

Oakington & Westwick Journal

Oct/Nov 2021

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Weekly

Mon **Monday Café**, 9:30–noon. Church Hall, £1. Liz Davis – C 232 745
 Mon **Oakington Singers**, 7:30pm. Church Hall. Helen Williams – helenwilliams5@outlook.com
 Tue **Cubs**, 6–7:15pm. Pavilion.
 Tue **Table Tennis**, 7:30–9pm. Pavilion. Gillian L'angellier – C 234 758
 Thu **Ten Sing**, 7–9pm. Histon Baptist Church. Terry King – cambridgetensing@gmail.com
 Fri **Tool Share** open, usually 4:30–6pm. Contact gerard@cambridgereuse.org.uk / 07857 704636
 Fri **Beavers** followed by **Scouts**, 6pm. Pavilion.

Sat 2 Oct **Village Walk & Talk**, 10:30am. Meet by church on High Street. Alice – OWNeighbours@gmail.com
 Mon 11 Oct **O&W Parish Council**, 7:30pm. Pavilion. All invited. clerk@oakingtonandwestwick-pc.gov.uk
 Mon 11 Oct **Board Games Evening**, 7:30pm. Venue or Zoom TBA. Jenny Prince – oakingtongames@gmail.com
 Tue 12 Oct **Tuesday Talk & Tea**, 2:45pm. Church Hall. Talk by David Taylor about Women in Aviation. Joan Pettit
 Tue 12 Oct **Community Association** members meeting, 7:30pm. By Zoom. oakington.westwick.ca@gmail.com
 Thu 14 Oct **O&W WI**, 7:30pm. Church Hall. "Volunteering in Tajikistan". Helen Williams – helenwilliams5@outlook.com
 Fri 15 Oct **ABBA Evening**, 5pm. Community Orchard behind Pavilion. Alice – OWNeighbours@gmail.com
 Sat 16 Oct **Cider-apple picking**, from 10am. Arcadia Gardens. Leo Jordan – 07816 036084
 Fri 29 Oct **Country Dancing**, 8–10pm. Histon Methodist Church Hall. £2/50p. Kathryn Coles – C 233 191
 Sat 30 Oct **Cider-apple picking**, from 10am. Arcadia Gardens. Leo Jordan – 07816 036084

Sat 6 Nov **Village Walk & Talk**, 10:30am. Meet by church on High Street. Alice – OWNeighbours@gmail.com
 Sat 6 Nov **Coffee Morning & Restoration Exhibition**, 10–12:30. Baptist Chapel
 Sat 6 Nov **Bonfire Night**. 5:30pm. Recreation Ground. See back page for details
 Mon 8 Nov **O&W Parish Council**, 7:30pm. Pavilion. All invited. clerk@oakingtonandwestwick-pc.gov.uk
 Mon 8 Nov **Board Games Evening**, 7:30pm. Venue or Zoom TBA. Jenny Prince – oakingtongames@gmail.com
 Tue 9 Nov **Tuesday Talk & Tea**, 2:45pm. Church Hall. Filling Christmas shoeboxes. Joan Pettit
 Thu 11 Nov **O&W WI**, 7:30pm. Church Hall. Christmas Craft members' evening. Helen Williams – C 232 614
 Fri 12 Nov **Country Dancing**, 8–10pm. Histon Methodist Church Hall. £2/50p. Kathryn Coles – C 233 191
 Sat 13 Nov **Cider-apple picking**, from 10am. Arcadia Gardens. Leo Jordan – 07816 036084
 Mon 15 Nov **OWN AGM**, 7:30pm. By Zoom. All invited. OWNeighbours@gmail.com
 Sat 20 Nov **Tennis Club Quiz Night**. Pavilion. Tickets booked in advance only. oakingtontc@gmail.com

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The Connections Bus Project

This local charity has been providing youth services in Cambridgeshire for over 25 years. Currently experiencing its toughest period in all that time, it is, through adaption and perseverance, surviving and hoping to thrive.

When the pandemic started it became clear that neither use of our two metre wide youth buses nor building based youth work would be possible. Only our babysitting courses could switch to Zoom. As summer 2020 approached we trained up most of our sessional youth workers in detached youth



work, enabling them to walk out in pairs through villages engaging with the young people they met. This became difficult in winter and with the January lockdown.

However we have now purchased a youth van, equipped with outdoor activities, games and a hot chocolate maker! The youth van has been running outdoor youth clubs in 6 villages a week since May 2021. We offer a listening ear, a safe place to meet with friends, someone to play a game with, as well as advice on every topic under the sun!

With many restrictions being lifted, our building based youth work will be able to recommence in autumn 2021 but we are still waiting to hear about our youth buses.

It's ever more important to provide open access youth work for young people who have had some of the toughest months, with little help and support. We are looking for donations

(donate.thebiggive.org.uk/campaign/a056900001k6VlZAAE) and also to add to our board of trustees. More information about the charity and which villages we are working in can be found on: www.connectionsbusproject.org.uk

Alan Webb, Project Manager. (Edited)

Lots of photos in this edition of the Journal – it's so good to see people getting together at last after the social restrictions of the last eighteen months. The community diary on page 2 is getting longer! So there are many opportunities to get out and meet up, while drinking coffee, walking, singing, dancing or watching fireworks – don't miss the village Bonfire Night on 6th November.

The issues of road building and development continue, and we are grateful to all the Councillors and members of Action Groups for investigating these and representing the

villages' interests. Read their reports on pages 5 – 9.

As mentioned last time, our school is celebrating 150 years, and included in this Journal is a Souvenir Pull-out for the occasion. Recognise anyone in the pictures?

Thank you as ever to all who have advertised in and contributed to the Journal.



Irène Butlin & Jenny Prince, Editors

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CONNECT 2 each other CONNECT 2 have fun



The pandemic has had the dual effect of exposing us to anxiety and isolation, as well as bringing the community together, like never before. Whether that's in volunteering, contributing to help others or simply smiling on a walk. To continue this community spirit, Oakington & Westwick Neighbours is looking to implement an initiative to build on these positives from Covid.

Some have been hit financially as well, so we thought if we collated fun activities and events, free for all, we could encourage anyone of any age to join in and make connections with other local residents. We might have fun, learn new skills and even strengthen our community.

We know a lot of people may still be hesitant to mingle indoors, so are launching the CONNECT 2 activities with both outdoor and Zoom events.

