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## Celebrating 10 years



### **A decade at the heart of the community: our Village Shop and Post Office**

It's hard to believe that ten years have passed since we first opened the doors of our little Village Shop and Post Office. What began as a simple dream, to keep an essential lifeline open in our community, has grown into something far greater: a place of connection, kindness, and shared stories.

It was a big decision to leave our 9–5 jobs in London and start our own business with very little experience, but with hearts full of hope for a better future, all while raising our one-

year-old son. His name, Suriya, meaning 'sunshine', became the name of our business.

For seven and a half years, we lived in one of the flats above the shop, without enough space and no garden, but full of determination to make it work. It hasn't always been easy, but it has always been worth it.

To all the mums and dads who supported us along the way, especially during those busy school runs, a big thank you. Your kindness, encouragement, and loyalty have meant everything to us.

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## Dates for your Diary

### May

30	Men's Walk and Talk	outside St James' Centre	10am
30,31	Roman Villa Open Day	North Leigh	11am-5pm
30	Henderson:Hooper	Finstock Village Hall	12 noon-4pm

### June

1,4,8,11,15	Taekwondo	Village Hall	5.30-6.30pm
1,8,15,22,29	Monday Coffee	St James' Centre	10-11.30am
1,8,15,22,29	Baby & Me Postnatal Yoga	Village Hall	10-11.15am
1,8,15,22,29	Hannah Bathe HIIT	Village Hall	7-7.45pm
1,8,15,22,29	Bump & Me Antenatal Yoga	Village Hall	7.30-8.30pm
2	Morris dancing	The White Horse	7.30pm
2,9,16,30	Pickleball Coaching	Village Hall	12.30-2pm
2,9,16,23,30	Seniors' Café	The White Horse	3-4pm
2,9,16,23,30	Stonesfield Social	Village Hall	5-6.30pm
2,9,16,23,30	Zumba	Village Hall	7-8pm
2,9,16,23,30	Zumba strong	Village Hall	8-9pm
2,16,23,30	Quiz Night	The White Horse	8pm
3	Stonesfield Parish Council meeting	Village Hall	7-8.30pm
3-30	Pics @ Pub: Landscapes & Portraits	The White Horse	pub hours
3,10,17,24	Hannah Bathe Strength & Condition	Village Hall	7-7.45pm
3,10,17,24	Folk Dancing	Village Hall	7.45-10pm
3,10,24	Pilates	Village Hall	9.30-10.45am
3.10,24	Easy Movement & Relaxation Yoga	Village Hall	11-11.45am
4,11,18,25	Upholstery	Village Hall	9.30-12.30am
4,11,18,25	Book Break	Stonesfield Library	12.30-2pm
4,11,18,25	Hannah Bathe Strength & Condition	Village Hall	7-7.45pm
5,12,19,26	Baby & Toddler Group	Village Hall	10am-12 noon
6	Combe Festival	Combe Playing Fields	from 9.30
6	Repair and Community Café	Village Hall	10am-2pm

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## Dates for your Diary

### June (cont)

9	Folk Night	The White Horse	8pm
13	Combe School Fete	Combe Primary School	2-4pm
14	Bridewell Gardens Open Day	Wilcote	11am-4pm
18,22,25,29	Taekwondo	Village Hall	5.30-6.30pm
20	Summer Fete	Primary School	12-3pm
21	Classic Wheels	Combe Mill	see p13
23	Tennis Club AGM	Village Hall	7.30pm
23	Henderson:Hooper	Wolvercote Festival	7.30pm
25	Visiting bellringers	St James the Great Church	2-4pm
25-27	Stonesfield Players: <i>Mercy of Sisters</i>	The Hub in Combe	7 for 7.30pm
27	Evening of Georgian Music	St Laurence's Church, Combe	6pm
27	Men's Walk and Talk	outside St James' Centre	10am
28	Stonesfield Open Gardens	tickets St James' Centre	2-5pm

### July

3,4	<i>Two Gentlemen of Verona</i>	Sarsden Glebe	see p15
3,10	Baby & Toddler Group	Village Hall	10am-12 noon
4	Music for a Summer Evening	St James the Great Church	5pm
4	Call My Wine Bluff	Combe School Hall	7.30pm
7	Folk Night	The White Horse	8pm
9	MegSoc: <i>Stonesfield's Slate Mines</i>	St James' Centre	see p31
11	Scout's Duck Race & BBQ	Evenlode Bridge	5pm
11,12	Duke Fest	The Duke of Marlborough	see p16



### STONESFIELD VOLUNTARY TRANSPORT SCHEME

Our volunteer drivers are available to take you to local medical appointments or to the hospitals in Oxford and Banbury. We make no charge but welcome a donation towards expenses.

**Please call or email to book transport  
in June: Viv Kendall  
01993 891803 or [stonesfieldvts@gmail.com](mailto:stonesfieldvts@gmail.com)**

# Notices & news

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## **Celebrating 10 Years (from p1)**

Running the shop over the past decade has been about much more than stacking shelves and selling stamps. It's been about people; the everyday hellos, the morning chats over the counter, the quick stops that turn into long laughter. Through snowstorms, celebrations, and even the most difficult times, like Covid, our customers have shown what true community spirit looks like.

We want to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to every single person who has supported the shop and post office over these years. Whether you've popped in for a pint of milk, dropped off a parcel, or simply come by for a friendly word, you've helped keep this place alive. Your loyalty, trust, and warmth are what make this journey so rewarding for us.

To our regulars who know exactly what day the bread comes in, and to the new faces discovering our shelves for the first time, you're all part of what makes this little corner of the village so special.

As we look ahead to the next chapter, we hope our shop continues to be a place where convenience meets community, where every purchase helps support local life.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for ten wonderful years. Here's to many more together.

Mat & Rekha

Suriya Express, Stonesfield Village Shop

## **Summer fete**

Friends of Stonesfield School (FoSS) are really looking forward to welcoming you to our Summer Fete on Saturday 20 June at Stonesfield Primary School, from 12-3pm.

We can't wait to welcome you for an afternoon packed with delicious food, fantastic entertainment, and fun for all ages. Enjoy tasty treats from our BBQ, relax with a drink from the Bar, indulge in cakes and refreshments at the Tea Tent, and cool off with a visit to the ice cream van!

There's something for everyone, with exciting activities including welly wanging, live music performances and an epic tug of war! Plus, don't miss our incredible Summer Raffle, packed with amazing prizes. Raffle tickets go on sale at the beginning of June and will be available from the White Horse Pub – be sure to grab yours before they're gone!

We are always in need of volunteers to help us on the day. If you would like to get involved please email us.

FoSS Team

info@fossteam.org

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## Village Hall news

May was busy, with two successful community cafés, our regular clubs and classes, along with a few parties. June looks to be just as busy, with more clubs and classes, training events as well as the 53rd Folk Dance weekend.

