

# WHITCHURCH-ON-THAMES BULLETIN

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SEPTEMBER 2006

## Meeting of the Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of September at 8pm in the Village Hall.

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

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

### Parish Clerk

Parish Clerk Email address: [clerk@whitchurchonthames.com](mailto:clerk@whitchurchonthames.com)

## Playground

We are very disappointed that the Playground has had to be closed throughout the summer holidays and apologise to all the children in the village and their parents for this.

The reason for this is that when the contractors arrived to install the Apple Tree slide, which should have only taken two or three days, they found a large hole in the ground under the slide. The SODC (South Oxfordshire District Council) have been most helpful filling this in for us but there have been inevitable delays getting this done. We are grateful to Pearl Slatter for expediting this as much as she was able and encouraging SODC to pay for this work. We are now waiting for the Contractors to return to put up the new slide. This should be completed in the next 3 weeks.

We are also waiting to hear from SODC whether or not we have a grant to replace the old slide as well this autumn.

## Traffic Calming

We have been receiving complaints from cyclists, pedestrians and car drivers about the speed that people drive through the Village. We are hoping that the SIDS machine will be back in the Village in the near future and will continue to raise this important issue with the County Council.

## Local Policing

During the summer residents near the river had problems with young people jumping into the river from the Toll bridge and climbing into the gardens adjacent to

the river and onto boats. The Pangbourne Police have applied for a dispersal order so that the trouble makers could be moved off the meadow.

### **Wasps**

If you are being troubled by wasps and have found a wasps nest you can contact the SODC pest officer and they will arrange to remove the nest at a cost of £39. Private contractors charge similar fees.

### **Maps**

The parish Council have been sent a copy of the Definitive Map of the Public rights of way in Whitchurch and the locality. We are going to have the Map framed and displayed in the Village Hall for everyone to see.

### **Planning**

#### **New Applications**

P06/E0833 – Mallards, High Street – Demolition of conservatory and erection of garden room.

OBJECTION

P06/E0840 – Fawney, High Street – Erection of a two bay oak framed garage.

NO OBJECTION

#### **Decisions**

P06/E0623 – Wychcotes, High Street – Installation of solar water heating collector to provide a renewable non polluting energy source.

GRANTED

P06/E0735 – Toll House, Whitchurch Bridge – To reposition the 2 lifting barriers at the Toll Booth 1 metre away from the end walls of the toll booth and within the existing kerbed and paved island area

GRANTED

P06/E0744 – Lynches Lodge, High Street – Erection of a two storey rear extension.

GRANTED

P06/E0555 – Land to rear 31 Swanston Field – New dwelling to land to the rear of 31 Swanston Field.

GRANTED

P06/E0611/LB – Cobwebs, Hardwick Road – Conservatory extension (single storey) to the rear of the property.

GRANTED

### **Finances**

The following cheques were agreed for payment.

To the Ridgeway Press for the Bulletin, DMH Solutions Ltd (Local Council Risk Assessment System) and the Clerk salary.

## Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of November 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

## New Homes in South Oxfordshire

SODC needs to provide more homes mainly for the growing number of households formed by existing residents, but also to accommodate new residents. We are starting work on a plan to identify where the homes should be built and are looking for sites to build approximately 700 further houses outside Didcot by 2016. We also aim to identify broad locations for housing to 2026. Following the Oxfordshire Structure Plan guidance we are consulting on future sites in and on the edge of Henley, Thame and Wallingford and the larger villages in the district. To help us identify land we have invited people to submit sites they would like to make available. So far we have received 100 sites for development and 30 comments about where development should or should not be sited. You can see details of these and the process for submitting sites on our website from 6 October. Visit [www.southoxon.gov.uk](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk), select planning, then Site Allocations Development Plan Document.

We will be holding a more formal consultation exercise in October and November when we will seek your views on options for the location of new homes and on other issues. This is your opportunity to influence these decisions and let us know your views on the issues and options. We will include information on our website from 6 October and we will be holding a series of exhibitions which will run from 3.00pm – 8.00pm at the following venues:

Berinsfield Church Hall	Monday 9 October
Chalgrove John Hampden Hall	Monday 23 October
Henley Town Hall	Thursday 19 October
Wallingford Town Hall	Friday 20 October
Woodcote Village Hall	Wednesday 25 October

We would like to hear your views by Friday 17 November.