Programme of Activities:

1. An **ABBA Evening** – sing and dance, down at the Community Orchard behind the pavilion at **5pm on Friday 15 October** (weather permitting). Wrap up warm and come, sing your heart out and/or have a boogie.
CONNECT 2 have fun
2. **Cider-apple picking** at a family orchard (and then pressing for juice). Come to Arcadia Gardens and look for the big blue apple sign from **10am on Saturdays 16 and 30 October**, as well as 13 November. The apples will then be pressed at the old stables on the High Street. Try the juice - it's an acquired taste! Waterproofs, wellies and gloves recommended. Questions? Contact Leo Jordan on 07816 036084.
CONNECT 2 muck in
3. The **Village Walk and Talk** continues. Meeting at the High Street end of the Church, whatever the weather. At this time of year, the start will be **10:30am on the first Saturday of every month** for the next 6 months (starting 2 October, 6 November, 4 December).
CONNECT 2 the great outdoors
4. Are you worried about coming out of lockdown? Or going back into lockdown? **Stress-busting session** led by Claire Harris of Promote Mental Health, **Thurs 9 Dec at 7:30pm** on Zoom. You can email us at OWN now (see below) to register your interest, and we'll supply a link nearer the time.
CONNECT 2 de-stress

Looking ahead to December and the new year, we'll be running a creative writing workshop on Zoom and a session of observational sketching. More details to follow in the next Journal.

We hope we can continue to expand the scope of the CONNECT 2 community activities. Please get in touch with OWN if you have suggestions for other activities to run. **OWNeighbours@gmail.com 07902 111786**

Alice J and team, OWN

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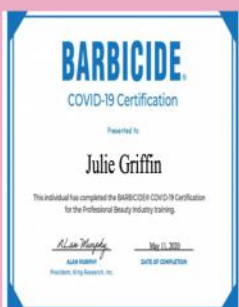
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From our Parish Council Chair

I do hope you had a pleasant summer and managed to grab a little sunshine and a rest. It has been an (unusually!) quiet time for the Parish Council, but things still rumble on.

The Local Plan

You may have heard about the Local Plan. Quite simply it refers to the fact that the government requires planning authorities (the District Council for us) to provide adequate land for the proposed levels of new housing the government believes will be necessary in the near future.

As you know, Cambridge and its surroundings is likely to grow massively over the next 10 years, and – you guessed it – Oakington and Westwick has been identified as a village which should have more housing.

The County Council wishes to sell a parcel of land on the south of Station Road, directly alongside the busway stop. Initially, the County Council wanted to put 102 houses there, but instead ‘only’ 20 houses are proposed in the Local Plan. My guess is that the 20 houses will be the thin edge of the wedge, and if planning permission gets granted, we will see the other 80 or so houses being built. Particularly worrying is that this land is in the green belt! Our two District Councillors and our County Councillor are strongly opposed to this development and I am sure they will have much more to say on the matter elsewhere in the Journal.

One good thing to emerge from the Local Plan is that it does not include any development on the field behind Manor Farm Close.

Cambridge Road cycleway

I have had confirmation that the Cambridge Road cycleway, which currently stops at Gatehouse Road, will continue towards Oakington and that the next phase to be built will go from Gatehouse Road to the start of the houses on Cambridge Road. The plans are completed, but it is unclear just how soon they are starting work.

The third phase will be a widening of the path in front of the houses in Cambridge Road. My understanding is that the County Council will be contacting residents fairly soon.

Longstanton Road closure

While on the topics of roads, the consultation period for the closure of Longstanton Road has finished and the road will be closed permanently. I see that they are building the pegasus crossing over the first of the two new roads which traverse the airfield part of Longstanton Road, but it looks as if the second road (nearer Longstanton) will have no crossing at all.

Interestingly, this second road is supposed to be a temporary ‘haul road’ for lorries to use to build Northstowe. However, it has lights and a permanent tarmac surface, so I am dubious about its ‘temporary nature’.

Road improvement request

The yearly competitive request for road improvements, whereby all parishes submit a proposal to the County Council, has been submitted and we shall wait to see if we are amongst the successful villages.

TAG, the Transport Action Group, has once again undertaken this task on behalf of the PC and I would like to record our thanks.

New access road to Northstowe?

We have just heard that Highways England have supported the proposal to build an additional access road to Northstowe which will emerge onto Dry Drayton Road.

We have argued against this and will continue to argue, with Cambridgeshire County Council support, that if built it should go straight to the new roundabout on the A1307/Dry Drayton Road junction.

We shall see.



Dr Stephen Moore



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From our District Councillors

The Greater Cambridge Local Plan

A list of potential development sites has been published for the Greater Cambridge Local Plan. The new Local Plan, which will set out where new homes and jobs would be developed to 2041 and beyond, aims to minimise carbon emissions and maximise biodiversity, green space improvements and social inclusion and create great places to live and work. As a result, sites have been chosen which will be close to high quality public transport and within walking and cycling distance of local destinations and services, to minimise future car use. Along with the possible locations for development, the proposals also include suggested new green space and wildlife projects, initial policy recommendations for low-carbon building and water conservation, and proposals for affordable housing that developers should provide in the future.

Out of over 690 sites put forward by developers and landowners, and another 200 considered by planners, only 19 new sites are proposed to be taken forward into the new Plan.

We are, however, incredibly disappointed that one of these sites selected is in Oakington. The development of 20 houses is proposed on land owned by the County Council, off Station Road, just below the busway. This land is currently part of the Green Belt.

We will be strongly objecting to the inclusion of this site as we do not think it is appropriate for a small village, which is already feeling the huge impact of Northstowe on its edge, to have these houses added on this land. We acknowledge the need for housing, especially affordable housing, but believe Northstowe is helping to meet this need.

Water Lane is already under tremendous pressure from traffic and this development will only add to this. The addition of these houses on this site also adds to the risk of flooding. The current field acts as a buffer for the village to the busway and separation between Oakington and Westwick.

We understand this site was chosen because of proximity to the busway, but we will be inviting council and planning representatives to attend a public meeting to give the community opportunity to ask questions and give their views.

A formal consultation phase will begin shortly and we would also ask residents to submit their comments. We will share details of the consultation as soon as available. Your feedback will allow us to challenge this decision and push for this site to be removed from the future Local Plan.

Please do not hesitate to contact us – details on page 5.

*Sarah Cheung Johnson
and Alex Malyon*



From our County Councillor

We're now well into autumn with wonderful colours but fading light at either end of the day. Please take care with changing road and path conditions and set out to travel safely wherever you go.

Highways. The next quarterly Highways meeting is on Friday 1 October; all backdated and current issues will be discussed and prioritised where possible. To report any problems: highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/

Gully Maintenance will be taking place in Q4. All gullies will be included and recorded.