We are welcoming a new regular class to our rota on Wednesday mornings. Easy Movement & Relaxation Yoga is a 45-minute gentle yoga class for achieving just that; particularly if you've not moved in a while or want to find a kinder way to exercise! Combining breath work with yoga poses and some meditation, each class explores a theme to provide creative context and accessibility. All equipment is provided, but feel free to bring your own yoga mat or other equipment if it makes you feel more comfortable. No previous experience is needed, and all abilities and ages are welcome. Why not come along to a class to find out more, or get in touch if you have any questions.

This class is taught by Brek Taylor, and for more details visit [pocketfarm.uk/yoga](http://pocketfarm.uk/yoga), or call 07779 579482.

Pickleball! Miles welcomed eight people for the first session and they look like continuing to grow. More sessions are available so if you are interested in some coaching or would like to come along and play, please contact Miles on [miles@12pp.com](mailto:miles@12pp.com) or 07765 894945.

The hall and clubroom are also great to hire for parties, events, training and meetings, with a well-stocked kitchen to cater for up to 100 people and an alcohol licence. Both are available to hire from £9.20 per hour. Please see the village hall

website – booking is easy and the calendar and booking are all online.

Don't forget that the community café slots for 2026/27 are available for local groups to fundraise on the first Saturday of each month.

Claire Renshaw (07359 338490)  
Stonesfield Village Hall Bookings  
[info@stonesfieldvillagehall.com](mailto:info@stonesfieldvillagehall.com)  
[www.stonesfieldvillagehall.com](http://www.stonesfieldvillagehall.com)

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## White Horse news

A big thank you to everyone who came down to join us for our Bank Holiday Jazz, it was a wonderful atmosphere and great to see everyone enjoying the music. Hopefully for the next one the sun will be shining and we can enjoy it in the garden.

The quiz is back at the pub every other week through June, so why not come down and put a team together and see if you can become quiz champions? No need to book, just turn up and grab a table, or contact us if you want to reserve one. Maximum of six per team, and a chance to win a cash prize if you get the correct key to open the box. 23 June is an extra quiz as a one-off. Next dates are 2, 16, 23, 30 June.

The 2026 Paws at the Pub calendar raised a total of £800 which has now been sent to The Oxfordshire Animal Sanctuary so they can continue their amazing work.

Morris dancing will return to the pub for June, July and August. The first one will be Tuesday 2 June from 7.30pm. Come on down and show your support.

With summer approaching we are working on multiple events throughout the season, which will hopefully include live music, a big summer quiz, rock 'n' roll bingo, open

mic night, the return of our summer/ autumn fair & fun day and maybe even a one day only dinosaur hunt around the village with lots of prizes on offer.

Keep an eye on our socials, the Nextdoor app and posters around the pub for full details, more upcoming deals and updates.

It's also been great to see so many of the community and visiting guests using the Aunt Sally pitch. If anyone would like to use it for a corporate event or just a get-together with friends, you're all very welcome. Also well done to our Aunt Sally team for a great start to the season.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Craig Tipper (01993 672059)

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## Monday Morning Coffee

The May Bank Holidays are behind us, but the good news is that tea and coffee is served in the St. James' Centre every Monday of the year - except Christmas Day! We're open from 10:00 - 11:30 and there's no charge. There's nothing to lose, so why not come and join us?

If you prefer to pour coffee rather than drink it, we are looking for volunteers. It's just a little over two hours, once a month. If you can help, please call or text me on 07854 653631.

Mary Wells

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## Mercy of Sisters CHANGE OF VENUE!

The venue for The Stonesfield Players' June production, Mercy of Sisters, has moved to **Combe Community Hub**, the Old Methodist Chapel adjoining the cricket field, OX29 8NA. There's a car park and if it's full, street parking is free.

Mercy of Sisters is a comedy drama centred around a 50th birthday party where sibling rivalry erupts, leaving no past resentment unturned...The play is very much a fun comedy drama, but does contain some strong language and adult themes.

### Performance Dates:

Thursday 25 June

Friday 26 June

Saturday 27 June SOLD OUT

Doors open at 7pm; the performance starts at 7.30pm.

### To buy tickets:

- Scan the QR code on your phone, which will take you direct to ticket sales
- Go to [www.tickettailor.com/events/thestonesfieldplayers2/2164687](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/thestonesfieldplayers2/2164687)
- Go to the village shop.

Email enquiries: [bartlefilm@gmail.com](mailto:bartlefilm@gmail.com)



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## **Pictures @ The Pub**

We hope you have enjoyed the interesting variety of work exhibited in the Spring Show, and managed a visit to some of the artists' open studios across the county during the Oxfordshire Artweeks festival.

Our new show 'Landscapes and Portraits' opens on 3 June and features the paintings of Rachael Sherlaw-Johnson, whose landscapes and use of earthy colours will be familiar to many, and Sophie Shearer's watercolour portraits of people, buildings and animals which are available to commission.

If you would like to show your work - whether you are an established artist or a hesitant newcomer - we would love to hear from you; please get in touch with us via the email address below.

We look forward to seeing you.

Trisha Williams for Pictures @ The Pub  
triywnwil003@gmail.com

Team: Kerry Burniston, Jenny Lines, Ann Lowe and Trisha Williams

Claire Renshaw for The White Horse  
Community Pub

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## **Repair Café**

The next Repair and Community café will be on 6 June from 10-2pm in the Village Hall.

Come and enjoy delicious cakes and light lunches, and bring all those things that have stopped working that you don't want to take to the tip - we will try and fix them for you. We have a very high success rate, due to our fantastic volunteer repairers.

Make sure you come by 11.30am to ensure your item will be looked at and if you can,



let us know what you are bringing  
at [stonesfieldrepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:stonesfieldrepaircafe@gmail.com).

We'll look at anything domestic including IT devices, electrical appliances, furniture, clothing and fabric and tools which need to be sharpened. We are recommending that you don't bring more than two items, to ensure that everyone's stuff can be seen.

Susan Rudlin and Mike Sofroniou  
07530 958111 (Mike)

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## **Folk at the White Horse**

Tuesday 12 May was the monthly folk get-together at the White Horse. Nick Hooper and Judith Henderson, with help from other local music makers, entertained a small but enthusiastic audience.

If you sing or play an instrument and would like to join in the fun just come along on the night. Alternatively you can just come to enjoy the music and have a drink. The next date is 9 June, from 8 pm.

Please note that Folk sessions at the White Horse are no longer on the third Tuesday of the month. Dates are as in Dates for your Diary every month in the *Slate*.

Paul Bates

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## More Folk music

Saturday 30 May is Finstock's annual folk music day, with BBQ, cakes and bar at the Village Hall, plus live music, crafts, local history nuggets and more in and around the bower on the Village Green.

Music from 12noon - 4pm, including Henderson:Hooper, followed by dancing & music at The Plough Inn.