We will publicise the consultation widely; however if you would like to be kept informed individually please register to be on our consultation database.

Please contact us:

By email: [planning.policy@southoxon.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@southoxon.gov.uk)

By post: Planning Policy Team, Benson Lane, Crowmarsh Gifford, Wallingford.  
OX10 8NJ

By telephone: 01491 823725

**Whitchurch Art and Craft Exhibition**  
**The weekend of 18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> November 2006**  
**Whitchurch-on-Thames Village Hall**

This is to remind everyone that the Whitchurch Society's Annual Exhibition is not far off (only about 9 weeks) so it's time to get busy with your entries! We welcome all ranges of work - it is an enjoyable, friendly event, not an elitist showcase! All residents (both past and present) of Whitchurch and Goring Heath Parishes are eligible to enter their work. Children who attend the Whitchurch Pre-School Group, Whitchurch Primary School or The Oratory Preparatory School are also eligible to enter, regardless of their place of residence. Exhibits that are offered for sale are welcome but they will not be eligible for the awards.

To save paper and expense, we do not print an 'advance' entry form and schedule - instead, the details of sending-in times and the classes are given below, and exhibitors will be asked to fill up an entry form when they submit their work.

**Timetable**

**Sending-in** - Thurs 16th Nov 7pm - 8pm at the  
Modern Artist Gallery, High St  
Friday 17th Nov 11am - 2pm at the  
Village Hall

If it is not possible to bring your entry at *either* of these times, please contact Sally Woolhouse (0118 9844365) to arrange a convenient alternative.

**Prize Giving** - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov at 4pm  
**Collection of work** - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 4.30-5pm

**Loss or damage to exhibits**

We take great care of exhibits but the organizers cannot be responsible for loss or damage. If required, insurance cover should be arranged by exhibitors.

## **Commission**

A commission of 20% will be deducted from all sales at the exhibition.

## **Classes and Rules of entry**

### **Joyce Voysey Prize**

- a) This is an open class for all ages and the theme this year is 'Myths & Legends'
- b) The work may be any item of art, craft or photography.
- c) Please clearly mark your work 'M&L' on the back with your name in block capitals, and with the price if offered for sale. No more than one entry per person please.
- d) The entry can be accompanied by a short background description of the myth or legend, on a suitable piece of card, no larger than a single A4.

## **Classes for 18 year olds and under**

### **Art and Craft**

These are divided into 4 age groups. Prizes will be awarded for both Art and Craft in each of these age groups :-

(a) under 7 years (b) 7 - 10 years (c) 11 - 14 years (d) 15 - 18 years

The exhibitor's name and age must be clearly written on the back of the work.

### **Photography class**

- a) This is a single class open to all young people aged 18 or under.
- b) Exhibitors may submit a maximum of 4 photographs which may include one series of photographs.

- c) All individual photographs should be mounted on heavy quality card.
- d) A series of photographs should be mounted on card no larger than A3 (420mm x 295mm).
- e) The exhibitor's name and age must be clearly written on the back of the work.

## **Adult classes (over 18)**

### **Art Work**

- a) Exhibitors may submit up to a maximum of 4 pictures.
- b) All pictures must be framed and fitted with eye screws, or mounted on heavy quality card with a margin around the picture.
- c) Pictures must be labelled on the back with artist's name in block capitals, and with the price if offered for sale.

### **Photography**

- a) Exhibitors may submit a maximum of 4 photographs which may include one series of photographs.
- b) All individual photographs should be framed, or mounted on heavy quality card with a margin around the photograph.
- c) A series of photographs should be mounted on card no larger than A3 (420mm x 295mm).
- d) All entries must be labelled on the back with artist's name in block capitals, and with the price if offered for sale.

### **Craft Work**

- a) There is no limit to the number of exhibits submitted, although the organizers' discretion may be exercised.

b) All work should be labelled on the back with name in block capitals, and with the price if offered for sale.

### **First Time Entrants**

There is an award for the best art work, photography or craft work produced by a first time entrant. If you have never entered before, and you are over 18, you are eligible for this award.

