

# ***Oakington & Westwick***

**August / September 2025**

***Journal***

A photograph of a vast field of golden wheat or grain, stretching towards a distant treeline. The sky is filled with large, dramatic, grey and white clouds. The foreground is dominated by the texture of the wheat stalks.

**A Little Lane  
Busway Tigers  
Plots Extended  
Village Day Album  
Power to the Pavilion**



## What's On

### Weekly

Mon **Monday Cafe**, 10–noon. Church Hall, £1. Liz Davis – 01223 232745

Mon **Youth Club**, on a Bus, 7–9pm. Recreation Ground, School Year 7 and above. Free. 07853 795256

Mon **Oakington Singers**, 7.30–9pm. Church Hall. Elaine Bailey – [elainebailey1@live.co.uk](mailto:elainebailey1@live.co.uk)

Tue **Senior Pilates**, 11.30–12.30pm. Pavilion. Classes through out the week. Claire Young – 07766 554413

Tue **Cubs**, 6–7.15pm. Term time. Pavilion. Richard Young – [richard.young@crafthillscouts.org.uk](mailto:richard.young@crafthillscouts.org.uk)

Tue **Mental Wellbeing group**, 6–8 pm. Contact Ildiko Dulo – [cats@koka.me.uk](mailto:cats@koka.me.uk) / [www.koka.me.uk/cats](http://www.koka.me.uk/cats)

Tue **Table Tennis**, 7.30–9pm. Pavilion. Gillian L'Angellier – 01223 234758

Wed **Mixed Ability Pilates**, 10–11am. Pavilion. Classes throughout the week. Claire Young – 07766 554413

Wed **Yoga**, 7–8.15pm. Pavilion. Denise Sibley-Moore – 01954 202235

Thu **Mature Movers**, 10–10.45am. Pavilion. Katie Harknett – 07541 721059 / [info@elementalfitness.co.uk](mailto:info@elementalfitness.co.uk)

Thu **Little Steps** playgroup, 10–11.30am. Term time. Church Hall. [littlestepsoakington@gmail.com](mailto:littlestepsoakington@gmail.com)

Thu **Ten Sing**, 7–9pm. Term time. Histon Baptist Church. Terry King – [cambridgetensing@gmail.com](mailto:cambridgetensing@gmail.com)

Thu **Short Mat Bowls**, 7.30–9.30pm. Pavilion. Dawn Stokes – 01223 236427

Thu **Quiz Night**, 8pm. White Horse Pub. 01223 232417

Fri **Beavers**, 6–7pm. Term time. Oakington Primary School. [beavers@oakingtonscouts.org.uk](mailto:beavers@oakingtonscouts.org.uk)

Fri **Scouts**, 6–7.30pm. Term time. Pavilion. Cara Hanman – [cara.hanman@oakingtonscouts.org.uk](mailto:cara.hanman@oakingtonscouts.org.uk)

Fri 1 Aug **Minibus to Bar Hill**, 10am. To book ring Teri Seaber – 07711 531004

Fri 1 Aug **Mobile Library**, 1.50–2.20pm. Coles Lane.

Sat 2 Aug **Village Walk & Talk**, 10.30am. Meet by Church on High Street. Alice – [OWNeighbours@gmail.com](mailto:OWNeighbours@gmail.com)

Thu 14 Aug **Chess Club**, 7pm. Interested in joining? contact Ranko Pinter – [ranpin@gmail.com](mailto:ranpin@gmail.com) or 07766 052025

Wed 20 Aug **Book Club**, 7.30pm. White Horse. "The Wild Silence". Contact Natalie – [nataliewant@hotmail.com](mailto:nataliewant@hotmail.com)

Thu 21 Aug **Philosopher's Café**, 7pm. Interested in joining? contact Ranko Pinter – [ranpin@gmail.com](mailto:ranpin@gmail.com) or 07766 052025

Fri 5 Sep **Minibus to Bar Hill**, 10am. To book ring Teri Seaber – 07711 531004

Fri 5 Sep **Mobile Library**, 1.50–2.20pm. Coles Lane.

Sat 6 Sep **Village Walk & Talk**, 10.30am. Meet by Church on High Street. Alice – [OWNeighbours@gmail.com](mailto:OWNeighbours@gmail.com)

Sat 6 Sep **Yard Sale**, 10am–2pm. Around the village. See page 24. [psa@oakington.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:psa@oakington.cambs.sch.uk)

Mon 8 Sep **O&W Parish Council**, 7.30pm. Pavilion. All invited. [clerk@oakingtonandwestwick-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@oakingtonandwestwick-pc.gov.uk)

Tue 9 Sep **Tuesday Talk & Tea**, 2.45pm. Church Hall. "Oakington at Chelsea". Marian Cleaver – 01223 232897

Thu 11 Sep **Chess Club**, 7pm. Interested in joining? contact Ranko Pinter – [ranpin@gmail.com](mailto:ranpin@gmail.com) or 07766 052025

Thu 11 Sep **O&W WI**, 7.30pm. Church Hall. Talk by Jenny Jeffries, food writer. Elaine Bailey – [elainebailey1@live.co.uk](mailto:elainebailey1@live.co.uk)

Sat 13 Sep **Therapeutic Stories workshop**, 10–noon. Pavilion. Contact Ildiko Dulo – [cats@koka.me.uk](mailto:cats@koka.me.uk) / [koka.me.uk/cats](http://koka.me.uk/cats)

Sat 13 Sep **WI Cakes & Produce Stall**, 10–noon. At the Village Sign. Elaine Bailey – [elainebailey1@live.co.uk](mailto:elainebailey1@live.co.uk)