On Tuesday 23 June, Henderson:Hooper will be duo-ing again as part of the Wolvercote & Wytham Midsummer Festival, in All Saints Church, Wytham. Doors open 7pm, concert starts 7.30pm. Performers also include Mandolirium, and the Wolvercote Pop-up Choir. [www.wolvercote.org/festival/wolvercote-wytham-midsummer-festival-2026/](http://www.wolvercote.org/festival/wolvercote-wytham-midsummer-festival-2026/)

Judith Henderson



### Wootton Singers

Calling all singers in Wootton, Glympton, Kiddington & surrounding villages

There is an informal, fun, no-audition choir/singing group forming in Wootton, and we would be delighted to hear from anyone who would be interested in joining.

Initially, it is for 4 sessions with an experienced singer and choir leader.

More details will be available in the coming weeks. If you would like to register your interest and receive further information, please email either Yoland Johnson or Simon Heighes

[yolandmsmyth@btinternet.com](mailto:yolandmsmyth@btinternet.com)  
[sheigh@gmail.com](mailto:sheigh@gmail.com)

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## Contacting *The Stonesfield Slate*

### Do you have a story to share?

We hope you have enjoyed the news, history, nature, other articles and photographs which have appeared in *The Slate*.

We're hoping to find more Stonesfield residents who will contribute their own articles, poems, drawings or photographs to publish throughout the year.

If you have a story to tell, or anything to share, please send it to us.

### A reminder of *The Slate* email addresses.

To submit an **article**, please email **editor@stonesfieldslate.uk**. – deadline 15th of the month for the next month's issue.

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### No email?

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The Editor

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## **Stonesfield Players' Safari Supper**

The Stonesfield Players are holding another Safari Supper, on Saturday 18 July, starting at 7pm at the Old Bakery, Boot Street. Do join us for an evening of gastronomic delights and lots of fun, all mingled with a wander around the village to a different venue for each course. Come along and enjoy a four-course meal, ending together for cheese and biscuits. All are welcome.

Attendance is by booking only. Tickets are £19.50 per person and can be booked with Ros Mengech by Friday 10 July.

If anyone is interested in hosting, please contact Ros.

Ros Mengech (07852 584688)  
ros\_mengech@yahoo.co.uk

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## **Save the date for Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Please add a note to your calendar for this year's Stonesfield's MacMillan Coffee Morning event, taking place on Friday 25 September at St James' Centre, 9.30-11:30am. Please come along for delicious cake, warm sausage rolls, a cuppa and to try your luck on our ever-popular bottle stall, where everyone's a winner!

Please join us to help raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support, helping Macmillan to be there for people living with a cancer diagnosis.

Donations for the bottle stall can be dropped off at Wellswood, Churchfields. Bottles can be anything in a bottle (or jar)... from body lotion to Baileys, nail varnish to Negroni, perfume to Prosecco,

jam to Jägermeister – all bottles (or jars) are welcome.

Thank you,

Jane O'Gorman & Stonesfield Macmillan  
Coffee Morning Team

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## **Music for a Summer Evening**

On Saturday 4 July at 5pm in St James the Great Church, Jarisel presents Music for a Summer Evening – a chance to bask in the sunshine of music from Greece, Ukraine, Latin America, Eastern Europe, Ireland, and more!

This will be vibrant feast of songs and music from the renowned Oxford-based group Jarisel. In addition to vocals, they will use a variety of instruments including ukulele, cello, accordion, keyboard, violin, Hardanger fiddle and bodhran.

Refreshments after the concert will be in the garden of St James' Centre at about 6pm.

Tickets are £10, payable on the door (cash if possible).

For further information, email  
stonesfield@stonesfieldparishchurch.org.



# Stonesfield Open Gardens

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**2.00pm – 5.00pm\***

\* Gardens open until 5.30pm

**Tickets £6** (cash or card)  
(accompanying under 16 children free)

Tickets purchased at  
St James' Centre OX29 8PU  
plus  
Homemade teas & cake

Limited car parking available at Primary School  
Dogs only allowed with garden owners' permission

**[www.stonesfieldgardening.info](http://www.stonesfieldgardening.info)**

## Combe WI – June Update

Our May meeting took an unexpected but very enjoyable turn when author Colin Wade stepped in as a last-minute replacement speaker. Far from this being a setback, we were treated to a humorous and fascinating glimpse into the joys – and occasional hazards – of life as a crime writer. His stories clearly struck a chord, with many members leaving with copies of his novels.

Combe WI continues to flourish, and we are delighted to now have 29 members. It is wonderful to see our community growing in the true spirit of the WI – friendship, learning, tolerance, and community involvement. We still have room for a few more members, so if you have ever wondered what the WI is all about, why not come along and give us a try? Guests are warmly welcome to attend up to three meetings before deciding whether or not to join.

As well as our monthly meetings, members can enjoy a variety of social activities throughout the year, including:

- A friendly walking group, exploring local countryside routes each month
- A lively social group, meeting on the last Thursday of the month for outings to places of interest – always with the essential accompaniment of tea and cake!

Our regular meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the Reading Room in Combe, from 7.30-9.30pm. The WI is open to all women aged 18 and over, and guests are invited to make a suggested donation of £8.

As space at the Reading Room is limited, if you would like to visit as a guest, please get in touch beforehand so we can do our best to accommodate everyone comfortably.

Looking ahead, our next meeting on Monday 8 June promises plenty of Fizz and Fun, with Suzanne putting members' crafting talents to the test with some light-hearted activities. Later in the month, on Thursday 25 June, members can also be enjoying a summer outing to the beautiful Batsford Arboretum, departing from Combe at 1pm.

Julia Sharpe (01993 891058)

Secretary to Combe WI

combewi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk

**COMBE VILLAGE FESTIVAL**

★ SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE ★

JUNIOR FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT FROM 9.30AM  
★★★  
BREAKFAST BAPS, TEA & COFFEE IN THE MORNING  
★★★  
BBQ & BAR OPEN FROM MIDDAY UNTIL LATE  
★★★  
OVER 35'S FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT FROM 1.30PM  
★★★  
LIVE MUSIC

★ THE COMBE BOYS ★ THE READING ROOM ★ ROUGH CUT RUBY ★

BEER FESTIVAL WITH LOCAL BEERS

★ TWISTED TREE ★ GRAND ★ LOVE BEER ★ LITTLE OX ★

TIMINGS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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## Bridewell Gardens Open Day



Bridewell Gardens provides a mental health recovery service for West Oxfordshire, supporting people who have experienced serious mental illness. The walled garden and vineyard are open to the public for our June Open Day, on 14 June between 11am and 4pm.

Bridewell produce will be on sale, including our acclaimed sparkling wine made from grapes grown here at Bridewell. You'll find plants for sale, propagated at the gardens, the product of much hard work and attention as part of the day-to-day activities of the recovery service. Make a day of it, bring a picnic blanket and relax in the vineyard with friends and family. Families and children are encouraged to explore the site.

From our pop-up café you can enjoy the beautiful and peaceful surroundings of the garden or bring a picnic to relax in the vineyard and make the most of your day out in this idyllic corner of West Oxfordshire.

No booking is required; dogs on leads are very welcome. Suggested donation is £5 per person.