Guided Busway Bus Shelter. The three damaged panels have been replaced at Oakington bus stop.

Wilson's Road Public Bridleway - section from the bridge to A1307. Concerns were raised by representatives of local equestrians and Longstanton Parish Council in May over the proposed surfacing of this public bridleway. We, the new administration, agreed to upgrade the surface that was recommended to a new surface used successfully by The Lake District National Park, a World Heritage Site, and the methodology of the new surface is compliant with British Horse Society published guidance.

The new surface will benefit the local community and be truly inclusive for all abilities of walkers, ramblers, cyclists, wheelchair users and pushchairs. This will allow families to enjoy leisurely walks, ride their horses and cycles thus promoting health and wellbeing, as well as being a practical route for journeys to and from the area. It will also be more accessible and improve connectivity and will join all the planned Non-Motorised Users' routes within the area for a circular route to/from Bar Hill, Longstanton, Northstowe and beyond to Eddington and Cambridge. Work should have been completed by mid-October depending on the weather.

A14, Bar Hill and Swavesey Non-Motorised Users Crossing Cycle Barriers. The staggered barriers at the bottom of all four ramps of the two bridges have been the subject of scrutiny since they have been installed, by a wide range of users: mobility scooters, wheelchairs, tandems, cycle trailers and horse riders. Following an independent review procured by the Council and support from me and other local councillors, all four barriers will be removed from the approach ramps of both bridges, including the northern approach to the Swavesey bridge. Here, a pedestrian guardrail will be installed across the end of the ramp to minimise the risk of cyclists overshooting onto the A1307.

Joint Administration Update. The new County Council Joint Administration has been taking stock of the council's financial position and ways of working. We are examining how to go forward with less income and a continuing need to 'make savings' while dealing with inflation and the economic costs of Covid to the council. Our job as a council is to provide the best possible services for our residents. The next round of committee meetings is in September, and all meetings are live-streamed:

www.youtube.com/user/CambsCountyCouncil

Carbon Dioxide Monitors for Schools

The government have announced that they will be providing all schools with carbon dioxide monitors to quickly identify where ventilation needs to be improved. We are not expecting these to be available until October half term and we will be providing further advice to schools when they are available.

Feel free to contact me with your questions, views or issues by email - details on page 5.

Firouz Thompson





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Transport Action Group

Southern Access Road East

Highways England has finally given its planning response for Northstowe Phase 3A and 3B. This will require Homes England to prepare an acceptable proposal to partially signalise the new Bar Hill junction and to implement the Southern Access Road East (SARE) as additional relief for the expected increase in traffic. The County Council Highways department have stated, in their latest submission to the planners, that they would support a SARE with access the A1307 Local Road at the existing roundabout; whether this position can be held is debatable.

To do this Homes England will need to purchase additional land beyond the bridle way opposite Poplar Cottages. This would be the best option for steering traffic from Northstowe away from the narrow and congested roads in Oakington and Westwick.

Longstanton Road

A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order permitted only pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders to use it. These restrictions have been formalised with the issue of a Permanent Traffic Regulation Order (PR0711):

“Proposed prohibition of driving for all motorised vehicles on Oakington Road, Longstanton from a point 460 metres south east of its junction with Wilson’s Road to Longstanton Road, Oakington and Westwick at a point 370 metres north west of its junction with Lowbury Crescent. *Access for pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians will be maintained*



with provision for access for adjacent agricultural landowners and emergency service vehicles.”

CCC Highways have proposed a heavy steel barrier with bull gates, and keys will be supplied to emergency services and farmers who need access.

Pegasus Crossing

Many walkers, cyclists and horse riders will be aware of the work going on where the Southern Access Road West crosses Longstanton Road. This crossing will be a Pegasus crossing enabling the lights to be activated by horse riders without having to dismount as well as those on foot or

cycling using the buttons at normal height. The image shows the crossing under construction. This shows vehicular access on the left-hand side to allow access to SARW for emergency and farm vehicles as stated in the PRO.

The Construction Haul Road near the military lake end is likely to be a permanent access into Northstowe since it has been built to a high standard and has lampposts along its length;

however it does not have a segregated cycle path. As a consequence, there is also a need for another controlled crossing where Longstanton Road crosses this but there is little information about what is planned at this time.

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 07807184691

Environment Action Group

Our top priority remains **flood protection** for the village, and our Flood Mitigation Group continues to work hard to push for the attenuation ponds promised by the Northstowe developers. It is hoped that this issue can be discussed at a forthcoming meeting between the Northstowe developers and our Parish Council by the end of September. County Cllr Firouz Thompson has also raised the issue with the Cambridgeshire County Council’s Environment officers.

The village **flower tubs** have been looking good all summer, and we are very grateful to the volunteers who look after them. Normally we would be replacing the summer plants with winter pansies in September, but the pansies have not done well in recent years. We therefore plan to leave the summer plants in place during the autumn, and then replant with something else when they have faded.

The moorhen that lives on the **village pond** has laid several clutches of eggs this year and appears to be enjoying the thick growth of duckweed on the surface of the pond. On the other hand, it would be nice to see some clear water, and so after the most recent clutch had hatched we moved in to drag off some of the weed. After fighting our way through



the reeds to get to the water (see photo) we netted off a lot of the duckweed, but some of the much finer water meal remained leaving a green layer still on the pond (albeit much thinner than before). We continue to investigate longer term solutions.

We have been pleased to see that the number of **highways issues** outstanding on the Cambridgeshire County Council

ReportIt website has been decreasing and it appears that CCC has been working through the list well. We continue to encourage everyone to report issues of concern at highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

We are also very grateful to the volunteers who cut back the vegetation along Water Lane in August where it was severely restricting the use of the footway.

The Open Spaces **project to develop the recreation ground** for all-age use has hit further admin problems. We still do not have the necessary planning permission although SCDC

have indicated that this might arrive by 1st December, which is the next funding application deadline. The other big problem has been the difficulty of getting quotes for the work. Contractors seem reluctant to commit to prices for six or more months, which is necessary for the funding process.

Stephanie Smith, Secretary



Heather Bee Arts



Village Picnic



Village Picnic, 31 July

In the end it was a very enjoyable afternoon with people getting together while enjoying some good music throughout. Some 200 residents attended.

Prior to the day there were still potential problems with Covid and a question mark about the weather. We were very fortunate with the latter, as the rain held off until we were clearing up.

