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From the Parish Council

I was delighted that the **Village Day** took place this year as usual and was so successful. My thanks to the organisers this year for their work in arranging the event, and I hope they will be able to continue this in future years.

Can I please remind people that the **car park at the recreation ground** is a private car park for users of the pavilion and recreation ground, cemetery, dog walk path, tennis courts etc. and is not for general purposes. Also, the village green around the village sign is not to be used for parking.

It is now nearly three years since the horrific **flooding** we experienced in August 2014, so I thought I would mention what has been done since, or is due to happen, to prevent or minimise such things in the future.

Firstly, Bar Hill have repaired and improved their attenuation pond that sits on the upper reaches of what becomes Oakington Brook. This will have a significant positive effect on the part of the river flow that arises beyond Bar Hill. Planning continues on similar attenuation ponds nearby Dry Drayton Road, and it is hoped the plans will be finalised and work under way well within 2 years. In the meantime, the Environment Agency has been fairly assiduously looking after the river and its banks, which seem to be in a better state than a few years back. The village's flood mitigation group has been involved in some of this work, particularly in helping arrange for the silt under the Cambridge Road bridge to be removed and is actively pressing for progress on the attenuation ponds.

The Parish Council has been offered a grant to buy a certain amount of kit such as sandbags which could be deployed if any future flooding happens, or is anticipated. We will publish details of this in due course.

As some of you probably know, there was actually a Red **Flood Alert** issued for us on the evening of June 27th, fortunately this time we did not get a flood. There is some feeling the alert might have been a little premature and this is being discussed with the Environment Agency to see whether the accuracy of the alerts can be improved.

Meanwhile, if you do see any problems with drainage systems around the village please report it – road drainage to the County Council Highways Department, or river drainage issues such as large objects in the river, to the Environment Agency.

For any concerns about these or other local matters do please also feel free to contact the Parish Council. Although the Council does not meet in August we are still available to deal with queries or other issues.

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Community Association Update

We would like to thank the **Village Day Committee** and all the many people who gave so much of their time to create such a successful event. We have been bowled over by everyone's support, and are glad to sponsor a four-page insert to this edition of the Journal, so that there is good coverage of the day.



We are delighted that a new **Village Journal Team** is coming together, and look forward to seeing how the team will develop over the coming months. The next meeting of the Village Journal Team will be 7.30pm Friday 1st September at 9 Longstanton Road.

You are invited to help organise and run the **Village Bonfire** on 4 November. We're having an initial meeting at the White Horse Pub 7.30pm on 20 July. Please get in touch if you'd like to help.

We are pleased to have a new Treasurer join the Community Association committee.

Over the next few months, we shall be reviewing the role and operation of the Community Association ready to report in the autumn.

Jo Mills, Temporary Chair C 233 244 bjomills@aol.com Irene Butlin, Temporary Secretary irene@thebutlins.net Bernie Yates, Treasurer

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Mike Oakley, Chairman

Oakington and Westwick WI

meets every 2nd Thursday in the month at 7.30pm in **St Andrew's Church Hall.** Why not give us a try? It's never too late as you can now take out membership at any time in the year and be charged the remaining months only! Come along as a guest to one of our meetings. Alternatively, please contact Helen on 01223 232614 or Pauline on 01223 233443 for details. You can also visit our Facebook page: **Oakington and Westwick Women's Institute.**

So what have you missed out on in recent months?!

A trip to the Art's Theatre to see Anne Reid and James Bolam in **Fracked**, an entertaining comedy of domestic and national proportions, providing an insight into the contentious issue of fracking.

A gastronomic Summer Feast at the Côte Brasserie; 'Does this house believe Britain is no longer Great?'

A guided tour of the Cambridge University Union at which our members were allowed rare access to the Cambridge University Debating Society's final debate of this academic year; 'An unexpected journey', a presentation of memoirs by of living in Africa during the withdrawal of British colonial rule.

