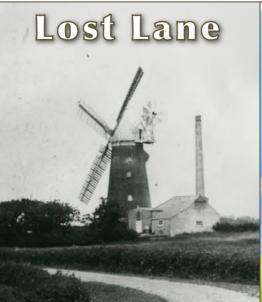
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Living with Trees

There's an arboreal theme to this edition of the Journal. It's the time of year for planting and pruning. New trees have been dug in at the Rec, and training in fruit growing is being offered in the community orchard nearby. Nature Notes celebrates all that trees do for us, and reminds us of their vital role in fighting climate change.

"Oakington" sounds like a place which should have a lot of trees, and indeed the school's logo has long been a tree. But the village name evolved from "Hocca's Farm" – by way of

"Hoggington", which seems to evoke pigs more than greenery! Some of the trees in the area today would have seen the photos on page 23 taken. It's exciting to look at these nuggets from the Oakington & Westwick archives and to hear about our past. But the immediate future is also full

of interest – a climate change event, beetle drive, jumble sale and new community pub night, to name just a fow

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A Milestone for Beavers

At the beginning of this term we invested at cubs the last five boys who were from the first group to join Beavers when we started the new Beaver colony in April 2017.

Jo Mowatt





Christmas Carol Concert

1st Oakington Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Brownies would like to

thank everyone who helped with and attended our annual Carol Csoncert on 7th December. We had a great turnout even though most of the village had been hit by the nasty virus going round. A big thank you to Cottenham Brass band and Lynda Fentiman for the music and compèring. We would also like to thank The White Horse, Raj and Kanwal at the village shop, Cambridge Candle Company, Rosie Kirby, Lashes and Beauty, The Salon, Faroz Takeaway, The Black Bull, Girton Golf

Club, Hall Farm stables, Oakington Dog Care Centre, Sam Nightingale Travel Counsellor and Over Power and all parents and carers for their fabulous donations to our raffle. Happy New Year to you all.

Jo Mowatt



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From our Parish Council chair

I was extremely pleased that over eighty people came to the public meeting in early January to discuss possible changes in governance which could see Oakington and Westwick Parish Council incorporated into a new Northstowe Town Council. The view of speaker after speaker was that they want Oakington and Westwick to remain as it is, with its own Parish Council. Well, we have relayed that message loud and clear to South

Cambs District Council in our response to the governance review. We have also made clear that we insist that any green separation between Northstowe and Oakington and Westwick should come under the control of our Parish Council.

"we want Oakington & Westwick to remain as it is, with its own Parish Council"

By the time the Journal is published, Homes

England's plans for Phase 3a of Northstowe, that is the zone running next to Oakington and Westwick, will have been submitted. You should know that there will be more than three and a half thousand homes built eventually. Included in the plans are the extent of the green separation, the road and footway links to Oakington and the degree of protection from flooding.

Thanks to the intervention of our local District Councillors, Alex Malyon and Sarah Cheung Johnson, **Homes England have agreed to attend a public meeting in the village** to explain their plans to us all. Also attending will be the SCDC principal planner for phase 3a, who is the officer scrutinising Homes England's proposals on our behalf.

"a public meeting for Homes England and SCDC to explain their plans" One of England's great mysteries may also be resolved at this event.....what is going to happen to the old Tomato Farm site, now that Homes England have purchased it?

I have been desperately trying to confirm if we can book the Pavilion one evening in mid February,

but I am still waiting for this confirmation. Please, please look on the PC noticeboards in the village for more news of this event.

The Parish Council have been looking at ways to make the Recreation Ground a place where all villagers would wish to go and enjoy. The first phase of our plans came into effect mid January, with the planting of a range of mature trees. These will certainly improve the attractiveness of the Recreation Ground. More changes to come! Our thanks to the organisational skills of Councillor Geoffrey Butlin and the hard work of the EAG volunteers.

Of course, for all the hard work of some villagers, there are others who are only interested in themselves. One particularly thoughtless villager has been destroying the recreation ground by driving around it on a quad bike.

Parents of young children will be disappointed to see that we have had to rope off some of the swings. This is for safety reasons. We are working to have them made safe as soon as possible by suitably qualified contractors.



Dr Stephen Moore - oakingtonchairman@gmail.com

BIN DAYS

Thu 6 Feb, 20 Feb,

5 Mar, 19 Mar, 2 Apr Black bin

Thu 13 Feb, 12 Mar, 26 Mar Blue & Green bins

Thu 27 Feb Blue bin

There is a **DEFIBRILLATOR** at the pavilion (hanging outside the patio doors).

If you come across someone who has had a cardiac arrest, **call 999** and start CPR, while sending someone to fetch the defibrillator – open box, take out defibrillator, shut box (alarm goes off), open defibrillator and it talks to tell you what to do

From the Councils

From our District Councillors

Community Governance Review

The first phase of consultation for the Community Governance Review (CGR) for Longstanton, Oakington and Northstowe has now closed. We attended many of the drop in events and the community meeting in Oakington, and were really impressed to see the level of engagement; it was very clear that residents had strong views about the future of Oakington parish.

Draft recommendations based on this initial consultation will be published for the Civic Affairs Committee on 3rd March. This will be followed by a further three-month public consultation when you will have another opportunity to express your views. Concerns were raised about the consultation questionnaire not being easy to complete and this will be taken on board in the next round.

As Councillors we seek to represent the views of all the communities we represent and have therefore not expressed our personal views on what the outcome should be in the initial phase. However, if a preferred option has emerged when recommendations are published, we will of course support this.

