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Dec 2021/Jan 2022

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- Mon **Oakington Singers**, 7:30pm. Church Hall. Elaine Bailey – elainebailey1@live.co.uk
- Tue **Happy Feet**, 10–11:15am. Church Hall. For under 5s, term times. Ben Phillips – familyworker@standrewsoakington.co.uk
- Tue **Cubs**, 6–7:15pm. Pavilion
- Tue **Table Tennis**, 7:30–9pm. Pavilion. Gillian L'angellier – C 234 758
- Thu **Little Steps** 10–11:30am. Church Hall. For under 5s, term times. Ben Phillips – familyworker@standrewsoakington.co.uk
- Thu **Ten Sing**, 7–9pm. Histon Baptist Church. Terry King – cambridgebensing@gmail.com
- Fri **Tool Share** open, usually 4:30–6pm. Contact gerard@cambridgereuse.org.uk / 07857 704636
- Fri **Beavers** followed by **Scouts**, 6pm. Pavilion

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- Fri 3 Dec **Minibus to Bar Hill**, 10am. To book ring Teri Seaber – 07711 531004
- Sat 4 Dec **Village Walk & Talk**, 10:30am. Meet by church on High Street. Alice – OWNeighbours@gmail.com
- Thu 9 Dec **O&W WI**, 7:30pm. Church Hall. Oakington Singers. Helen Williams – helenwilliams5@outlook.com
- Sat 11 Dec **Black Coffee Jazz**, 7:30pm. White Horse pub.
- Mon 13 Dec **O&W Parish Council**, 7:30pm. Pavilion. All invited. clerk@oakingtonandwestwick-pc.gov.uk
- Mon 13 Dec **Board Games Evening**, 7:30pm. On Zoom. Jenny Prince – oakingtongames@gmail.com
- Tue 14 Dec **Tuesday Talk & Tea**, 2:45pm. Church Hall. Christmas party. Joan Pettit
- Thu 23 Dec **Mobile Library**, 2:30–2:55 pm. Coles Lane
- Thu 23 Dec **Village Carol Singing**, 5:30pm. By Christmas Tree outside White Horse. Alice – OWNeighbours@gmail.com
- Fri 24 Dec **Christingle service**, 3pm. St. Andrew's Church. All welcome
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- Fri 7 Jan **Minibus to Bar Hill**, 10am (TBC). To book ring Teri Seaber – 07711 531004
- Mon 10 Jan **O&W Parish Council**, 7:30pm. Pavilion. All invited. clerk@oakingtonandwestwick-pc.gov.uk
- Mon 10 Jan **Board Games Evening**, 7:30pm. Venue or Zoom TBA. Jenny Prince – oakingtongames@gmail.com
- Tue 11 Jan **Tuesday Talk & Tea**, 2:45pm. Church Hall. Quiz & games. Joan Pettit
- Thu 13 Jan **O&W WI**, 7:30pm. Church Hall. "Gentle dancing". Helen Williams – C 232 614
- Sat 15 Jan **Creative writing workshop**, afternoon. Zoom. Connect 2. Alice – OWNeighbours@gmail.com
- Tue 25 Jan **Community Association** Annual General meeting, 7:30pm. By Zoom. oakington.westwick.ca@gmail.com
- Fri 28 Jan **Country Dancing**, 8–10pm. **TBC**. Histon Methodist Church Hall. £2/50p. Kathryn Coles – C 233 191
- Thu 27 Jan **Mobile Library**, 2:30–2:55 pm. Coles Lane
- Sat 29 Jan **Sketching** morning, 10am–12 noon. St, Andrew's Church. Connect 2. Alice – OWNeighbours@gmail.com

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The Journal Team are once again looking for someone to support the advertising side of the Journal - communicating with advertisers, maintaining records and issuing invoices. It involves checking and replying to emails on a regular basis, but the work is mostly flexible and readily fits in around other commitments. Estimated time 2-4 hours a month – once you are familiar with the procedures it's smooth sailing! You would need to be a reasonably confident user of email, Word and simple spreadsheets – someone with business or office experience would be ideal. Many thanks to Jan Zelnick for her work in this role over the last few months.

We also require someone to lay out the 8–9 pages of adverts for each Journal issue deadline (once every two months). Estimated time 2 hours. This could be the same person as the one above. There is great satisfaction in communicating with and supporting local enterprises, and of being part of a team producing this village magazine!

For more information please contact oakwestjournal@gmail.com.

Welcome & Community Orchard

It's the final issue of 2021 and we'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who writes for the Journal throughout the year. The Journal exists to help councils, clubs and community groups keep all residents up to date with their activities. But we also try to bring you other articles with a local flavour. It's been brilliant to have these contributions and we'd love to receive more: local history, village characters, people's jobs and hobbies, anything factual which would be interesting for others to read.

As editors we're aware we only know a limited number of

the 2000-odd inhabitants of the villages and it would be great to have the Journal represent a wider section of the community. In particular there's an absence of younger voices! If there are children or young people in your household, please let them know we'd really like to receive their pictures, poems, short stories, thoughts about living in Oakington and Westwick or anything else that's important to them.



Irène Butlin & Jenny Prince, Editors

The Journal is published on behalf of the Oakington & Westwick Community Association, to inform residents about events, activities and issues in the parish. It's delivered free to all residents and is funded by advertising, the Parish Council and the Community Association.

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Jenny Prince & Irène Butlin (*editors*), Ranko Pinter (*chair*), Jenny Broadway (*distribution*), (*advertising – vacant*), Geoffrey Butlin (*adviser*).

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Seasonal Tip from the OCOP Team

Winter Pruning

Apples and Pears should be pruned while they are dormant, to reduce the risk of disease; ideally you prune them as winter ends (end of February/March), just before the new growth starts. You can refer back to last year's Journals for more information, or contact us, using the details below, for one of our leaflets.

Whatever you do, try and avoid the temptation to simply cut off branches at the top of the tree that are getting too long. It is sometimes called helicopter pruning, as it looks as if a helicopter has landed alongside and the blades have whipped all the top branches off. You may think this is the way to deal with a tree that is too tall, but all that happens is that the tree puts out a lot of shoots at the top.