The Picnic was an opportunity to thank Raj and Kanwal for their 31 years running the Village Shop and for their service to the community. Hanna Lumley presented an emotional Raj with a cheque for **£2,500** raised by the village through Hanna's "Just Giving" initiative. Also OWN used the event to thank the people who had helped the community during the lockdowns – some 50 volunteers!

Many, many thanks to all the helpers, volunteers, entertainers and especially to the Village Picnic Committee that oversaw the preparations. As with all village events, if people do not come forward to give their time, these projects could not take place.

The following made the Village Picnic possible:

The Committee: Bernard Yates (chair); Irène Butlin, Sue Heaver, Ranko Pinter, Arthur Sillett, Bruce Sutherland, Graham Tregonning. **Poster design:** Chas Ashford-Hodges. **Advertising:** Ian Beardsley (website), Irène (facebook), Ranko (lamp posts, road verges). **Site Preparation & Dismantling:** Tony Leadley, The Committee, Geoffrey Butlin, Andrew Dennis, Kevin Fentiman, Jessica Yates. **Hay Bales:** Tim Gawthrop. **Refreshments:** The Cake Place, Caffiend of Cambridge, WeAllLoveIcecream. **Stalls:** Heather Bee Arts, Scrubs for Cambridgeshire, Bebe & Ju Crafts. **Entertainment:** The Brading Brothers, The Oakington Singers, The USB-4 Band. **Activities:** Ranko (Chess), Graham (Orchard Safari), Jenny Broadway & Geoffrey Butlin (giant games), Alice J (OWN's Lockdown quilt), Hanna Lumley (Cheque presentation to Raj & Kanwal). **Raffle Prizes:** The Cake Place, The Village Shop, The White Horse, Community Association member groups. **Raffle Sale:** Kathryn Coles, Sue Heaver, Sue Kaufman, Kay & Ron Koehler.

*Bernie Yates
Village Picnic Committee Chair*

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A Poem on Raj and Kanwal's retirement

By Hanna Lumley

The heart of our village

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for oh, so many years

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Raj and Kanwal, here's to you
Let's raise a glass and toast

To you for being so wonderful
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Cheers! Happy retirement!!!

Charity Coffee Morning

Beck Hudson Silk, with sister Lella and their mum Liz, once again arranged this fundraiser in aid of **Macmillan**. Over 50 people joined the event, including previous residents.



Beck writes: *Thanks so much to all who came to the coffee morning at mum's on 17 September - we had a lovely morning, with lots of yummy cakes!*

We made a whopping £800+ and are still gathering donations.... which is just so kind and amazing!!

Thanks to Arthur Sillett, the new CA gazebo was at the ready in case of rain, but luckily was not required.

Editors



Oakington Garden Society



Yes! It is a bindweed flower; as an amateur artist I saw its perfect symmetry quite beautiful.

September is upon us and some of you may be wondering if the Garden Society will be restarting

soon. As these uncertain times continue and we are not quite sure whether or not the dreaded Coronavirus will spike again over the winter, it is, with regret, that we have decided to continue to leave the Society on hold until the spring. We have taken some time to consider this. It takes around two months to set up the speakers for the September start. Under normal conditions the Committee will start on this at the beginning of June in order to make sure every speaker is happy with their slot.

All is not completely lost: our intention is to see how things go for now, we will then book a couple of talks for, hopefully, March and April 2022. We will advise you nearer the time.

One thing that the committee have come to accept is *Tempus fugit* – we are regretfully not getting any younger. If any younger person would like to join the committee for the next year and beyond you will be welcomed with open arms. We will continue to support and point you in the right direction if you need this. What we are hoping for is that new blood will inject a little energy into the Society in order to take it forward for the future.

Do get in touch – 01223 233951.

Julie Grove



Oakington Singers



Our choir needs you! Or maybe *you* need the *choir*?! A quick google produced these reasons why...

Benefits of joining a choir

1. Musicality. Singing in a choir improves the way you hear music and intensifies your appreciation of harmony and the way harmonies combine and complement each other.

2. Mental health. Studies have shown that the mental health benefits of choral singing include enhanced brain function, strengthened feelings of togetherness, and the release of endorphins and oxytocin resulting in reduced stress and depression.

3. Confidence. From school days, many people believe they can't sing. Unless there is hearing loss, anyone can learn to sing... and perform with confidence! To experience this for the first time as part of a choir can be life changing.

4. Belonging. Being part of a group working towards a shared endeavour can fulfil a basic human need for belonging and union, especially in the modern world where people are increasingly isolated.

5. Aerobic and toning. A proper singing session is a wonderful workout for the lungs. Breathing deeply and opening the diaphragm all oxygenate the blood, creating more white blood cells, which strengthens the whole body. Endorphins are released, producing a profound sense of well-being. All this lung action reduces the chance of illness and is excellent for people who suffer asthma, and emphysema. Singing also improves your posture and tones your stomach muscles – a strong core supports the spine so your body will be less prone to injury as you age.

So, what are you waiting for?

The Oakington Singers (a community choir offering music to suit all tastes!!) meet every Monday at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Church Hall. No previous experience required! To join our choir, or simply try us out, contact helenwilliams5@outlook.com. We look forward to welcoming you.

Helen Williams

Oakington and Westwick Neighbourhood Watch



We have had a quiet summer, but as we go into autumn we need to remember the same advice as ever:

Covid-19 vaccinations are free; they will continue to be provided by local GPs. Lateral Flow test kits can be obtained free from GP surgeries or some pharmacies, for example at Tesco Bar Hill.

Earlier sundown means more attention to be paid to securing your home for the night, locking doors and windows, as well as checking that cars are not parked in dark places where it is easier for catalytic converters to be stolen.

Jillian Wilkinson, Co-ordinator
oakwestnhw@gmail.com

Telephone Box Library

The Telephone Box Library is still open but only for books and jigsaws, please!

Liz Davis



Oakington & Westwick Short Mat Bowls Club



While current members are playing each week, we are continuing to follow Covid guidelines, particularly with regard to social distancing and so can only use two playing mats. Unfortunately this means that at the moment we are unable to invite anyone else to join us.

Once we are confident that 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 and would like more information on the Club, please contact Dawn on 01223 236427 and she will let you know when we are able to start our normal sessions again.

Dawn Stokes



Oakington

C of E Primary School

150th Anniversary Souvenir

Oakington Church of England Primary School has been at the heart of the community of Oakington and Westwick for generations. More than just a place of education, this small and special village school is where, over the years, class after class of children have grown as individuals and as groups of friends, and it has also been a focal point of community activity for all ages. We wish our school a happy 150th anniversary!



