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Dates for your Diary

August

18-31	<i>Timeless Tales</i>	Oxfordshire Museum	10am-5pm
29	Men's Walk and Talk	outside St James' Centre	10am
29	Dinosaur Hunt	The White Horse	All day
30	Cream Teas	Combe Reading Room	2.30-5pm
30	Aunt Sally Open Tournament	The White Horse	3pm
30,31	Sealed Knot Civil War re-enactment	Great Tew	11am-5pm
31	Monday Coffee	St James' Centre	10-11.30am
31	Jazz	The White Horse	5-7pm

September

1-6	Pics@The Pub: Photography Show	The White Horse	Pub hours
1-6	<i>Timeless Tales</i>	Oxfordshire Museum	10am-5pm
2	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall	7pm
2,9,16,23,30	Pilates	Village Hall	9.30-10.45am
2,9,16,23,30	Hannah Bathe Strength & Condition	Village Hall	7-7.45pm
2,9,16,23,30	Folk Dancing	Village Hall	7.45-10pm
3	Talk: <i>Lee Miller, A woman at war</i>	Soldiers of Oxfordshire M	7pm
3,7,10,14,17	Taekwondo	Village Hall	5.30-6.30pm
3,10,17,24	Hannah Bathe Strength & Condition	Village Hall	7-7.45pm
5	Repair and Community Café	Village Hall	10am-2pm
6	Afternoon Tea	Combe Reading Room	2-5pm
7,14,21,28	Monday Coffee	St James' Centre	10-11.30am
7,14,21,28	Baby & Me Postnatal Yoga	Village Hall	10-11.15am
7,14,21,28	Pickleball	Village Hall	12.30-2.30pm
7,14,21,28	Bump & Me Antenatal Yoga	Village Hall	7.30-8.30pm
7,14,21,28	Hannah Bathe HIIT	Village Hall	7-7.45pm
8,22	Quiz Night	The White Horse	8pm
8,15,22,29	Pickleball	Village Hall	12.30-2.30pm
8,15,22,29	Seniors' Café	The White Horse	3-4pm

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Dates for your Diary

September (cont)

8,15,22,29	Stonesfield Social	Village Hall	5-6.30pm
8,15,22,29	Zumba	Village Hall	7-8pm
8,15,22,29	Zumba Strong	Village Hall	8-9pm
9,16,23,30	Yoga & Relaxation	Village Hall	11-11.45am
9-30	Pics@The Pub: Two Artists	The White Horse	Pub hours
12	Methodist Church Teas	Methodist Church	2.30-4.30pm
12	Live music: Mudflap	Sports & Social Club	8.30pm
14	Gardening Club wine tasting & talk	St James' Centre	7.30pm
14	Combe WI meeting	Reading Room, Combe	7.30pm
15	Folk Night	The White Horse	8pm
16	Monthly Bingo	Sports & Social Club	7pm
21,24,28	Taekwondo	Village Hall	5.30-6.30pm
17,24	Upholstery	Village Hall	9.30am-12.30pm
18,25	Baby & Toddlers	Village Hall	10am-noon
19,20	Roman Villa Open Weekend	North Leigh	11am-5pm
26	Combe WI Coffee morning	Reading Room	10.30am-noon
26	Henderson:Hoopers 25th Anniv Conc	St James Church	3.30pm
26	The Adderbury Ensemble	Combe Community Hub	7.30pm

October

2	Harvest Quiz Night	St James' Centre	6pm
5	Stonesfield Players Community Café	Village Hall	10am-noon



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 September: Amanda Peters
07939 410009 or stonesfieldvts@gmail.com**

Notices & news

Jonathan Morton

On Thursday 16 July, Jonathan (Jo) Morton died suddenly at his home, Redgate, in Laughton Hill.

He was 88 years old and was a long-time resident of Stonesfield.

Pictures @ The Pub

We hope you have been enjoying our photography exhibition by Diane Bates and Skye Drew which continues until Sunday 6 September. This will be followed with the work of two artists who will be well-known to many readers: Fredrica Craig will be showing her paintings of landscapes and still life, and Claire Fyfe-Jackson will exhibit mixed media collages celebrating summer gardens.

The team has been planning the programme for the remainder of the year and is delighted to let you know that we expect to show a wide variety of styles and disciplines including watercolours and oils, prints, collage and textile art. The year will finish with our third Midwinter Show which will feature the work of about 20 artists from Stonesfield and the surrounding areas. Lots to look forward to!

If you would like to exhibit at the Horse next year, please get in touch with us.

Trisha Williams for Pictures @ The Pub
trwynwil003@gmail.com

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

Claire Renshaw for The White Horse
Community Pub

Repair Café

The next Repair Café will be held with the Community Café on Saturday 5 September 10am - 2pm in Stonesfield Village Hall.

While you have your items repaired you can enjoy a selection of delicious cakes and light lunches.

These are by donation and the proceeds go to support village causes. Bring all those things that have stopped working or have broken and you haven't thrown out and see if we can help. We look at furniture, electrics of all sorts, clothes and fabric, computers and mobile phones and we sharpen tools as well. If we can't fix them we can give advice as to what to do next.

Mike Sofroniou

Sports and Social Club

With the children returning to school the rhythm of the club changes; football training resumes, the start of the new pool league and the end of Aunt Sally and the summer darts.

We have the return of the bands with our first being Mudflap on Saturday 12 September from 8.30pm, monthly Bingo starting Wednesday 16 September - eyes down at 7pm, and our Saturday night basket meals between 6pm-8pm.

Stonesfield Sports & Social Club team

Stonesfield Village Hall News

Well summer is nearly over, though hopefully not just yet, but the new term brings the restart of many of our regular classes and groups.