*For further details, please ring Sally Woolhouse on 0118 9844365 or look at our website on [www.wotarts.co.uk](http://www.wotarts.co.uk)*

## Calling all **STUDENTS!!**

**The start of the new academic year is here and perhaps some of you are about to embark on new courses of study, so the Secretary of Whitchurch United Charities wants to remind all families that the Charity has immediate funds available to help with the cost of books and equipment or other educational expenses.**

Eligible students are young people between the ages of 5 and 25 years and whose permanent residence is within the parish of Whitchurch.

For more details, please contact:-

The Grant Application Secretary  
Whitchurch United Charities  
Mrs Jill Bradon  
'Rylands'  
Hardwick Rd  
Whitchurch-on-Thames  
Reading RG8 7HW

All applications and decisions are treated in strict confidence by the Trustees.

## **WHITCHURCH HILL CAMERA CLUB**

Our new season got off to a good start recently with a record number of visitors and existing members coming along to our Opening Night.

Our programme continues in October with the annual Selection Evening on the 4th. One week later, we welcome back Jim Gaines who will be presenting a light-hearted offbeat evening titled “Inspirations - Part Two.”

The following week (October 18th) features the first round of our ongoing Slide Competition when we have invited Keith Adams LRPS BPE3\* from the Ealing Camera Club to comment on our work and score each image out of 20 points.

Our last full meeting on the 25th features a digital lecture when Len Deeley ARPS shows “How to Make Audio Visuals.” This is followed, one night later, by the monthly meeting of the Digital group.

Highlights of our November meetings include a study of the “Volcanoes, Glaciers and Geysers” of Iceland with Tony Bates and a superb Natural History show from Mike Wilkes FRPS who looks at the wildlife of “North and South Tanzania.”

Our meetings are held every Wednesday evening at The Village Hall, Whitchurch-on-Thames commencing at 8pm. Pick up a copy of our full 24 page Programme free of charge from the Pangbourne or Woodcote Library and come along to our next meeting.

Further information is available from Alan Copeland on (01491) 681471 or by visiting our website at: [www.whitchurchhillcameraclub.co.uk](http://www.whitchurchhillcameraclub.co.uk).

## **The Second World War Experience Centre**

Would you like your memories of the war to be included in The Second World War Experience Centre's archive? The Centre is looking for stories from all walks of life, including servicemen and women, but also from civilians, children, factory workers, or anyone who has memories from that time.

The recording is made in an informal setting and then sent to the Centre for transcribing and inclusion in the archive, which is accessible by authors working on Second World War books, by TV researchers, by Post-Graduate and Undergraduate researchers, and is also used by veterans groups and historical societies. If they wish, interviewees can receive a copy of the tape to share with members of their family.

The Centre is a registered museum and charity, and exists to document the lives of men and women who lived through the 1939-1945 years. More than 7000 people have their younger years covered in the Centre by original documents, memorabilia and recorded memories. It's website can be found at <http://www.war-experience.org>.

If you are interested in being recorded, or would like further information, please contact  
Matthew Smaldon,  
4 St Edmunds Lane,  
Abingdon OX14 5BU  
Tel: 01235 526734 (please leave a message if there is no answer) or email:  
[matthew.smaldon@googlemail.com](mailto:matthew.smaldon@googlemail.com)

No I don't want any double glazing.....

If you are fed up with unsolicited telephone calls, which always seem to come at the least convenient time, or the junk mail which pours through the letter box, there are agencies which can abate the flow.

The Telephone/Fax/Mail Preference Service accepts your instructions over the phone. If you ring 0845 07 007 07, you can register by a simple process and confirmation of this, together with an information pack will be sent to you. Or you can email [www.tpsonline.org.uk](http://www.tpsonline.org.uk) For faxes go to [www.fpsonline.org.uk](http://www.fpsonline.org.uk) or ring 0845 07 007 02.

Junk mail can be dealt with by writing to the Mailing Preference Service.at

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WE 0ZT

To stop unaddressed junk mail delivered by the Royal Mail you can register at

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Wheatstone House,  
Faraday Rd,  
Swindon.  
SN3 5JW

You can email the Royal Mail at [optout@royalmail.com](mailto:optout@royalmail.com) or telephone 08457 950 950 for the appropriate form.

Call 0845 703 4599 for an automated line which will allow you to record your name and address so that a registration pack can be sent. Ring 0207 291 336 for an operator. Returning the duly completed registration form will ensure that less junk mail comes through your letter box. Of course, that does mean that you miss out on all those 'guaranteed prizes' that everyone is offered but that is a small price to pay!