In just one season, the tree becomes taller than before and none of the new growth will bear fruit. Above right is one we "prepared earlier", completely ignoring the rules. A better approach is shown below.



If you have a "problem" tree at home, get in touch and one of the team will be happy to pop around and discuss the options with you. Or if you just fancy getting out of the house, for a couple of hours a month, doing something useful in the village, why not come and join us?

For more information or our leaflets on pruning (with pictures) email:



Oakington Community Orchards Project Team (OCOP)
oakcomorchards@gmail.com



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Village Stores & Post Office

Thiru Kunaratnam – 01223 232327

From our Parish Council Chair

I know it is a bit early, but can I wish you the very best this Christmas and the coming new year. Let us hope that Covid keeps away and we can enjoy seeing family and friends.

In late October, we were informed that the final **plans for Northstowe** had been submitted by Homes England and a meeting of the South Cambridgeshire District Council Planning Committee had been convened to approve or not. I could see in the documentation from Homes England only minimal changes in response to our objections. Regarding the green separation, the proposal is to increase this in one part by a further few metres ... and that was it! Rather worryingly, we seem to have gone backward on what we had expected regarding additional flood attenuation.

We drew up a short response which reiterated our concerns, and wait with some trepidation for the Planning Committee meeting. What I can say for certain is that, no matter the conditions attached to the plans, fairly soon we will face at least five years of all the noise associated with building a huge development.

In late October, Firouz Thompson, our County Councillor, set up a meeting with various County officials so that we could talk about a number of issues of concern to the Parish Council. The results of her initiative have been quite noticeable. Firstly, a specialist vehicle visited the village at the beginning of November to **clear the drains** which have been clogged up with mud and debris. If you have a blocked drain near your house, please email me.

We also discussed the terrible state of the **footpath in Westwick**. I am pleased to say that the dangers to pedestrians seem finally to have been recognised. Our argument for the incorporation of a wider footpath into the plans for the Cottenham to Westwick cycleway has been put forward by County officials to the Greater Cambridge Partnership.

A third issue discussed at the meeting involves you giving me your help.

In previous Journals, I mentioned proposals for a **footpath** which would run from the pub out to Poplar Cottages (at the end of Dry Drayton Road) via The Drift on Longstanton Road and then, crossing Dry Drayton Road, it would run across the fields to The Drift off Cambridge Road. In the longer term, we would hope to extend this to the Recreation Ground. However, a notice has appeared next to Poplar Cottages stating the owners do not wish to provide access to the land. But if we can prove that a number of people have used this track over the years, it will enable us to claim a right of way. If you have walked across the fields between The Drift off Cambridge Road and followed the path out across towards Poplar Cottages, please contact me.

“... please contact me”

While asking you for help, I need your concerns or comments regarding the **guided bus service**. Our District Councillors have arranged for a meeting with the Mayor for us and councillors from Longstanton and Northstowe. I have been told the Cambridge direction rush-hour buses are usually full by the time they reach the Westwick stop in the morning. Can you confirm this? Any other concerns?

If you are at all interested in the work of the Parish Council, we have a **vacancy for a new councillor**. You need to be quick as the deadline date is the 30th November.

Finally, I attended the AGM of **OWN** in mid November. Can I just say what a wonderful group of people they are. They provide a range of services to villagers who may be lonely or perhaps facing a temporary struggle financially. If you are worried about something and looking for support, I do suggest you get in contact with them.

Dr Stephen Moore
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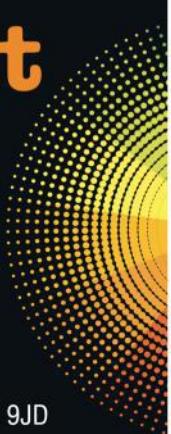
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From the Councils

From our District Councillors

We'd like to take the opportunity to wish all residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you all have a peaceful end to the year.

Local Plan Consultation now open

The consultation is currently open on the new Local Plan, and we urge residents to give their feedback on the First Proposals for the new Greater Cambridge Local Plan.

As we reported previously, this is the opportunity for Oakington residents to feedback their views on the 20 houses being proposed for inclusion off Water Lane, in the greenbelt. We will, as District Councillors, be objecting to the inclusion of this site.

The consultation runs until 5pm on Monday 13 December 2021. Visit the Greater Cambridge Planning website for more details, including details of consultation events.

www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/localplan

Unfortunately, the planning service are not holding an in-person event in Oakington despite our request for this. Cllr Tumi Hawkins, cabinet member for planning, has offered to attend Oakington Parish Council and residents are able to attend any of the other planned online or in person events.

The proposals for **Northstowe Phase 3A**, which is immediately adjacent to Oakington, were due to go to Planning Committee on 16 November but that was postponed.

From our County Councillor

With winter now setting in, we are asking residents to take extra care in the darker evenings and in bad weather. Fluorescent clothing, reflective elements and lights make you more visible to drivers.

Motorists are advised to check their vehicles for the winter months. More advice here: tinyurl.com/m5rvdwnj

Gritters were tested mid-October ready for the winter season.

Activities in Oakington & Westwick

Gully maintenance took place in October. As we did not have a complete record, while cleaning we also started the process of recording where all our gullies are across the county.

Double yellow lines at the Crossroads. These were painted in error by County's contractors, and we will be applying for a permanent traffic regulation order (as part of Phase Two Cambridge Road shared-use path) to have them reinstated. It was decided at the Parish Council meeting in October that the yellow lines should be retained until Phase Two.

Quarterly highways meeting. The next meeting will be held in January 2022 with County Highway Officer, Parish Clerks from Longstanton, Over and Oakington & Westwick.

Please report any highways problems at highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/

Northstowe South Access Road West (SARW), connection to B1050. Work is scheduled to be completed by February 2022.

HEALTH. Covid-19 enhanced response area

The County became an Enhanced Response Area on 1 November. The status will last at least five weeks and is dependent on infection rates.