Something we hope you *didn't* miss was our homemade cakes and refreshments at the Village Day! Thank you so much for supporting us. We hope you enjoyed a bit of good ol' WI baking. The money we raised will help us pay for some good speakers when we come to planning our 2018 programme. On that note, do you have a topic you might passionately want to share with us or know of someone who would like to come and talk to our WI group? We are particularly interested in speakers who could share a craft activity with us that could fill an hour or so and be a focus during one of our more social evenings. **Please feel free to contact as.**

Forthcoming events over the next few months include:

- 13th July Flower arranging led by our own member, Diana Young
- July/Aug tbc Outing to a Cambridge Shakespeare Festival Play preceded by Picnic in the College Gardens
- o 10th Aug Summer evening. Picnic and Punting in Cambridge. WI raffle tickets instead of raffle.
- 14th Sept Researching family stories from the back of postcards!

Helen C 232 614 or Pauline on C 233 443

Oakington Singers

Our summer term is progressing nicely with an appearance at Oakington & Westwick Village



Day behind us, and the annual Soiree in the Vicarage Garden still to come on Friday 21 July. Our performances at both these events are to raise money in aid of the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity. We have no further engagements in the summer, but will carry on rehearing in preparation for our autumn events, including the Harvest Concert on 22 September. More details on these to follow.

In the meantime, we are always on the look-out for new members, so if you enjoy singing why not join us? We rehearse on Monday evenings from 8.00-9.30 pm in St Andrew's church hall. For further details please contact:

Paul Tann C 235 567

July Nature notes

Cuckoos

Have you heard a cuckoo yet? I heard one in Oakington in June but it is becoming quite unusual. The bird has declined by two thirds since 1980. Why?

Cuckoos are big birds and they like to eat big caterpillars. These are becoming rarer probably because of hedgerow loss and the use of insecticides. It is also likely that loss of habitat in Africa and climate change is also affecting cuckoos. You may not feel too sorry about the loss of this unsociable bird. You will know that the female lays her eggs in the nest of other birds: mainly those of reed warbler, dunnock and meadow pipit. The single cuckoo chick kicks out the other eggs and grows to be much bigger than the host parent. It then leaves the nest and flies to Africa. Why does the female cuckoo get other birds to raise her babies? She can lay up to 20 eggs per season, whereas with conventional breeding she would probably only manage 5 or 6 chicks. This makes it even more surprising that the birds are declining.

Deer

Roe deer have been seen in both Mansell and Centenary Woods. Roe and red deer are our only native species. Roe tend to be solitary and keen to stay in woodland. The nearest red deer to us are in Thetford Forest but they occasionally wander.

You may also see or hear muntjac around Oakington. This deer is dog sized and often barks like a dog, hence the term, barking deer. Muntjac were introduced to Woburn Abbey from Asia in 1900 and estimates of their numbers in the UK range from one third to half a million. A doe can produce a fawn from the age of 18months and from then on every 7-8 months at any time of the year. Small wonder the numbers are big.



Nettles

Stinging nettles may not be your favourite plant but they are the food source of a number of aristocratic butterflies, so it's OK to keep a few in the garden. You may have noticed good butterfly numbers this year, with the warm days and June and July are good months to see caterpillars of small tortoiseshells, red admirals, peacocks and commas in nettlebeds. Tortoiseshells and peacocks live together in a mass of spun silk. They make jerking movements to frighten away birds.

John Terry invites any-one to send him their notes.

John Terry johnterry23@hotmail.co.uk

Transport Action Group

The Transport Action Group (TAG), along with the 2 other groups that were formed out of the Community Plan work, had a display on the village day.



Details of the major changes to the **A14** road system that affects the village were shown on large scale drawings of the Oakington/Dry Drayton junction and the revised Girton Junction. Access to the A14 will be no longer available as we have it today instead joining the A14 going either East or West will happen at the enlarged Bar Hill Junction. Some westbound access will be available from the new local road that is being made from the Dry Drayton side of the bridge heading towards Cambridge. Travel into Cambridge will be either through Girton along the Cambridge Road or down the new local road when it is built.

TAG have also provided detailed input to the **Greenways** project with additional information and recommendations for cycle routes that are in the direction of Huntingdon Road for those needing to access the west side of Cambridge.

