

Oakington & Westwick Journal

September 2017





Oakington and Westwick website and email list www.oakingtonandwestwick-pc.org.uk

From the Parish Council

I expect most of you have seen that the **A14 upgrade work** is well under way, and has caused a number of road closures and other restrictions in our area, including Dry Drayton Road. There will probably be a number of overnight A14 closures in the next few weeks while various temporary bridges are placed over the A14. Construction traffic is also due to start crossing Dry Drayton Road regularly now, controlled by traffic lights on the section near to the A14. If these lights seem to cause undue delays please complain to Highways England, or let the Parish Council know of the problem so we can take this matter up with them.

I was disappointed to find that we have had various bits of **vandalism** in the village recently. Fruit that we were hoping to make available to villagers has been stripped from the trees in the community orchard on a number of occasions, and thrown into the MUGA, making that unusable until cleaned up. Graffiti has appeared on some of the bus shelters and has to be removed. If anyone has any information about who may have done any of these things please let the Parish Council know (in confidence).

The **Cambridgeshire Police** have advised us of a number of online crime reporting facilities:

- If you discover a crime has been committed you can now report it online at
<https://www.contactcambspolice.uk/Report/Crime/>
- If you see a road traffic driving offence you can report it online at:
<https://www.contactcambspolice.uk/Report/ACDriving.aspx>
- If you want to report anti-social or illegal parking you can report this at:
<http://tinyurl.com/SouthCambs-Parking>

In all these cases if the crime is active or the situation dangerous, call 999, or if not you can also call 101 and report directly to a human ☺

Finally, the **November Journal will be the last** with the current editor. If you are interested in taking over this role, either yourself or perhaps sharing with others, please contact the current editor at editor@oakington.org.uk or Jo Mills, acting Chairman of the Community Association bjomills@aol.com to find out details. The Journal is a very important asset for the village and it would be a great pity if it cannot continue.
[editor: new editor sorted ☺]

For any concerns about these or other local matters do please also feel free to contact the Parish Council.

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Mike Oakley, Chairman



Community Association Update

This year, the **Village Bonfire** will be organised by the Community Association with the local Parent School Association (PSA). This is a new arrangement, and we hope it will work well. Jo Mowatt has kindly agreed to chair the Village Bonfire Team. We are grateful for support from the Parish Council, and the work they have offered to undertake to the recreation ground. This includes creating a new bund to safeguard the fire and work to nearby trees. Now we just have to hope for fine weather.



Bernie Yates has become our **Treasurer** and reports that we now have £2,913.18 in the Community Association account. There will be two bills to pay for the printing of the September and November journals and the Community Association is contributing towards the cost of the fireworks for the Village Bonfire. We will share the cost and the income from the Bonfire with the PSA.

Bernie has produced final accounts for the **Village Day**, and it generated an eventual surplus of £1,837.22. This is a great start to creating the reserves that will give the Village Day a secure future, and far in excess of the budgeted surplus of £600.

We are about to review and update the **Community Association constitution**, ready to present to a full meeting of the Community Association in November.

Please get in touch if you would like to know more about any of our activities, or would like to be involved.

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Bernie Yates, Treasurer

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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**.

Our meetings in August were of a social nature. At Robinson College Gardens, we enjoyed a bring and share picnic before seeing an outdoor production of 'The Merry Wives of Windsor' which was part of this year's Cambridge Shakespeare Festival. The play was very entertaining and the food excellent, a fact the photo seems unfortunately to belie! A week later, on 10th August, members enjoyed a Punting and Pizza evening in Cambridge. After a chauffeured punting tour, pizza was served for all at **La Margherita**.

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? Although we are never short of speakers, we are always on the lookout for people, especially from the local community, to come and talk to us. 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 us if you can help in this respect.

- **14 Sep** Researching family stories from the back of postcards!
- **12 Oct** Craft evening in which members will create a sculpture out of (coloured) Chicken Wire! For all abilities, especially complete beginners!
- **9 Nov** Miranda Pender. Late flowering lyricist in the style of Richard Digance
- **Saturday Workshop, date tbc:** 'Create a Plate' workshop at Amanda McPhail's studio in Cottenham at which members will design and produce a decorated bone china dinner plate. Another perfect activity for complete beginners!