All those who commented on the original application were invited to speak to the committee and these invitations will be re-issued once a new date has been agreed. We will be speaking on behalf of Oakington to object to these proposals, echoing Oakington Parish Council concerns over flood alleviation, adequate green separation, and the Southern Access Road East.

Cottenham Grove Traffic

We have finally had confirmation from the planning officer that the discharge of conditions on the Cottenham Grove development (off Rampton Rd, Cottenham), which includes the updated Traffic Management Plan (TMP) for the site, was decided on 13th October. As we requested on behalf of the village, with support of the Parish Council, the updated TMP requires all construction traffic from this site to be routed via the B1049 to the A14 and not through Westwick and Oakington. We hope that this now sets a precedent for routing of HCV traffic, as the route through Oakington is not a suitable route for these vehicles. We will work with TAG to look at how this can be enforced to ensure that HCVs are only using the permitted route.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about these, or any other matters.

See our contact details on page 5.



Alex Malyon and Sarah Cheung Johnson

It allows the Council to push for additional support to:

- Accelerate and target 12-15 vaccination roll-out to key areas and schools where infections are highest
- Accelerate booster vaccinations for eligible groups who had their second vaccination more than six months ago
- Increase vaccination rate in areas with the lowest uptake.

Vaccination bookings:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19

Vaccination walk-in centres and pop-up clinics:

www.thevaccinators.co.uk

Other County Council News

We have appointed Stephen Moir as the new Chief Executive, bringing significant public sector leadership experience. Stephen has held senior roles in local government and the national health service, he has previously worked for CCC between 2005-2011 at director level and was a National Adviser for the Local Government Association.

Further action will be taken to protect Cambridgeshire homes from flooding, caused by excess surface water and high levels of rainfall, in addition to the current programme of gully-cleaning. www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/residents-at-risk-of-flooding-to-be-given-extra-support

A campaign has been launched to find more people willing to serve on the governing bodies of schools in Cambridgeshire. Further information about the role and how to apply can be found here:

tinyurl.com/7d3xfmcc

To get in touch, please see details on page 5.

I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a very healthy and prosperous New Year.



Firoz Thompson

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Transport Action Group

MVAS Speed camera

The “smiley face” speed camera has been positioned in Westwick so that we can get some idea of the speed and volume of traffic going to and coming from Cottenham. Although the display is facing the traffic coming from Cottenham, the equipment records data for traffic travelling in both directions. The data shows that typically 15% of traffic exceeds the speed limit of 30mph and there are quite a few instances of speeds ranging from 40 to as fast as 79mph. Given that the houses and Busy Bees Nursery entrance are close on to the road and with the path being so narrow and in such poor state of repair, such speeds are dangerous and show complete disrespect to residents and pedestrians.

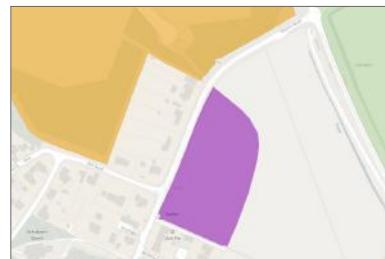
Additional traffic calming is planned to be implemented and a request, through the Local Highways Initiative Scheme, to change the current 30mph zone in the villages to 20mph throughout has been made.

The pollution monitor is located at Oakington Primary School and is there to determine if there are issues due to the flow of traffic passing the school.

Apart from the occasional spike most of the readings have an average Air Quality Index of ~45 which is considered satisfactory. Anyone can access the data by going to the Purple Air website (www.purpleair.com) and clicking on the MAP tab.

This will give you access to all Purple Air sensors that are operational across the world. Apart from our own sensor, locally there are currently two operational in Cambridge and one in Bar Hill.

Local Plan



There is a proposal to put 20 houses (originally for 100) on the piece of land in Station Road. Clearly this will impact the traffic into and out of both Oakington and

Westwick. This will be further compounded by the currently proposed Southern Access Road East (joining Dry Drayton Road at the Oakington Business Park) from Northstowe, which when built is predicted to increase traffic coming into the village by 70% at peak times. The local plan consultation is open until 13 December 2021 on the South Cambs website to make your comments.

TAG usually meets on the first Wednesday of the month. If you would like to join us, please contact us at the email address below and we will email the agenda and venue details to you.

Jim Bryant, Chair
owcp.tag@gmail.com 07807 184691



Environment Action Group

Flood mitigation

The Flood Mitigation Group, so ably led by Andrew Dennis, continues to press Homes England (HE) for more information about progress with flood mitigation ponds for the village. Having made promises several years ago, HE has now acquired the land at the Tomato Farm, and we are keen for them to clarify their plans. Cllr Firouz Thompson, our new County Councillor, has organised a meeting with HE and the Parish Councils of Oakington & Westwick and Longstanton.

Open Spaces project for the recreation ground development

Progress is frustratingly slow, with problems continuing with getting quotations from contractors and difficulties dealing with objections from the Environment Agency and the eco officer at SCDC. The earliest that funding can now be applied for from FCC will be 1st March, which will mean the earliest start date of 1st June 2022. Geoffrey Butlin has expressed his gratitude for the support he has had for this project from EAG members, parish councillors and recently from James Heywood, a local ecologist with experience of wildlife appraisal work.

Oakington and Westwick in Bloom

The plan to keep the summer flowers in tubs until quite recently has worked well with good displays hanging on until late October. The job of replacing with wallflowers and bulbs for a spring showing has begun and we are all grateful to Philip from the Garden Centre for his input.

Liaison with the Highways Department

John Whittington and Arthur Sillett have continued to track down and report street drainage problems. They are preparing a map of drains with problems, which Firouz Thompson can take to her regular liaison meetings with Highways Department.

John Terry johnterry23@hotmail.co.uk

Oakington and Westwick Neighbourhood Watch



It gets dark suddenly now, so it's time to carry a torch when out and about in the afternoon, to walk more safely between the streetlights.

We are reminded to be careful about unexpected visitors to our front doors: don't open the door until you have found out who it is and why they are calling.

Telephone calls can be a nuisance, with renewed attempts to "sell double glazing" or other products. Its best to contact any tradespeople yourself, and not to respond to unsolicited approaches.