Sat 13 Sep **Messy Church**, 3–5pm. Church Hall. Cate Lambert – [catelambert@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:catelambert@hotmail.co.uk) or 07533 152519

Sun 14 Sep **Lakeside Jazz & Tea**, 3–5pm. 9a Longstanton Road. OWN – [OWNeighbours@gmail.com](mailto:OWNeighbours@gmail.com)

Wed 17 Sep **Book Club**, 7.30pm. White Horse. "When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit". Natalie – [nataliewant@hotmail.com](mailto:nataliewant@hotmail.com)

Thu 18 Sep **Philosopher's Café**, 7pm. Interested in joining? contact Ranko Pinter – [ranpin@gmail.com](mailto:ranpin@gmail.com) or 07766 052025

Fri 19 Sep **Country Dancing**, 8–10pm. Histon Methodist Church. Kathryn Coles – 01223 233191

Tue 23 Sep **Oakington Air Cadets open evening**, 7.30pm. Cadet Centre, Magdalene Close, Longstanton, CB24 3EG.

Wed 24 Sep **Sustainable O&W**, 7.30pm. Church Hall. Bees & Bee-keeping, by Leo Jordan. [sustainableow@gmail.com](mailto:sustainableow@gmail.com)

Sat 27 Sep **Music Quiz & Play Your Cards Right**, 7.30pm. Pavilion. Richard Young – [rey20@cam.ac.uk](mailto:rey20@cam.ac.uk)

<b>BIN DAYS</b>	Fri 1 Aug, Fri 15 Aug, Fri 29 Aug, Fri 12 Sep, Fri 26 Sep.	<b>Black bins</b>
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This is a trial scheme to collect items which you can't recycle in the blue/green bins. Currently we are taking:

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One thing we've noticed while putting together this issue of the Journal is how often the words "thank you" turn up! So we'd like to add our thanks to the very many people who make living in Oakington and Westwick better, from community organisers to kind neighbours. Thanks particularly to all who write articles for the Journal. It would be great to include more people! We'll consider anything factual about Oakington and Westwick or people who live (or have lived) here: that includes hobbies and interests, jobs and volunteering, events and reminiscences, or what's up your street! Please send to the editors – details on this page.

Or if you have a great village picture that could grace our front cover, please send it in (it does need to be portrait, with minimum 1700x2100 pixels).

Finally, congratulations to Oakington Garden Centre, whose Pollinator Patch garden described last issue went on to win a silver-gilt medal at Chelsea. Thank you for putting Oakington on the map!

Jenny Prince & Graham Tregonning,  
Editors



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### Croft Lane

This is a short piece about a short lane!

Starting at the corner where Croft Lane meets Longstanton Road are council houses built in pre-war times. In front of these on the grass, elevated above the road, was one of the village pumps and alongside of this was a ditch for water running off the road.

Next along are two semis and one detached house built in the 60s by Charlie Caulfield, a local builder. At the end is one more recent build by Adrian and Jeremy Cook.

Between the council houses and the semis, the location of a lane that used to run through to the airfield is still visible.

On the corner of Coles Lane and Croft Lane was at one time a pair of old thatched cottages (knocked down in the 30s; shown in photo below). These were replaced with what became the home of Vi and Sydney Brickwood along with the Post Office which Vi ran for many years until her retirement.



(Photo shows Lenny Misson and Ralph Warboys as a boy!)

Opposite was the bakery on Coles Lane, now East View, which backed onto Croft Lane. It was run by Bert Smith and his son Eric until he retired in the 50s. In recent times Chas Ashford-Hodges has built an office for his business "Chameleon Studios" at the bottom of his garden, which is side on to Croft Lane.

Last but not least we have the White Horse pub, now the only pub in the village, again side on to Croft Lane. It has records going back to 1765, so has plenty of history.

It functioned as a butchers and a pub from the late 1800s to the early 1900s!

*Remembered by –  
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Three Vacancies

### Parish Website

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### Correspondence to the Council should be addressed to the Clerk:

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### Hardship Fund

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## From our Parish Council

**Pavilion Solar panels** – we are pleased to report the successful installation of solar panels on the Pavilion roof, together with back-up battery systems. This project marks a significant step towards sustainability. We thank all involved in this project, particularly Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority for their Net Zero Villages Grant funding and the Climate & Environment Team at South Cambs District Council for their support and guidance.

**Speed limit reduction** – works will shortly commence to implement the planned reduced limit to 30 mph between Oakington and Girton. We understand that to facilitate the work the road will likely be closed from the **26 – 29 August**, with a diversion route in place. Further details will be shared via social media and our website when we have them.

**Solar speed units** – thanks to a successful County Council Local Highways Initiative bid we now have two new solar speed monitoring units. These will be positioned in Cambridge Road and Water Lane/ Station Road. Hopefully they will help deter speeding in the village.

**Noisy motorbikes** – this very annoying antisocial/criminal behaviour continues to be an issue with excessive speeds and noise levels from motorbikes throughout the village and other local roads. Please do continue to report incidents to the Police via 101 or online via *cambs.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/*. Residents are also welcome to speak about this issue at the South Cambs Community Police meetings. These meetings help define local police priorities. The next online meeting is Tuesday **16 September**, 7–8pm. Email *communitymeeting@cambs.police.uk* to be sent an invite.

**Village Day** – a huge ‘thank you’ to the Community Association and all other volunteers who helped make the day such a success. There was a great atmosphere, full of community spirit (and cider!)

