Meeting

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Please send your contributions **preferably by e-mail to**
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