Helen C 232 614 or Pauline on C 233 443

Oakington (at Histon) Country Dance Club

Our dates for the Autumn Term are:

- Friday, 15th September
- Friday, 13th October
- Friday, 10th November
- Friday, 12th December, 2017 – Christmas Party.

We meet in Histon Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Histon. CB24 9JD from 8.00-10.00 p.m. We usually have live music and a guest caller each month. All the dances are called and walked through, so beginners and experienced dancers are all welcome. You don't need a partner as everyone dances with each other. Soft shoes or trainers are the recommended footwear. If you like Barn Dances and/or Ceilidhs then this is the Club for you.

Adults: £1.50 Accompanied Children: 50p.

Jane and I look forward to seeing you.

Kathryn Coles



September Nature notes

Harvest is nearly over and the season of mists and fruitfulness will soon be upon us, bringing us tree **leaf colours** changing from green to red and gold. Deciduous trees shed leaves as a strategy to survive harsh weather because leaves are susceptible to damage from the cold and losing leaves enables trees to conserve energy and water. The leaf loss is triggered by hormones which cause the leaves to be cut off (abscission) but only after the tree

reabsorbs valuable nutrients from the leaves to store them in the roots. Chlorophyll is one of the first to move, leaving red and purple (beetroot pigment) or orange and gold (carrot pigment) colours depending on the tree species. Trees without leaves are also less prone to being uprooted by winter winds (remember the big blow in October 15th, 1987

when the leaves were still on?) and lack of leaves may help the spread of tree pollen in spring.

Many birds prepare for migration. Where do they go? It used to be believed that swallows hibernated in the mud of ponds. Thanks to radar, we now have a better idea of the scale of bird migration and we realise that many summer migrants fly from here to Africa. At the same time, many geese and swans arrive to winter in the UK, after flying from Greenland, Iceland and Russia. If you want to see thousands of these incomers feeding under flood lights, you'll probably enjoy a visit to the Wetlands Centre at Welney, (from 3.30pm, 21st Oct to 11th March) some 25 miles north of Oakington.



What about butterflies? Many migrate north to our shores in spring and summer (red admiral and painted ladies, for instance) but do not return. All UK butterflies hibernate in winter: some as adults (peacock and red admiral), but others as eggs, caterpillars or chrysalises: mostly in sheds, farm buildings, hollows in trees, hedges and stone walls. They are cold blooded and must stay cold and dry. By staying dormant, they use little energy, but many do not survive. If you are interested in learning more about butterflies, Mike Gittos from Butterfly Conservation is speaking at Tea and Talk, in the new year.

*John Terry, who encourages others to add their notes.
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Transport Action Group



The TAG has considered a number of issues including public transport and illegal use of the **Longstanton/Airfield Road**. We have been in contact with the County Highways department concerning data they have collected on the number of vehicles using the Airfield Road. The TAG has raised, with the Parish Council, the perception by many people that the traffic through the village is increasing particularly from along the Longstanton/Airfield Road (you may have seen a petition in relation to this) and from the direction of the A14. This traffic is increasing in volume, speed and size. Initial thoughts were that this originated in the A14 upgrade works but it is now thought that this traffic, particularly, large lorries are coming from the Northstowe construction site with car traffic using the Longstanton/Airfield Road to avoid the A14. A number of villagers have reported that family pets have been injured or killed and that there have been near misses when pedestrians are trying to cross the road. Others are concerned that the apparent increase in weight of vehicles is causing vibration damage to properties and the road infrastructure. In order to progress the concerns expressed we have been asked to collect details such as time and date, vehicle type, Company and vehicle registration. The TAG are asking for support from the rest of the villagers to record any instance over the next few months. Please send any information to the email address below so that it can be collated and passed on to the relevant authorities.

*Jim Bryant Chair Transport Action Group
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Bus Hub at Westwick

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If you have views,
please contact:

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Oakington and Westwick Neighbours (OWN)



The last issue of the journal included a report on the successful Big Lunch launch, and OWN is again busy with the Lakeside Jazz and tea event with local musicians Black Coffee (not to mention the addition of Oakington's own wind quartet Oaktet). This is becoming an annual event where neighbours can get together, enjoy delicious cake, listen to fabulous live music and explore Oakington's only private lake at 9 Longstanton Road.