Mondays we have mother and baby yoga and prenatal yoga with Nadia.

Monday & Tuesdays we have Pickleball with Miles.

Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays we have Strength and Conditioning with Hannah.

Mondays and Thursdays we have Taekwondo with James.

Tuesdays we have Zumba and HIIT Strong Nation with Katie along with the Stonesfield Social.

Wednesdays we have Pilates with Anita, and Yoga and Relaxation with Brek.

Thursdays we have Upholstery with Linda.

Fridays we have Baby & Toddlers.

First Saturdays we have Community Café available for any local groups to fundraise alongside the quarterly Repair Café.

Please see Dates for your Diary for times and dates.

Pickleball has started well, Miles is keen to see some more new faces and is offering another free Pickleball session on Thursday 25 September at 3.30- 4.30pm, do get in touch if you are interested. Miles: miles@l2pp.com or 07765 894945.

The hall and club room are also a great hire for parties, events, training and meetings, with a well stocked kitchen to cater for up to 100 people, and alcohol licence. Available for hire from £9.20 per hour,

please see our website, booking is easy. The calendar and booking is all online.

Don't forget that Community Café slots for 2026/7 are available for local groups to fundraise on the first Saturday of each month.

Claire Renshaw

Stonesfield Village Hall Bookings

info@stonesfieldvillagehall.com

www.stonesfieldvillagehall.com

White Horse News

A big thank you to all those who have been enjoying the pub over the last month. Also thank you to all who came down to enjoy our fantastic summer fare and fun day, it was a great day and it was great to see so many happy faces. The performance from Sol Samba was absolutely fantastic. We had a great selection of local stalls and the day was rounded off with so many of you rocking out to the evening band, The Catnip Cartel. These events take a lot of preparation and hard work to put together but seeing so many of you turn up to enjoy yourselves makes it all worth while. These events and the many others we do are to give the whole village things that cater for many different tastes.

A thank you to 1st Stonesfield Scouts for the borrow, setup and take down of the gazebo for the stalls.

Thank you also to Stonesfield village hall for the loan of the tables and to Charlie Hunt for arranging collection of the tables.

We also raised £200 from our cake stall which will be donated to Stonesfield School. A final thank you to my team; your hard work and effort never goes unnoticed and without you these things are not

possible. You are all amazing and I'm very proud of you all.

We will be closed Tuesday 1 September as we are open on the bank holiday Monday so there will be no Seniors' Café that week.

The quiz is back at the pub every other week through September 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 teams of 6 and a chance to win a cash prize if you get the correct key to open the box. Next dates are 8 and 22 September.

Folk Music will return to the pub on Tuesday 15 September from 8pm so come on down, enjoy some light hearted entertainment and show your support.

Keep an eye on our socials and the next door app for more upcoming deals and events.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Craig Tipper (01993 672059)

The White Horse

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Facebook – The White Horse pub Stonesfield

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Henderson:Hooper 25th Anniversary Concert

Folk fiddle and guitar duo

Henderson:Hooper (Judith and Nick Hooper) are celebrating 25 years since their first duo concert with a concert in the Church of St James the Great, in aid of the Alzheimers Society, on Saturday 26 September 4pm (doors open 3.30). No tickets, cash donations on the door. There will be wine/soft drinks in the interval and the concert will finish by 6pm. Nick and Judith will perform favourite repertoire from the past 25 years.

Since June 2001 Nick and Judith have been performing their self-penned tunes, as well as traditional music from England, France and Eastern Europe and tunes by contemporary folk musicians including Pete Cooper, John Dipper, Bruce MacGregor and Rob Harbron. Their first full-length CD, *Pete's Trees* (released in 2018), was recorded at Real World Studios and mastered at Abbey Road Studios. The second edition of the CD includes an additional track, *Farewell Aragog*, which was originally written by Nick for the soundtrack to *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*.

Judith Hooper

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

Folk at the White Horse

Folk night returns after a summer break on Tuesday 15 September. A monthly folk get-together at the White Horse. Nick Hooper and Judith Henderson, with help from other local music makers.

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.

Paul Bates

Stonesfield Players October Community Café

The Stonesfield Players are running the next Community Café at the Village Hall on Saturday 5 October. Come and join us from 10am till 12 noon for delicious cakes, tea and coffee. Enjoy a relaxing morning and a chance to find out more about The Stonesfield Players and our next production.

Our next production – save the date

Join us on 26, 27 or 28 of November and let us transport you back to the 1930's with a light-hearted detective caper, *Inspector Drake and the Perfekt Crime*. Put the dates in your diary now and be prepared when tickets go on sale – look out for the posters.

Scriptwriting workshops in October – book your place now

Ever wondered about how plays get from the written page and on to the stage? Or watched sketch shows on TV and thought you could do better? Maybe you've had inspiration for a play or sketch but found it hard to get the ideas out of your head and on to the paper?

We will be running a couple of scriptwriting workshops so you can try writing in a supportive and friendly atmosphere. The aim of these sessions is to develop some short sketches with the theme of people meeting in a pub. This provides plenty of inspiration as it's a place where a lot of different people meet or are thrown together and where a variety of activities might happen, from traditional drinking to meeting for coffee, enjoying a meal, quiz night, folk music, teams for Aunt Sally or darts – you could easily add to this list.

You might be completely new to the idea of scriptwriting or maybe you've written something before – all levels of experience are welcome. You don't need to arrive bursting with ideas or feel embarrassed if your mind is completely blank - using short writing exercises and working in small groups, we'll be imagining characters and scenarios, then developing their stories during the afternoon. This is an opportunity to take some time to focus, experiment with writing and have fun finding out what we can develop together.