Rachel Green  
Bridewell Gardens, The Walled Garden,  
Wilcote, Oxfordshire OX7 3DT

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## Combe Mill: Classic Wheels event



Combe Mill is a late 19th century Grade II listed watermill on the River Evenlode which was the workshop for the Blenheim Palace estate. It has a steam beam engine, a restored waterwheel, line shafting, a collection of tower clocks, historic records and artefacts, and all the machinery runs as it used to in its day.

On 21 June the Mill will be 'in steam' and the themed event for Fathers' Day will be Classic Wheels. All machinery will be working and demonstrated by our volunteers. The Tea Room will be open for refreshments to enjoy in the picnic area by the river, with a barbeque, gift shop and a raffle. There is a free cream tea for every father accompanied by a child. Dogs on leads are most welcome and parking is free.

Opening hours are 10.30am to 4.30pm. Admission: adults £9.50, seniors £8.50 and children free. Please ask about Gift Aid in order to increase your donation. We are also open every Wednesday at the same times for self-guided tours, with volunteers available for questions. Adults £6.00, seniors £5.00 and children free.

Margaret Gruber (01993 358694)  
Combe Mill, Blenheim Palace Sawmills,  
Combe OX29 8ET  
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## Lee Miller: A Woman at War

The Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, the county's military museum based in Woodstock, opens a new exhibition from 23 May to 13 September. Lee Miller: A Woman at War, offers the work of a Vogue photojournalist turned WW2 combat photographer with the US Army, creating a unique historical record.

The new exhibition will showcase her war correspondence work for *Vogue* from 1942 where she highlighted women's roles in the war effort, as well as the reality of life for women caught up in conflict across Europe. Her first wartime assignment for *Vogue* captured nurses at work at a then-US Army hospital in Oxford – Headington's Churchill Hospital. A number of these photos will feature in the exhibition.



Me with smallest and tallest (Lee Miller with Jean Peltier and Sergeant Robert Burchfield), Luxembourg 1944

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Lee Miller would become one of the few female photojournalists on the front line covering the Normandy invasion and the liberation of Paris. Her work in the newly-liberated concentration camps of Buchenwald and Dachau was sent to *Vogue* in 1945, accompanied by the caption 'I IMPLORE YOU TO BELIEVE THIS IS TRUE.'

Her 60,000+ negatives and documents were discovered in her attic by her son, Antony Penrose, after her death, leading to her recognition as a pivotal 20th century artist and photographer.

Alongside the exhibition, the museum will host a 1940s photography 'Pro Am' with Oxford Photographic Society on Sunday 7 June 2026, offering the chance for professional and amateur photographers alike to capture photos inspired by Lee's photojournalism. Living historians in wartime fashions and uniforms will provide models at the museum, around Woodstock, and at Blenheim Palace. Ami Bouhassane, Lee Miller's granddaughter and author of several books on her grandmother's life and work, will also visit the museum for an evening talk at 7pm, 3 September 2026. Check the museum's website for further details and tickets for these events, when available.

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## Combe Connect

Combe Connect is the local magazine for your neighbouring village. You can read the latest issue at

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## The Two Gentlemen of Verona

In their 16th season at Sarsden Glebe, students from the Oxford School of Drama will be performing William Shakespeare's play *The Two Gentlemen of Verona* at Sarsden Glebe, Churchill OX7 6PH on Friday 3 and Saturday 4 July. The Director this year will be Federay Holmes, Associate Director at The Globe Theatre.

On Friday 3 July, doors open at 5pm for drinks on the lawn and walks in the kitchen garden, ready for a 5.45pm performance.

On Saturday 4 July, doors open at 4pm for tea on the lawn and kitchen garden walks, ready for a 4.45pm performance.

The performances are in the open air, so please wear warm clothes and bring rugs, suncream or hats as the weather requires. You are welcome to bring a picnic to have in the garden after the performances.

Tickets are £25.00; all proceeds go to the Oxford School of Drama Hardship Fund.

Please RSVP to [glebeevents@hotmail.com](mailto:glebeevents@hotmail.com) with your name, ticket requests and the day you would like to attend. Confirmation of tickets and payment details will be sent to you via email.

For further information, please contact the Oxford School of Drama on 01993 812883.

[www.oxforddrama.ac.uk](http://www.oxforddrama.ac.uk)

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## Musical Delights from the Georgian Era

Tickets are selling fast for the very special concert to be held in St Laurence's Church in Combe on the evening of 27 June. The concert is one of just twelve organised nationwide this year by Music in Country Churches (details of all their concerts: [www.musicincountrychurches.org.uk](http://www.musicincountrychurches.org.uk)).

Soloists from the world-class ensemble Instruments of Time and Truth will entertain you with a musical cornucopia of works by Henry Purcell, G. F. Handel, Daniel Purcell, Francesco Geminiani, John Eccles, John Weldon, William Croft, J. C. Pepusch, and Jeremiah Clarke. The musicians scheduled to join us on the evening are:

- Charlotte Bowden soprano
- Davina Clarke violin
- Kate Latham recorder
- Susanne Heinrich bass viol
- Edward Higginbottom director/  
harpsichord

The programme will last approximately 70 minutes, with an interval of 20 minutes.

Doors open at 6.00pm and drinks (alcoholic and soft) will be available. To book or to see the full programme, please go to [www.ticketsource.com/micc/music-at-combe/e-jz0jll](http://www.ticketsource.com/micc/music-at-combe/e-jz0jll) or just scan the QR code.

Byron Russell

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# Stonesfield School Summer Fete



**Saturday  
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**Location: School field,  
Stonesfield Primary School**



**Raffle - Bar - Tea & Cakes - Stalls**

**BBQ (12-2pm) - Bouncy Castle - Games**

**Ice cream van - Face painting**

**Candy Floss - Entertainment and more!**

## Witney Music Society

Witney Music Society, now in its 61st year, is in need of new committee members in order to continue its very successful concert series, held monthly from October to March each year at High Street Methodist Church, Witney.

No specialist musical knowledge is required; more important is an enthusiasm for classical music and a willingness to learn the ropes from the rest of the committee.

If you are in any way interested in sustaining this invaluable local charity, please contact the committee chair Jean Richards.

jean.richards.wms@gmail.com

All proceeds of the event benefit Combe C of E Primary School

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# Politics & local affairs

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## **Stonesfield Parish Council Parish Council Annual Meeting Highlights**

At the Annual Meeting of Stonesfield Parish Council held on Wednesday 6 May, councillors formally elected roles for the 2026/27 council year. Cllr U Rice was re-elected as Chair, while Cllr C Renshaw was elected Vice Chair, with all votes carried unanimously.

The meeting, held at Stonesfield Village Hall, was attended by councillors, the Clerk, Tim Sumner and four members of the public. Apologies were received from Cllr D Brown and Cllr L Bate.

Councillors approved the minutes from the April meeting and reviewed the council's ongoing actions register. No applications had been received to fill the current councillor vacancy, so the co-option position remains open.