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CONNECT 2

We've got off to a great start with CONNECT 2. Our apple picking events, in partnership with Leo and Emma of Blue Barrel cider, have been wonderfully successful, with 30–40 people attending each of the three Saturdays. The smaller scale events have also given us a chance to meet people we wouldn't otherwise have come across. Dancing to ABBA in the orchard and the regular monthly walk and talk have been relaxed opportunities to get to know new faces. There'll be another walk and talk as usual, starting 10:30am on Saturday 4 December at the High Street end of the church.

The CONNECT 2 plan in December is Christmas themed. We'll be holding a **village advent calendar** again this year. We'll have contributors from around the village, each doing one day, and leaving their decorations up until Christmas. We'll put a list up on the village noticeboard by the shop, and on facebook, to say which street on which date. We can all walk around the village spotting the numbers as the month progresses.

OWN will also be organising the **carol-singing** this year, with the Community Association putting up a tree at the pub. The singing will be at 5:30pm on Thursday 23 December outside the pub. There will be free mince pies, and mulled wine for sale.



Oakington & Westwick Neighbours

Oakington and Westwick Neighbours held their AGM on 15th November. OWN's aim remains to support those in our local community who need practical, emotional or financial assistance. The number of OWN (DBS-checked) volunteers is still 31, of whom 19 have been active this year. We now also have a village Whatsapp group of a further 29 people who are happy to respond to one-off requests.

We reported on our activities during the year, including keeping people informed during the pandemic, running Mental Health Awareness training, the Jazz and Tea fundraising event, and the Community Quilt, which was unveiled at the Village Picnic and is now on display in the Pavilion, thanks to the Pavilion Management Committee, Tony Leadley and Mark Darling.

Jo Mills, a member of the Hardship Team, explained how the Hardship Fund has been working. Its aim is to provide financial help for an immediate need as well as to signpost to other ongoing support where necessary. Concerns were expressed about rising energy costs coming into the winter. Discussions will continue about how best to promote the Fund.

The money raised by the Jazz and Tea will cover running costs, such as insurance, and maintain a small reserve. A £1000 donation to OWN from the sale of face masks has been earmarked for specific community projects such as the



Let's make January a chance to CONNECT 2 our creativity! We'll be offering an online **creative writing workshop** on the afternoon of Saturday 15 January. Get in touch with owneighbours@gmail.com if you want to join this session (exact time to be confirmed). We'll have exercises and prompts to get us writing during the meeting and then share what we produce. No writing experience needed, just a willingness to have a go.

Would you like to try sketching in a beautiful architectural space? We're delighted that St Andrew's church have generously agreed to lend us the building for a morning of **observational drawing**. We'll be sheltering from any January bad weather, using the wonderful setting of the church to hone our artistic skills. So bring a pencil and come along. All welcome, 10–12 noon Saturday 29 January.

Alice J



planned First Aid course and CONNECT 2 events. OWN also received £100.50 as part of the closedown of activities at Crossways House, and this has been similarly earmarked. We are very grateful for this support.

Looking forward, OWN has launched a new initiative called CONNECT 2 which aims to provide more frequent, informal and easily accessible opportunities, such as a monthly walk and talk, for people to get together to enhance community well-being. (See above.) The minibus service to Bar Hill will be re-starting on Friday 3 December and there are also plans for another Red Cross First Aid training session, for volunteers and other members of the community, at the Pavilion next April.

Jo Bryant OWNeighbours@gmail.com

Minibus to Bar Hill

First Friday in the month –
next trips: **3rd Dec, 7th Jan**

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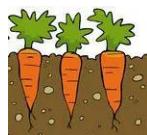
If you'd like to use the bus or just want to know more, please ring Teri on 07711 531004 (by midday of the day before the trip).



Clubs and Groups

Oakington Allotments

After many years Ron Koehler, who was Chair, Treasurer and Secretary of the Oakington Allotment Association, has decided to hang up his spade and retire. Many thanks to Ron! We now have a new committee which is Richard Brading (Chair) richardabradling@gmail.com, Bernie Yates (Treasurer) bernardjyates@btinternet.com and Ann Rayner (Secretary) ann.rayner42@icloud.com. If you have any queries or would like to put your name on the waiting list for a plot please contact one of us.



Ann Rayner

Tuesday Talk & Tea

Wonderful to be back enjoying tea and chat, especially the talk on the achievements of women in the RAF!

- **14 Dec** Our Christmas Party
- **11 Jan** Quiz & Games



Trusting your own Christmas is full of joy as you connect to family and friends.

Joan Pettit, chairperson

Board Games Club



Do you enjoy board or card games? A group of us have been meeting to play games online since Covid. The platform we use (Board Game Arena) does a good job of replicating the tabletop experience and we have had fun trying out new games and finding new favourites. We hope soon to return to playing in person. In the meantime new players are very welcome, whether you're already a keen board game fan or your experience is limited to Monopoly!

We usually play the second Monday evening of the month. Get in touch: oakingtongames@gmail.com to find out more.

Jenny Prince

Oakington Singers



We are a four-part harmony choir that meet weekly on a Monday in the Church Hall at 7.30pm. We sing an amazing range of music, and perform at concerts and special events. Meeting up with others to sing makes you feel great! Come and give us a try.

*Elaine Bailey
elainebailey1@live.co.uk*

Country Dance Club



I am sorry to say that the meeting on the 10th December has had to be cancelled as Histon Methodist Church will be hosting a Christmas Tree Festival that weekend and this will be set up on the Friday. However, I do hope that you will be able to visit the Festival.

The next meeting is **Friday 28th January** (to be confirmed) at Histon Methodist Church Hall, 8 – 10 pm.