The workshops will be on Saturday 24 October and Saturday 31 October from 2pm till 5.30pm at St James' Centre, Stonesfield OX29 8PU. These events are free (funded by The Stonesfield Players) and refreshments will be provided. If you'd like to know more, please contact me.

Please contact me by 5 October to reserve a place.

Nicky Holland (07791 110926)
nicky.holland@btinternet.com

Methodist Church Teas

Do come and enjoy cakes, cream scones and cuppas at the Methodist Church on Saturday 12 September from 2.30pm until 4.30pm. Just a perfect time to spend with friends, new and old, and a warm welcome awaits you. Hope to see you there!

Cake donations will be very much appreciated.

Kathleen Albért.

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Stonesfield Players Safari Supper

Saturday 17 October - 7 pm

Unfortunately our Safari supper on 18 July was cancelled but we are pleased to announce that we have a new date, Saturday 17 October.

It's a fun filled evening enjoying a four course meal mingled with a wander around the village to a different venue for each course. The evening will begin at The Old Bakery, Boot Street where we gather for starters. All are welcome, simply come along as a guest but if you are interested in hosting, usually six people, please contact Ros. Hosts are refunded the cost of the food.

Attendance is by booking only. Tickets are £19.50 per person and can be booked with Ros Mengech by Wednesday 30 September.

Ros Mengech (07852 584688)

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Seniors' Café



Come along each Tuesday between 3-4pm to our village pub, The White Horse, and join others for tea/coffee and homemade cakes.

This weekly café is open to all senior residents in Stonesfield and provides an opportunity to come out and socialise with others in your community. You will receive a warm welcome from Craig and his team who will provide you with a free tea/coffee and cake. This is a growing group and a vital part of ensuring people can meet up in a safe, warm and caring environment. If you live alone or just want a change of scene come along every Tuesday.

We are always looking for people to bake for this weekly café. This would involve making a cake or tray bake or biscuits for around 15 people. Your baking could be delivered to the pub on the day or the evening before as we have a secure sealed box in the wood store at the pub for you to drop off. You could bake and freeze your baking if that is easier. If you work this is a great way to contribute to your community and enjoy some time out baking.

‘Baking is a gift you can share with others’.

If you would like to bake occasionally for the Seniors' Café, please contact:

Julia

stonesfieldfoodgroup2026@gmail.com

Stonesfield Food Group



We are back on Tuesday 8 September serving a home cooked family style meal to any resident in Stonesfield. All ages can enjoy a two-course meal each week where we utilise a wide range of free food from the Oxford Food Hub. We add extra ingredients we need thanks to the generous donations we received in the summer from groups and individuals in the village.

A huge thank you if you donated to our funds as without you our extra ingredients, costing around £40 a week could not be bought. It is amazing to think we regularly serve around 65 + meals for this small amount of money. This equates to around 60p per person for a two-course meal!

If you have not been before, please come along. Just bring yourselves or, if you prefer to pop in for a takeaway, bring along your own containers and we will fill them for you. We open from 5-6.30pm but come early as we can run out of food before 6.30pm on a busy evening.

We have a committed team of craft leaders for the children. Each week a different activity to occupy the children while parents enjoy a meal. All we ask is that if older children come along that parents/carers ensure they are supervised whilst in the Village Hall.

Our menus for September include homemade chicken pie, pasta bake, sausage hotpot, lasagne, chicken curry and chilli con carne. In our final week in December, we serve a full Christmas Dinner!

Whilst we cannot easily cater for all special dietary needs, we offer a vegetarian meal every week and if you make us aware we can (most weeks) provide a gluten free meal option. Letting us know ahead of time is the best way not to come and be disappointed.

We have some great volunteers who cook, go to the Oxford Food Hub, set up our dining room, wash up or come along to help in the kitchen each week. We successfully secured a Food Hygiene rating of 5 earlier in the year and many of our cooks have now completed their Level 2 Food Hygiene Award. We ensure that each week we complete all the necessary Food Hygiene checks from the preparation to serving the food.

If you would like to offer some time to volunteer with us, you would be very well supported and welcomed by all. It is a great way to meet new people and feel connected to your community and of course, prevent food waste! Contact Julia on stonesfieldfoodgroup2026@gmail.com

Apples & other fruit

If you have a fruit tree, especially apple, in your garden and don't have need of the whole crop, we would love to be able to make use of your surplus through the autumn. We have space for freezing and can organise help with harvesting if needed. Please let us know through our email address. We look forward to seeing everyone very soon.

Claire Cooke

Stonesfield Lunch Club Recruitment Drive

Can you help us?! More volunteers are urgently needed to run the Lunch Club every Weds from 10am till 2.30pm (for the volunteers).

We provide a two course home-cooked meal at the St James' Centre, currently for around 20 older members of our lovely community. We also provide tea, biscuits and a listening ear to many for whom this may be the only time they get to socialise outside their own homes. For those that need it we pick them up and take them home afterwards.

We urgently need to recruit more helpers (table set up, welcome guests, make teas, serve lunch, etc.) and generally help where needed, all under the direction of the Day Organiser.

Also drivers are needed to pick guests up from their homes around 11am and then return to take them home at 2pm.

Could you help with either of these roles? Simply pop in to St James' Centre any Weds and speak to the Day Organiser or contact Kate Harris: 07766 913117 or 898781 or kateharris58@yahoo.co.uk

Greenfield Crescent closure

Carriageway maintenance works at Greenfield Crescent, Stonesfield are currently planned to take place on Wednesday 23 September and are expected to take approximately half a day to complete. We will require Greenfield Crescent to be vehicle-free, i.e. no parked cars on the road and no vehicular access until the works are completed. Pedestrian access using the footways to and from the properties on Greenfield Crescent will be maintained throughout the works. There is a brief period required for the surfacing to reach its initial cure (weather dependant, but usually 20 minutes to 2 hours), however, in the event of any emergency unrestricted access will be permitted, even if of detriment to the surfacing.