### **Planning Matters**

The council considered two household planning applications during the meeting period. No objections were raised to proposals for a replacement timber-framed carport at Wootton End or refurbishment works to a conservatory at Hillside, Boot Street.

### **District Update**

Cllr T Sumner reflected positively on the resilience and strong spirit of the village community over the past year. He highlighted the high level of resident involvement in local events and initiatives,

particularly praising village newsletter *The Slate* for helping maintain community engagement and support.

### **Finance and Governance**

Councillors approved routine expenditure under the Clerk's delegated authority, including IT security software and mobile phone costs.

The Council also completed its annual governance review, approving a wide range of policies and documents, including Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, the Code of Conduct, Data Protection policies and the Biodiversity Policy. Members noted that the Biodiversity Policy may be reviewed again later in the year following receipt of further information.

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

The Annual Parish Meeting followed immediately afterwards and was attended by around 20 residents, alongside councillors, the Clerk and representatives from the police. A number of community reports were heard during the evening and refreshments were available for attendees. Minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting will be published shortly.

### **Looking Ahead**

Items scheduled for discussion at the next meeting include the annual AGAR external audit process, a review of working group terms of reference, updates to the parish council logo and consideration of community grants.

## **Next Parish council meeting**

The next full meeting of the parish council will take place on Wednesday 3 June 2026 at 7pm.

Kay Linnington, Clerk

Stonesfield Parish Council

clerk@stonesfield-pc.gov.uk

www.stonesfield-pc.gov.uk/

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## **From our MP**

If you need help or have a query, please feel free to email me at calum.miller.mp@parliament.uk and we will be in touch.

Calum Miller MP

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## **Police and community support**

For information or advice on security concerns, please call 101 or contact woodstockNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

## **Appeal for witnesses**

At around 9.30am on Saturday 2 May, a woman was running along the A4095 between North Leigh and Witney when a man on a bicycle approached her. As he passed, he reached out and touched her before cycling away, looking back at her. The woman was not physically injured, but distressed. The offender is described as a white man in his early to mid-40s, with short black hair. He was wearing black clothing, including a jumper and possibly jogging bottoms.

The police have been making enquiries and ask anyone who was in the area at the time, or who may recognise the description, to please come forward. If you were driving along the A4095 at around 9.30am, or have dash-cam footage, they ask you to check it. They are also keen to hear from

anyone with CCTV or doorbell footage from properties along this route. Anyone with information or footage can call 101 or report online, quoting reference 43260216156.

## **Careless and inconsiderate driving**

The Thames Valley Police is adding careless or inconsiderate driving to their roads policing focus.

The four most common causes of fatal collisions and serious, life-changing injuries on our roads are speeding, impairment (driving under the influence of drink or drugs), distraction (including mobile phones) and not wearing a seatbelt.

The addition of careless or inconsiderate driving to the Unit's focus will see increased education and enforcement around behaviours including driving too close to the vehicle in front, overtaking too fast or recklessly and misusing lanes.

## **Performance and Accountability Meetings**

Performance and Accountability Meetings are held by the PCC every quarter and are open to the public. Meetings are attended by the Chief Constable Jason Hogg and relevant senior staff from both the Office of the PCC and Thames Valley Police, and are an opportunity for the PCC to publicly hold the Chief Constable to account.

Meetings are held at Thames Valley Police Headquarters in Kidlington. If you would like to attend a future meeting, please email PCC@thamesvalley.police.uk.

## **New strategy to tackle vehicle crime**

The Vehicle Crime Strategy was launched on 18 May by Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner, Matthew Barber. He

has pledged a hostile environment to those who seek to commit vehicle crime in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Milton Keynes.

The Vehicle Crime Strategy, which has been developed in partnership with Thames Valley Police, aims to reduce harm and prevent offending with a focus on five key pillars:

- Prevention
- Collaboration
- Data and Intelligence
- Enforcement
- Trust and Confidence

Matthew said: 'Having your vehicle stolen, or something stolen from it, isn't a trivial crime – it can result in substantial financial loss, emotional stress and, depending on where the theft took place, security and community safety concerns.

By working closely with Thames Valley Police and using the full breadth of tools and partnerships available to us, we will ensure that the Thames Valley remains a hostile place to those who seek to commit vehicle crime, protecting those who rely on their vehicles for their daily lives.'

[www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk)

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## **Neighbourhood Watch**

Information on Neighbourhood Watch is available at: [www.ourwatch.org.uk/](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/) Anyone interested in joining the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme may find details and register at: [www.member-registration.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/30/Join](http://www.member-registration.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/30/Join). Clicking on 'Join a scheme' and selecting 'Stonesfield' will complete the request.

## **Holiday advice from NW**

If you're heading off on a long weekend trip this spring bank holiday or taking advantage of the half term to get away with the family, it's important to remember to protect your home while you're away. Here are some simple steps to make sure you have peace of mind while you're away. If your property looks difficult to enter, burglars are much less likely to try.

- Do a full security check: tick off every point before you go – make sure your front and back doors, and windows are properly locked, and upstairs windows closed and secured.
- Check your garage is locked and secured.
- Leave your alarm switched on – its flashing lights are a good deterrent.
- Secure your garden gate and put away outdoor furniture, bikes and barbeques; lock your shed door and add a padlock if it stores valuable garden equipment or tools.
- Ask your neighbour to keep an eye on your property, and to check your post.

Deanna Asplundh

Stonesfield Neighbourhood Watch

Coordinator

# Education, culture & more

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## **Stonesfield Library**

Note our new phone number:  
01865 815181

### **Opening hours:**

Monday	2.30-7pm
Wednesday	10am-12 noon
Thursday	2.30-5pm
Saturday	10am-12 noon

Val Phillips (891455)

Friends of Stonesfield Library

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## **Home Library Service**

The Home Library Service is free and there is no charge for requests or late returns. To register for this service or for further information, telephone your local library or the Home Library Service on 01865 810259, or email to: [homelibraryservice@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:homelibraryservice@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

Deborah Wilson (01865 815181)

Library Manager



The logo for Stonesfield Pre-School & Daycare features the name in a colorful, multi-colored font. 'Stonesfield' is in a larger, multi-colored font, and 'Pre-School & Daycare' is in a smaller, multi-colored font below it.

*Making the most of each and every moment*

We have a fully extended childcare provision running from Pre-School. Here is what is currently available:

### **Pre-School Sessions**

9am – 3pm daily for children aged 2–4 years (£21.45 per session)

### **After School Club**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday; 3.15 – 6pm  
(£20.00 per session)

If you would like registration forms for any of the above, please contact our administrator, Mrs Zena Rozee (tel. 01993 898012 or email: [stonesfieldpsad@outlook.com](mailto:stonesfieldpsad@outlook.com))

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## **Stonesfield Primary School**

It has been an incredibly joyful and exciting time at Stonesfield Primary School, and I couldn't be prouder of our wonderful children. Today's May dancing promises to be a truly magical celebration, with music, colour and smiles filling the back field as we crown our May King and Queen. The children have been practising their dances with such enthusiasm, confidence and teamwork – it will be a delight to see and a special moment for our whole school community to enjoy; hopefully the weather will hold for us!