**Parish Councillor vacancies** – we still have three vacancies. Several of us talked to people at Village Day and handed out information leaflets. It would be great if some of those would come forward, or anyone else interested. No special qualifications are needed, just a willingness to help.

For more information or to express your interest, please contact the Parish Clerk, Laura Lawrence: *clerk@oakingtonandwestwick-pc.gov.uk* or 07903 295860.

*Tony Starling, Chair*



Hardship  
Fund

### Did you know that Oakington and Westwick has a Hardship Fund?

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For support call or text Jo on 07714 760582,  
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### From our District Councillor

#### Grants for Community Groups and Parish Councils

If you are from a local community group or parish council, we are encouraging you to make the most of the council's available grant schemes. The GrantGrabber service helps you search for available grants – all in one place. This service can be found at:

<https://funding.idoxopen4community.co.uk/supportcambs>

For further information on receiving a grant for a community project from the council, please visit the grants webpage at: [www.scambs.gov.uk/grants-and-funding](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/grants-and-funding).

#### Local Government Reorganisation

The Local Government Reorganisation currently underway across England is the biggest change to local government since 1974. Rather than separate county, city and district councils, services like bin collections, roads, education and social care will all be under the umbrella of one unitary council.

Although it appears that it is possible to streamline services to save money, many of us are concerned that the government's proposed size for these unitary councils (with populations of at least 500,000 people) threatens to lose the local democratic representation that we hold so dear. Also, apart from its traditional counties, many of which date to Saxon times, England has no stable, historically enduring internal borders, so any reorganisation will only be temporary.

The public consultation closed on 20 July. My group is continuing to meet with officers to ensure we have the

information we need to get the best outcome for residents, with the best possible services and the best possible representation by your local councillors.

All seven of the councils in the ceremonial county of Cambridgeshire, including Peterborough, have been working together to discuss potential options for a new arrangement of councils. Three options based on existing Council boundaries are currently on the table. All of these would unite South Cambs district with Cambridge City Council; in proposal A East Cambs would also be part of the same unitary authority; in proposal C it would be Huntingdonshire instead. [www.scambs.gov.uk/news/three-options-announced-for-council-reorganisation-plans](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/news/three-options-announced-for-council-reorganisation-plans).

Ultimately, it will be for central government to decide on any new local council structures. Britain has one of the most centralised national governments in the world, with little if any powers in England residing outside London.



Cllr Tom Bygott

### From our County Councillor

**Local Government Reorganisation.** Three options for new unitary councils are under consideration. The County Council supports Option A, which keeps East Cambridgeshire linked with Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire.

**Council Finance & Performance.** Cambridgeshire ended the year with a £4.45M overspend (less than forecast).

**Health & Wellbeing.** The Council has retendered several public health services and endorsed a new strategy prioritising obesity, mental health, and smoking reduction. A dedicated Health Scrutiny committee is being proposed.

**Procurement & Transparency.** Historical breaches of procurement rules (none involving fraud) have prompted cultural changes and improvements in oversight.

**Children & Education.** New models for school construction have been approved. A service for children with complex needs will launch in Harston.

**Household Support Fund.** The fund is open again for 2025–26. Eligible households can apply for a £110 voucher. More info: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/household-support-fund](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/household-support-fund)

**Environment & Climate.** The Fens reservoir will now be delivered by central government. Cambridgeshire scored second nationally in a climate action review. A new Local Nature Recovery Strategy launched on 18 July.

**Other Updates.** The Guided Busway will be fully fenced for safety. Please contact me if you would like us to retain places for residents to access nature or for nature to move across the busway. National Highways' A14 work remains under scrutiny.



Cllr Luis Navarro



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### Community Association

#### THANK YOU

A huge thank you from the Oakington and Westwick Community Association to everyone who made the Village Day a great success, including volunteers, those who attended and all our stall holders. Of course, not forgetting our musicians who entertained us until sundown. Plus, Jeabs Thai, Hog Roast Kitchen and the White Horse Pub for keeping us fed and watered on such a beautifully sunny day.

Finally, we hope you enjoyed the inaugural Oakington Cider Festival, a big cheers to Oakington's own Blue Barrel Cider for arranging, and all the sponsors and supporters involved in making it happen.



It was wonderful to see a great community day come together – after all that's what it is all about!

And what next... Fireworks and Bonfire Night! Watch this space for further details. As always volunteers will be needed; to get involved email: [oakington.westwick.ca@gmail.com](mailto:oakington.westwick.ca@gmail.com).

*Elodie Cameron*



### Environment Action Group

There has again been a frustrating lack of progress on **flood mitigation** from the relevant bodies. David Reeves attended the most recent Northstowe quarterly meeting and raised our concerns about the lack of progress on the long-promised attenuation ponds, but Homes England (the Northstowe developers) did not address his questions and simply fell back on their argument that spending money on the ponds would only be triggered when 2,500 houses on phase 2 of Northstowe are occupied. This is not likely to happen until 2030, and that would be the trigger for starting the design work, not actually starting construction. We are also still awaiting a response from the Environment Agency to the letter that we sent them in January concerning maintenance of the section of Beck Brook downstream of Westwick, as well as a response to a subsequent enquiry regarding the state of maintenance of Oakington Brook alongside the former Tomato Farm.

Our **Nature Recovery** project (joint project with SOW) is continuing with the APollOW survey, and you may have seen our shared display on this at Village Day alongside our American crayfish exhibit (see Nature Notes on page 11). We also attended the Pollination Festival at Oakington Garden Centre, where we promoted the APollOW project which coincided brilliantly with their Chelsea Flower Show display.