Greenfield Crescent is 1 of 67 locations across Oxfordshire that will shortly receive micro-surfacing road treatment, however the treatment is weather susceptible. Due to this, the requested road space and associated temporary traffic regulation order (TTRO) for a road closure exceeds the physical construction duration (in most case a few hours on a single day), allowing for float in the programme should we be delayed by weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

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Bus Diversion



From 10 August to 8 September the S3 bus will not go through Fawler due to Charlbury road closures for gas works.

In Stonesfield the Laughton Hill bus stops are closed with a temporary bus stop open on Longore.

Car traffic to Charlbury is probably affected so please check diversions before you drive. www.one.network/uk/oxfordshire.

Fabulous Hanging Baskets



Once again Zac has produced and maintained the most fantastic flower displays outside the village shop.

I'm sure the whole community appreciates this and thanks him for his efforts.

Paul Bates

BBQ ban

From 15 August, disposable barbecues have been temporarily banned from sale over fears they pose a "significant risk to the public" as drought and heatwave conditions continue to grip the UK.

They have been the cause of 'a number of serious wildfires across the country over the summer months', the government said.

The public have been urged not to light open fires and to dispose of cigarettes carefully.

Meanwhile Prime Minister Andy Burnham says the country is like 'a tinderbox', as 200 personnel have now been deployed to help emergency teams tackling wildfires around the country.

Near miss



There was a 'near miss' when a fire took hold of the hedges just outside East End. Fortunately the blaze was extinguished before it spread into the field around.

Just shows how careful we all need to be.

Combe Connect

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

Editor@combeconnect.co.uk

Six friends conquer Mont Blanc



Six friends have successfully conquered Mont Blanc, completing an incredible 4,810-metre challenge to raise vital funds for Wooden Spoon, the children's charity of rugby.

After months of training and preparation, the team took on one of Europe's most demanding mountain challenges, pushing themselves to their physical and mental limits to reach the summit.

The ascent presented the team with freezing temperatures, exposed terrain, steep ridges and challenging alpine conditions. Despite the demanding environment, the six friends remained determined and successfully reached the summit of Mont Blanc.

The challenge was undertaken by Craig, Alex, Ant, James B, James S and Danny, who originally came together through their time in the Army and have completed a number of challenges together. This time, they set their sights on Mont Blanc with the aim of turning their shared passion for adventure into an opportunity to make a difference to children and young people.

Their fundraising will support Wooden Spoon's work creating life-changing opportunities for children and young people with disabilities or facing disadvantage across the UK and Ireland.

Through the support of its fundraising community, Wooden Spoon gives children the chance to play, learn, thrive and be safe, helping create brighter futures and more inclusive opportunities.

The team are now looking to build on their fundraising total, turning their extraordinary achievement into even more opportunities for children and young people.

A huge thank you goes to the team's generous sponsors LMAX Exchange, Island, Global Service Group and Omerta, whose support helped make the challenge possible and enabled the team to focus on their goal of reaching the summit and raising funds for Wooden Spoon.

The team's achievement demonstrates the power of friendship, determination and a shared commitment to making a difference.

Support the team

The team's fundraising is still open, and every donation will help Wooden Spoon continue to fund projects that give children and young people the chance to play, learn, thrive and be safe. www.justgiving.com/campaign/woodenspoonmontblancchallenge

If their incredible challenge has inspired you, why not take on one of your own?

Explore our upcoming challenge events and sign up today:
www.woodenspoon.org.uk/events/categories/challenge/

Lucy Roy (01252 773720)

Communications Manager, Wooden Spoon
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Combe WI

Despite the rather chilly evening, members of Combe WI enjoyed a lovely summer garden party, tucking into a delicious Ploughman's supper and having fun trying their hand at a variety of traditional garden games.

Our next meeting is on Monday 14 September, when Michelle Johnson will be talking to us about AI, online scams and how to stay safe on the internet. We look forward to an informative and useful evening. We would also love your support at our annual Coffee Morning on Saturday 26 September, from 10.30 – 12.00 in the Reading Room. We'll have a tempting cake stall – perfect for those with a sweet tooth!

As well as our regular monthly meetings, Combe WI has a walking group, which meets on an ad-hoc basis once a month, and a social group, which meets on the last Thursday of each month. Our regular meetings are held on the second Monday of each month, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, at the Reading Room in Combe.

If you would like to find out more about the WI, please come along and give us a try. The WI is open to all women aged 18 and over, and guests are warmly welcome to attend up to three meetings before deciding whether to join. Guests are invited to make a suggested donation of £8.

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

Julia Sharpe (01993 891058)
Secretary, Combe WI
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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?

The editorial team and publishers are conscious that not everyone has access to email and/or a computer. If you are in this situation and would like to submit something for publication, please get in touch with the Editor in order to make alternative arrangements. We are happy to collect something handwritten from you or to take it down over the phone. The Editor's name and contact number appears on page 2 of each issue.

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Politics & local affairs

Good news on the Neighbourhood Plan



In January 2026, the Stonesfield Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to the Independent Examiner who would review the Plan, together with a raft of supporting documentation, to ensure that the Plan's policies conform with National and Local Planning guidelines and prescribed basic conditions.

The Examiner submitted his report in July detailing the modifications which he required for the Plan to be acceptable. The Parish Council has accepted all of the modifications the Examiner has requested. The District Council is now in the process of reviewing his Report and has until early September to reach a conclusion.