Creativity continues to shine across the school, thanks to inspiring workshops led by Cotswold Arts Through Schools (CATs). Last week we welcomed two visiting artists who worked with all the classes for the day. Our vibrant Pop Art exhibition is bursting with energy, bold ideas and imagination, and is a fantastic showcase of the children's developing artistic talents. We continue to explore our creative side each Thursday with our music lessons. All of Key Stage two are learning to play keyboards with Miss Larsen, and their music lessons continue to be a weekly highlight.

A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils, who have approached SATs this week with resilience, maturity and determination. We are so proud of their positive attitudes and the effort they have shown and we will miss them when they move on to Marlborough.

We are also very much looking forward to welcoming our new Reception children for their visits next term, as they begin to get to know our school ahead of their September start. I know that Willow Class are excited to meet you all and we can't wait for you to join our school community.

Finally, please join us for our much-anticipated school fete on 20 June. This year it will be held at the school and we are looking forward to bringing the whole community together to celebrate our fantastic school. FoSS, our PTA, have done an amazing job this year in raising much-needed funds for our outdoor equipment. We hope to welcome as many of you as possible to the Summer Fayre, which promises to be a great occasion.

Mrs Aisling Hill

Head of School, and her team

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## **Stonesfield 1986**

In 1986, to mark the 900th anniversary of the Domesday Book, a few Stonesfield residents were asked to keep a diary for a year. The youngest were Ruth and Emily Barrett. With their permission, here are just a few of their observations, about the weather, the school and the church in Stonesfield 40 years ago. I have not altered the spelling, grammar or lack of punctuation!

### **The weather**

6 February: When I woke up I looked out of the window and saw a lot of snow everything was white. We did not go to school as the snow was too deep. It was good playing in the snow. I made a snow horse and sat on it.

7 February: We went to school there was lots of snow we made a snowman

9 February: the boys next door made a snowman 3 metres high I passed the snow up to them so they didn't fall off

26 February: It is still very cold. The snow that fell early this month is still frozen hard.

5 March: The weather is a bit warmer. The weathermen say it is the coldest February for many years.

8 March: The snowman that the boys next door made on 9 February has melted.

### **St James' Church**

23 March, Palm Sunday: The church went from the chapel to the church with Stonesfield Silver Band, a cross and a donkey

22 June: The Bishop of Oxford the Rt Rev Patrick Rodger came to preach at Stonesfield it was his last service before he retired. There was no Sunday school

### **Stonesfield Primary School**

7 April: We went back to school. They have made an arch between the two junior classrooms. I was surprised what a noise it made but we were told when the carpet came it would not echo so much.

2 July: It was sports day at school the races were egg and spoon dressing up balls in the bucket sack race and the obstacle race... this year as we have a new headmaster the long distance races didn't have such a long distance afterwards it was the fete I bought a little pony and I had a go at some games mummy helped at the plant produce and gift stall £280 was raised altogether

12 December: Douglas Hurd the home secretary and MP for our area visited the school

Please get in touch if you are interested to know more. I will try to put a few more diary entries, including about the three-day Stonesfield Festival, into a future edition of the *Slate*.

Muriel Barrett

[murieljbarrett@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:murieljbarrett@yahoo.co.uk)

### Improving your home Part 3: Rear extensions

Rear extensions are a practical way to add value to a home and are generally more cost-effective than moving, when factoring in stamp duty, legal fees and moving costs. A ground-floor extension can transform a cramped space into modern, open-plan living. Typically a kitchen-diner can flow to the garden, while a two-storey extension can add a bedroom and more. Because extensions add floor area, they target the factor that buyers value most after location, which is size.

Single-story rear extensions fall under Permitted Development rights, but a Lawful Development Certificate confirming compliance is required. Detached houses can be extended up to four metres beyond the rear wall under Permitted Development, with terraced and semi-detached houses limited to three metres. The limits extend to eight metres for detached houses and six metres for others with a Prior Approval: Larger Home Extension application. Extensions must not cover more than 50% of the original plot, exceed the height of the existing roof, or use materials out of keeping with the property. These rules protect neighbourhood character while enabling reasonable growth.

Building Regulations approval is required for structural elements, foundations and roof structures. Steel beams are often needed for open spaces. Modern insulation standards require high energy performance, potentially improving the property's EPC rating. This reduces running costs and enhances market appeal as energy efficiency becomes increasingly important to buyers.

A successful rear extension balances functionality and aesthetics. Designs should harmonise with the existing property, maintaining proportion and coherence. Orientation matters for natural light, especially in kitchens and dining areas. The new space should flow seamlessly from the old, with open-plan layouts combining kitchen, dining and living areas. Large glazed openings connect house and garden, while built-in storage, provision for modern technology, EV charging and renewable energy integration help to future-proof the property. Typical build times are 8-16 weeks for single-storey and 16-26 weeks for two-storey projects.

Jan Liberadzki BA Arch(Hons) MSc  
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[www.charlburybowls.co.uk](http://www.charlburybowls.co.uk)

# Clubs, societies & sport

## The new Scout Hut is open!



Sarah Drew with John May cutting the ribbon

At long last, the Scout Hut is officially open! We had a wonderfully warm afternoon on 26 April and were joined by John May (Deputy Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, representative of His Majesty The King) and Wendy Tatham (County Lead Volunteer for Scouts) for the ribbon-cutting ceremony and celebration. Huge thanks to everyone who came and supported the hut build, especially the leaders, the fundraisers and the build team.

The next eagerly anticipated event on our calendar is, of course, the Duck Race, which will be held on 11 July. We hope to see as many of you as possible down by the river! Keep an eye out for opportunities to buy ducks for the race (from Beavers, Cubs or Scouts, or at key local outlets) - cash

prizes and the glory of a win could be yours!

If you'd like to get involved in Scouting locally, there are lots of opportunities to do just that! From behind the scenes support as a trustee to volunteering as a leader in one of our sections, or supporting with something you have a special interest in and would like to share, there's space for all kinds of help - one off, occasional or regular. We are in particular need of volunteers for our youngest section, Beavers, at the moment. Drop our chair (Ben Whitworth) a line for an initial chat at [chair@stonesfield-scouts.org.uk](mailto:chair@stonesfield-scouts.org.uk)

Huge thanks as always to all the volunteers who make our Scout Group the fantastic place it is!

Hannah Crowe (07554 920351)

on behalf of The Trustees,

1st Stonesfield Scout Group



Ben Whitworth joins Sarah Drew and John May

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## **Stonesfield Football Club – Champions again!**

In years to come, someone might look back on the last two seasons and view them in much the same way as the periods 1934-39 & 1963-66, as halcyon days in the history of our football club. The Firsts have added to the Premiership title of 2024-25, by winning it in style again this season! When you include back-to-back promotions for The Reserves, climbing from Division 3 to Division 1 (both as third placed, best-of-the-rest), and winning The Jack Busby Memorial Trophy, it is easy to see why.