We are working with the Parish Council, Homes England and SCDC to facilitate a further community meeting to address some of the issues raised during the CGR process around plans for Northstowe such as the issue of green separation.

Encouraging tree planting. To encourage and promote the benefits of planting trees, SCDC is offering every Parish a voucher for £60 to cover the cost of three small trees, in exchange for an undertaking to plant the trees on parish council land.

This initiative is part of the Council's commitments to transition to zero carbon by 2050 and to the doubling of nature across the District.

Potholes. We have seen many complaints about the state of local roads and dangerous potholes. We do pass on reports we receive, but Highways issues are something that are dealt with by Cambridgeshire County Council. You can report potholes online via

highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

We would encourage residents to contact our new MP about this issue and to ask him whether Cambridgeshire is receiving any of the Government's promised extra funds for pothole repair.

Please do get in touch if we can help in any way.

Sarah Cheung Johnson Alex Malyon



From our County Councillor

Clean energy project Longstanton Park & Ride

The County Council are furthering their alternative energy programme at the

Longstanton Park & Ride, where the County Council is investigating the feasibility of a smart energy grid similar to others proposed at similar sites. The project would consist of building carports over the majority of the parking spaces and mounting solar modules on the carports to generate electricity. The electricity would be fed into a battery storage system for distribution out to the site and for sale to local customers. This scheme builds off experience the team has gathered developing similar schemes at other Park & Ride sites.

CCC will also be relocating lighting columns and CCTV cameras to maintain security on the site. Some lighting columns will need to be removed as they cause shading of the panels, with under-canopy lighting installed to compensate. This will also have the benefit of reducing light pollution from the current site. CCC will also take the opportunity to increase the efficiency of the lighting on-site. As part of any full planning application CCC will conduct something called a Glint and Glare study. This assesses the amount, timing and location of solar glare from the panels on local residents, businesses and drivers.

It essentially tracks the position of the sun against the angle of the panels to determine the resulting refraction of light. The study will recommend mitigation measures for any impacts.

Work starts in Alconbury

Cambridgeshire County Council's new Alconbury Weald Administration building is set to open in spring 2021. An event to mark the first spade in the ground on site was held on 16 December, when councillors and contractors celebrated the start of a building which aims to deliver environmental excellence – as well as unlocking in excess of £45m to spend on local services. To lessen the building's environmental impact:

- The car park includes more than 20 spaces with electric car charging points, and below ground infrastructure ready to link up all spaces to electric charging points in the future
- An increased number of photovoltaic (PV) panels on the roof will provide a renewable energy source to improve the energy efficiency of the building
- A business case to install a solar array within the car park is currently being developed by the Council's Energy Investment Unit

And to help support the local economy

- The council is planning a café in the HQ to be run as a social enterprise, helping to increase employment opportunities for people with disabilities
- 95% of the first £6.6 million of orders placed for the project so far have gone to local businesses
- The new building will also massively reduce the council's building maintenance bill – from an annual £1.3m for Shire Hall to less than £250k a year for the new Administration Hub.

Peter Hudson

Action Groups

Transport Action Group

The Oakington & Westwick Transport Action Group (TAG) was formed five years ago to investigate transport-related issues raised in the 2014 village survey. The results of those investigations were passed to the Parish Council with recommendations for appropriate action.

TAG has met on a monthly basis and has reported on the Airfield Road, speeding and cycle paths, among other issues. Throughout, the focus has been on making the villages safer for all residents.

Progress was, for various reasons, painfully slow at times but, with improved support from the Parish Council in the past two years, we are now seeing positive results from our work.

Local Highways Improvement Initiative (LHI)

The new 40mph speed limit on Dry Drayton Road resulted from our LHI application in 2018. We originally asked for an extension of the 30mph limit to the Business Park, not only to protect people living on that stretch but also to make entry to and exit from the Garden Centre safer. This did not meet the criteria of Cambridgeshire County Council, i.e. it does not have buildings on both sides of the road, so we had to settle for 40mph.

Together with the foregoing, there are now double yellow lines on both sides of Water Lane outside the school.

Environment Action Group (EAG)

In December our committee enjoyed a Christmas social together, but other work has been ongoing. Our Flood Mitigation Group (FMG), led by Andrew Dennis with support from Parish Council chairman Stephen Moore, continues to closely monitor the situation regarding the flood attenuation ponds on Oakington Brook promised by the Northstowe developers. We understand they have secured some land but they have not confirmed if this is for the attenuation ponds. The FMG, liaising with our District Councillors, has also been successful in lobbying South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) to agree to clear out the ditches for which they have responsibility, and some work on the ditch by Longstanton Road and between Longstanton Road and Water Lane was carried out towards

the end of last year.

Meanwhile, we are very grateful to the enthusiastic volunteers who took part in our footway sweeping work parties in December to make them safer and tidier, and also thank the WI for their kind gift in relation to this work. We are grateful to our District Councillor Alex Malyon, who, after discussion at the

December Parish Council meeting, instigated SCDC to do extra sweeping of our road gutters.

Stephanie Smith

That will both reduce traffic congestion and harmful emissions that could affect the health of pupils. The double yellow lines mean NO parking at any time.

For the 2019/2020 LHI we, through the PC, applied for a 30mph extension on Cambridge Road to beyond Midfield in order to protect people there. CCC turned this down for the same reason as above. Apparently, outdated criteria come before public safety.