John Terry (EAG Chair) and Andrew Dennis (representing our Flood Mitigation Group), also recently met with representatives from the **Histon and Impington Green Spaces** conservation group (HIGS) to discuss ideas for restoring water courses in our area to improve ecology. Members of Girton and Cottenham conservation groups also attended. Introducing wiggles, berms or dams would bring significant challenges, particularly in our area where the land is relatively flat. Water tends to drop silt when it slows down, which can spoil fish spawning as well as reducing the flow capacity of the stream. Furthermore, slowing down the water flow too much could risk the water backing up and causing flooding upstream. Careful planning would therefore be needed if such a scheme was to be pursued.

*Stephanie Smith*



### Oakington & Westwick Neighbours



It's been a busy time for the Oakington & Westwick Neighbours group with the "Big Lunch" and the Village Day, and with our plans well advanced for "Tea & Jazz" in September.

We held our free "Big Lunch" event at the pavilion in early June, welcoming many neighbours to help eat the fabulous savoury and sweet food generously donated by our members. Honestly though we were a bit disappointed with the numbers – we'd love to see more people come next time and are open to ideas to get more villagers of all ages there! Is the allure of free cake not enough? Let us know as we'd love to make it bigger and better next year.

We also ran a stand at the Village Day and had a great time talking to people about what we do – which is basically helping out those in need of something in the village. We have a team of DBS-cleared volunteers who can help people out around the house, go get prescriptions and shopping, and generally act as community glue for anyone who is in need. Please do get in touch if you need us.

We're now planning "Tea & Jazz" for **Sunday 14 September**.

This is a lakeside event at a private home near the shop in the village where there'll be tea and cakes and musical accompaniment for what promises to be a relaxing and fun afternoon. Inflation has hit us as much as everyone else, so to cover our costs we'll charge £6 for adults and £2 for kids.



And finally, we said goodbye to Jo Mills and Alice Jondorf, who are stepping back from our organising team. They've both been invaluable and unfailingly generous with their time over many years, and on behalf of everyone whom they have helped we are immensely grateful to them both. We want to grow the organising team so please do get in touch if you think that could be you.

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*Matt Saunders*



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### Invasive Species

At Village Day this year, the Environment Action Group (EAG) not only shared a display with SOW on pollinators but also exhibited two dozen **American crayfish**. It was an attempt to illustrate an example of an invasive species which now live and thrive in the UK. They were imported as food for restaurant customers, and now live in rivers and streams here, seriously threatening the native White Clawed Crayfish by passing on crayfish plague, a fungal disease which is 100% lethal to the native species. They also damage river banks through extensive burrowing, and they eat almost everything from detritus, aquatic plants, small invertebrates, fish and even other crayfish. Our native species is in danger of extinction. An EAG member has a licence to move/ trap them, so they were moved legally for this display and have since been eaten.



Kate Spink wrote about ring-necked **parakeets** in the last edition of the Journal. They escaped from London aviaries in the 1960s, and are now in Oakington and elsewhere. Many invasive species have arrived because our climate is now warmer and more attractive to species from Europe and elsewhere. In addition, many were imported here by man for commercial gain, without enough thought about long-term outcomes.

You may be aware that **American mink** were brought here in 1929 so they could be farmed for their fur. In those days, a fur coat was viewed as a very prestigious garment. However, many mink escaped or were released by well-meaning but misguided animal liberationists. Mink are small enough to get into the burrows of water voles, which have suffered massively from predation. Otters are much bigger

than mink, and the invasive species tends to stay away from areas where otters are hunting.

**Floating pennywort** has become a problem on the River Cam and elsewhere in the UK. This is a South American water plant, imported in 1990 as an ornamental pond weed for sale at garden centres. In summer, the weed can grow at 20cm per day, smothering other plants, depleting light and oxygen levels, raising water temperature and impacting food chains. It has also made life difficult for those operating boats and punts in rivers and canals. The Cam Valley Forum has worked for six years to try and control the weed and last year claimed total eradication in the upper Cam, an amazing feat, given that the plant can regrow from only small leaf fragments. The control was achieved with help from the Cam Conservators who used machinery and by volunteers using hand tools, nets and canoes. For the future, help could be at hand from a South American weevil that only eats pennywort and nothing else. Trials are being carried out in the Cam to measure the weevil's ability to check the weed.

Fourteen invasive species are considered to be widely spread in the UK. They include: giant hogweed, Himalayan balsam (most local river banks and elsewhere in the UK), muntjac (barking deer, throughout the whole of the UK) and grey squirrel, which spreads a lethal pox to our indigenous red squirrel. Our local black squirrels are grey squirrels with a faulty pigment gene. All these species damage local wildlife, and it is valuable to report sightings to Natural England.

*John Terry (johnterry23@hotmail.co.uk)*

### Scouts Reunion – 50 years on!

When two of the first Oakington Scouts announced they were coming all the way from Melbourne, Australia, to visit Oakington this June, it was too good an opportunity to miss. Fifty years on from those first activities, badges and camps, former Scout leader, Malcolm Collins, was joined by John Goodfellow (who somehow managed to squeeze himself into his original Scout shirt!), Andy Marsden, Tim Gooch, Graham Brasnett and John Barnett for a celebratory lunch – not around the campfire, but in the pub! They were kept in order by Bev, Trish and Maria, who endured many a tale of daring deeds and excitement, especially the memorable



*L - R: John G, Trish, Maria, John B, Graham, Andy, Malcolm, Tim*

summer trip to Oslo and Paris in the scout van.