And there are more dates coming up, so grab your diary:

- 7 October 2017: Oakington and Westwick Neighbours' AGM at 2.30 pm in St. Andrew's church hall. New members on the committee would be most welcome;

Environment Action Group



Clearing paths of unwanted vegetation has continued during the summer months. With rainfall in June and July 150% of average, there has been no let-up in growth of grass and other vegetation. Teams led by James Youd, have worked to make pathways easier and safer to navigate, especially for people with buggies and mobility scooters. This would not have been possible without the County Council insurance cover, under their Community Highway's Volunteering Scheme.

The area between Mead View and the village shop is now being mown by Phil Chapman who lives next door to the plot. Decisions about weed control and/or further seeding will be made shortly.

James has also led the work aimed at a successful grant application for the restoration of the historic **village pond**. We are enormously grateful for the work of Amy Duthie, a professional fundraiser, who lives in the village, and has volunteered to professionalise our funding application. We still have a few difficulties to resolve before the application is ready for the Parish Council to submit an application for a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. If these challenges can be overcome we hope to start work on the restoration this winter when wildlife is not active in the pond.

We are exploring a plan to promote the village's areas of interest to visitors such as the historic pond, the Martyrs' Graves and the Anglo-Saxon archaeology at the recreation ground. We have invited the History Society to work with us in developing this plan, which would require **interpretation boards /sign posts** at the pond and the recreation ground in addition to those already at the Martyrs' Graves.

Nykki Rogers had lots of support at the Village Day for her vision of a **community garden** in the village. We continue to talk with a range of people to try and locate suitable land for this project. Further ideas would be welcome.

Following the (unnecessary) Flood Alert on the 27th June, **the Flood Mitigation Group** met staff from the Environment Agency, to review their threshold data, to make flood alerts more trustworthy. At the same meeting, we discussed ways of speeding up modelling work ahead of the planning of flood mitigation ponds upstream of the village.

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- 24 February 2018: February Fun event at Oakington Pavilion. A highly entertaining Beetle Drive took place this year but we're open to suggestions;
- 13 April 2018: Field Theatre Group is bringing their production "Holding Hands" to Oakington Pavilion at 7.30pm. The play highlights the challenges facing families when a parent develops dementia. The powerful drama is based on a true story, and also includes some comic moments.

As well as these events, the volunteering work goes on quietly and unobtrusively week by week in the village, making a difference to a number of local residents. New volunteers are joining OWN, and we are also getting referrals from social services and other professional bodies. Even if you are not able to directly volunteer, by supporting these events you can help us raise funds and continue to build community.

Jo Bryant

District Councillors' Report

After showers, the sunshine - which makes these lines from "The Tempest" feel more familiar:

*You sunburnt sicklemen of August weary,
Come hither from the furrow and be merry.
Make holiday. Your rye-straw hats put on,
And these fresh nymphs encounter every one
In country footing.*

Studies are progressing into the A10 (necessitated by a new town at Waterbeach) and **linking the M11 to the A47**. All broadly parallel corridors play a part in north-south movement, including the B1049 through Cottenham and the B1050 through Willingham. The other side of the A14, doubling the density of Cambridge Science Park and potential housing development around Cambridge North station complicate the situation. It's the Milton interchange throttle that's the problem, not the A10 as such.

Greater Cambridge Partnership is exploring **Rural Travel Hubs**. Oakington is keen to have some sort of proper parking at its Busway stop, but principally to obviate antisocial parking in the vicinity. Others have to tread carefully in seeking to persuade the village to accept something serving a wider catchment.

The 184 sets of **traffic lights in Cambridge**, half the total in Cambridgeshire, are going to be overhauled. 52 sets are more than ten years old. Traffic lights get installed for particular junctions, and their green/red cycles may not be best linked to neighbouring junctions.