This is the Examiner's Summary and Conclusion:

Summary

- The Plan sets out a range of policies to guide and direct development proposals in the period up to 2041. It is distinctive in addressing a specific set of issues that have been identified and refined by the wider community to safeguard the

character and setting of the neighbourhood area and to designate a package of Local Green Spaces.

- Following the independent examination of the Plan, I have concluded that the Stonesfield Neighbourhood Development Plan meets the basic conditions for the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan subject to a series of recommended modifications.

Conclusion

- On the basis of the findings in this report, I recommend to West Oxfordshire District Council that subject to the incorporation of the modifications set out in this report that the Stonesfield Neighbourhood Development Plan should proceed to referendum.

The Examiner's full report is now published on the District Council's website for everybody to read at:
www.westoxon.gov.uk/media/sinbmugb/stonesfield-neighbourhood-development-plan.pdf

Overall, the Examiner's report is positive. He visited the village in March and gained a clear understanding of the factors important to residents, particularly the areas that the Parish Council wished to be designated as Local Green Spaces.

We will report the District Council's response to the Examiner's recommendation as soon as we can.

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

From your District Councillor

Preparing for a changing climate

As we've experienced this summer, we are feeling the effects of climate change, driven by rising greenhouse gas emissions, with hotter summers, heavier rainfall and longer dry periods. Risks of overheating in homes and pressure on water supplies, and also flooding are increasing. To understand how these changes may affect the district, read the *Met Office's Climate Report for West Oxfordshire*, which provides local projections for future temperatures, rainfall and climate-related risks. West Oxfordshire District Council have prepared some advice on what we can all do in dealing with the changes to our climate at: www.westoxon.gov.uk/environment/climate-and-nature-action/preparing-for-a-changing-climate/

Draft West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2043

West Oxfordshire District Council will be launching its Regulation 19 consultation on the Draft West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2043 on Wednesday 26 August. This new plan aims to bring the planning policies and proposals up to date and tackle issues such as climate change, health and wellbeing, housing and the economy. The consultation will run until 9 October 2026 and will be open to all local residents, businesses, community organisations and other interested stakeholders. It represents the final stage of public consultation before the Draft Local Plan is submitted for independent examination. Does this meet the needs for people, businesses and the environment of West Oxfordshire, and is the infrastructure delivery plan sufficient to support the proposed increase of 18000 new houses? This plan will define the

policies for planning and development, and outline the locations for major development in West Oxfordshire in the near future. Please do take a look when the consultation opens, at: www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-plan-2043/

In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the consultation, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Planning Policy Team via planning.policy@westoxon.gov.uk

Genny Early

West Oxfordshire District Councillor

West Oxfordshire District Council

Government changes mean fewer planning decisions will be made by elected councillors

West Oxfordshire District Council has raised concerns that new national planning rules will reduce the number of planning decisions made by locally elected councillors. The new 'National Scheme of Delegation' will come into force on 31 October 2026. The national rules set out by government determine how planning applications are decided. Under the new rules, fewer applications will be decided by elected councillors at committee.

Councillor Andy Graham, Leader of West Oxfordshire District Council, said 'Planning decisions shape the places where people live, work and raise their families. We know residents care deeply about changes in their communities and valued the public debate on planning applications held at committee. We believe taking more decisions away from elected members is a step backwards. We have made our position clear with government, however,

now the changes have been passed we will be required to comply with them from October.’

Many applications for smaller commercial developments and smaller housing schemes, that could have been decided by committees, will in future be decided by council officers. It is likely that only certain large developments or those that pose significant issues will go to committee.

Ward councillors will no longer be able to ask for an application to be decided by a committee.

The planning system is already quasi-judicial and decisions on planning applications are not made based on opinion or preference, but on whether they meet nationally and locally set policies. This is true of applications decided by councillors or officers who should not rule out or approve applications for any reason other than a those set out in policy and law. Any decision taken that is not in line with the process is liable to be overturned at appeal.

Before the changes, around 95% of applications were decided by council officers, with 5% going to committee annually. Under the changes, we estimate this to fall to around 3%. The changes will mean more decisions are made by officers, but residents and organisations will still be able to comment on applications, read the reasoning of decisions and appeals.

The Government says the changes will make planning decisions more consistent, certain and efficient. It also wants committees to focus on the most important proposals.

The Council raised concerns during the Government's consultation but with the

new rules coming into force, the Council must follow the new law.

Councillor Liz Leffman, Executive Member for Planning and Infrastructure, said ‘In West Oxfordshire our planning committees have always applied a pragmatic and positive approach to effectively managing planning applications. We have faith in our officers to make sound decisions, but this change will constrain the transparency and openness in the process this council values.’

The new rules will apply from 31 October to any decisions taken after that date.

West Oxfordshire District Council
Communications Team
communications@westoxon.gov.uk

Neighbourhood Watch

Information on Neighbourhood Watch is available at: www.ourwatch.org.uk/

Anyone interested in joining the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme may find details and register at: www.member-registration.neighbourhoodalewrt.co.uk/30/join. Clicking on ‘Join a scheme’ and selecting ‘Stonesfield’ will complete the request.

Police and community support

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

Deanna Asplundh
Stonesfield Neighbourhood Watch
Coordinator

Education, culture & more

Stonesfield Library

Note our new phone number:
01865 815181

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Saturday	10am-12 noon

Val Phillips (891455)

Friends of Stonesfield Library

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



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:

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After School Club

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(£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)

Word Spreads About North Leigh Roman Villa



North Leigh Roman Villa Volunteers were delighted to welcome our local MP Calum Miller to the site in June. Volunteers explained the educational, creative and historical approaches which have been developed since the group's inception seven years ago to bring the site and the wider Romano-British context to life for modern visitors. Far from being a one-off, our MP's visit fits a pattern of widening interest in North Leigh.