Kathryn Coles

Oakington and Westwick WI



During Lockdown, we went from Room to Zoom... and finally, at October's meeting, Zoom went back to a Room again and what an inspiring meeting we had in our return to St Andrew's Church Hall. Once again our speaker was recruited from a wealth of Oakington residents who have a story or talent to share. Has anyone taken part in VSO work? If so, at what age? At what stage in life do most people volunteer in this way? In our early 20s? Oakington resident, Yvonne Pinchen, waited until her retirement and her experience in Tajikistan had been clearly worth the wait. We could sense her affection and fascination for country and people as her story unfolded. It was told alongside her slide show and was a personal reflection on first hand experiences of the importance of family, celebrations, food, entertainment, rules of dress but also suffering, unmade trunk roads through beautiful countryside and prejudices towards sections of its own society. The family of her interpreter have become firm, lifelong friends who have enabled Yvonne to revisit Tajikistan and, in turn, she has hosted visits by family members over here. She displayed (and wore) many of the traditional tunics she had worn in the months she spent out there. Each outfit had been carefully made for her by the family members and presented as gifts, including an outfit she was asked to wear at a family wedding.

November's meeting was a Members' Evening when our members had the opportunity for a catch up natter whilst all managing, successfully, to sew a Christmas decoration.

Meetings will continue in person at St Andrew's Church Hall:

- **9 Dec** Oakington Singers provide our Christmas entertainment whilst we enjoy some festive fare
- **13 Jan** We kick off our programme for 2022 with some gentle dancing to brush away the Christmas excesses

Look out for our exciting 2022 programme to include Star Baker Ian Cumming, one time runner up in The Bake Off.

So if you are looking for something new to try, post lockdown, why not join us on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. For details, contact helenwilliams5@outlook.com.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Helen Williams

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, and 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

Clubs and Groups & Coronaviruses

Oakington Vikings

New Funding for Oakington Vikings Youth FC

Thanks to the generosity of the Football Foundation, our village football pitches will shortly begin to benefit from a six year programme of pitch improvements to give our aspiring footballers a first class playing surface on which to hone their skills. In all a total of £24,000 will be spent on the pitches, £16,000 of which will be donated by the Football Foundation, with the remaining £8000 coming from the club through fundraising activities.

With our recently acquired new goals (again partly funded by the Football Foundation), improved pitches and the excellent coaching offered by dedicated parents, Oakington Vikings Youth FC is a fantastic place to start playing football, and a top choice for experienced players to come to improve.

We currently have teams competing successfully at U17, U13 and U11 in the Cambridge & District Colts league, and each team also trains every week. We also have a great men's team that has been running for many seasons. New members are always welcome.

There has never been a better time to join our inclusive



village football club. For more information please contact:

- *First Team James 07834 465188*
- *Under 16s James and Ronnie 07714 099017*
- *Under 12s Marcus and Josh 07866 635241*
- *Under 10s Winston 07968 716290*
- *Welfare officer Frank 07841 995713*

The football club would like to thank the Parish Council for their support with the pitch maintenance grant application process.

Oakington Vikings Youth Football Club

Oakington & Westwick Short Mat Bowls Club



Current members are playing each week, following Covid social distancing guidelines. When play can return to normal, we will be happy for new players to come along. So, if you are thinking of giving bowls a try, please contact Dawn on 01223 236427 and she will let you know when we are able to start our normal sessions again.

Dawn Stokes

The Discoverer of Human Coronaviruses

Over the last two years we have all come to hear of a previously little known group of viruses called Coronaviruses. As a separate group of viruses Coronaviruses were only identified in the mid-1960s. It came as a surprise to me to come across a reference to a former colleague of mine, David Tyrrell, as being one of the original discoverers of human Coronaviruses.

After training in medicine followed by a couple of research posts David joined the Medical Research Council (MRC) Common Cold Unit (CCU) in Salisbury in 1957. In 1962 he became Director, until his retirement in 1990. In parallel with this he was also Head of the MRC Division of Communicable Diseases (1967 to 1986) and Deputy Director (1970 to 1986) both at the MRC Clinical Research Centre in Harrow. It was here that I worked with David in the late 1970s and early 1980s on a project looking for viruses in neurological and psychiatry diseases. David and my boss Tim Crow, Head of the MRC Division of Psychiatry, were the lead investigators.

Rhinoviruses, the major cause of the common cold, had been discovered by others, in the early 1960s. David developed the first method to grow them in culture.

In 1965 David and Malcolm Bynoe at the CCU published the first description of a novel cold virus they called B814, which they had isolated and grown in organ cultures. This new virus appeared to be very different to Rhinoviruses and influenza viruses. They found the new virus was RNA based, inside an envelope with high lipid content. Work by David and June Almeida in 1967 would produce the first clear pictures of the new viruses. Soon after the 1965 discovery, other groups were able to find similar human viruses using David's method. Other researchers also found

that some animal illnesses identified from the 1930s onwards were caused by similar viruses.

In November 1968 a group of eight virologists, including David and June Almeida, submitted their evidence from these studies for a new class of viruses they called Coronaviruses, to the International Committee for the Nomenclature of Viruses for consideration. This new virus class was accepted.

From the 1950s the World Health Organisation had been working to eliminate Smallpox worldwide. The last case in the wild was in 1977, but in 1978 there was a small outbreak at a laboratory in Birmingham where they were finishing experimental work. David was a member of the inquiry, the Shooter Committee, set up to investigate. I believe David was also for a time chairman of the government's Dangerous Pathogens Advisory Group. He headed the government's first investigations into Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (also known as Mad Cow Disease) and new variant Creutzfeldt Jacob Disease.

My recollection of David is as very friendly and cheerful, always willing to spend a few minutes for a chat. I think the last time I saw David was about 1989 when I went to visit somebody at the CCU and, although he was working from home that day, he came across to have lunch with us.

After he officially retired in 1990 he continued work on a wide range of projects. This included work for the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Research Foundation where he was a member and later chairman of the research committee. He was involved in two major studies which identified a type of parvovirus and several genes that might be involved in Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. Work had started on a more in depth study when sadly David passed away in May 2005.

Steve Gamble



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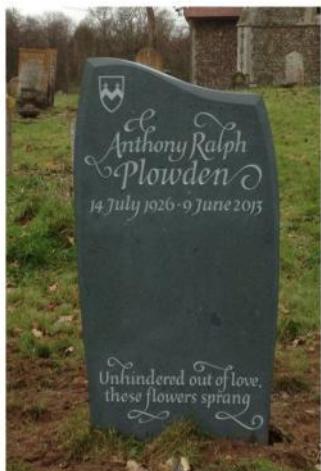
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In Memoriam

Diana Chapman, 1941- 2021



A great many people in the village and in the surrounding area will remember Di Chapman with joy.