The Department for Education has published eligibility criteria for parents of 3- and 4-year olds for 30 hours' **childcare** from 1st September. The government has information at <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> The County Council has a Family Information Directory http://www5.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/site/custom_scripts/fid/fid_results.aspx?t=1&view=List

The County and District Councils are trying out **HOOP (Housing Options for Older People)**. Those over 65 who want to take part can fill in a questionnaire, online or on paper, about their home and how it suits them. The answers help us put people in touch with practical support and advice - enabling people to make informed choices about their housing and wellbeing. We want all people to live independently in their own homes as long as possible. You can find out more here: <https://hoop.eac.org.uk/>

The British Medical Journal 20th April reported cycling to work associated with **41% lower risk of dying** overall compared to commuting by car or public transport. This could also explain the prevalence of middle-aged men in Lycra, or "Mamils"!

A new webpage <https://www.scams.gov.uk/what-goes-which-bin> may help next time you're wondering how to dispose of something difficult to classify, especially composite materials like crisp packets (into the black bin). Black plastic food trays are not yet recyclable either, because the machinery can't see them against black conveyor belts.

Tim Wotherspoon

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OAKINGTON GARDEN SOCIETY

What a strange summer this has been, hot one minute and autumnal next. Excellent weather for salad crops which have been in abundance. We start this year's season of talks with a familiar speaker, Peter Jackson, whom many of you will remember from previous years. Our year includes our annual plant and produce sale next May - look out for information in the new year.

Membership has remained at £15.

This entitles you to a 10% discount at the Oakington Garden Centre. (PLEASE NOTE THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE OLIVE TREE CAFÉ).

We meet on the last Wednesday each month at St Andrews' Church Hall, meetings start at 7.30 until around 9.30. Our members are all keen gardeners and are willing to give help and advice to those new to gardening - we are not experts just well versed with years of slugs, bugs and inclement weather.

- **Wednesday 27th September 2017:** Peter Jackson: Spring bulbs and flowers. Peter will give his welcome advice on the growing of the heralds of spring - that glorious splash of much welcome colour.
- **Wednesday 25th October 2017:** Andrew Sankey: History of the Harvest Festival. Andrew will explore the significance and tradition of the Harvest Festival.

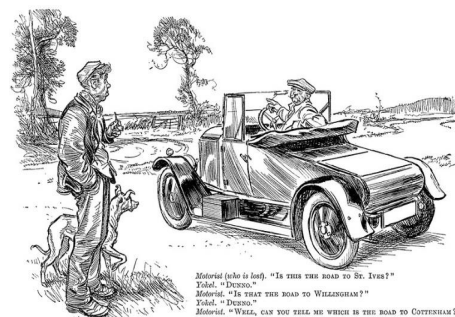
I look forward to seeing you all on the 27th September.

Julie Grove



Guest Speaker - 21st September 2017

Rodney Tibbs



"Someone had to do it!"

Motoring correspondent for the CEN

For over fifty years Rodney Tibbs was the motoring correspondent for the Cambridge Evening News. It meant supplying a new road test each week and travelling to many parts of the world in order to test cars away from the public gaze.

St Andrews Church Hall, Oakington.
Meeting starts at 7:30pm (until approx 9:15pm)
Free to members, a charge of £5 for non-members

www.oakingtonhistory.co.uk

Cambridge Ten Sing is a youth performing arts group for years 7-13 who love to sing, dance, act or provide technical support. It is a great opportunity to meet other young people and enjoy yourself with other like minded people.

Recently we performed at the wedding of a mum of one of our members. We performed a particular request as well as a small set of our own and we were honoured to be a part of their special day.

Coming up in October we have our annual National Ten Sing festival which this year will be held in Bristol. We are very excited to learn new songs and to perform what we have learnt at the end of the weekend.

Cambridge Ten Sing meets every Thursday during term time at Histon Baptist Church, 7pm-9pm. You are welcome to just turn up or for more information contact our administrator: Terry King: jking47@aol.com

Annie MacDonald (vice chair, young people's committee)

Oakington Beavers, Cubs and Scouts



**Saturday
14th
October**

12 - 2pm at the Pavilion

Oakington Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

*** Men's, Ladies' and Children's Clothing ***

*** Toys * Books * Bric-a-Brac ***

Come along and grab a bargain!