A14. Chaos still seems to rule with frequent closures and confusing signage. On the latter subject, we are assured that full signage will be available after the junctions are renumbered.

Currently, the Dry Drayton junction is open when travelling west on the A14. We understand it will close when the new slip road to Bar Hill opens at the end of February. For all the latest, check Oaky Folk or Cambridgeshire News.

Current and Future TAG issues

These include Traffic/Speed monitoring, HGVs, CamBedRailRoad, Travel Hub, footpath improvements, cycleways, Northstowe Phase 3 access and Greater Cambridge Partnership Local Plan.

If you have comments to make on any of these topics, would like more information or wish to be involved with TAG, please get in touch with the Chair, Jim Bryant, by email: <code>owcp.tag@gmail.com</code> or by phone: 07807184691

Brian Baxter, Member of TAG

More Trees on the Recreation Ground

As we know, estate developers have to pay a kind of community tax, termed 106 money. A tranche of £3,000 was due to expire in February, so the Parish Council decided to buy more trees to enhance the Rec. The PC is constrained to spend 106 money only on the improvement of open spaces.

Most of the work of planting was provided by EAG volunteers, with a contractor, Demeter, providing a hole digger and a strong 'post thumper' man. A team of councillors and EAG members chose the trees and their locations. In addition to these trees, the PC paid for a replacement cherry tree for the one that was dangerous and had to be felled. The trees were bought from Barcham in Stuntney who use a proven, patented root ball system that supports speedy maturity.

Geoffrey Butlin



Community Action Groups & Orchard

Oakington & Westwick Neighbours

First of our new year's activities is the renowned OWN **Beetle Drive** on **Saturday 8th February, 2:30 – 4:30pm** in
Oakington Pavilion. Join us for



an afternoon of family-friendly fun to chase away the winter blues, and if you've never played it before, give it a go. No expertise in any field is required beyond throwing dice and drawing very badly! It's a free community event, but bring some cash as there is a raffle.

By popular request, OWN will be running an **Online Safety Workshop**, hosted by Ian Beardsley and Paul Kershaw: **Saturday 29 February, 10:30 am – 12:00** in the Meeting Room at Oakington Pavilion.

The workshop is intended as an introduction to online activities; enabling surfing the Web, email and online shopping to be more secure and enjoyable. Topics such as emails,



passwords, online shopping and how to keep your computer healthy and happy will be covered. We want to give you the confidence to navigate the online world safely and securely and enjoy the benefits that it provides.

Numbers will have to be limited due to the location, so please contact us (details below) to express an interest.

OWN's focus in 2020 is promoting good mental health and, as part of this, we are investing in a **Mental Health Awareness Training** workshop on **Saturday 21 March** at

Oakington Pavilion. Claire Harris, who is a qualified Mental Health First Aid trainer, will be leading the session which will last from 1.30 – 5.30pm. There are spaces for 20 people and the topics covered include:

- What mental health is and how to challenge stigma
- A basic knowledge of some common mental health issues
- An introduction to looking after your own mental health and maintaining wellbeing
- Confidence to support someone in distress or who may be experiencing a mental health issue

If this is something you are interested in, please contact OWN – see details at the bottom.

This is just one of the projects that funds raised by OWN at the annual Jazz and Tea event is supporting. OWN has made donations to Age UK and Over Daycare Centre, who continue to help vulnerable members of our community.

OWN is also enabling the **monthly minibus service** using the Histon and Impington Community minibus to Bar Hill Tesco for village residents. If you would like to use the service, please contact Teri Seaber on 07711 531004. The trip takes place on the first Friday of the month.

Even though we are offering a monthly trip to Bar Hill, we are still actively encouraging everyone to support the village shop. Don't forget that shopping locally helps to keep the community strong.

Jo Bryant

Contact OWN: phone 07902 111786 (to leave a message) or email OWNeighbours@gmail.com





Learn to Grow Fruit in Our Orchards

Oakington has 2 community orchards which could provide free fruit as well as environmental benefits for all our children. But they need some TLC. We will provide free training in fruit tree management, in return for 2 - 4 hours a month working in the orchards. Plus crop share of course! Interested? Contact Gerry on 0785 7704 636 or Graham on 01223 233208.



Oakington Community Orchard Projects

Cambridge Ten Sing

Ten Sing is an informal YMCA performing arts group for primarily teenagers, with singing, dance and drama. No audition. Cambridge Ten Sing meet Thursdays in term time, 7-9 pm at Histon Baptist Church (HBC).

CAMBRIDGE

During the autumn, in addition to our weekly meetings we had a great Team Building weekend ice-skating, we entertained the passengers at Cambridge North train station and finished with a fun end of term party. We still welcome anybody who would like to try us out, from the school term in which they turn 11.

Our next event is a **Fundraising Dinner on Sat 8 February at 7.30 pm at HBC.** Tickets are £12 per adult, £6 for 12 - year olds and under, and £35 for a family ticket of two adult and two under 12's. Contact Terry as below to book or reserve tickets. The evening has a Greek theme, with food, entertainment, quiz and raffle. The proceeds will be shared with a charity.

On **Sat 28 March, 7.30 pm** we have our showcase **Annual Concert** at HBC. There will be a great mixture of song, dance, drama and other pieces, so please come along and support the young people! Tickets on the door, or can be pre-booked from early March.