From the day she joined us as one of the first residents in the Manor Farm development on High Street, she took a full part in village life. As one of the first wives of our generation to have her own car, she often ferried not only her own boys but also their friends to their sports practices and matches.

Many of the cubs of the next years passed through the pack run by Di Wisbey and her and will remember her enthusiasm and outgoing personality with affection. With them, and later without, she took an active and joyful part in The Community Capers and for years acted as MC at the Scout, Guide, Cub and Brownie Christmas Carol Concert, held for the older members of the village (and everyone else).

It wasn't long after they sold their plumbing business in Histon that she joined the committee of the Oakington Over 60s and remained a staunch member till she went to live at Fitzwilliam House. She also joined Liz Davis' team for the Monday Café when it was held in the Methodist Chapel. Young Wives, OWLS and innumerable other activities benefitted from her lively cheerful presence. She could always be relied upon to produce a cake for any stall or event and her family and close friends will remember the wedding and Christmas cakes she made for them. Many will miss her – I certainly will.

Marian Cleaver

Alan Maskell, 1933 - 2021

Oakington lost another community minded resident this autumn. On moving here with his wife Megan in 1967, Alan Maskell took on the role of Church Warden at St Andrew's Church, a role he kept for the rest of his life — 50+ years! He organised church services, weddings and funerals as well as general administration. Significantly, he also oversaw the renovation of the church building, which allowed James Alexander, the vicar, to focus on the spiritual aspects of running the church. James says: "Alan never missed a beat and did his job with dignity and aplomb".

Alan had trained as a carpenter and spent a large part of his working life with the building firm Carriages. As site manager, Alan was involved in the building of Addenbrookes Hospital and the Cambridge United FC stand (he was a keen supporter).

Alan was an unassuming gentle man who will be greatly missed.



Celine Pinter

A Tribute from the Scouting Movement

A long tenured fellow scouter passed away on 12 Oct 2021.

Di Chapman started as a Cub Leader at 1st Oakington in the mid 70s, with Keith Upshaw and Di Wisbey. This formidable trio was a tight team for many years. She was ADC Cubs, ADC Leader Training and a member of the County Training Team. She also assisted Marie Carter in launching Beavers in 1982. Di was an active member of the Cambridge Gang Show for many years, causing many laughs with the audience as well as the stage crew.

Di retired from scouting after 30 years, to do what she did best, care for others. In this case, it was her beloved husband Terry, before he had to go into a home. Later, sadly Di ended in a home herself.

Di will be remembered by many Cubs for her Cecil stories around the campfire, her natural abundance of energy and being able to light up a room with her infectious personality.

She was known to many as 'Auntie Di' and always gave 100% in everything she was involved in or touched. She was a bubbly character, with a phenomenal sense of humour and quick wit, which had everybody in fits of laughter.

Di impacted positively on so many people's lives. They will never forget her and would thank her for the richness they have gained from her. You couldn't but love Di. She will be sorely missed.



Donations if desired for the Alzheimer's Society may be sent to F W Cook, Willingham, Cambridge.

*Di Wisbey
District SASU member, Craft Hill District*

Mobile Library in Oakington

The mobile library visits Oakington the **fourth Thursday** in the month. It is in **Coles Lane at 2:30–2:55pm**, with a great selection of books for all ages.

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COP 26 and biodiversity

Although the main focus of the Glasgow Conference has been climate change, concerns about nature have also been aired. The two topics have been deforestation and the effect of climate change on plants and animals.

Most of the deforestation that has occurred in the last few decades has been in tropical areas with South American and South-East Asian countries ahead of others. The aim has been to harvest timber but also to clear land for cattle grazing, and to grow palm oil plantations and for soya beans. One example is on the Indonesian island of Sulawesi, where tree numbers have dropped by 80% since 1900,



Conservation of Nature) Red List as 'Endangered'. Only the 'Critically Endangered' classification stands between 'Endangered' and 'Extinct in the Wild'.

In these tropical areas, trees grow fast and as well as being 'the lungs of the planet' they are many times richer in biodiversity than UK forests because of high temperatures and high rainfall. The loss of tropical trees equates to a big reduction in plants and animals that are valuable to us for medicines and other eco-services. So, Conference delegates at COP 26 aimed to dramatically reduce deforestation so fewer habitats are destroyed or damaged and many more species will survive.

A big reduction in industrial logging will hopefully follow and indigenous people, who are trying to eke a living out of forests, should receive some financial support.

What is the effect of climate change on wildlife?

Scientists have been modelling these likely changes over the last two decades. Most have been concentrating on the effects of higher temperatures and less rainfall, although more storm events are also predicted. Migrations of species northwards in the northern hemisphere are well recorded (egrets seen in Oakington). In 2004, Thomas et al. suggested that between 15-37% of species in certain regions would go extinct.

In 2011 Oliver et al. showed some real concern about the bleaching of coral on the Great Barrier Reef because of acidification and rising sea temperatures. Apparently, bleached coral can starve and die, but it can recover if the temperatures level off. However, if the coral is weakened, it can become more susceptible to disease.

This underlines how everything in nature is connected and we have to understand a lot more about it if we are to really help reduce biodiversity loss.

John Terry

Sustainable Oakington & Westwick

Many of us are concerned about the impact on nature and the environment of things like plastic waste, habitat loss and climate change. So we are forming a new group, Sustainable Oakington and Westwick (SOW), to help bring together ideas and initiatives around the community. If you have any ideas about what we could all do, or if you would like to join the group, please email us on sustainableow@gmail.com.



One thing to try...

Younger generations are doing it, older generations are, members of your community are, perhaps your neighbours are, you might already be. Some people take it more strictly than others, and their dedication is often ridiculed in that they can't go five minutes without saying it.