In April 2026 four North Leigh Roman Villa Volunteers gave an Armchair Talk at Blenheim Palace – which proved most successful as it was the best supported such event to date.

In July volunteers attended the Summer Social organised by The Arts Society of West Oxfordshire [TASWOX], again over 60 people learned about the villa. At both events a full embroidery of North Leigh's mosaic was shown and discussed. TASWOX generously funded craft materials for the embroidery and donated a further £140 from their summer raffle.

In addition, the site has hosted special openings to welcome Oxford University Classics candidates arranged by Queens College for a third successive year; 20

members of the Bentley Drivers Club (minus their vehicles) toured the site in May; Stonesfield's Cub Scouts explored the villa this summer, as did the Banbury Historical Society, who also enjoyed a lecture about the site by volunteer Graham Rutson. About a dozen local history societies have now made special visits to the Villa guided by volunteers. Cotswold Wardens also returned on one of their organised rambles.

In September, the volunteers look forward to showing local Arts Society members the mosaic they have helped to commemorate; and are particularly excited by the prospect of a first international visit: from Baden-Württemberg's Archaeological Society. An archaeologist at Royal Holloway College, London has recently made contact with a view to involving North Leigh and the volunteers in a proposed research study.

A contactless card reader has already paid dividends with our generous visitors this season. With support from Blenheim Palace, TASWOX and over 1,000 visitors this year so far, 2026 is on course to be a record year for direct donations at North Leigh.

September's open weekend is during Heritage Week on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 September, with the mosaic open 11am - 5pm each day. Do come, bring a picnic.

For more details about openings and access to the site, please visit: www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/north-leigh-roman-villa/ Follow us on X: @villa_north or Facebook: www.facebook.com/northleighromanvilla

To join Friends of North Leigh Roman Villa or arrange a special opening email: [nlrvols@gmail.com](mailto:nlrsvols@gmail.com)

North Leigh History Group

Our new season of talks begins on 1 September with a talk by Byron Russell titled *Everyday Life at North Leigh Roman Villa*. Many people visit the Villa but sometimes it can be hard to imagine what it must have been like to live there. Byron Russell offers us a glimpse into the cooking, chores, comfort and culture inside a Roman home and helps us to discover how Romans in Britain worked and thrived day by day.

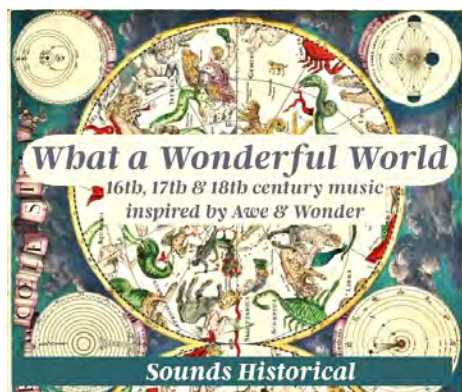
Do come and find out more. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month in North Leigh Memorial Hall, OX29 6SA at 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm). All welcome.

Members £20 per year, visitors £5 per talk. Contact me for further details.

Robert Kyte (01993 880368)

kyterobert@gmail.com

Sounds Historical returns to Combe



We're delighted to welcome back the renowned ensemble *Sounds Historical* to the Church of St Laurence, Combe; those who came to their concert last year will remember them as extremely talented and entertaining performers. Their new

programme explores aspects of C.17 and C.18 life which people found wonderful and awe-inspiring – from mythology to mathematics, from astrology to astronomy. The concert includes music by well known names such as JS Bach and Monteverdi, lesser known composers like Alessandro Piccinini and some surprises – pieces by the court astronomer William Herschel and polymath Galileo Galilei.

This unmissable concert will take place in the Church of St. Laurence on 16 October at 7.15 pm. To book: email combecommunitycinema@gmail.com, use the QR code, or go to: www.ticketsource.com/combe-communityy-cinema/t-glylyko



Live at the Hub, Combe

Live at the Hub is a non-profit society that brings the thrill of live music performance to the people of Combe and surrounding areas.

Our aim is to improve the cultural and social lives of residents, especially while the village pub remains closed.

We don't focus on one type of music: instead we aim to bring as wide a range as possible of genres and musicians to our doorstep. Above all we go for quality. Over four seasons so far we have had nationally and internationally renowned players such as Dom Martin (UK Blues Awards, multiple winner); The Wave Pictures (veteran indie pop); Amanda Whiting (jazz harp innovator); and the Harry Diplock Trio (gypsy jazz guitar).

Gigs take place at the village-owned Combe Community Hub, and we invest any surplus income in continual improvements to the venue.

Our fifth season has just been announced, beginning with the top-drawer classical quartet The Adderbury Ensemble on 26 September 7.30pm. Tickets £14.50 in advance; half price under 23s.

You can find out all about us at www.liveatthehub.com, including listings and booking links, or find us on Facebook and Instagram

Don Redding



Combe Mill

20 September 'In Steam' Crafts & Skills

Combe Mill is a late 19th Century restored Water Mill on Blenheim Palace Estate by the River Evenlode. All machinery will be running 'In Steam' and volunteers will be on hand with interesting information. Bring the children and follow the Millie trail to win a Millie Badge or follow the Dinosaur Hunt to win a Dinosaur. Special attractions are Oxford Vintage Motor Cycles, crafters from the local areas including Oxford Guild of Weavers, Spinners & Dyers who will be bringing their Big Wheel, Needle Felting, Children's Clothes, leather goods and much more. The blacksmiths will be in the forge where you will be able to make a poker. Also Steampunk will be with us.

The tea room will be open if you would like to call in for refreshments, cream tea, cake, ham roll, coffee and soft drinks, barbecue, gift shop, raffle & tombola.