*L to R: Andy Johnson and Malcolm Collins (Scout leaders), John Goodfellow, Tim Gooch, Martin Gooch, Stephen Papworth, Neil Stearn, John Barnett (Scouts)*

Glasses were raised to three other Oakington Scouting legends: Neil Stearn, Chris Rooke and Martin Gooch, who were unable to join us on the day, and, of course, to Scout leader, Andy Johnson, who is sadly no longer with us.

We might just do it all again one day. Be prepared!

*John Barnett*



Village Day 2025

The collage consists of 20 individual photographs arranged in a grid-like fashion. The top-left photo shows a wide view of the event area with several tents and people. The top-right photo features a marching band in blue uniforms playing brass instruments. Below these, the middle section includes photos of people playing chess at a table, a woman writing on a sign, two women smiling for a photo, a group of people at a table with a sign that says 'HARDSHIP FUND', and a group of people standing together. The bottom section shows a soccer game in progress, two women standing behind a table, a large display of stuffed animals, a man and a woman holding up a book, a buffet table with various food items, and a group of people sitting at a table. The bottom-right photo is a large, wide shot of the event area with many people and tents.









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Our stall at the Village Day was a recycling sorting challenge! Many people find plastics confusing, not helped by the fact that in our area you can ignore the "Recycle at larger stores" or "Not yet recycled" labels for any soft plastics which do NOT have a foil lining.

See [sustainableow.co.uk/reuse-repair-recycle](http://sustainableow.co.uk/reuse-repair-recycle) for more information.

All are welcome to our talks, please just turn up! We ask for a couple of quid to cover costs if you can.

- **30 July** Hedgehogs and the work of the Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital
- **24 Sep** Bees and bee-keeping by Leo Jordan

*Jenny Prince*



For everyone who's concerned about nature and the environment. All are welcome to SOW meetings, at 7.30pm in the Church Hall on the last Wednesday in the month.

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### Oakington & Westwick Short Mat Bowls Club



If you would like to give bowls a try, come and join us as our guest. We play throughout the year at the Pavilion, on Thursday evenings 7.30–9.30pm.

We have spare bowls and you just need some soft, flat-soled shoes. If you would like more information, please contact Dawn Stokes on 01223 236427.

### Oakington & Westwick Table Tennis Group



Table tennis is good for your mental health as well as your physical health – heart rate, reaction times, coordination, muscles and joints. Join us for fun and laughter – we are a small, friendly club, of mixed ability. We play every Tuesday at 7.30pm at the Pavilion, and welcome new players. Bats provided. For more information contact Gillian L'Angellier on 01223 234758.

### Country Dancing

Jane and I look forward to seeing you on **19 September** and 17 October for more fun evenings of country dancing. We are accompanied by our excellent musicians and have a Caller. All abilities catered for, so do come and join us, either to dance or listen to the music.

*Kathryn Coles*



Meets in Histon Methodist Church, one Friday a month, 8–10 pm. Adults £4, accompanied children 50p. Soft shoes or trainers are recommended.

### Oakington Vikings

The U14s would like to say a very big Viking thank you for the very generous gift from the village's Monday Café. A fantastic initiative that is open to all and helps bring people in the village together. Thank you to all that support and attend the Café and for helping the village's football team.

Another big thank you from all the players and their families to Zaid at the village's Best Gardens Services [www.bestgardens.co.uk](http://www.bestgardens.co.uk) for again sponsoring our kit for the new U15s season. The team could not continue without this support.

Thank you too to all those that attended the Viking coaching session on Village Day. As mentioned the structure is currently in place to support the facilitation of new football sessions in the village be that boys/girls/mixed etc but there needs to be enough demand to make it viable.

If this is of interest either as a player or prospective coach (full FA training will be provided ) please contact Winston – phone number below.



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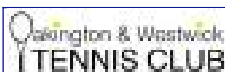
### Oakington & Westwick Tennis Club

#### New committee members needed!

The Chairman of the tennis club is standing down and leaving the committee and we're in need of a couple of new committee members – not necessarily as the Chairman! We're a friendly bunch of people and it won't require very much of your time, so please do give it some consideration.

To get in touch, please email [oakingtontc@gmail.com](mailto:oakingtontc@gmail.com).

*Gill Attmore*



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### Oakington and Westwick WI

At our June meeting, we welcomed Wayne from Lowland Rescue who gave a fascinating and informative talk on the work of his team of volunteers.

We had a lovely morning for our walk in June, around the University West Site, and the refreshments weren't bad either! We are hoping to make this a regular feature in our WI programme! Different venues and lengths of walks.

Thank you to everyone who supported the WI at Village Day this year. We do appreciate you coming into the pavilion to buy a cup of tea and a cake.

July was our "Afternoon Tea" – yes in our evening meeting! It was very hot and sadly a few members were beaten by the heat. The small group of us had a fantastic spread of home-made sandwiches, scones and cakes, baked by the committee. This was followed by a fun chocolate-themed quiz.

We would like to invite visitors to our meeting on Thursday **11 September** at 7.30pm, when we have a very special speaker, Jenny Jefferies. Jenny is a prominent British food writer, cookbook author, and advocate for sustainable agriculture and fishing, based on a regenerative arable farm in South Cambridgeshire. Her work centres on celebrating the people behind the UK's food systems while promoting food provenance, sustainability, and education.



Join us to listen to her inspirational talk. Guests £5.

Also in September – our cake and produce stall – see back page for details!