Jim Bryant Chair Transport Action Group jim.bryant42@btinternet.com C 237 740

Cambridge Ten Sing





Cambridge Ten Sing is a group for secondary and A-level students who have a passion for singing, dance and drama. It is ran for young people, by young people with DBS checked adults present. It is a fantastic chance to spend time with like minded young people and form great friendships and to boost your confidence.

On July 1st we performed at the Oakington Village Day! We



did three sets and were fortunate to be join by both Kingswood Ten Sing from Bristol and visited by Lukas Ten Sing from Norway. We enjoyed getting involved in the village spirit.

We also performed at the Histon Feast the next day with Kingswood Ten Sing and loved providing entertainment. Ten Sing meets every Thursday in term time at Histon Baptist Church, 7-9pm. If you are interested just turn up or contact:

Terry King: jking47@aol.com

Annie MacDonald

Environment Action Group

Village Day

We really enjoyed talking to people about our progress and gleaning views and ideas. Our displays on street vegetation clearance, flood mitigation and village pond restoration reflected our work over the past twelve months.

We were excited to showcase a poster outlining a vision for a **community garden** in Oakington, a project that is being led and championed by Nykki Rogers and has been adopted within the EAG community group. A community garden has many environmental, social and health benefits as well as providing a place for enhancing the wonderful community spirit that exists in Oakington. The poster set out a vision for the garden, how it would work and offered some ideas of what it may include such as raised beds for growing vegetables, a seated flower garden, a quiet area for relaxing and lots of wildlife friendly spaces. We had some great feedback and interest in where the garden could be located, creative ideas for what it could include and some very kind offers of volunteering to get this project up and running. If you would like to receive a copy of the poster or would

If you would like to receive a copy of the poster or would like to know more about it then please contact Nykki on oakingtoncommunitygarden@gmail.com . We'd love to hear your ideas and feedback.



Historic village pond restoration

The Parish Council's application for funding this work will be sent off shortly. James Youd is co-ordinating this work with Laura, our Parish Clerk. Andrew Dennis, Paul Dover and John Terry helped Dr. Charles Turner, a local botanist, secure samples of aquatic seeds from the silt. This proved no easy task, leaving us with more than a sinking feeling. We hope the analysis will add to our knowledge of the pond's history.



Red Flood Alert

The Environment Agency (EA) communicated with people on their flood alert list on the night of Tuesday 27th June. This proved to be unnecessary, given one and a half inches of rainfall within a few hours on dry soil. The Flood Mitigation Group is in touch with

the EA, to encourage a review of their threshold data, and how they communicate such events. We must have an arrangement that people trust.

John Terry C 977 476 johnterry23@hotmail.co.uk or jamesyoud51@icloud.com

James Youd C 233 639

District Councillors' Report

I had waited nineteen years to be able to say the words "Welcome to Northstowe" to the first residents, at an opening ceremony on 11 May. The sample of two was admittedly too small to be statistically significant, but several things stood out: (1) they were both EU citizens; (2) one was a software engineer and the other worked in pharmaceuticals – you couldn't have made up two more perfect archetypes of the kind of young researchers driving the Cambridge economy, for whom we desperately need to provide housing that they can afford; (3) both were employed at science parks around Cambridge – to which. they said, they are perfectly connected because they take the A14 in the counter-tidal direction each morning and evening; (4) best of all, when I asked why they had chosen to come to Northstowe, one said "It's simple. The mortgage I am paying on my own home here is the same as the rent I was paying for someone else's house in Cambridge." That's the whole idea.

The **City Deal** took advantage of double purdah for the general and local elections to take stock of lessons learned during the first two years in operation. The renamed Greater Cambridge Partnership has refreshed its vision and ambitions:

vision: Working together to grow and share prosperity and improve quality of life, now and in the future.

transport: Creating better and greener transport networks, connecting people to homes, jobs, study and opportunity. **housing:** Accelerating housing delivery and homes for all. **skills:** Inspiring and developing our future workforce, so that businesses can grow.

smart: Inventing and developing smart technology, to support transport, housing and skills.