History Lesson

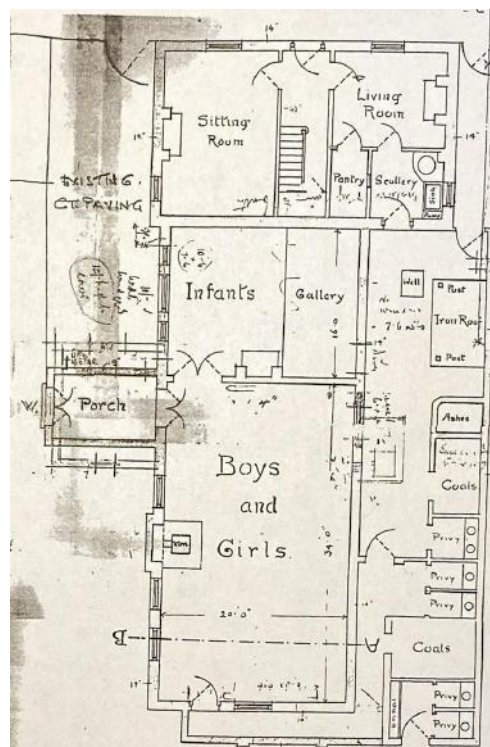
Education in Oakington goes back at least three centuries before the school was founded 150 years ago. Most of the information here was collected by village historian Ralph Warboys in his monograph, 'History of Education and the Schools of Oakington' (2002).

Schools in Oakington before 1871

The first mention of a school in Oakington is in **1583**. The bishop's visitation in **1685**, appalled by the number of Dissenters (non-conformists) here, recorded a "fanatic schoolmaster". These early "schools" may have consisted only of a master teaching a few students privately.

In **1809** a Sunday School was begun by the Vicar. By the 1830s there was also a Meeting House (Baptist Chapel) Sunday School, an infant school and five "dame" schools (one a boarding school for 16 girls.)

Space became tight in the infant school so in **1837** a new school was built, this time on the site of the present one, opening with 140 children. It was sized 42ft x 13ft!



The 1871 building with its school house at the front and two classrooms. The school remained substantially unaltered for its first hundred years.

In 1871, the date-stone was laid in the end wall of the school house



Plans had been drawn up in **1860** to demolish the existing school and replace it with a "National" (church) school for 200 children complete with a School House. In **1880** school attendance became compulsory for 5–10 year-olds, and by **1910** 98 scholars are recorded.

The two original classrooms are still in use, although altered. Ralph Warboys remembered that in **1932**, the 90-odd pupils were divided into three classes, with two taught simultaneously in the bigger room.

Indoor toilets came in **1960**. In **1974** the building was enlarged to provide a hall, kitchen, staff room and two more classrooms. By the turn of the 21st century, there were still around 90 pupils, but by then divided into four classes. In the last 20 years the school has been extended to the front and a further three classrooms have been added.

1941: Air raid shelter built in the playground

1958: Children over 11 began to go to IVC

The swimming pool, initially open air and unheated, was built in **1969** with PTA fundraising. Parents ran a rota so it could be used in the holidays.

Headteachers Remembered



Miss Chandler taught for over 40 years. She was held in great affection, despite her frequent use of the cane.

Miss Chandler 1891–1934
Miss Norfolk 1934–

...
Mrs Turkentine
John Booton
Paul Overton
Marguerite Roberts
Liz Jenkins 2003–2008
Viv Moore-Stow 2008–9 (Interim Head)
Sally Daggianti 2009–2018
Nathan Clark 2018–

Many members of the community served on the Governing Body over the years. Previous chairs include Mr Wilson (20+ years), Geoffrey Butlin, Marian Cleaver, David Price, Sheila Boyd, Charles Warboys, Karen Sutherland, Edmund Buss, Helen Bryant, and Ben Beaumont. The current chair is Sarah Mathew.

In May 2019 the school joined the Diocese of Ely Multi-Academy Trust (DEMAT).



Old and new school logos. Uniform was introduced in 2006.





1905



1950



1977



1977



1986 Class 1 & 2

Mrs Jack



1992

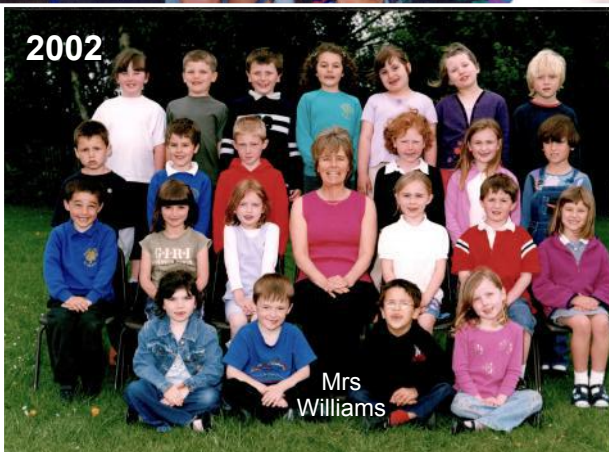
Mrs Jack



Married

Mrs Livingston

1992



2002

Mrs Williams



2009

Miss Clements



1932 Fairy Ring



Mrs Hay



Community Capers



1933



1976 Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves



1987

1987 Edwardian Music Hall
"My Grandfather's Clock"



Community Capers



Sports Day



1980 Hiawatha



90s May Fayre



80s Fundraising

Mr Booton

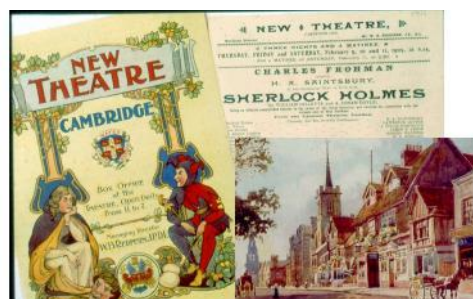
Oakington and Westwick WI

Did you know that **Sherlock Holmes** actually came to Oakington (and Westwick!) in one of his detective mysteries?



After our traditional break in August, at last, this September, we were all set to return to normality and meet again for the first time in 18 months in St Andrew's Church Hall! Or so we thought, until our speaker, renowned local historian Mike Petty, announced his preference for delivering his talk on Zoom. It worked brilliantly and somehow made it easier for us to believe we had really travelled back in time and were witness to an unfolding drama.