Neither of these services will produce immediate results but you will notice the difference over the following weeks. After about a month if you do get a call, pointing out to the caller that you are registered with the TPS will cause them to hang up (sometimes). Do not forget, though, that some firms will take no notice of your wish to be deleted from their lists. With these you have to take other action....

Instead of hanging up on an unsolicited call, just leave the phone off the hook for an hour or so. That ties up one of their lines for a while and costs them money! It is, of course, a nuisance if you are expecting a call but terribly effective if you do it just before you leave for a fortnight's holiday! Writing 'gone away' on a junk mail envelope and posting it again sometimes works with the more persistent junk mailers. Most people have their own ways of dealing with such missives as can be seen from the number on view each Thursday in the green recycling boxes. Stopping them at source, however, does reduce the number of trees needed for the paper for all those mailings.

With thanks to the late Peter Minton for original copy

### **Reading and District Natural History Society**

The Society this year celebrates 125 years of existence- and so must be one of the longest-established societies in the area. Its purpose is the same now as in 1881- to encourage the study of natural history anywhere within the 20-mile radius of Reading. It continues to thrive, with a large and active membership, and welcomes new members, young and old, whether experts or beginners. Do come to a meeting, or an excursion to find out more!

During the winter months the Society holds fortnightly meetings on Tuesday evenings in Pangbourne Village Hall. The meetings start at 7.45pm and include an illustrated talk, question session and sociability over coffee.

The winter session starts on October 3<sup>rd</sup> with the presidential address by Prof. Chris Bucke on "Patagonia in December" an account of a recent visit with the Alpine Garden Society. This is followed on October 17<sup>th</sup> by two talks by butterfly

experts, Matthew Oates on “Purple Emperor Mythology” and Graham Hawker on “The Silver Studded Blue”. Talks continue every two weeks until the Christmas Party on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Further details are on the notice board by the front door of Pangbourne Village Hall.

The Society also holds outdoor field trips, mainly in the summer months; for bird watching, bats, butterflies, moths, glow-worms, mosses, plants, fungi etc. Pamber Forest will be visited on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 2.00 p.m. for a fungus foray. To let the leader know you would like to attend ‘phone 01189471772 a few days in advance. On November 2<sup>nd</sup> there is a coach outing to Wakehurst Place, West Sussex for which there is a charge. Further details at the Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Membership of the Society costs only £10.00 per adult or £15.00 for a family and £5.00 if under 18 years of age. There is no charge for attending a field trip, but a small charge of £2.00 for non-members attending indoor meetings.

To find out more please visit the website [www.rdnhs.org.uk](http://www.rdnhs.org.uk) or contact me, Susan Twitchett, Hon Sec., on 01491 671373.

### A Dog's Delight

Clean tap water I eschew  
Or sparkling drafts of morning dew,  
A muddy puddle is what I crave  
Dark and murky as a pauper's grave.  
Forget your foie gras or gentleman's relish  
A fat little mouse is what I cherish  
Or the foetid contents of discarded food  
Dumped on the roadside by louts so crude  
And a steaming pile of garden slurry  
Soft for my snout to dig and worry.  
For I am Bilbo the crossbreed hound!  
Whose iron constitution is so sound  
I render fridges for a living  
That desperate councils keep on giving  
To this furry recycling machine  
Working hard to keep the planet clean!

**Nick Brazil**

**August 2006**

*Do we have any other poets in the village???*

## WOODCOTE LIBRARY

We hope the children enjoyed taking part in the summer reading mission and the storytimes on the same theme. We had a good response so Woodcote Library is now free of diamond thieves and other baddies.

September is Local and Community History Month and the library service will be running a prize competition in Oxfordshire. Ask at the desk for an entry form.

## **WORRIED ABOUT FOOD MILES?**

Why do we buy food that has been flown half way round the world and trucked miles in the UK from central depots to a network of supermarkets? Think of the damage to the earth from burning all that fuel.

Here on our doorstep are many local producers of delicious seasonal food. On Sunday you have the chance to find out more about one of these when our **local orchard** has an Open Day to celebrate the great diversity of English apples.