Since the middle of June **Google Transit** has been using real-time data from the City Deal funded intelligent City Platform. Almost all buses into Cambridge carry GPS. Local techies have devised algorithms that analyse the location and speed data, comparing where each bus is and how fast it's moving with known trends. The data engine then predicts when the bus will arrive at each stop.

Cayden Meyer, Google Transit Product Manager, said, "We want to help our users get around the real world, and having real-time data helps passengers avoid waiting for buses that are never coming, or missing an early bus, making their journeys easier and more dependable."

Recent **terrorist attacks** have brought to light some chilling advice from Public Health England: Management of potential bloodborne virus exposure following severe serial penetrating injury attack is similar to that for survivors of bomb blast injuries. The transmission pathway differs, however, in being a chain rather than a starburst. Estimates of population prevalence are hepatitis B <1%, hepatitis C <0.5%, and untreated HIV about 0.04%. The generally quoted risks of transmission per incident following sharp injuries in clinical settings, which may be the closest natural model, are about 1:3 for hepatitis B, 1:30 for hepatitis C and 1:300 for HIV.

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The Future of the Oakington & Westwick Journal

The journal you have in your hands is a much-valued part of our community - keeping everyone in touch and up to date. **Delivered free to every household**, it is funded through advertising and a generous donation from the Parish Council.

Under the **umbrella of the Community Association**, for the past few years it has been put together and edited by Geoffrey Butlin who is planning to hand over to someone else at the end of 2017. Advertising was previously managed by David Chapman, but is now managed by Nykki Rogers. Distribution is currently managed by the Community Association.

People have come forward to manage money and advertising, and to collect and bundle the copies for distribution by the brilliant delivery team (although a few more are needed). An editorial committee has been formed to support production and oversee the content, and there have been offers to proofread. We could do with a few more helpers for these tasks - perhaps you could spare half an hour every two months to put the journal through doors in your road, or are eagle-eyed enough to spot typos and mistakes?

The next meeting of the Village Journal Team will be 7.30pm Friday 1st September at 9 Longstanton Road.

But the main job of laying out all the contributions together on the computer is still unfilled. In order to continue, the village Journal urgently requires a **Layout/Designer**.

COULD THIS BE YOU?

Needed – Layout/Designer!

This is a great opportunity to contribute to the community, and develop and use your IT/design skills as well!

We are looking for someone who could give 6 - 12 hours every two months.

The role involves laying out the articles and notices sent in by community members, using Microsoft Word (Pulishing Layout) or MS Publisher or another Desktop Publishing program, fitting them into the available pages, producing an electronic copy which is then passed on to proofreaders and the printers. You would be working with the editorial committee who will deal with content policy and help source material, probably by meeting every two months.

Previous experience with appropriate software is necessary. Creative design welcome. A full handover would be given by the outgoing editor.

Your ideas for developing the format and style of the Journal would be welcome - this is your chance to improve the magazine!

To find out more about this role, please get in touch with Jo Mills, bjomills@aol.com, or Geoffrey, editor@oakington.org.uk.

PS Please get in touch with ideas or if you would like to be involved with the journal in any way!

Village Journal Team contact: Jo Mills, bjomills@aol.com or C 233 244

Tuesday Talk and Tea

June & July meetings were social events we enjoyed - its good to chat and indulge in tasty vintage

We are pleased to announce new members joined us this year but we would like some more to keep this worthwhile monthly afternoon event open to all. So come and join us on SEPTEMBER 12TH AT 2.45 PM AT at Oakington School Hall.

A very short AGM is followed by a Flower Demonstration by Rachel of SimplyScentCottenham. Whatever you do this summer - have fun!

Joan Pettit (Chairperson)

Oakington Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

ADVANCE NOTICE - AUTUMN JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 14th October 12 - 2pm Pavilion or school hall (to be confirmed).



We can find new homes for your unwanted clothes, toys, books or bric-a-brac! (NOT furniture or electrical goods.) So if you are having a sort-out over summer, please keep your jumble for the sale.

And come along in October and grab a bargain!