The Firsts are Champions again, with two games to spare! Their run to the finishing line started with walkovers against Eynsham AFC and CHQ, combined with great wins at home to RAF Brize Norton (3-0) and East Hendred (4-0). Next was an away day at Heyford Athletic where a point would have been enough for 2-in-a-row, but our boys did it in style with a great performance to grab all 3 points, winning 6-2!

The success didn't stop there: they also reached the final of The Ted Young Senior Cup with wins at Heyford (6-1) and Chadlington (4-2). In an excellent final they beat East Hendred, coming back from one-down to win 4-1, with goals from Raffy Rice (2), Louis O'Keeffe and Carry Rice (penalty). This is the ninth time the club has won this trophy, and this constitutes a league and cup double that is a fine return for all the team's hard work this season. Congratulations to the management dream team of Tom Green and Marc Jordon, who have done a magnificent job over the last two successful seasons. Brian Clarke is preparing new 5-year contracts for them, but more importantly they both win this month's Fredo Award!

The Reserves winning back-to-back promotions (both due to league reconstruction) is no mean feat, but they did it the hard way. Following their Jack Busby heroics they lost at home to Kingham AB (1-2), then had two hard-fought wins against Witney Royals (2-1) and Bampton United (3-1). Their final game was away at



Left to right: Mike Phipps, Marc Jordon, Jack Barker, Jamie Langton, Carry Rice, Sammy Hart, Jordan Newman, Dan Newman, Jack Newman, Liam Harris, Conor Allmond, Ollie Wynn, Raffy Rice, Louis Coles, Jake Burden, Tom Green, Louis O'Keeffe

Chadlington but they forfeited the match due to player availability, which meant that Hanborough had to beat Bampton by ten clear goals to pip our boys on goal difference. It was a nerve shredding end to their league campaign, but Hanborough only managed 4, which meant our boys took third place on goal difference, by 5 goals! The Reserves management team, Ben Franklin and Pete Searle, deserve immense credit and they too get this month's Fredo Award for gaining promotion again and putting silverware on Brian and Cilla's mantelpiece.

This has been a historic season for our club and it has got some of us thinking about when it was founded. We know there's a team photograph from 1909. We also know the first trophies won were the old Division 1 and The Howe-Browne Cup beating Witney Swifts 2-1; both in 1921. There's a suggestion that the club won the Watts Junior Cup in 1900, but that is wrong as the trophy wasn't instigated until 1932. The words 'If you know the history' are part of an old famous football song, so if you can help add facts to our history (that we should know!) then please get in touch.

Tom Flanigan (891979)

## **Stonesfield Tennis Club**

The tennis season is well under way and it is good to see the courts being well used.

The AGM for the Tennis Club will be held on Tuesday 23 June at 7.30pm in the Club room of Stonesfield Village Hall. All are welcome.

We had our first Wychwood league match in May, away against Charlbury. We narrowly lost, 34 games to 32! Many thanks to Lindsey, Jane, Jim and Rob for

such a close match. A delicious tea was enjoyed afterwards.

Alex Dillon continues to provide coaching as follows:

### **Stonesfield Junior Tennis**

#### **Programme:**

#### **Monday:**

Orange ball 4.30-5.30pm, ages 8-10

Green ball 5.30-6.30pm, ages 10-12

#### **Tuesday:**

Red ball 3.35-4.20pm (£7.50 per 45min session), ages 6-8

Orange ball 4.20-5.20pm, ages 8-10

Green ball 5.20-6.20pm, ages 10-12

Yellow ball 6.20-7.20pm, ages 13 upwards

No commitment is necessary and everyone is welcome to come and try a session.

Rackets are available to borrow. Ages are approximate, depending on experience.

Unless otherwise stated, sessions are £10.

#### **Adult coaching:**

Tuesday 1-2 pm - all welcome, particularly those playing tennis for the first time and improvers.

There is availability for private sessions if of interest. Please contact Alex directly on 07876 194008 for any further questions/enquiries.

Jane Rust (07812 332654)

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## **Stonesfield Gardening Club**

Due to illness, our speaker for May was unable to join us, so we will book her for next year instead.

I can now report that we had an extraordinarily successful plant sale in April; far beyond our expectations. This means that we will be able to support many local charities, especially as we still have our Open Gardens event at the end of this month, which also adds to our coffers.

Open Gardens will be on Sunday 28 June and will start at St James' Centre where you can buy tickets and teas and look at the garden there. From there on to eight other gardens, including two new ones.

We open at 2pm, tickets and teas until 5pm and gardens will be open until 5.30pm. Tickets cost £6 (cash or card), and accompanying children go free.

Diane Bates

Secretary Stonesfield Gardening Club

[www.stonesfieldgardening.info](http://www.stonesfieldgardening.info)

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## **Emergency Food help**

One of the aims of the Food Group is to support Stonesfield residents who are struggling to afford nourishing food. We are able to do this using the funds raised by the Community Cafés run alongside the Repair Café, and through other generous donations.

We are currently able to offer food parcels or emergency supermarket vouchers. If you, or someone you know, could benefit, contact Kate Harris, on 01993 898781 or via email at [kateharris58@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kateharris58@yahoo.co.uk).

If you are able to, you can support the food parcel initiative by donating tinned meat pies, hotdogs, meatballs, chicken, or ham. They can be left in the brown box on the doorstep of 6 Brook Lane.

Julie Curran (07973 730907)

### **STONESFIELD LUNCH CLUB**

Stonesfield Lunch Club meets every Weds 11 till 2 (for members) at the St James' Centre. Lunch Club provides a social occasion, friendship and support for our more mature residents along with refreshments, activities and a freshly cooked 2-course meal each week.

Volunteers are always welcomed for many roles and this is a lovely way to be involved in village life. Contact me if you would like more information on becoming a member or in volunteering.

Kate Harris 01993 898781 or [kateharris58@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kateharris58@yahoo.co.uk)

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## The Megalosaurus Society



We are delighted to let you know that the booklet produced as a memento of our event last September on Stonesfield's glove-making industry is now available. With 32 pages including photographs, it records the memories of some former employees of Pickard's Gloves. Priced at £4, it is available via our email or by phoning 01993 891803.

Looking ahead to the summer, on the evening of Thursday 9 July we will have a talk on Stonesfield's slate mines, to be given by Nina Morgan, research associate at Oxford University Museum of Natural History, and Vivienne Kendall. We hope to have a small exhibition to accompany this talk and if anyone connected with our mining families has any old photos, mining tools or other memorabilia that they would like to display, please let us know. We anticipate being able to make this

particular event open to non-members at a cost of £5; places to be booked in advance via the email address below.

For more information about the Society and its activities, please get in touch with us.

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## **Stonesfield Food Group**

Stonesfield Social Suppers are every Tuesday at the Village Hall, from 5-6.30pm. We are lucky to have a committed team of volunteers who provide a free two-course meal for residents of Stonesfield village each week. Whether you are young or elderly, on your own or with a family, you are welcome to join us, and have a free meal. We serve around 60-70 meals, many in the club room and some to take away. Diners enjoy a social meal together and a further group of volunteers offer a craft table to occupy children while their parents get a chance to catch up with friends and neighbours.