We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm at the Church Hall. We are a friendly group and if you want to try us out the first meeting is free. Contact Elaine Bailey [elainebailey1@live.co.uk](mailto:elainebailey1@live.co.uk) for more information.

*Elaine Bailey*

### Tuesday Talk & Tea

We do not meet in August but our September meeting is special. On Tuesday **9 September** Patricia Sadler from Oakington Garden Centre will be talking about their experience showing at The Chelsea Flower show.

We will also have a *brief* presentation of last year's Activities and Financial Report.

*Marian Cleaver*



The Tuesday Talk and Tea Club meets in the Church Hall at 2.45–4.45pm on the second Tuesday of the month, for a talk or activity followed by a delicious home-made tea. We welcome all comers, especially if the subject that month is of special interest to you.

More info: 01223 232897 / [marianccleaver@gmail.com](mailto:marianccleaver@gmail.com).

### Oakington C of E Primary School Parent Staff Association



The PSA has finished the school year with a very busy term. The Summer Fayre was well attended and our popular pizzas sold out! The giant obstacle bouncy castle and activities kept the children entertained. We are very grateful to all the businesses that supported our raffles. We are delighted to have raised over £1000.

We look forward to the Yard Sale as our first event next term: please see the poster on page 24 with details of how to sign up, and make payment by 10pm on **12 August**. Finally look out for the map ahead of the event on Saturday **6 September**.

Over the summer do also look out for our facebook posts sharing available veg from our school gardening club.

*Angela Barber, PSA Vice-Chair*

### Monday Cafe

Our customer base has changed a bit so we have decided to open from 10 – 12 instead of starting at 9.30 because nowadays it is unusual to have any customers that early. The board will be amended soon and the Team will be there from 9.30 to set up so any stray "early birds" will still be welcomed and refreshments will be served!

*Liz Davis*

### Oakington and Westwick Allotment Society

The uptake of our new allotment plots has been very encouraging despite such a difficult season and all the plots are now taken. We have more land and are considering whether to make extra plots available later in the year. It would be very helpful if we were able to estimate how many we might need. If you or anyone you know might be interested in a plot to grow vegetables, soft fruit or flowers would you please let Ann know: [ann.rayner42@icloud.com](mailto:ann.rayner42@icloud.com).

*Ann Rayner*

### Messy Church

We held a well-attended July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, the last before the summer break, with the theme of 'loving God and our neighbour'. The time we spent together was a real expression of family and love, with children, parents and grandparents sharing quality fun time together.

Experiencing the Love of God doesn't have to be challenging. Messy Church is all about providing the opportunity for families to grow closer as a community, on the simple values of being Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.

Our next meeting will be Saturday **13 September**, 3pm to 5pm at St Andrew's church hall. Please come along, all families welcome. If you need further information, please contact Cate, [catelambert@hotmail.com](mailto:catelambert@hotmail.com) or 07533 152519.

*Cate Lambert*



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### 1<sup>st</sup> Oakington Scouts

Oakington Scouts have had a 'challenging' half term and end of the school year. Their first proper session back after the break was a Silent Session (always a mission for busy teens - but one they stepped up to admirably) and since that session there has been an elected Scout with a secret mission to complete each week. We've created art, gone on a tour of the old pubs of Oakington (to learn some local knowledge), played rounders, done a treasure hunt and had a water fight. Missions have included getting scouts to learn a secret handshake, trying to get people to say a catch phrase or sing a snippet of song and trying to create a little chaos without becoming a suspect in the end of session vote to uncover who had the secret mission.

From September we will have a small number of spaces opening up for new scouts as our oldest members age up to Explorers. If you have a child between 10½ and 14 years old who'd like to try scouting, please get in touch – [cara.hanman@oakingtonscouts.org.uk](mailto:cara.hanman@oakingtonscouts.org.uk).

If you'd like to volunteer with our excellent team of leaders, get in touch – we welcome new faces and people keen to share their experience and knowledge with the kids.

*Cara Hanman*



Scouts (11–14) meet 6–7:30 pm on Fridays at the Pavilion. For more details contact Cara: [cara.hanman@oakingtonscouts.org.uk](mailto:cara.hanman@oakingtonscouts.org.uk)

### 1<sup>st</sup> Oakington Cubs

We began the Summer term with two sessions arranged by our excellent Young Leaders. At the beginning of May we celebrated VE Day with a Treasure Hunt to earn the special scouting VE commemorative badge.

We visited the Raptor Foundation, where we had an exclusive run of the Foundation with our very own bird flying display. We've worked on the Athletics Badge, played wide games in Oakington Woods and 'Human Monopoly' around the village. An excellent experience for all Cubs and Leaders was our sleepover on HMS Belfast (Kip on the Ship), when two Cubs got invested on board.

We went Wild in Cambridge, visiting many a tourist attraction. We also held the Highland Games in Oakington, finishing off by getting very wet!

Oakington Cubs would welcome new joiners. If you have a child between 8 and 10 years old who would be interested, do get in touch: [richard.young@crafthillscouts.org.uk](mailto:richard.young@crafthillscouts.org.uk).

*Richard Young*



We have spaces available at Oakington – come and join in the fun! Tuesday 6–7.15pm, Oakington Pavilion. Contact Richard: [richard.young@crafthillscouts.org.uk](mailto:richard.young@crafthillscouts.org.uk).

### 1<sup>st</sup> Oakington Beavers

Oakington Beavers have had another great term. We've been camping with the Oakington Cubs and Scouts, and then again with Beavers from all over the County. We've grown sunflowers, courgettes and runner beans, followed a trail in the woods, enjoyed our own sports day and ended the term with an ice cream party.