Terry King, Ten Sing Administrator Jking47@aol.com 07880 697230

Tuesday Talk & Tea

Loneliness is not a disease, it's a state of mind – so we would love to welcome you to enjoy tea and chat at St. Andrew's Church Hall second Tuesday of every month at 2.45 pm. Yearly subscription £12 with £3 every month towards speaker and tea costs; first visit free.

- **11 Feb** Cottenham Then & Now part 2, with Ralph Carpenter
- 10 Mar Your Kitchen Memorabilia (tools, recipes etc) plus members' favourite baking for us to sample

We were recently entertained by the amazing school choir at our Christmas party, and heard about the work of the charity MAGPAS.

Joan Pettit (chairperson)

Oakington & Westwick Table Tennis Club

We are a small, friendly club, of mixed ability. We play throughout the year, every Tuesday at 7.30pm at the Pavilion. £2.50 per person. We welcome new players. We have four tables and spare bats - all you need is a pair of trainers. Junior players must be accompanied by an adult. For more information contact Gillian L'angellier on 234758.

Mick Dorling

Oakington & Westwick Short Mat Bowls Club



We play throughout the year at the Pavilion, on Thursday evenings 7.30-10 pm, and would welcome new members at any time. You don't need any previous experience – just come along and give it a try as our guest. We have spare sets of bowls for you to use – all you need is a pair of smooth-soled shoes. Come along and join us or contact Dawn on 01223 236427 for further information.

The winners of last year's in-house competitions were presented with their trophies last month. The winners of the Pairs Competition were Mervyn Stokes and Paul Lloyd with Dawn Stokes winning the Singles and Ladies' Knockout competitions.



Dawn Stokes

Oakington Garden Society

We meet on the last Wednesday of the month Sept-April, 7:30 pm at St Andrew's Church Hall. New and regular members always welcome – we are happy to discuss all aspects of gardening. We also arrange outings to local gardens of interest, and hold a plant and home produce sale. Membership (£15) includes 10% discount at Oakington Garden Centre (excluding the Olive Tree Café.)

• **26 Feb** 'Orchids' – Rob Brett.

Rob Brett back by request, here to talk about the propagation of orchids and how to raise them successfully.

• 25 Mar 'Herbaceous Perennials' – Tim Fuller.

Start to plan your Herbaceous borders. March is the time to plant herbaceous perennials for a stunning summer display.

• **29 April** 'Greenhouse Gardening' (to be confirmed) *Julie Grove C* 233951

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2019

Thank you to all those who donated and the businesses who kindly had a collection box and an especially big thank you to all the collectors who gave of their time to



collectors who gave of their time to knock on every door. The Appeal raised a total of **£1,794.30** of which £262.19 was collected at the Remembrance Service.

Lynda Fentiman

Oakington Vikings

Club Contacts - Our Teams and Coaches

- Under 5s Matt 07990 900600
- Under 7s Jamie A 07764967460
- Under 9s Toby 07881496552
- Under 11s Marcus and Josh 07866635241
- Under 15s Ronnie and James 07714099017
- Adult team James and Toby 07834465188

The Oakington Vikings have had a great start to the new year. The under 15s have carried their impressive form over the Christmas period as have the under 11s who have enjoyed making the transition to 9-a-side. The under 9s have progressed to 7-a-side and continue to enjoy this new challenge.

On most Saturday mornings you can find a Viking team at the recreation ground whatever the weather.

Jamie Altimimi (F.A. Licensed coach) recently commented "the Under 7s have been progressing well and have showed great passion and commitment in some truly horrible weather conditions. We are looking forward to some more friendly matches over the course of the next few months."

Under the tutelage of local coach Matt Wray the under 5s continue to build a team for the future. If your child is five years old this school year or under and would be interested in being part of a team come down to the MUGA (10am Saturday mornings) and find out what it is like to be a Viking.

The Vikings play an important role in bringing the Oakington community together. They offer help and encouragement for local young people using football as a focus and provide continued support and development in all aspects of their lives. For more information contact: <code>oakingtonvikings@yahoo.com</code>

James Wilson

Standard



The Under 9s experiencing the tension of a penalty shoot out after their victory over Red Lodge

Oakington & Westwick WI

We meet the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Church Hall. Visitors and new members are always welcome to join us.



Helen Williams C 232614

Oakington & Westwick History Society

Meets on the third Thursday of the month, September to April, at St Andrew's Church Hall at 7.30pm. Our membership is £15 single, £25 family, visitors £4.



Julie Grove

Country Dancing

Meets in Histon Methodist Church, High Street, Histon, CB24 9JD, one Friday a month, 8–10 pm. Adults £1.50, accompanied children: 50p.



Jane and I look forward to seeing you on Fridays 14th February and 13th March for more evenings of fun, friendship and dancing. We have a different caller each month and live music. All ages and abilities are catered for so, whether you are a beginner, have two left feet or are an experienced dancer, you will be most welcome. Soft shoes or trainers are the recommended footwear. We all dance with each other so you don't need to bring a partner with you. See you there.

Kathryn Coles

1st Oakington Brownies



Brownies introduces girls to a world of new opportunities, challenges and fun.

They get together with their friends at regular meetings where they learn new hobbies, get creative, explore other cultures and have outdoor adventures, camps and attend Girl Guiding events.

If your daughter is between 7 and 10 and interested in joining Brownies, or if you would be interested in volunteering with Brownies, please contact us at oakingtonbrownies@gmail.com. To register your daughter for Brownies, go to www.girlguiding.org.uk.

Anne Christie

Philosopher's Café

Meets third Thursday of the month, 7:30pm, at Crossways.