Mike enthralled us in his telling of the story 'The Adventure of the Missing Three Quarter' which (without giving spoilers!) plotted a route through the very familiar(?) streets of Cambridge, through a couple of well-known local



villages and on to the ones that are, naturally, of particular importance to us. You will have to read the book to find out

whether it was Oakington or Westwick which was referred to as 'A sleepy Hollow'! The story is set in 1897 and we were transported back in time with Mike's comprehensive assembly of photos from those times, covering the entire journey. Though undeniably recognisable, we were none the less captivated by how very different our local city and countryside looked only 124 years ago!

Our meetings will now continue in person at St Andrew's Church Hall:

- **14 Oct** Oakington resident Yvonne Pinchen on volunteering in Tajikistan
- **11 Nov** Christmas Craft members' evening
- **9 Dec** The Oakington Singers entertain

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

Tuesday Talk & Tea

Regrettably due to the heavy rainfall September meeting was cancelled late morning. If you arrived to a closed door we apologise but look forward to greeting you on 12th October.



- **12 Oct** David Taylor (ex Oakington resident) talking about Women's Roles and Achievements in Aviation
- **9 Nov** Filling Samaritan's Purse Children's Christmas boxes

Both meeting at St Andrews Church Hall, 2.45pm. Company is the answer to loneliness. Look forward to seeing you.

Joan Pettit

Country Dance Club

Jane and I are pleased to be able to start the Country Dance Club up again and will be meeting on the following Fridays: 29th October, 12th November and 10th December, in Histon Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Histon, CB24 9JD, from 8.00 to 10.00 pm. Guest callers and local musicians, if available, each month. Adults: £2.00; accompanied children: 50p. Everyone welcome.



Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, we advise that you bring your own hand sanitiser. Masks are not compulsory, but you can wear one if you wish. Windows and doors will be open for ventilation. Refreshments will be provided as before, but you can bring your own, if you prefer.

Kathryn Coles

Tennis Club Quiz Night

Oakington & Westwick Tennis Club will be hosting their ever popular quiz on Saturday 20th November 2021 at the Pavilion. This is a joint OWTC and village event with money raised going to charities as well as the tennis club.



Tickets cost £40 per team (of up to 4 people) and the ticket price includes a hot meal.

There will be a reduced number of tables this year due to Covid, so tickets **MUST** be pre-booked and paid for in advance via entry form only which can be obtained by emailing oakingtontc@gmail.com.

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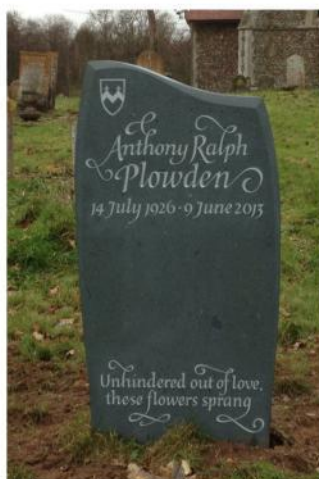
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Oakington & Westwick Neighbours

The brightly coloured bunting fluttered invitingly in the gentle breeze and, after a week of non-descript grey late summer days, the sun began to shine and the lake glinted and sparkled.

Jazz and Tea was back! The last time it happened was in 2019 when no-one had the faintest idea about a pandemic that would engulf every aspect of our daily lives. That occasion was a huge success, and in fact there was some concern that it had become too big. Nevertheless, the money raised enabled OWN to continue to function for the next two years, and to co-ordinate the village response to the Covid crisis. On display in the beautiful garden this year was the Community Quilt which bloomed from the efforts of a group using different textiles and techniques. Its aim was to show the creativity and resilience of the local community through the pandemic, and it took nearly a year to complete.



But most of all, thank you to all those who came and enjoyed themselves – you really made the day!

We now have a **Village Volunteers** WhatsApp group, which developed from the WhatsApp group set up to provide urgent help and support in the early days of the pandemic. If you'd

like to know about opportunities to help others in the community, contact us to join. Village Volunteers are not just for OWN; other community groups can patch in to this too. Contact us if your group needs to advertise for help.



Finally, all are invited to the **OWN AGM** which will be held by Zoom on Monday 15 Nov at 7:30pm. Come and get involved in the discussion about how we can make community life richer and more supportive – contact OWN for the link.

07902 111786 owneighbours@gmail.com

Jo Bryant



As ever, **Black Coffee Jazz** entertained with their blend of smooth, laid-back music; the perfect accompaniment to the tea (or coffee) and amazing cakes on offer. Garden games provided some fun activities, although one young visitor was somewhat bemused by the huge chess set. Toddlers toddled and neighbours chatted in the September sunshine. Altogether **£575** was raised to ensure OWN can continue to function for another year, so a big **THANK YOU** to all who baked, brewed, served, sang, played, put up gazebos and transported tables, supplied china, washed up and cleared down.



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The mysterious life of fungi

You will have noticed that as the weather became more autumnal, fruiting bodies of mushrooms (mostly edible) and toadstools (mostly inedible) appeared above the soil level in the countryside and in our gardens. Fungi are decomposers and can break down tough organic materials like cellulose in the dead leaves to release nutrients. The damp conditions encourage the fruiting bodies to appear above the soil level.

What is not so obvious is that at all times of the year, fungi exist as a tangled web in the soil. This web of tiny fibres is known as mycelium and most have a relationship with the green plants around them. The fungi supply the nutrients from the soil because many nutrients are not immediately available to plants, such as phosphorus. The fungi also help the transfer of water and expand the reach of the plant roots.

The plants return the favour by passing on carbohydrates like starch to the fungi for their energy needs. As you know, green plants convert the sun's energy to make sugars and starch through photosynthesis. Fungi do not generally have this capability so this symbiotic relationship (good for both parties) works well.

Inevitably, there are a few exceptions and some fungi are parasites to plants, especially to trees, like honey fungus.



But in the main this symbiotic arrangement with nutrients is effective. Recent research has also confirmed another angle to this relationship. This tangled mass of tiny mycelium is also a sort of telegraph system which links with the roots of most plants, of many different species, especially trees. This network of root hairs and mycelium is called mycorrhiza, and can spread many miles. What is even more amazing is that the network can work as an early warning system. If one plant is attacked by insect pests, pathogens or herbivores then a warning passes in the system and other plants can take defensive action.

Apparently over 90% of plants have some sort of mycorrhizal relationship so we should no longer think of them as individuals but as part of a close community. However, damage to the mycorrhiza by chemicals, such as artificial fertilisers and pesticides, or cultivation can clearly damage the relationship. On a small scale, mycorrhiza can be purchased and added to soil when plants such as trees are planted.

Soil is a living entity with more biodiversity than we see above the ground. It is full of fungi, bacteria, invertebrates such as earthworms and beetles as well as humus... and it is vital for us all that we take care of it.