If your child is interested in joining Beavers, please get in touch. (Note we are currently operating a waiting list.)

*Kathryn Bigg*



Beavers (aged 6–8) meet 6–7pm on term time Fridays at Oakington Primary school.

For more information, please contact [Kathryn.Bigg@oakingtonscouts.org.uk](mailto:Kathryn.Bigg@oakingtonscouts.org.uk).

### Oakington Air Cadets

2524 (Oakington) Squadron Air Cadets is actively recruiting both cadets and volunteer staff. Our next open evening for new cadets is on **23 September**, at the Cadet Centre, Magdalene Close, Longstanton, CB24 3EG. And we are always seeking to recruit new staff.

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## Book Club

**The Painted Veil** by Somerset Maugham

Published in 1925, this novel was initially considered controversial because of its portrayal of marital infidelity. The main character, Kitty, is petty and shallow at the beginning but she embarks on a journey of self-discovery that leads to a chance of redemption whilst accompanying her doctor husband to mainland China to fight a cholera epidemic.



The characters are easily imagined, details are well-chosen and a number of descriptions are funny, almost satirical.

Apparently, Maugham drew inspiration from the expatriate communities he encountered and the stories he heard, incorporating them into his novel reflecting the social realities of the time. It's quite a short novel but gave rise to a worthy discussion and members gave it a good score.

Book choice for Wednesday **20 August** (at 7.30pm in the White Horse) is **The Wild Silence** by Raynor Winn if you'd like to come and join this friendly, informal group.

Meetup on **17 September** is **When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit** by Judith Kerr.

*Natalie Meredith*

## APollOW Update

We are delighted that so many of you are engaging with APollOW and FIT Counts.

Writing in July, it seems hard to find flowers at the moment – something to do with the heat and dry spring, perhaps? Lavender is good at this time of year and Wild Carrot is out in some places, but if you can find any patch, no matter how small, do try and get a count in; that would be a case of 'flower patch = more or less isolated'. This is all good information, as it can serve to highlight how hard it might be for pollinators to find food.

[sustainableow.co.uk/nature-recovery-project/apollow/](http://sustainableow.co.uk/nature-recovery-project/apollow/)

*James Heywood*



## New Tiger Bus Services

Seven brand-new Tiger bus routes were launched on 27 May by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, improving transport across the region with faster and more frequent services. Great news for Oakington residents: The new Tiger 1 route brings faster, more reliable travel to both Huntingdon and Cambridge, along with new links to Fenstanton and Swavesey. For details of all routes see: [cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/tiger-bus-routes](http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/tiger-bus-routes)

*Charley Smith, Junior Communications Officer,  
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The hourly T1 service gets to Huntingdon in half an hour and seems to be timed to link with some of the London trains. To get to London it is now sometimes quicker to get the T1 to Huntingdon than B Bus to Cambridge North – Eds

## Gardening Notes

**August:** Encourage tomatoes to ripen by removing the growing tip after four trusses have set. Pick courgettes regularly. Lift onions and dry in the sun for a few days then store somewhere cool and dry. Time to sow late salad crops. You can also start Kohl Rabi for an autumn crop and spring cabbages to plant out while the soil is still warm for harvesting next spring.

Prune summer raspberries by removing this year's growth and tying in strong new stems for fruit next summer.

Harvest herbs by tying in bunches and hanging up indoors to dry or freezing in small quantities to add to winter meals.

Collect seeds from hardy annuals. Put in paper bags and label each one. Take Pelargonium cuttings by inserting a 4-6cm non-flowering shoot into free-draining compost. Keep moist and frost-free.



Summer prune Wisteria, cutting back whippy growth to about four buds of the main stem.

**September:** Bring houseplants back indoors and stop feeding potted plants. Keep dead-heading dahlias and roses to prolong flowering, adding trimmings to the compost.

Lift maincrop potatoes. Dry in the sun and then store in hessian or strong paper bags. Net brassicas to shield from pigeons. Increase your strawberry plants by pegging down a runner in a small pot of compost and cutting away when roots have formed in the pot.

Pick apples and pears regularly as they ripen, and store unblemished fruit

Leave seed-heads for the birds on sunflowers, teasels and thistles. They will also enjoy some windfall apples.

It has been a challenging season, so enjoy every small success!

*Ann and Peter Rayner*

## Chess Corner

Solution to chess puzzle 4-25 from last Journal.

1st White	1st Black	2nd White
Qh1	Rh7	Rd8#
if	Rb8	Qa1#
if	Bf3	Qh8#
if	Rh6	Qb7#
# = checkmate		



*Ranko Pinter*

## 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! [bruce.sutherland@aol.com](mailto:bruce.sutherland@aol.com)/07730 817350



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### Romans Next Door

Today the perimeter of Northstowe approaches ever closer to Oakington with its new houses and town centre. But 85 years ago you would have seen the RAF Oakington airfield, and even further back in time, say 1800 years ago during the 3rd century CE, another bustling settlement would have been visible.

This was a settlement of a different character. Not only was it a Romano-British settlement, but it was long and wide: just about ½ mile long and a ¼ mile wide at its maximum width. And with multiple parts, it is what landscape archaeologists call a 'polyfocal settlement' (meaning it has no distinct centre), and what we have called Beck Brook, or more prosaically Site 18.

At the top end there was a northern settlement, enclosed by double ditches and banks, less defensive, and more of a statement on the landscape, with a series of large enclosures.