According to the annual National Diet and Nutrition Survey, as a nation we have reduced our meat consumption by 17% in the past decade, but we still need to double that to meet the targets for healthy diet and sustainable food production.

With a new year and its resolutions fast approaching, it makes a perfect time to act. Turn your Meat-Free-Monday into a week or weekend. If you're a vegetarian, try Veganuary.

Many people can't believe how easy and tasty they found it, or didn't realise the changes they had already made. For a lot of people it has been life changing. If you're looking for inspiration, just ask someone to share their favourite recipe, or two. Not enough time? There are recipes quicker than a take-out delivery, and needless to say, far healthier.

Who wants you to play a part in this? For a start, your gut micro biome certainly wouldn't mind, it craves a variety that the modern diet doesn't provide. Your immediate family would benefit from having you fitter and healthier in body and mind, and themselves in turn. Your extended family and future generations would benefit. Your community, your employer or your business, our healthcare system, the list goes on...

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Paul Kershaw

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Hobbies

Board Games Chest

Dobble is a card game with eight symbols such as a snowman, cactus, or dolphin on each card. It's a game for two or more players. There are several game variations, but the idea is for each player to place a card down in turn and for the first person to shout when they spot a matching symbol - a bit like a complicated game of Snap. It's very easy to learn and great fun to play with people of any age and in any language.



For the mathematicians in the village, Dobble has over 50 symbols, 55 cards and 8 symbols per card. There is always one and only one matching symbol between any two cards. It is loosely based on "Kirkman's Schoolgirl Problem": 15 ladies from a boarding school go out each day for a walk in rows of three. How can we proceed so that each of them only ends up in the company of each of the others once?

No need to work out that puzzle though, it's just fun to play!
Jacqueline B

My Hobby Journey

When I took voluntary redundancy I had a list! All those things I wanted to do but felt that I never had the time for: gardening, joining the WI, spending more time with the grandchildren, exploring crafting, walking, etc.

The first tick on my list was to join our village WI. Imagine my delight when I found out that both our village group and the Federation of Cambridgeshire WI groups (CFWI) run crafts activities. What have I tried with these groups? ... Needle Felting, Quilting, Jacobean Embroidery, Willow Weaving, Origami, English Paper Piecing, Wire Modelling, the list goes on. The exploration of these gave me the confidence to explore further and I have taken a number of courses at one of the local Village Colleges – Free Motion Embroidery, Dressmaking, Stained Glass Making and Glass Fusing – as well as trying some on my own.

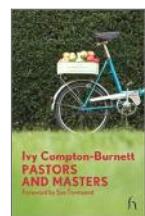
Have I enjoyed learning new things – “You bet!” Have I taken some further? “Yes.” I am still dressmaking, needle felting and still exploring what I can do with my sewing machine. Are there things that I won’t do again? “Yes” – Willow Weaving, Wire Modelling and Origami! But what fun I have had along the way learning what I do like and what I don’t, together with the look on my granddaughter’s face when I told her that I still went to college to learn things.



Linda Ward

Book Corner

Novels by Ivy Compton-Burnett



If you would like to read something different from anything else you have read, try Ivy Compton-Burnett. Her first novel (*Dolores*) was published in 1911, but her peculiar voice is not apparent until her second novel, *Pastors and Masters* (1925). All her 18 subsequent novels have similar ‘doublet’ titles, confusingly alike and indeed interchangeable. *A House and its Head*, *A Father and his Fate*, *A God and his Gifts* – any of these three titles would fit either of the other books equally well. In these novels, an apparently ordinary middle- or upper-class family turns out to be ruled by a tyrannical, monstrously egotistic parent, ruthless children destroy a well-meaning governess, wills are burned, adultery, murder and possibly incest are committed, the servants’ hall also contains bullies and victims... The melodramatic events are almost veiled by the sedate, spare narrative and the abundant dialogue. Strange, unforgettable books.

Gillian Jondorf

Pavlova and Zabaglione

The recipes below use both the yolks and the whites of four large eggs:



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4 egg whites	4 tsp cornflour
¼ tsp salt	½ tsp vanilla essence
8 oz caster sugar	½ pint double cream
2 tsp vinegar	Fruit: eg. raspberries, strawberries, can of cherry pie filling...

Heat oven gas mark 1. In a very clean bowl beat egg whites and salt with electric mixer until very stiff. Gradually add sugar 1 tbsp at a time; whisk well after each spoonful. Finally whisk in vinegar, cornflour and vanilla. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Draw round a dinner plate to give a circle, stick to baking sheet with small blobs of meringue, pencil side down. Tip meringue mixture onto baking parchment using circle as a guide and make a dip in the centre. Bake for 1¼ hrs. Turn off oven but leave meringue in oven without opening oven door until cold – can be left in all night. Whip cream and top with fruit.

ZABAGLIONE

4 egg yolks	
4 tbsp caster sugar	
4 tbsp sherry	



Put all ingredients into heatproof bowl (i.e. pyrex) and sit on saucepan of very hot water – bottom of bowl must not touch water. Using electric hand whisk beat mixture until thick and creamy. Serve immediately in glass dishes or wine glasses with nice biscuits.

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Oakington and Alan Bloom

Bressingham Steam and Gardens, near Diss on the Suffolk/Norfolk border, is highly recommended as a day out for all the family. Four miles of steam railways run around lovely gardens and woodlands, and there is a museum and a steam-powered “galloper” carousel to enjoy as well. But it could have been in Oakington!