Last month's Café was a lively affair, exploring the human emotional need to belong and to be an accepted member of a group. People tend to have an 'inherent' desire and need to belong to and be an important part of something greater than themselves. But we also looked at its dark side - tribalism and its dangers.

At the next Café on 20 February we will explore the roots of that destructive force within us, which is responsible not only for the dangers of tribalism but for all other maladies that afflict us humans! So do come.

Ranko Pinter

School, Pre-School & Neighbourhood Watch



Oakington Primary School

We thank those of you who were able support our Christmas Fayre, raising much needed funds for the school. It was also nice to share our festive

spirit with members of the community at our first 'Carols and Cocoa' event. We are well back into the swing of things now, with Christmas seeming a distant memory!

We are grateful to the council acting on our concerns and providing us with the yellow lines outside our school. As ever safety is our paramount concern and we hope this alleviates the worries and potential dangers caused by parked cars on this busy road.

As always we will be welcoming a number of visitors to our school over the Spring term to enrich the children's learning. Thanks to the Ruth and Poppy Nicholas Music Fund we are able to invite a fantastic percussionist in to give the children a drumming workshop. We will also be having a rather unusual visitor in the form of a giant Tyrannosaurus model as part of our Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 topic!

Please continue to check our website for upcoming school and community events. We look forward to welcoming you through the year. We wish you all a very happy New Year.

Nathan Clark, Headteacher

Neighbourhood Watch

Winter has finally arrived, with dark nights and frosty cold. We will continue to keep an eye out for our neighbours, and report anything unusual to the police, or to our neighbourhood watch email: anything reported is followed up.

There have been worrying reports of young children being followed after school in villages near us or being encouraged to get into the van of a stranger. Let us make sure our children are safe.

Keep warm, be careful on icy pavements, and continue to enjoy good relations with neighbours which is the best way of making sure we are all safe.

> Jillian Wilkinson, Oakington & Westwick Neighbourhood Watch: oakwestNHW@gmail.com



Humpty Dumpty's Wall

With the start of the new year Humpty Dumpty Pre-School is full of life, with the children having returned from their Christmas holidays. We also look forward to welcoming some new



children to the setting soon! Currently there is space for children to join the Pre-School which offers a nurturing and stimulating environment for children from 2.5 years to school age. Humpty Dumpty Pre-School is also a cost-effective option for children who are entitled to funded hours. Please contact us for a prospectus or to have a look around the setting and find out more about what the Pre-School can offer.

As a charity we run fundraising events throughout the year. On **Saturday 29 February** we will be holding the annual Pre-School jumble sale which is a fantastic fund-raiser for us. The jumble sale is an opportunity for Oakington residents to donate unwanted items, in particular clothing, books, toys and good quality bric-a-brac. It is also a great place to come and pick up some bargains! As the big day approaches parents will probably notice the jumble sale storage area cordoned off in the Pre-School. Donations can be dropped off to the Pre-School during opening hours.

Due to the scale of the jumble sale we are also enlisting willing volunteers to support with set-up on Friday 28th, on the day of the jumble sale (Saturday 29th February) and also clear up after the sale on Saturday 29th.

Please contact Laura Peat (manager) or Sophie Symonds (assistant manager) for further information, or if you would like to support with our jumble sale, on **01223 237504.**

Sarah Stokes

Humpty Dumpty Pre-School Jumble Sale

at Oakington Primary School Saturday 29 February 2020 12noon to 2pm

Come and grab a bargain!

Entrance £1 (children free)

Children's & adults clothes, shoes, bed linen, bags, curtains, toys, bric-a-brac, books, household goods.

Jumble donations can be dropped off at Humpty Dumpty
Pre-School, Water Lane, Oakington, between 9am and
3pm or at Oakington Primary School from 8.30am on
Saturday 29th February.

Please no electrical items or furniture

Any enquiries please contact Clare on **07896223888**

All money raised will go towards new equipment for Humpty Dumpty Pre-school

Jean Barnett



If your winter walk has taken you past an Oakington bungalow with steam coming out of the kitchen window, it probably means you could also smell the delicious sausage rolls, jam tarts or meat puddings being cooked and baked lovingly by one of the village's evergreen residents: Jean Barnett.

Jean was born in

Sutton and arrived in Oakington when World War II started. Her mother was a nurse and her father a coalman and lay preacher. Together with their other three children, Phyllis, George and Fred, the Ponds made Oakington their home.

As a child in Sutton, Jean had enjoyed playing hopscotch, skipping, climbing trees and ball games. Her biggest treat was the day she was given a kitten. Her teenage years and early adulthood introduced her to dancing, ice-skating, knitting and even darts in the White Horse!

The war years were eventful times for Oakington, especially as the airfield was in active use day and night. Forces personnel thronged the area and one day a young man appeared in the family kitchen. Patrick had been sent up from London and he soon made Oakington his home and Jean his wife.

Oakington & Westwick Sports Pavilion Monthly Lottery 2019 - Winners



Dry Drayton Road

Orchard Way

Longstanton Road

October

November

December

520

652

Jean has lived in Longstanton Road, the High Street and Water Lane. Many of the post-war years were spent sharing two long gardens with her parents. Jean, Pat and their two children lived in what was then 4 Water Lane, and Mr and Mrs Pond in the bungalow in Queen's Way behind them. All Jean's children needed to do was run down their back garden, go through the garden gate, say a quick Hello to nana and then they were on the recreation ground in a trice.