## **ORCHARD OPEN DAY**

**CROSS LANES FRUIT FARM, MAPLEDURHAM, RG4 7UW**

**SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER 10.00am-5.00pm**

Come to the Open Day on Sunday 8 October and you will be amazed by the variety of apples on display. Sixty different varieties of apples, plums and pears are grown here. Taste the difference – all apples grown for full flavour - contrast the pippins, russets, grieves, blenheims and more. Genuine freshly pressed apple juices of several varieties astound.

Find out about the work that goes into producing these delicious apples by joining one of the guided walks at 11.00am or 12.30pm and 2.00pm or 3.30pm. Visit the displays in the barn on apple varieties, pruning and pests, try out apple peelers, talk to the beekeeper and stock up on delicious home made apple pies, cakes, jams and chutneys. Local wood turned items, plants and more will be on sale.

Apple bobbing, guess the number of apples, quizzes and a host of other apple games will entertain young and old alike. Enter the Lions Conker Challenge.

The Farm Shop, selling Cross Lanes apples and pears, juices and honey, will be open all day and remains open until mid-January - Wednesday to Sunday from 10.00am to 6.00pm.

Entrance and car parking are free.

For further information contact Gill Franklin on 0118 972 3167  
or see [www.crosslanesfruitfarm.co.uk](http://www.crosslanesfruitfarm.co.uk) .

## **Clarifications on garden waste service**

We have been overwhelmed with the take-up of garden waste with over 4,000 in the first few weeks. Here are some clarifications on the type of questions we are getting from residents.

If residents have eco-sacks they can put them next to their wheeled bins which will be taken for composting.

For those who don't have a wheeled bin, then they can put eco-sacks or green bags out with the normal refuse but this does not go for composting.

Once we receive payment for wheeled bins residents receive a letter within 2-3 weeks. They will get their bins within 28 days of payment.

Any queries call Public Amenities on tel:- 01491 823416

### A Walk to 'The Bell' (but you must return!) – (about 5 miles and allow at least two hours)

There are many newcomers to the village and it may be that it is time for me to repeat some of the walks I have described before. In this one I would like to encourage you to visit this lovely old pub in a splendid location. After sampling the delights of our pubs in our local area this visit will stretch your legs and perhaps improve your knowledge of our privileged location and its history.

Your walk to 'The Bell' will be well rewarded on your arrival. You may have some difficulty persuading yourself to leave but leave you must, you will still have over half your journey to complete.

***'The Bell' is not normally open on Mondays (only on Bank Holidays).***

The walk starts just beyond Thurle Grange on the road beyond the Goring and Streatley golf course and before the start of the Ridgeway proper. You can reach the start from Goring station or drive. If you are walking or driving from Goring cross over the Thames to Streatley, turn right at the traffic lights, left at the next junction to Wantage and left again just before the edge of the village down Rectory Road and head towards and past the golf course (follow the Ridgeway signs).

Walk or drive until you see Thurle Grange on your right, the footpath you are going to use starts shortly afterwards on your left. Park where it is both convenient and safe to do so, there are a number of pull-in side sections on the left and a car parking area ½ mile ahead at the end of the metalled section of the road adjacent to Warren Farm.

Walk forward from Thurle Grange and soon you will see a house (Wynders) on your left and a wide track to its left now clearly signed as a footpath (the old sign was half hidden on the left of the track). Turn onto this path and stride ahead with lovely fields and views all around you, the path is obvious as it leads through the vale towards Kiddington Cottage. It bears left in front of the cottage and gradually climbs up alongside a wooded section; keep an eye open for pheasants and hares.

You will pass by the side of a farmyard just before you emerge onto the road at Westridge Green (on the B4009 above the golf course, this is the road which passes up past the side of 'The Bull' in Streatley). Turn right, cross over with care to the wider verge on the other side of the road and then when this verge narrows cross over (again with great care) to the now wider verge on your right. Continue until the main road turns sharply to the left, you go straight ahead towards Bower Farm and follow this minor road past all the cottages.

Shortly afterwards the road surface becomes rougher underfoot and a few hundred yards further on you will see a footpath marked on your left, take it and stride again with renewed purpose across the fields, keep going straight ahead and ignore the side paths to your right and left. The path you are on passes through two gates and sensibly emerges into the village of Aldworth by the side of the cricket field and 'The Bell', with its good beer and substantial hot rolls. When you eventually leave the pub turn right and walk up the quiet road which leads to the Downs.