To the south of this was a large public building, adjacent to a market space, where all kinds of goods were traded and bought. We know this because we found over 400 Roman coins (mostly 2nd to 4th century CE) in this area alone. The core of the settlement was orientated around a crossroads, around which several phases of enclosures and buildings

were located; a space that was built, rebuilt and reorganised multiple times over since the later Iron Age. Also, here, given the dual domestic and working focus, another 300 Roman coins were recovered, probably more to do with inhabitation coin loss rather than a small trading and market focus, though there was no doubt a mercantile element to it.

To the south of the crossroads, there was another part of the settlement, with systematic plots running south along the spine of the settlement, that were also dual domestic and working; the arrangement of plots within the Beck Brook is what we call a 'roadside settlement'.

To the west of the core area, there was a late Roman extension to the settlement, emerging in the late-3rd century CE. This extension, and others, and the parts within Beck Brook, were connected by a series of trackways that ran in a northeast to southwest direction, along the entire length of the settlement, and then also perpendicular to this at the crossroads, and several other places in between Beck Brook's settlement zones. These trackways connected other settlements, such as another small satellite farmstead that lay immediately to the west of the later Roman extension, but also another large complex farmstead ½ mile further to the northwest, and to the south connecting up with the Roman road, the Via Devana.

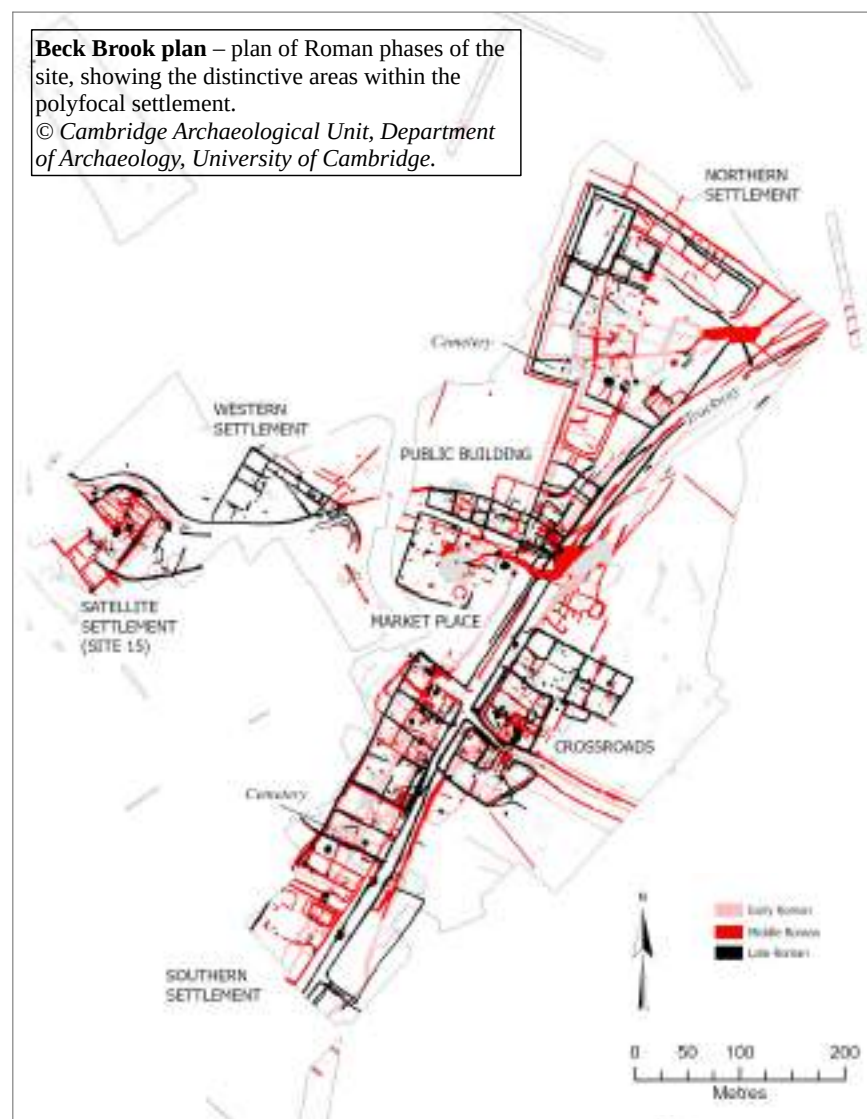
*Dr Oscar Aldred FSA MCIfA*

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In the next issue: what the finds tell us about the people who lived in Beck Brook in its heyday – Eds.

**Beck Brook plan** – plan of Roman phases of the site, showing the distinctive areas within the polyfocal settlement.

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### Wellbeing Service



#### Would you or someone you know benefit from wellbeing support?

Care Network Cambridgeshire's **Wellbeing Service** offers **free, short-term support** for adults (18+) in South Cambs who may be struggling with confidence, isolation, illness, or low mood. Our friendly team can provide **one-to-one support** and match individuals with **trained volunteers** who can offer companionship through phone calls or accompanying them to access the community. Support is tailored over **6-8 sessions**, helping people regain independence and feel more connected.

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*Abbie McMahon*

*Wellbeing Coordinator, Care Network Cambridgeshire*

Oakington C of E Primary School Parent Staff Association

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Saturday 6th September  
10-2pm

£5 fee per pitch.  
Register using our google form  
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pay for your pitch by scanning the QR code  
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# MUSIC QUIZ

PLUS: PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT!

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**A message from the  
village Scout Group....**



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**Oakington Scout Group** is one of the three  
community groups that you can vote for and your  
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