John Terry

Swifts in St Andrew's, Oakington

Back in the early 1980s, when we lived in Vicarage Close, there was a vibrant colony of Swifts nesting under the eaves on the south side of the chancel of St Andrew's. Oakington resident, Jenny Friend, who used to watch them regularly, reckons there were three pairs. These birds would have been nesting there for decades.

Sometime after we moved from Oakington in 1984, these nesting sites were destroyed when the roof was repaired. The Swifts returning from Africa were homeless. Stories like this have been repeated countless times across the country with the result that Swifts in the UK have declined by over 60% in the last 25 years, meaning that they will qualify for inclusion in the Birds of Conservation Concern (BoCC) Red-list when it is revised later this year.

For Oakington to lose such a wonderful asset in this way

was a tragedy. Swifts are the signature sound of summer; they are uplifting as they charge around the skies with their exuberant displays. People need Swifts for their own mental well being!

However, all is not lost. In 2009, we installed 20 nest boxes for Swifts behind the louvres in the belfry. Initially just one pair moved in, alongside another pair in a crevice in the stonework.

When we inspected the nest boxes in 2017 there were two pairs. On a chance visit in July this year, there were a large number of Swifts circling the belfry, putting on a great show. This convinced us that another inspection could be worthwhile, after the Swifts' departure for Africa. On 7th September we found nests in four boxes: two in the west and two in the south.



The numbers are back to their former level, and, hopefully, will increase in future years.

The Swifts will return from Africa in early May. To get ready, if you need advice on Swift nest boxes on your own home, or should anyone wish to become involved in the monitoring and maintenance of the St Andrew's Swifts, please get in touch. The only qualifications are basic DIY skills and a willingness to climb rather steep ladders!

Dick Newell, Action for Swifts
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News from the Village Shop



Sanjeev Dias and Thiru Kunaratnam

Thiru and Sanjeev are working hard to serve the community at Oakington Village Stores and Post Office. The shop is now open 7 – 7 Monday to Saturday, and 7 – 4 on Sundays. Bread, rolls and pastries from the in-store bakery can be ordered and reserved on Friday – Sunday: text, whatsapp or ring Thiru on 07543 591009 the day before.

A wide range of Co-operative products, including meats and vegetables, are available, and there are always fresh flowers, for that last-minute gift or to treat yourself. They offer free delivery to Oakington and Westwick for shopping over £25 – again, text, whatsapp or ring 07543 591009 to place an order.

Thiru and Bhavna run the post office, which is open 9am – 1pm Monday – Friday, 2 – 4:30pm weekday afternoons except Wednesday, and Saturday mornings 9am -12:30pm.

Thiru and Sanjeev say to get in touch on 07543 591009 or 01223 232327 if you have any questions or comments.

Jenny Prince

Gigabit Broadband is coming to Oakington

There was a call out in the Journal earlier this year for the households to register their interest to have the futureproof technology of optical fibre connection brought right up to their house – known as FTTP (Fibre To The Premises). With the earlier deadline of the end of March 2021 subsequently extended to the 24th September, it provided opportunity for more households and businesses to apply for it and benefit from the government-funded rural broadband voucher scheme.

A local company Cambridge Fibre is now ready to start installing brand new full-fibre gigabit broadband in Oakington, which is capable of providing broadband with speeds of up to 1 Gb/sec, and all those who have registered with them by the above deadline will get the government to pay for the installation!

The households that missed the deadline to qualify for the

News from Midfield Lodge

I am the "Magic Moments" Activities Coordinator at Midfield Lodge Care Home in Oakington. I've just finished installing our all-new "Sensory Room" for the benefit of our residential, nursing, dementia and palliative care residents, as well as our wonderful staff. After a hard 18 months that has seen us weather the storm that Coronavirus brought upon us all, we've all benefited from taking time to relax our bodies and minds and this is what originally inspired the Sensory Room. Our residents responded really positively to smaller sensory sessions and the idea grew from there.

Cath Townsend and I – the Magic Moments Activities Team – unveiled the new Sensory Room on 27th August. We've gratefully received donations from local individuals and staff alike to bring this all together and we're incredibly

grateful for the support of everyone involved.

The room features a hand painted underwater mural, LED lighting, a wave projection device, Sensory fiddle items, soft lighting, a television and ambient sounds, making the room accessible to all.



Do feel free to call the home on 01223 232267 and speak to our manager, Sham, or our deputy manager, Lijo, if you have any enquiries or would like us to provide a quote.

Francesca Lyons

vouchers, and would like to have optical fibre connection brought right up to their house, can still register with Cambridge Fibre, although they would have to pay for the connection. Those interested need to contact Cambridge Fibre on www.cambridgefibre.uk/residential-full-fibre-broadband.

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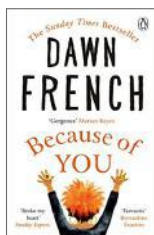
"As the old millennium turns into the new, two very different women give birth to two very similar daughters... Seventeen years later, the truth of that night starts rolling, terrible and deep, toward them all."

This book made me an emotional wreck, I loved it!!

I've seen lots of one or two star reviews saying it's too much like a soap opera or just way too unbelievable, but aren't books meant to be about escapism?!

It's one of the best books I've read this year, I can't recommend it enough.

Hanna Lumley



Carrot and Lentil Lasagne

This is a really easy lasagne recipe (no white sauce!) which is vegetarian but in my experience goes down well with omnivores too. You can also make it vegan by substituting vegan grated "cheese". The quantities scale up and down easily (making for four or six just involves a little extra chopping) and spare portions of the sauce mixture or of the cooked lasagne both freeze well.

Quantities to serve two:

- 3 oz carrot, finely chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- Oil for frying
- 3 oz green lentils (obtainable from the village shop)
- 1 tin chopped tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon tomato purée or ketchup
- 1ish teaspoons dried parsley
- Ground black pepper, and salt if you want it
- Dried lasagne sheets
- Approx 4 oz grated cheese



Sauté the carrot, onion and garlic until soft while cooking the lentils (more than cover with boiling water and simmer, topping up if necessary) until soft – approx 20 minutes. Preheat oven gas 6/200°C/fan 180°C. Drain and mix lentils with vegetables, tomatoes, tomato purée/ketchup and seasonings, and heat through. In an ovenproof dish, put a layer of lasagne, half the mixture, and a thin layer of grated cheese. Then another lasagne layer, the rest of the mixture, more cheese, and finally a third layer of lasagne and cover it with grated cheese. Cook for 10–15 minutes (longer if you like the top crispy.)