A spell working at the post office in Cambridge, with lots of cycling to keep her fit, was followed by motherhood and then working in the village shop, which was owned and run by the Davies family at that time. The home delivery service meant that Jean was either packing up orders in cardboard boxes or serving customers, and having a good chat! Ever the active one, Jean went on to work as a dinner lady at the primary school, right up to, and beyond, her retirement age.

Jean remembers with great fondness the vibrant village life. Not only was she a member of the WI, she also had her wedding reception in the wooden WI hut in Water Lane.



Despite rationing, it was a great party. The wedding ceremony earlier that day had been just up the road at St Andrew's church.

Together with her husband, Jean played an active role in the PTA and one of the highlights for the primary school children each year was when Jean and another lady would try and feed each other jelly and custard – both blindfold! – at the school Christmas party.

There have been lots of changes to Oakington in the last 80 years and Jean has been here to witness most of them. When Jean looks out of her kitchen window she thinks of the days when Billy Neale would take his herd of cows from the farm to the meadow and back again. Everything stopped for those cows. The harvest suppers, the British Legion whist drives, the village produce shows and auctions were all part of her village life.

'When I came to Oakington, I thought it was such a lovely, pretty and quiet village,' says Jean, 'and the village has always been at the heart of my life.'

Turning 96 at the beginning of February, Jean remains independent, contented and perfectly capable of looking after herself. Her children, grand children and greatgrandchildren keep an eye on her now and again - or perhaps it's the other way round!

John Barnett

£100

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£150

Celebrating Trees

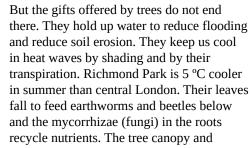
The National Trust has just announced its aim of planting 20

million trees in the next decade so that 17% of its land becomes wooded, up from the current 10%. So, what is this fuss about trees? As a boy I used to think that trees were just part of the scenery, good to climb in and useful to shelter under.

But as I got older, I learnt from others that trees do a great deal more for us. The late David Bellamy was a great supporter,

suggesting that 'Sylva (trees of a region) was more precious than gold.' Even in 1999 he recognised their importance in 'soaking up carbon dioxide.' Of course, that is the driving force for the National Trust project. Trees store the gas as carbon and release oxygen which, of course, is vital for all animal life. And many trees take pollutants out of the air including nitric oxides and particulates, which petrol and

diesel motor vehicles still spew out. London Plane trees were planted in the capital to counter the smog in the 1950's created by burning coal in industry and homes.



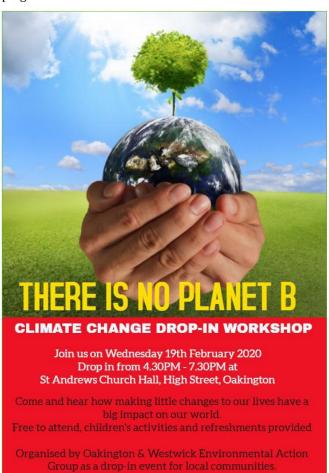
trunks also provide habitat for birds, bats and invertebrates, especially those with flowers and fruit, and at all levels, a wide range of wildlife species thrive given the protection from weather and predators.



John Terry

Who has the vision?

With temperatures exceeding 40 °C and over a hundred wild fires raging, the Australian Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, has finally concluded that there could be a connection between the devastation to 1.1 million acres of woodland and city suburbs, and climate change. Australia, a big user of coal fired power stations, seemed to hold back at the Madrid Climate Conference, alongside China and the US, so progress made was limited.



But, at least 70 countries have agreed to net zero carbon emissions by 2050; 100 cities and 100 private companies have also agreed on the same. Planting of over 100 billion trees is planned. So why do millions of children understand the Climate Emergency but the science is beyond politicians?

The obvious answer is that children understand that their future is in peril and most politicians are too old to have that vision. Additionally, political leaders are too concerned with the short term: most focus on the likely effects of the next four years and how they can influence the next election. Furthermore, climate change is global and most politicians only influence their own nation's welfare.

So, who is visionary enough, with a long-term approach and an understanding of the effects on our planet of big increases of greenhouse gases? We are. We believe the folks of Oakington have a clear-sighted view of the dangers and what we can do about it. That is our view after talking to people at the Environment Action Group (EAG) autumn market stand at the White Horse in November.

So, we have optimism for some active debate about climate change at an Oakington and Westwick EAG drop-in workshop at **St. Andrews Church Hall on Wednesday 19**th **February, from 4.30 to 7.30 pm**. Posters will remind us of the science, and we want to debate what we can do to reduce greenhouse emissions, in terms of energy, transport and food. If we can do something, even by taking modest steps, we can inspire others, perhaps even politicians. We look forward to seeing you. Remember there is no Planet B.

John Terry

Many types of packaging that cannot be put in the blue bin can still be recycled locally. **Crisp packets, toothpaste tubes and old biros** can all be taken to Gin House Flowers in Histon (near the library) Tues—Sat. See *www.terracycle.com/en-GB* for more schemes.

The next local **Repair Café** is in Arbury (15 Feb). See *circularcambridge.org/repaircafe* for more details.

Book Corner

Two authors who were invited to Cambridge last year as part of the Science and Literary Festivals had recently written books that may inspire a renewed belief in and profound sense of optimism about what we can achieve... if we put our minds to it. Our imagination, creativity and ingenuity brought about the industrial revolution; those same skills can get us out of the predicament that caused and move forward to a brighter future.