Jenny Prince

Oakington (at Histon) Country Dance Club

Jane and I look forward to seeing you at Histon Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Histon. CB24 9JD at 8.00 p.m. on the following Fridays in the Autumn Term:

- 15th September 13th October 10th November
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- 8th December, 2017.

We have live music and a guest caller each month. Partners are not necessary as we all dance with each other. Soft shoes or trainers are recommended footwear.

Adults: £1.50 Accompanied Children: 50p.

Wishing you a good Summer and we'll see you on the 15th September.

Kathryn Coles

OPEN INVITATION - Crossways

The new owners of Crossways House, at the crossroads, would like to provide a new community space. Ash Smith, the new owner, will be working on these ideas with his girlfriend Py.

They will be opening the doors for everyone on:

- Thursday 20 July from 3.00pm 9.00pm
- Saturday 22 July from 12.00 pm 6.00pm.

Do come along to enjoy tea, coffee and cakes, and look round. Ash and Py would like to hear your ideas about how the space could be used, and your help to choose colours, layouts, activities and even some of the furniture that you would like to see in the space. Please come along even if it's just to say hello. Please note, there are no proposals to change the arrangements for the hairdresser.

For more information, please contact: Ash Smith 07521 396 926

Jo Mills

Oakington & Westwick **Short Mat Bowls Club**

The Club completed its in-house competitions in May and the prizes were awarded at the Club's AGM. The winner of the singles competition was Dennis Grove and the pairs competition winners were John Pryor and Paul Lloyd.

This year's competitions will start again in the autumn and will include a lady's knock-out competition.





Why not come along on a Thursday to our afternoon or evening session and give bowls a try.

We meet at the Oakington and Westwick Sports Pavilion at 2.00 pm or 7.30 pm. Your first session is free and bowls will be available for you - we just ask that you wear smooth soled shoes.

For further information please contact:

Dawn Stokes C 236427

O&W Table Tennis Club

We are a small, friendly club, of mixed ability. We play throughout the year and meet every Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm at the Oakington and Westwick Sports Pavilion and would welcome new players. We have four tables and spare bats – all you need is a pair of trainers. Please note that an adult must accompany junior players. If you would like any further information, please contact Gillian L'angellier on 01223 234758.

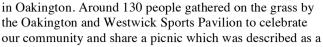
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Oakington and Westwick Neighbours

Saturday 17 June 2017 saw the very first "Big Lunch"





"veritable feast".

Everyone who came brought something to share, from sausage rolls and salad, to homemade Key Lime Pie. People who were new to the village mixed with residents who have been



here for many years. There were bumps and babies, children, teenagers and adults - even visitors from New Zealand!



The day was crowned with glorious sunshine, although the heat proved too much for some who took shelter in the Pavilion. Music group Oaktet provided the backing track to a fabulous day of food and friendship. The event was organised by Oakington and Westwick Neighbours (OWN) and linked together the Eden Project-inspired "Big Lunch" and the Jo Cox Foundation's "Great Get-together" which encourages people in their communities to come together with their neighbours. A brilliant start to a new initiative – here's to next time!

www.owneighbours.wordpress.com

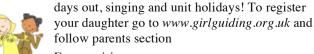
Jo Bryant

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Is your daughter nearly 7 and interested in



joining Brownies? We meet Wednesday evenings and enjoy adventure, crafts, games, outings, cooking and adventurous



For enquiries contact:

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FA Charter Standard Football Club Oakington Vikings FC

Congratulations to our under 12's who reached the final of the Willingham tournament last month. We narrowly missed out on winning the cup by a single goal. Well done.



Congratulations to Toby's under 6's as they entered the Willingham tournament, their first football match, a great experience for them all. And congratulations to Aidan Griffiths who scored their first ever goal.



A successful player of the year end of season party last month, lots of trophies and medals and a fun time had by

Viking Under 9's are looking for players for the 2017/2018 season. Children in years 3 and 4 from next September. For further details please contact Josh Gott or Marcus 07866 635 241

And finally don't forget if you want to play adult football in the village we have registered our first Saturday team in Cambridgeshire county league division 5. We have a mixture of age and ability, everyone is welcome. Contact below if you're interested in playing.

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