Adults £9.50, seniors £8.50, accompanied children free, open 10.30am - 4.30pm.

Dog on leads most welcome. Parking free.

Also open every Wednesday for 'self-guided tours' with volunteers around.

Adults £6.00, seniors £5.00, accompanied children free.

Have you ever thought of volunteering at Combe Mill? Come to a steaming event when you will see whether you have an interest and can join the team.

Margaret Gruber

Blenheim Palace Sawmills, Combe, OX29 8ET

Oxfordshire Museum

Timeless Tales Exhibition – The Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock



Explore Oxfordshire's Folkloric myths and traditions at the OM! Discover the stories that have shaped Oxfordshire for generations. This exhibition explores the county's rich folklore through tales of superstition, tradition and mythology, all rooted in local landscapes and communities.

Using objects from the collection alongside atmospheric displays, the exhibition brings these stories to life. Visitors can explore a woodland setting, encounter a dragon, and uncover the beliefs and customs that shaped the lives of local communities.

Exhibition open until 5pm Sunday 6 September. Free entry.

Museum Resource Centre Open Day – Standlake

Come to see what we do with all the objects in the collection which we don't have room to display at the Oxfordshire Museum. The open day will take place between 10am-1pm with handling sessions taking place throughout the day. You can also

book one of our guided tours of the centre and also join a talk to discover more about our archaeology collection. Everything is free, you can book online to reserve a place or simply pop by on the day!

Museum Tours: A 30-minute guided tour of the Oxfordshire Museum Service collection held in storage at the Museum Resource Centre.

Talk - Archaeology in the Museum

Collection: Join curator Angie Bolton to discover rich pickings in the Oxfordshire Museum archaeology collection from the Palaeolithic to the Medieval.

Tours are on the hour every hour between 10am and noon and the talk is at 10am and 11.30am.

To book follow the link

www.wegottickets.com/f/24649 or use the QR code.



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Building a new home on purchased land offers full control over design, layout, and energy performance. Success depends on careful planning, realistic budgeting and professional advice and understanding the key issues before committing to a plot helps reduce the risk of delays, unforeseen costs or planning difficulties.

Land for self-build can be found in several ways. Plot-finding websites such as Plotfinder.net or the Grand Designs Landfinder list available plots with prices and agent details. Registering with local estate agents and specifying your budget can provide early access to opportunities. Brownfield sites - previously developed land - are often favoured by councils and may already have services in place. Demolish-and-replace projects, infill plots between existing buildings, back gardens in urban areas and land released by private owners are other possibilities, though planning constraints may apply, especially in Conservation Areas.

Before purchasing, commission a full land survey confirming boundaries, topography and soil conditions, as soil type directly affects foundation design and cost. Flood-risk assessments are essential in Environment Agency flood zones, influencing both planning approval and insurance. Establish whether land carries appropriate planning status. Greenfield land often faces stricter controls, while brownfield land may benefit from a presumption in favour of development but can involve demolition or remediation costs.

Title checks by a solicitor are essential in order to confirm ownership and identify restrictive covenants, rights of way, etc. Agricultural land may carry additional planning restrictions. The plot must have safe, lawful vehicular access to the public highway, either through ownership or a registered right of way. Utility connections must be viable to install and extending services to remote sites can be expensive, so these costs should be included in early budgeting.

Costs include land, professional fees, surveys, planning, demolition or remediation, construction, utilities and landscaping. A 10–20% contingency covers unexpected ground issues or delays. Self-build mortgages release funds in stages and typically cover 75–85% of land and build costs, requiring significant upfront capital. Most new-build materials and services are zero-rated for VAT and can be reclaimed.

New homes require structural warranties - typically NHBC or similar - for mortgages and re-sale and construction insurance and liability cover during the build.

Jan Liberadzki BA Arch (Hons), MSc
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Clubs, societies & sport

Stonesfield Gardening Club

After a break for August, the gardening club is moving into its Autumn programme with three great talks and a social event.

On 14 September we have a return from Andrew Wood with a wine tasting and talk. Members should have had an email from me by now asking them to book tickets, as this proved incredibly popular when he did it in 2023. We will try to fit in a few more people this time. Tickets will be £5 each, with a fee of £10 for non-members.

All non-member wine tasting tickets will include complimentary club membership to the end of 2026. Just provide your contact details on the night to receive your 2026 membership card.

Stonesfield's Dan Betterton who grows organic vegetables at FarmEd will be coming to talk to us in October about his company The Kitchen Garden People and in November we have a welcome return from Chris Day who will be talking to us about reinventing the Garden Border, which I imagine will touch on the problems we have all had this summer keeping plants alive.

Diane Bates

Secretary Stonesfield Gardening Club

www.stonesfieldgardening.info

Stonesfield Food Group

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.

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 Tennis Club

Alex Dillon continues to provide coaching as follows:

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, 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



Church news

Church of England Worship at St James the Great, Stonesfield

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Rector: Revd Ralph Williamson,
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St James' Centre bookings:
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For any enquiries or help, including pastoral support, please do contact us.

From the Rector: Our Beautiful Earth

The extraordinary weather this summer has brought the forces of nature and the vulnerability of our environment to the forefront of people's attention, in Europe and around the world. Amazing sunshine was wonderful for many, but heatwaves and drought have been terrible for many more. Forest fires across Southern Europe led to the evacuation of hundreds of thousands of people and, on a smaller scale, fires in Britain have caused damage and heartbreak too. Elsewhere, floods, earthquakes and landslides have taken their toll. In Europe's heatwaves, nature has struggled to survive - plants, trees and animals have been pushed to their limits and farmers have faced hardship through the loss of their crops. These changes are a reminder that our relationship with nature

is out of balance, and that global warming is the result of our exploitation of the natural world.