Mark Stevenson's 'We Do Things

Differently' shows how taking a different approach can have a dramatic effect on established practice; that current methods for pharmaceutical research, energy production and agriculture aren't necessarily as optimal as they are made out to be.

The founder of the Transition Town network Rob Hopkins' new book '*From What Is To What If?*' tells some of the success stories of individuals and communities that have made changes towards a more sustainable future.

"If you're not pessimistic about climate science, then you don't understand it. If you're not optimistic about what we can achieve, you have no heart." (Rob Hopkins)

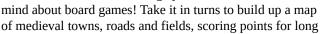
Paul Kershaw



Board Games Chest

Carcassonne

If all you've played has been Monopoly, Cluedo or Trivial Pursuit, then Carcassonne could change your





twisty lanes and sprawling walled cities. Attractive to look at, easy (and short) enough to play with eight-year-olds yet with enough strategy to keep keen gamers interested, this is a brilliant game for 2-5 people. If you get hooked, there are many expansion sets available to add complexity and interest.

Jenny Prince

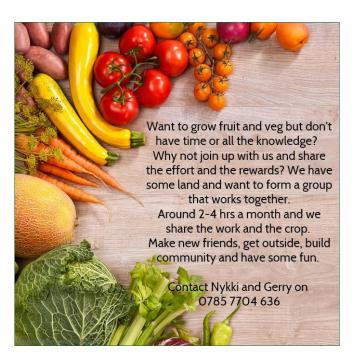
Garden Cuttings

It's that exciting time of year when seeds can finally come out of the packet! Whether it's old favourites or new varieties, its time to get out the pots and compost and start sowing.

Very fine seeds can be a problem to sow successfully, as they often can't be seen very well, and clump together when watered. Watering the pot well and letting it drain first, before opening the seed packet and dusting the fine seeds with a pinch of talcum powder, will help to highlight where they are sown. This will make it easier to sow the seeds more evenly over the damp compost, resulting in stronger seedlings.

'Prick out' the seedlings as soon as they emerge and ensure seedlings are kept in a light and draught free environment for steady growth and success. Happy Growing!

Jan Zelnick



The Ruth & Poppy Nicholas Music Fund

The background to this is that Ruth Harrison, mother of Charlotte Jordan & Lillon Harrison (owners of the village's previous Riding School) left a small legacy to provide 'activities that may inspire and encourage children at Oakington Primary School to take up music'.

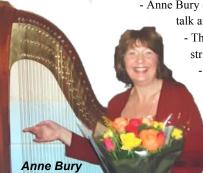
The legacy is in memory of Ruth Harrison's younger sister Poppy, who was a keen pianist. She reached grade 6 aged 10, but never lived to see her 11th birthday. Poppy was inspired to take up music by seeing a teacher at the local primary school playing



the piano. So Ruth Harrison was keen to see opportunities for other youngsters to be inspired to take part in music.

Charlotte and Lillon had few musical connections to activate this fund, so in February 2010 they approached Anne Bury, a private and peripatetic instrumental teacher, for advice. Since then Anne has arranged for the school:

- A Samba band workshop run by Andy Vellacott
- A BBC Young Musician of the Year winner, Lucy Landymore, who gave a talk and demonstration of side drum, marimba, xylophone and glockenspiel
- Local harpist Rohan Platts did a harp workshop
- Anne Bury with 3 other flautists did a flute recital & workshop
- Paul Garner did a brass talk and demo
- Kirsty Body did a singing workshop



 Anne Bury did a general woodwind talk and demo

- The Sensky Trio did a string recital and talk
 - Kirsty Body did a second singing workshop
 - A grade-8 pupil of Anne Bury's and ex-Oakington Primary pupil, Rebecca Tann, gave a flute recital

- An African Drumming Workshop
- Oaktet did a performance based on Peter and The Wolf
- Steve Bingham did a talk and demonstration on violin and electric violin
- Junior Prime Brass did a recital and brass talk
- Kirsty Body returned with a Djembe drum workshop
- (The Headteacher arranged a visit by a guitar teacher)
- 'The String Family'. Felicity Wrenwood and Charlotte Jordan
- Nick & Ellie Wolmark gave a talk and demonstration on wind instruments, particularly brass and flute.

(Ellie, née Reeves, was a pupil at Oakington Primary School.)

- Andy Vellacott returned to do a drumkit demo
- Rohan Platts returned with another harp demonstration
- Daniela McDermott led a drumming workshop
- String Trio a return of The Sensky Trio
- Brass /trumpet demo and Vivaldi session with Chris Parsons



Our local Oaktet woodwind group has supported this fund from its early days by performing concerts in the village with free entry, but asking for donations to this Music Fund. Even so, the fund is now severely depleted and future school events are in jeopardy.

How you can support the Music Fund

Please attend the free local concerts and donate generously to the Fund!

Also, please send donations with your school children when they attend one of the special school events facilitated by the Ruth & Poppy Nicholas Music Fund.

Many thanks.

Anne Bury

£1,700 for Papyrus UK, Suicide Prevention



On 14 December Cottenham United F.C. hosted Oakington Vikings in a **Memorial Game** for Peter Knowles, aka Nobby, who represented both villages. This season sees the first meetings between the sides since Nobby died.

Nobby took his own life in January 2016 at the age of 33. He was a friend of both clubs, "kind, funny, generous,

handsome and overall quite unique", to quote from a fund-raising page set up for him.