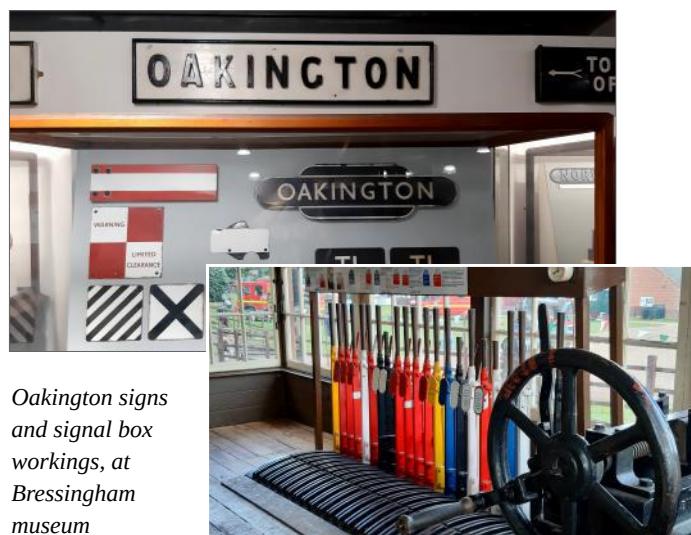
Bressingham's creator, the nurseryman and steam enthusiast Alan Bloom, came to work on his parents' nursery in 1926 at the age of 20. His father had taken on the six-acre holding here in Oakington a few years before.

Interested in raising alpines and perennials for the wholesale market, Alan gradually acquired more land as he built the business up, so that by 1936 he was working 25 acres, including where Queensway, the recreation ground and cemetery are now.

Alan's house, Meadow Farm or Meadow House, was still standing twenty years ago, within the Council depot, before it was all demolished to build Saxon Close. Jill Jondorf's grandfather (Herbert Smith, known by Alan and many others in the village as 'Sailor Smith' though he disliked this nickname) worked for years for Alan, and she recalls as a child of three or four accompanying her parents and older sister to tea at the house in 1941. "I seem to remember there was a uniformed housekeeper (his wife had already left).

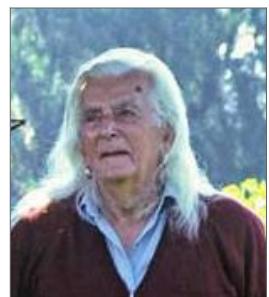
My sister and I sat at a small round table with Alan's two boys, Robert (Robin) and Adrian, away from the grown-ups."

In 1939 the declaration of war killed the nursery trade overnight, and all Alan's plants had to be uprooted and destroyed to make room for food crops. The Blooms moved to Fordham late in 1941, near a farm in Burwell Fen which Alan had bought to clear and cultivate. Herbert Smith was one of those who helped in this effort, which included



Oakington signs and signal box workings, at Bressingham museum

removing reeds and ancient bog oaks from Adventurers' Fen. But the National Trust wanted to revert the fen to nature once the wartime emergency had passed, and Alan had "no wish ever to return to Oakington". He was unable to sell the Oakington land on the open market, because the Rural District Council requisitioned it for council houses, the depot, playing field and cemetery.



In 1946 Alan bought Bressingham Hall, beginning a long period of improving the land and developing his nursery business. The garden was initiated as a way to display and demonstrate his hardy perennials. His passion for restoring steam locomotives to full working order was sparked by the acquisition of Bella, a steam traction engine, put to work on the estate. In 1961 the gardens and steam museum opened to the public.

Jill remembers going with her parents to take her grandfather to see his old boss around this time: "By then Alan had married Flora (a later housekeeper). He enjoyed showing my grandfather the gardens, and the big island beds set in the lawns, an idea which he invented." Helen and David Williams also have recollections of talking to Alan: "We had many a chat with him in his later years

and it was clear he had fond memories of Oakington."

Alan Bloom died in 2005 aged 98, but as Helen points out, the Oakington connection lives on.

Several of the new plant varieties he raised are named after our village, for example the phlox 'Oakington Blue Eyes', a dianthus 'Oakington', and heuchera 'Oakington Jewel' (all pictured here). "He also bought and dismantled (for reassembly at Bressingham) Oakington's signal box, complete with the name plate 'Oakington' and all 22 internal levers and mechanical workings. Unfortunately, wood rot meant they are now housed in a signal box from Raydon Wood station."



A close look at our village sign will show a plaque commemorating Alan Bloom, the horticultural legend and steam enthusiast who started out in Oakington.

Helen Williams, Jenny Prince and Gillian Jondorf, with material from "The Bressingham Story" by Alan Bloom (1963)

Christmas Events & Community Association

Black Coffee at White Horse, 11 Dec

October saw local band 'Black Coffee' entertaining a packed White Horse with a brilliant set of music and dancing.



By popular demand the band has been invited to come back and kick off Christmas and New Year celebrations on **11 December, 7.30pm**.

Book now for Christmas menus!
Tel: C 232417

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The White Horse

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Also this year there will be a **Christmas Tree** near the Pub car park for us all to enjoy. With thanks to Arthur Sillett for organising this.

Bonfire Night cancellation

As everybody now knows, sadly we had to cancel the Bonfire Night event. This was mainly due to the uncertainties around the changes that the Government was contemplating to their Covid regulations because of the increased number of Covid cases at the time. Further restrictions would have seriously impacted on our event, causing a potentially substantial financial loss to the CA .



As chair of the Bonfire Night committee, I would like to record both my personal thanks to the members of the committee for all their hard work towards making the event a success, and a shared disappointment when the event was cancelled.

Annual General Meeting, 25 Jan 2022, 7:30 pm

Welcome to our AGM! It is open to all residents of Oakington and Westwick so do come and find out about what we do! However, voting rights are restricted to group members of The Association. Would all member groups please send a representative to the AGM.

The agenda for the meeting and any proposed changes to the Constitution will be sent out to the members in advance.

If you have any questions, please contact us on the CA email.

Ranko Pinter, Chair
oakington.westwick.ca@gmail.com

Village Advent Calendar

Over the month of December, a giant Advent Calendar will open on the streets of Oakington and Westwick.

Every day, a different house (or houses) will reveal the date in a festive window display, which will remain on view for everyone to enjoy until Christmas.



Walk around the village and spot the numbers – a list of which roads to find them in will be available on the notice board by the shop and on Oaky Folk.

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Light Display in Coles Lane

Don't miss Mr Milton's display in aid of Magpas.

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Village Carol Singing, 23 Dec

Join friends and neighbours to sing carols around the village Christmas Tree, accompanied by local musicians.

By The White Horse, Thurs 23 December at 5:30pm.

Enjoy some free mince pies – mulled wine will be on sale at the Pub.

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