Jenny Prince

My Hobby

A Run Through Time

In my lifetime, I cannot remember a time when I have not run regularly. Running has always been there as a tool to help me cope with life. I started running at fifteen at secondary school, when I came second in the county mile. Later that same year I left school and joined the Royal Navy, whereby I was able to run for the Navy, on several occasions, mainly cross country, competing against the other services. During a tour of South Africa I was invited to run The Two Oceans Race, which was 35 miles of beautiful countryside. It took me about seven and half hours to complete with very little training, as we had been at sea for several weeks.

In 1993 I ran the London Marathon in a time of 4 hours 11 minutes. During the run I remember running alongside boxer Herol Graham. Over the years, I have run several half marathons, plus 10 and 5Ks, in the local area. As I got older I became a coach at Cambridge & Coleridge Athletics Club coaching young athletes, which I thoroughly enjoyed. Now I run the local Saturday park runs with a group of friends. We find them good fun, for all levels, especially for beginners both socially and fitness wise.

I will be soon completing my 200th Park Run and I have also volunteered with marshalling the runs one hundred times. Living in Oakington, we are fortunate to have numerous bridle paths, whereby you can go for a run and never have to run on a public highway.

At the age of 73 I still thoroughly enjoy running. Running through life.

Alan Baldock



Board Games Chest

Exploding Kittens started life as the most successful Kickstarter crowdfunding campaign to date. The game takes about 2 minutes to learn and 15 minutes to play. It is suitable for 2–5 players, of ages 7 and up.

Players draw cards until someone draws an Exploding Kitten card. If you're lucky enough to have a Defuse card you can Defuse the kitten with laser pointer or belly rubs, and continue the game. Other cards are designed to get cards from other players, see what cards are at the top of the deck, or even shuffle the deck.

No kittens will be harmed during game play!

Vincent Udo



Welcome a New Neighbour

If somebody has moved in near you, a village 'Welcome' leaflet will help them feel at home. This has a map of the villages and some key information for new residents. Either let Bruce Sutherland know and he will deliver one, or pick one up from him and take it yourself – it's a good excuse to knock on the door and say hello! Contact: Bruce Sutherland, brucessutherland@aol.com or 07730 817350





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From the Baptist chapel

On Saturday July 3rd it was a real pleasure to welcome so many villagers through the doors to our Open Day and Thanksgiving Service for the completion of the three-and-a-half year restoration project.

The photo exhibition attracted a lot of interest as it illustrated the extent of the repairs and the various stages the work had to go through to get us from this:



through this:



to this:



A number of people have stopped by since then to say they were disappointed they were unable to come that day and would still be interested in a visit and seeing the photos. So we are planning to have a coffee

morning on **Saturday 6th November from 10 – 12.30.**

The exhibition on the restoration project will still be there and you are all very welcome to drop in and have a coffee and a cookie, and a look around at this piece of history in the centre of our village.

Lis Warboys

Climate Emergency

On Saturday 4th September a village close to us demonstrated their commitment to both the climate emergency and concerns about loss of the biodiversity. The Hardwick Eco Event attracted well over 200 visitors as well as the 50 or so people who organised it. They discussed ways of reducing carbon use in heating, transport, food and in the garden with stalls, seminars and surveys. The local Wildlife Trust pointed towards changes in wildlife movements in our planet that is heating up.

At a national level, the National Trust launched their proposals to address climate change. They have a three pronged approach:



1. capturing and storing carbon in soils and vegetation by planting more woodland (an extra 20 million trees by 2030) and restoring peat bogs,
2. decreasing their carbon footprint by reducing their use of fossil fuels e.g. rangers using bikes,
3. adapting to the impacts of more extreme weather. This involves creating hazard maps for their sites to pinpoint areas of most danger from landslips, high winds and flooding. This is an approach we could copy in Oakington.

You may have noticed how trees play a big role in these plans. They store carbon, help us keep cool and reduce flooding as well as providing habitat and landscape features.

At an international level, the latest report from the IPCC (Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change) pulls no punches. The IPCC have reported every five years or so since 1990 but this sixth report makes climate change unequivocally the fault of humans and that we are now in a climate system that is intense and frequent in terms of heatwaves, heavy precipitation, drought, cyclones and massive reductions in polar ice and permafrost. The problem is our burning of fossil fuels and deforestation.

The report is the most thorough yet, involving 14,000 studies and 234 scientists from 66 nations, concluding that climate change can only be limited by strong and sustained reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

John Terry



Oakington & Westwick Sports Pavilion Monthly Lottery 2021 - Winners



Month	Ticket No	Area or Winner	Winnings
August	122	Cambourne	£100
September	700	Saxon Close	£100

If you would like to enter the lottery, please text JOIN plus your name, house number & postcode to 07831 828898.

OAKINGTON & WESTWICK BONFIRE NIGHT

Saturday 6th November 2021

Village recreation ground

Gates open at 5:30pm

BBQ from 5:30pm with burgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers. Other food and drinks available.

**Firework display starts at
6:15 pm**

Family of four - £8.00 / Adult - £4.00

Child - £2.00 / Under 2's FREE



Bonfire Night, Community Association & Monday Café

Community Association

Members' meeting 12 October, 7:30pm

We hope all our members will join the meeting. Although the lockdown restrictions associated with the Covid pandemic have been now relaxed, the Committee has detected a degree of reluctance by members to resume face to face meetings, so we will again conduct this meeting via Zoom. Our Membership Secretary, Liz Davis, will shortly be sending out the invitations to our members.

These meetings are playing an important role in strengthening the community spirit of our village, by providing a platform for the exchange of information between the various groups and clubs in the village. For this reason, the Committee is keen to encourage representatives of these groups to come to this meeting and share with all of us, not only the trials and tribulations caused to their groups by the pandemic, but also to tell us if there are ways in which the Community Association could help them to recover and to flourish.

Bonfire Night 6 November - can you help?

Following the successful return to some normality post Covid lockdown with a scaled down version of our traditional Village Day – the Village Picnic – we are now busy planning the return of our traditional Bonfire Night.

Like the Village Picnic, the event is run totally by volunteers. Whilst there is already a great team working on it, we could always do with more people in order to 'spread the load'. Please contact me if you would like to help.

*Ranko Pinter, Chair
ranpin@gmail.com 07766 052025*



Monday Café

The 'Monday Café' is open again for everyone from 9.30 – 12.00 except on Bank Holidays. For just £1 customers can have as many drinks (and slices of cake!) as they wish. The Church Hall is still a great place to meet old friends and make new ones.

Liz Davis



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financial hardship
or are in need:**

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