We raised £1,700 for Papyrus UK, a charity aimed at stopping young suicide, and we got featured in the Cambridge News as well.

Thanks to all from the Oakington side who played, came out, publicised the event etc. It was a brilliant event – and Oakington won the trophy, too!

Stuart Baker, Cottenham (from Facebook)



From the Village Archives

Oakington and Westwick has a rich history, some of which is contained in The Village Archives.

We are a small team currently working to make the archives more accessible to the local and wider community through for instance our website and the Journal.

The archive consists of photos, newspaper cuttings, journals, artefacts, archaeological finds, magazines, books, research documents and much more. Over the coming months we will publish more of the contents. This month we have selected two photographs.

The one above shows a view from outside the White Horse Pub (where it stands now on the bottom right corner) looking down Longstanton Road towards the airfield. All of



the buildings are still there with exception of the water pump which was one of three that once existed in Oakington and Westwick.

The second photo is the windmill taken from Mill Road as it

was then. Although Mill Road now stops at the entrance to Church View, it was once much longer and it is now only about a quarter of its previous length. This photograph was taken from about half way down at a position which now lies on the airfield. The Mill was demolished by the Army in 1940 as it was in line with one of the three runways being constructed at the time. Its outline can still be seen in Google Earth images today.

As part of developing the archive we will publish more in depth articles about the village water pumps, the windmill and many more subjects.

If you have anything to input, the archive team can be contacted at archives@oakingtonhistory.co.uk www.oakingtonhistory.co.uk

Nick & Sarah Harrison



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Quiz - Spot the Location!

Ruth Nicholas, aged 17 in 1939, sitting on a snowplough. But where? (Answer in next Journal)



Community Association & Pavilion Lottery

Community Association update

It has been a quiet time since the last Journal was circulated.

We arranged a Village Christmas tree for the second year. We are very grateful to Oakington Garden Centre for donating the tree, to Daniel Wright and his team at Brookfield Contracting for collecting and putting up the tree at no charge, and to the White Horse for providing the lights and covering the cost of electricity. On 18 December, people from the village gathered to sing carols accompanied by Pete Davies and others from Cottenham Brass Band. There was a collection for CamTrust, at Pete and Liz Davies' request. It was a lovely evening until the heavens opened - thankfully just as we were finishing.

There have been various suggestions about the Village Day, including: have a break for a year, do something jointly with the school or run a smaller event without putting up the marquee. There may well be other views too. We will have a meeting at Crossways on **Thursday 13 February at 7.30pm** to discuss what to do this year. Please come along if you're interested, or get in touch with your ideas.



We are pleased to support the new idea of a monthly **Community Pub night** – see below for more details.

We are planning another Spring Market, on Saturday 4 April. Please put the date in your diary, and get in touch if you would like a stall.

Before the next edition, we shall have held our AGM and so we will be able to share details of the new committee, financial position and plans for the year ahead.

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Oakington & Westwick Sports Pavilion



2020 Monthly Lottery



Please join the lottery & support The Pavilion.
In 2019, proceeds from the lottery were used to reupholster the meeting room chairs and service the hall floor.

To join Please text JOIN plus your name, house number & postcode to 07831 828898.

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Complete the form below & return to the Pavilion with your payment. Thank you.

The Lottery is run by the Oakington & Westwick Sports Pavilion Management Committee. This has been very popular and successful over the years with all profits from the lottery going towards the future development of facilities at the Pavilion.

The lottery commences at the end of March. The monthly prize is £100 with a prize of £150 for the December draw.

The cost of one annual ticket is £10 for 10 draws (March - December 2020). Tickets must be applied for and paid by 31st March 2020. There is no limit to the number of tickets that you can buy.

We hope that you will take part, you could be lucky and it helps raise funds to develop facilities at the Pavilion which in turn are enjoyed by many local clubs & groups.

Please text the number above or complete the form below and we can either call to collect your payment or you can take it to the post box at the pavilion. Please make cheques payable to Oakington & Westwick Sports Pavilion. On receipt of your payment your ticket will be allocated and delivered to you in due course.

Thank you to all those that have supported the lottery in the past and to all newcomers for 2020. Please call 01223 235187 if you would like us to collect your payment! Thank you.



Promoter: Oakington & Westwick Sports Pavilion Management Committee, Queens Way, Oakington, Cambridge, CB24 3AW Registration Number: SL0120



Number of tickets required @ £10.00 per ticket per year:						
Name:						
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Crossways House

Crossways community hub continues its activities in the new year with regular board games evenings (third Tuesday in the month), jigsaw puzzle afternoons (second Monday); Biography Book Club sessions (second Thursday), Philosopher's Cafés (third Thursday) and Ecoworriers meetings (fourth Thursday).

Additional activities will be announced in Crossways window, the village Notice Boards and Oaky Folk Facebook page. As always, we welcome more volunteers to host activities and to allow the cosy Crossways space to be open as long and as often as possible. If you like to join our team of volunteers, please contact Adrienne on crossways.ca@gmail.com

Adrienne Chaplin, Crossways Team

NEW: Monthly Pub Night

All village residents are invited to join us at the White Horse for a monthly Village Pub Night. The format is informal with no agenda. Everyone is welcome to come and meet fellow villagers, find new friends and catch up with old ones. Pub Nights will be held from 7pm every last Saturday of the month

Traditional pub games will be available. Everyone buys their own drinks.

Join us for a fun, sociable evening on 29 February!

Sean Moroney