Please bring jumble to the pavilion between 9am and 11:30 am on the morning of the sale. (Please NO furniture or electrical goods.) A great opportunity for a sort-out!

Jenny Prince

Oakington Singers

Having taken a well-earned break from performing in August, we are now looking forward to an action-packed autumn/winter term. Upcoming engagements include:

- o Friday 22 September – Harvest Concert, St Andrew's Church (7.30pm)
- o Saturday 9 December – Carol singing in the Grand Arcade in Cambridge to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Research (2-4pm)
- o Sunday 17 December – Christmas Carol Service, St Andrew's Church (4pm)
- o Monday 18 December – A joint Christmas Concert with the Oaktet in St Andrew's Church (7pm), raising money for the Ruth & Poppy Nicholas Music Fund which facilitates musical events at Oakington School.

We will also be singing at the Sunday evening services in church for All Saints (29 October) and Advent (3 December).

If you enjoy singing, why not join us? We rehearse every Monday evening from 8.00-9.30 pm in St Andrew's church hall, Oakington.

In the meantime, we are always on the look-out for new members, so if you enjoy singing why not join us?

For further details please contact :

Paul Tann C 235 567

Oakington & Westwick Short Mat Bowls Club

Join us as our guest and give short mat bowls a try at either our Thursday afternoon or evening session. We have spare sets of bowls for you to use – all you need is a pair of smooth-soled shoes. We play at the Oakington and Westwick Sports Pavilion and the afternoon session starts at 2.00 pm and the evening session at 7.30 pm. For further details please contact:

Dawn Stokes

Tuesday Talk and Tea



October 10th We accompany Mr Sam Cliff to view a film on the History of the Regal Cinema, Cambridge with additional clips at 2.45 pm at Oakington School Hall. Then enjoy our English tea in congenial company.

14th November We will be filling childrens Christmas boxes for the Samaritans Purse charity. So come and join us at 2.45 pm at Oakington School Hall and enjoy our well deserved English tea. Remember - "It's good to chat!"

Joan Pettit (Chairperson)

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.

Dawn Stokes

Crossways

at the crossroads flung open its doors on the 20th and the 22nd July The aim was to find out what the village wanted from a corner coffee house. Over 180 people turned out to share their ideas, thoughts and concerns over both days.

Our aim is to use the right hand room to sell enough tea, coffee and cake to cover running costs with any profits going back to the Oakington Community Association. The left hand or activity room will be used during the day for a cafe seating area but will be available for regular group or club bookings in the evening and at weekends. The idea is to create a friendly safe place where young and old can come together to share space and time. Suggested uses ranged from board game nights, kids Saturday morning storytelling sessions, consol game evenings, poetry, book, sewing, philosophy clubs and roleplay events.

We'll be starting the search for an energetic community-minded commercially savvy manager to get the doors open in time for a grand opening weekend of 21/22 October. If you know anyone who wants to change the world we live in for the better please contact Ross Smith direct on 07778 463597. Thanks again to everyone who gave their time and love.

Ross Smith rosssmith59@yahoo.co.uk

One of the planned activities that will regularly take place in Crossways is a Chess Club. Anyone interested in joining the club please contact:

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Oakington & Westwick Community Diary: Mid Sep '17 – Mid Nov '17