In the Church of England, as in other parts of the church, September is a month when we particularly consider our relationship with nature. *Creationtide* has become the season, running to St Francis of Assisi's day on October 4, when churches and congregations are called to pay special attention to the responsibility of humanity for the Earth and for all that lives upon it. The Bible has always been aware that all that we have comes from God, and has celebrated nature for its beauty and as a sign of God's great generosity. Psalm 104, written around three thousand years ago, is a poetic retelling of the creation story, and it is recited as the introduction to the evening service of Vespers in Orthodox Churches every day. Its words praise God for the wonder of the created world, which his care sustains:

You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
they flow between the hills,

giving drink to every wild animal;
the wild asses quench their thirst.

By the streams the birds of the air have
their habitation;
they sing among the branches.

From your lofty abode you water the
mountains;

the earth is satisfied with the fruit of
your work.

You cause the grass to grow for the cattle
and plants for people to cultivate,
to bring forth food from the earth

and wine to gladden the human heart,
oil to make the face shine
and bread to strengthen the human
heart.

Sadly, today the human role in climate
change and the spoiling of nature is clear,
and we are aware that human activity
profoundly affects not only God's creation,
but our own lives too. This September, as
we Christians celebrate God's handiwork
and consider our responsibilities towards
all created things, we pray that a new
commitment may emerge among the
people of the world to work together for
the protection of our precious planet, our
beautiful earth.

Rev'd Ralph Williamson – Rector

Church Services

Sunday 6 September [Trinity 14 - Creation Sunday]

8am	Stonesfield	Holy Communion [BCP/said]
9.30am	Combe	All Age Worship
11am	Stonesfield	All Age Worship

Sunday 13 September [Trinity 15]

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

Sunday 20 September [Trinity 16]

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

Sunday 27 September [Trinity 17]

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

*note new times

Wednesdays

9.30am	Stonesfield	Holy Communion (every week)
11am	Combe	Holy Communion (9 September), Morning Prayer (23 September)



Stonesfield Methodist Church

Services for September

- 6 11am Julie Biggs
13 11am Karl Williams
20 11am Martin Hannant
27 11am The Reverend Stephen
Bywaters
Holy Communion Service

Needs!

How often have you heard the words 'I want'; it frequently feels like an 'I want' world.

But to want and to need mean something quite different don't they?

A new Methodist year begins on 1 September and for our Church it promises to be a challenging one, with needs aplenty! God's guidance couldn't be more needed, and our trust rests completely in Him as the future unfolds. We must hold close these words from Paul's letter to the Philippians:

'And so I am sure that God who began this good work in you will carry it on until it is finished on the day of Christ Jesus.'
Chapter 1:6

There is a tea afternoon here on 12 September, it is also the day of the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Ride and Stride Event. Help on the day and cake donations will be very welcome.

Come to a Service soon.

Kathleen Albért (891733)
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Roman Catholic Worship

Catholic Social Teaching

Catholic Social Teaching is in the news as the new Prime Minister, brought up as Catholic, is apparently imbued with its principles that, some commentators think, he's likely to apply in the political arena. Catholic Social Teaching, however, is not a party-political programme, nor is it a set of ready-made answers to every public question. The modern tradition of Catholic Social Teaching is usually traced to Pope Leo XIII's 1891 encyclical *Rerum Novarum*, written in response to the social upheavals of industrialisation and the plight of workers. It is a body of moral reflection rooted in Scripture, the life of Christ, and the Church's long experience of human society. It asks how faith should shape the way people live together: how we treat the poor, organise work, use wealth, care for creation, and protect the dignity of every person.

At its heart is the belief that every human being is made in the image of God and therefore possesses a dignity that cannot be earned, lost, or taken away. This dignity comes before usefulness, wealth, nationality, health, age, or social status. It is why the Church speaks so strongly about the protection of life, fair treatment at work, care for migrants and refugees, and the need to defend those who are easily overlooked.

A second key idea is the common good. This means more than the sum of individual interests. A society is judged by whether its laws, institutions, and habits enable people and families to flourish together. Education, housing, health care, public safety, honest government and respect for religious freedom are not

merely private concerns: they form part of the social fabric that allows human beings to live well.

Catholic Social Teaching also stresses solidarity. We are not isolated individuals, each responsible only for ourselves. We belong to one human family, and the suffering of others places a claim on our attention. Solidarity is seen in practical concern for neighbours, in parish life, in charitable work, and in public policies that recognise the needs of the vulnerable.

Alongside solidarity stands subsidiarity, the principle that decisions should be made at the most local level possible, while larger institutions should support rather than replace smaller communities. Families, parishes, local associations, schools, councils, charities and businesses all have their own proper roles. The state has responsibilities too, especially where injustice or poverty cannot be addressed by local action alone, but it should not smother the initiative of people and communities.

Another important theme is the preferential option for the poor. This does not mean ignoring everyone else; it means looking at society from the standpoint of those with the least power, security, and opportunity. The poor are not problems to be managed but people to be encountered, listened to, and included. A Christian approach to politics and economics should therefore ask first how choices affect those who are struggling most.

These principles do not fit neatly into the categories of left and right. They challenge every political tradition. They defend private initiative and responsibility, but also question selfish individualism. They value the role of government, but warn

against excessive central control. They affirm economic freedom, but insist that markets must serve people rather than the other way round.

For Catholics, then, social teaching is not an optional extra. It is part of living the Gospel in the ordinary circumstances of public and private life. It invites believers to bring conscience, compassion, and a concern for justice into the workplace, the ballot box, the parish and the wider community.

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Sunday 9.15am

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All members receive a membership card entitling them, amongst other benefits, to discounts at local garden centres.

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