*However you may like to tour the village, which has an air of being lovingly lived in for many years, and to visit the church and see the effigies and the ancient yew tree (said to be a thousand years old). If so go straight ahead when you leave the pub and down the road past the triangle formed by the old School/Chapel? until you see and enter the rear lychgate entrance to the churchyard. Keep on down the churchyard path, the yew tree is to your left, the church entrance to your right. Do take time and enjoy this old church on its ancient site; you will be surprised at the light in the church and the number of unique effigies – the Aldworth Giants - which date from 1300-1350 and are of members of the De La Beche family. Queen Elizabeth 1, accompanied by the Earl of Leicester, came to see them but, as is obvious by their vandalised state, so did Cromwell's men during the Civil War. There is also a connection with Tennyson (Lord Tennyson of Freshford and Aldworth).*

*When you have completed your tour of both the inside and the outside leave by the nearby front gate and turn right into the lane below, marked as a by-way, towards the farm and continue up this broad track. It eventually swings right and meets a road coming in from your right (the road from the pub). Turn left onto this road – do not be tempted to return to the pub.*

If you take the direct route from the pub you will pass cottages on both sides; ignore the first footpath sign to the right and the next one on your left is the one from the church (see above). Follow the road, the area now has more open views and then you will see a by-way sign pointing to your right, turn right and follow this broad path which leads you to one of the best views in the area. As you stroll along look to the right down Streatley Warren and across to the distant edge of the Chilterns, to other walks in the area of Ipsden and Hailey.

After about ½ mile the path meets the Ridgeway and you turn right and let your feet travel along this ancient track (one of the oldest roads in England) in the footsteps of many others over many generations. The path follows alongside Streatley Warren and gradually drops down towards the river crossing at Goring.

You pass Warren Farm, now developed as residential properties, carry on along this pleasant road until you reach your parked car or your return route to Goring station. You can look across and up to your recent route and content yourself with the fact that you have walked about five miles and I trust that you have sampled and enjoyed some more of the delights of this historic area of English countryside? *Eric Hartley*

## **PANGBOURNE & DISTRICT VOLUNTEER CENTRE**

BRING & BUY, CAKES, RAFFLE ETC.

**THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon**

**@**

**The Dorman Room,  
St Bernadette's Church  
Horseshoe Road, Pangbourne.**

Entrance 50p to include coffee and biscuits  
proceeds to Volunteer Centre Funds

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## **THE SECOND MAZE NATURAL SCULPTURE EVENT**

Following the great success of last year, the annual Natural Sculpture Event will take place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2006 at The Maze. As with last year's event,

the idea is create sculptures out of entirely natural material such as sticks, grass, stones etc. No plastic, glass or other man made materials please! Please bring your own materials if you have them but there will also be supplies at the Maze if this is not possible. Entry is free.

The event will start at 10 in the morning and continue until people have had enough. Refreshments will also be available.

As with last year this is a non-competitive event. The only reward will be the joy and satisfaction of creating your own natural masterpiece. So come along and let your imagination run wild!

Nick Brazil

### **Langtree School, Class of 72/73 Reunion**

Several ex-pupils from Langtree School Woodcote are in the process of arranging a reunion for the class of 72/73. They would be interested to hear from anyone who joined Langtree as a 1<sup>st</sup> year in 1968 and left in their 4<sup>th</sup> year in 1972 or 5<sup>th</sup> year 1973, or from anyone who joined or left that year group between these years. If you know of anyone who may be interested but has moved away please let them know. The date has been arranged for the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2006. Please get in touch with Pete Leverett 01491 641021 or email Julie Turner (nee Spratley) [stevejulie@turners15.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:stevejulie@turners15.fsnet.co.uk) for more information.

## DIARY DATES

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

### SEPTEMBER

9<sup>TH</sup> Village Fete  
30<sup>th</sup> Maze Natural Sculpture Event

### OCTOBER

7<sup>TH</sup> Tidying the Maze area, from 10am  
8<sup>th</sup> Cross Lanes Orchard - Open day

NOVEMBER

18/19<sup>th</sup> Arts and Crafts Exhibition

**THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN** will be published in NOVEMBER 2006.

Please send your contributions **preferably by e-mail to**  
[sarah@pongo.freeseve.co.uk](mailto:sarah@pongo.freeseve.co.uk) **by** 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2006

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