ORGANISATION	EVENT	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COST	CONTACT
Monday Café	coffee and chat	Mon	Weekly	9.30am -12.00	St Andrew's Church Hall	£1	Liz Davis C 232 745
O&W	Tennis	Mon	Weekly	6-8pm	Recreation Ground		Frank Pinner francispinner@aol.com
Oakington Singers	rehearsal	Mon	Weekly	8-9.30 pm	St Andrew's Church Hall		Paul Tann C 235 567
O&W	Table Tennis	Tue	Weekly	7.30pm	Pavilion	£2.50 per session	Gillian L'angellier C 234 758
O&W	Cubs	Tue	Weekly	6-7.15 pm	Pavilion	£25 per term	Jo Mowatt, oakingtoncubs@yahoo.co.uk.
Oakington Vikings FC	Football	Wed	Weekly	6.30-7.30	Recreation Ground	free	James Wilson james@selsius.co.uk
O&W	Brownies	Wed	Weekly	evening	Pavilion		Elaine Bailey elainebailey1@live.co.uk
Cambridge Ten Sing	rehearsal	Thu	Weekly	7-9pm	Histon Baptist Church	£45 pa	Administrator: Theresa King jking47@aol.com
O&W	Short Mat Bowls	Thu	Weekly	2pm & 7.30pm	Pavilion	£4.00 per week	Dawn Stokes C 236 427
O&W	Beavers	Fri	Weekly	6-7pm	Pavilion	£30 per term	Jenny Prince jenny@theprinces.me.uk
O&W	Scouts	Fri	Weekly	7.30pm	Pavilion	£25 per term	Jenny Prince jenny@theprinces.me.uk.
O&W PC monthly meeting		Mon	11 Sep	7.30pm	Pavilion function room		Laura Lawrence C 232 398 oakingtonpc@btinternet.com
Tuesday Talk & Tea: A very short AGM is followed by a Flower Demonstration by Rachel of SimplyScentCottenham			Tue	12 Sep	2.45pm	Oakington School Hall	Joan Pettit
O&W WI Researching family stories from the back of postcards!		Thu	14 Sep	7.30pm	St Andrew's Church Hall		Helen Williams C 232 614
Oakington Country Dance Club		Fri	15 Sep	8-10pm	Histon Methodist Church Hall	£1.50	Kathryn Coles C 233 191 4keac15ow@gmail.com
O&W History Society Rodney Tibbs: Someone Had to do it		Thu	21 Sep	7.30pm	St Andrew's Church Hall		Julie Grove C 233 951
Oakington Singers Harvest Concert		Fri	22 Sep	7.30pm	St Andrew's Oakington	donations	Paul Tann C 235 567
OAKINGTON GARDEN SOCIETY Peter Jackson: Spring bulbs and flowers			Wed	27 Sep	7.30pm	St Andrew's Church Hall	Julie Grove C 233 951
O&W Neighbours (OWN) AGM		Sat	7 Oct	2.30pm	St. Andrew's church hall	Jo Bryant jo.bryant42@btinternet.com	
O&W PC monthly meeting		Mon	9 Oct	7.30pm	Pavilion function room	Laura Lawrence C 232 398 oakingtonpc@btinternet.com	
O&W WI Craft evening in which members will create a sculpture out of (coloured) Chicken Wire!				Thu	12 Oct	7.30pm	St Andrew's Church Hall Helen Williams C 232 614
Oakington Country Dance Club		Fri	13 Oct	8-10pm	Histon Methodist Church Hall	£1.50	Kathryn Coles C 233 191 4keac15ow@gmail.com
Oakington Bevers, Cubs and Scouts Autumn jumble sale		Sat	14 Oct	2pm	Pavilion		Jenny Prince jenny@theprinces.me.uk
OAKINGTON GARDEN SOCIETY Andrew Sankey: History of the Harvest Festival			Wed	25 Oct	7.30pm	St Andrew's Church Hall	Julie Grove C 233 951
Bonfire night		Sat	4 Nov	6pm	Recreation ground	Jo Mills <i>bjomills@aol.com</i>	
Oakington Country Dance Club		Fri	10 Nov	8-10pm	Histon Methodist Church Hall	£1.50	Kathryn Coles C 233 191 4keac15ow@gmail.com



What a perfect day!



The second Oakington and Westwick Neighbours Lakeside Jazz and Tea event happened on Saturday afternoon 2 Sept 2017.

80 guests enjoyed the sometimes laid back, sometimes funky jazz of Black Coffee, and the gentler music of wind quartet, Oaktet. The lake and the conversation sparkled in the glorious sunshine, and everyone sampled the gorgeous array of homemade cakes.

One 8 year old looked very happy with her huge slice of chocolate cake, and her T-shirt said it all – “Awesome”.

Big thanks go to the WI who provided many of the cakes; to Geoffrey and Irène Butlin for hosting; to the OWN committee who organised the event, and the team of willing helpers who put up gazebos, balloons, bunting, and posters about OWN and what it does; made the tea and washed up. But most of all, thanks to everyone who came and made the event such a success.

Jo Bryant