Food Group volunteers visit the Oxford Food Hub in Botley each week and collect surplus food, with which they have the challenge of creating a delicious meal. The food we find at the Hub varies each week, sometimes offering some great ingredients but it all depends on what surplus is brought in from supermarkets or food providers. Sometimes we need to buy in additional food products to make our meals.

We serve all manner of dishes including pasta, curries, and traditional favourites such as cottage pie, followed by a variety of puddings: tempting fruit crumbles, bread and butter pudding or a selection of cakes.

Many of our cooks have completed their Food Hygiene Level 2 qualification, and several volunteers have completed Food Allergies training. We recently secured a 5-star rating with Environmental Health for the Village Hall.

Our volunteers help on a rota basis offering to cook, set up and clear away our dining room as well as wash up. We are always

looking for more Stonesfield volunteers to join us. If you would like to join us and be part of the kitchen team, laying or clearing tables, washing up or serving the meal, your help would be very welcome. If you work but would like to get involved cooking a meal, we can deliver ingredients to you and then collect them to take to the village hall, where we keep dishes chilled.

Our weekly meal is free to any resident of Stonesfield, but we do need financial support to keep going to buy those extra ingredients which we cannot always get from the Hub. If you would like to support us with a financial donation, we would really appreciate it; please email the address below. Even using the food from the Hub, our average cost is around £40 a week, which works out at around 50 pence a person for a two-course meal!

Check out the menu on offer weekly on our Facebook page: Stonesfield Social.

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# Church news

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### **From the Rector: Transformation**

Recent local government elections in England and the Parliamentary elections in Wales and Scotland have highlighted how much the political landscape in Britain is changing. After years of ping-pong politics in England, where the Labour and Conservative parties took turns at undoing the policies of the other, there are now four parties with sufficient popularity to each hope for a majority at the next general election. Who would have thought this ten years ago?

Politics can change suddenly. The world can change suddenly. And we ourselves can change too, in ways we could never have predicted. We may change in ways we do not like, but we might also change in ways which are positive and life-enriching. Often such changes are provoked by something unexpected in our lives, like an accident,

retirement, the end or start of a job, the birth of a child or grandchild, reaching a particular age, or the loss of someone we love. The familiar landscape of our lives is shifted in a moment; we realise something new about ourselves and what we need, and new spaces open up in which a different sense of self can emerge.

Sometimes we need to dig deep to find the resources to cope with our new situation. But in such a time of challenge and change, we can be surprised to discover new skills or interests, new tastes, new emotions and new capabilities, which take us by surprise.

As I talk to people in the village and beyond, I am often reminded of the extraordinary potential within each one of us. And part of that potential, often hidden, is the possibility of discovering faith in God. This can happen when we are young, but also later in our lives, at a time when we thought we had all the available answers to life's big questions. We may have thought of ourselves as not believing in God in the way we assume other people do. But when we are least expecting it, our hearts may open to the possibility that we are known and loved and desired by God. In a moment (or over a period of weeks, months or years) the previously unnoticed seed of faith in us can sprout and grow and flower, as we see that life without the love of God makes little sense. If you are wondering about life's big questions, come to church, where personal transformations are quietly taking place.

Revd Ralph Williamson - Rector

## Church services

### Sunday 7 June [Trinity 1]

8am	Stonesfield	No service
9.30am	Combe	All Age Worship
11am	Stonesfield	Family Communion

### Sunday 14 June [Trinity 2]

8am	Stonesfield	Holy Communion [BCP/said]
9.30am	Combe	Parish Communion
11am	Stonesfield	Parish Communion

### Sunday 21 June [Trinity 3]

8am	Stonesfield	Holy Communion [BCP/said]
9.30am	Combe	Parish Communion
11am	Stonesfield	Parish Communion

### Sunday 28 June [Trinity 4]

8am	Stonesfield	Holy Communion [BCP/said]
9.30am	Combe	Parish Communion
11am	Stonesfield	Parish Communion

## Wednesdays

9.30am	Stonesfield	Morning Prayer (3rd) Holy Communion (17th, 24th)
11am	Combe	Morning Prayer (3rd), Holy Communion (17th)

**Note:** Thursday 25 June 2-4pm – Visiting bellringers

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## New Church thought

June sees the 256th 'birthday' of the New Church. That's comparatively young in terms of religions. It's prompted me to ponder once more what is 'new' about the church I belong to.

Over my life, I've realised that the New Church does have different views from other faiths about many religious things. For instance, precisely who God is; the different layers of what the Bible teaches; how to find contentment and happiness; why evil exists in this life; what happens to us as individuals when our bodies die; what the next life is like; why different religions exist in the world.

And yet... the heart of New Church teachings is quite simple: follow the Two Great Commandments (1 = love the Lord with all your heart, mind, and strength; 2 = love your neighbour as yourself) and the Golden Rule (treat others as you want others to treat you). We have these fundamental principles in common with most religions.

'He has told you, O mankind, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?' Micah 6:8

Dale Morris

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## Roman Catholic Worship

St Theresa's, Charlbury



### Need vs want

Apparently we are driven by want; that is, things and experiences that we desire that might satisfy us in some way, emotionally or materially, but can be transitory. Need, on the other hand, means those things or experiences which underpin our lives, support our existence and have an enduring consequence on our lives.

The Gospels constantly offer us guidance about the seeming competition of 'need' vs 'want':

'And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.' *Philippians 4:19*

'So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.' *Matthew 6:31-32*

'And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.' *2 Corinthians 9:8*

Our relationship with Christ is an urgent need of the highest order; but St Paul tells us that 'I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and share in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead' *Philippians 3:10-11*

Why does Paul say 'want' rather than 'need'? It's an acknowledgement that our relationship with God carries a very powerful sense of passionate craving and overwhelming desire, that transcends every other need.

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Roman Catholic Community in Stonesfield

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## **Stonesfield Methodist Church**

### **Sunday services**

- 7 11am David Sarbutt  
14 11am Locally Arranged Service  
21 11am The Reverend Kathy Flynn  
Holy Communion Service  
28 11am Dawn Haley

All are warmly invited to the Services. A Circuit Minister or a Local Preacher normally leads Sunday Worship, uniting everyone in Christian friendship. The occasional Local Arrangement provides a time for members and visitors to share together a Service of their own, or to join a nearby Circuit Church. Do come to a Service very soon; all are welcome.

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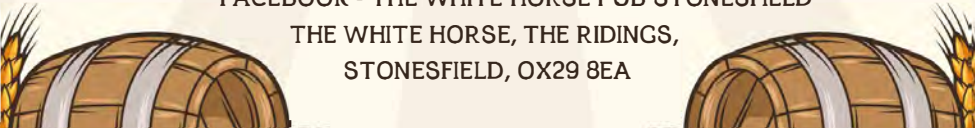
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