

# WENDLEBURY VILLAGE NEWS

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**J**ulian Cordy has now taken over as the new Chairman of the Parish Council. Pam Glanville has taken over as Parish Clerk from Mimi Powell – many thanks to Mimi for all her hard work over the last year. Brett Chambers has been co-opted as a new Parish Councilor. The other current Parish Councilors are Caroline Abbott, Justine Brown, Jackie Hucker, Kathy Sharp and Chris Burton – all their contact details are on the Village website.

The works at **College Farm Bridge** have nearly been completed in order to widen the aperture of the bridge and to make the water flow out of the village much quicker at times of heavy rainfall. Many thanks to local residents for their cooperation and patience during this work.

The new **village notice board** is now made and will be in place soon.

The **bottle banks** will shortly be relocated at the Village Hall – please could residents use with care, to avoid any potential dangers to children using the Hall and Playground.

Many thanks for all the ideas for the potential new Village Plan, which were collected at the Village BBQ, the Fete and the Youth Club. Julian Cordy had a meeting with the ORCC to investigate what funding we could get to support this initiative. Any further ideas about how we could improve the village to Pam Glanville please.

Justine Brown is investigating the idea of forming a **Wendlebury Youth Council** and will be looking for volunteers. Anybody interested please contact Justine.

Stephen Tinkler has resigned as our voluntary **internal auditor** – this is a relatively small time commitment - anybody who would be willing to help, please contact Pam Glanville.

The Public Inquiry on the **Ardley Incinerator** has just started, and Julian Cordy attended the Inquiry on 13th. July to represent our views and concerns, around the development itself, potential pollution and knock-on traffic impacts. The Inquiry is likely to last around three months.

The Parish Council is continuing to monitor the **Chiltern Evergreen project** closely, and will make our views and concerns known at the upcoming Inquiry.

The **M40 improvements** will start with work on the Junction 9 southbound exit and the A41 on the Oxford side of the junction. The work will be scheduled at night as far as possible, but some delays are probably inevitable.

## WENDLEBURY PLAYGROUND

**A**t long last the swings have been repaired! Sorry it took so long, but Trevor Stewart, who built the playground, has been very busy. Safety of the play equipment is vital. The playground has an annual safety inspection by ROSPA, but is also checked on a weekly basis by a group of volunteers from the village. The children of some of the volunteers on the inspection rota have long since grown up and no longer use the playground. It would be nice to replace them with people whose children are of an age where they use the playground. So if you have young children, why not volunteer? You would be allocated a specific month when you would be

responsible for visually inspecting the playground once a week, checking for any faults and raking the bark around the swings. This only takes about 30 minutes and can be done on a day and time to suit you. I will even send you a reminder by e-mail when it is your "month". If you would like to volunteer please call me on 01869 245738, or e-mail me at [kerry.wilce@talktalk.net](mailto:kerry.wilce@talktalk.net)

---Kerry Wilce

protect them. Are there still some swifts in Wendlebury? If you think there are, do you know where they nested this year? Would you be interested to help us to find out?

For more information please contact Chris Mason, whose e-mail address is [mason@cando.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:mason@cando.eclipse.co.uk), or, locally, Alan Peck: [atalan@chesterton1.plus.com](mailto:atalan@chesterton1.plus.com).

---Jane Burrett

## SWIFTS IN WENDLEBURY?

**F**or many people the sight and sound of swifts swirling and screaming over roof tops is an essential part of our summer. You may have been to the Natural History Museum in Oxford where the nesting of swifts in the tower has been monitored for many years. You can watch them live on the screen which is on the ground floor of the museum.

Did you know that swifts are getting scarcer? There are 40% fewer breeding in Britain than there were in the early 1990s. In many villages, swifts have now disappeared altogether. In part, this is due to loss of nest sites which happens when buildings are repaired or altered. The small gaps in masonry or under eaves by which swifts enter their nests are sealed, usually inadvertently, and the swift which will return to the same nest space for years, has no alternative place to go.

Swifts usually choose a high building or a tower and one reason is that their legs and feet are very small because they spend most of their lives on the wing. So, when the baby bird leaves the nest to fly for the first time it MUST fly before it reaches the ground. It could not take off again

Recently volunteers around the Cherwell District have been helping Chris Mason to locate the remaining village sites to try to

## SUCCESS OF VILLAGE EVENTS

**W**e are pleased to report that the Hawaiian Night and the Village Fete were a great success.

### HAWAIIAN NIGHT

This great night raised £1800, thanks to everyone who helped and especially Lee Jones's band for the great music. How is the money being spent?

£200 is going to be used to buy a small rotary mower for getting into tight places, as in the churchyard, where the ride-on cannot fit.

£400 is being given to the churchyard maintenance fund for ongoing repairs to mowers, petrol etc.

£600 is being donated to the Village Hall

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Dates for your diary are:

Saturday 2nd October – the Annual Village Quiz with teams of up to 5. Come and pit your wits against Dave Jones, our quizmaster extraordinaire!

Saturday 13th November Race Night – a fun affair with WVC's own stable of 'horses' and a fish & chip supper.' ---Jean Bebbington

## VILLAGE FETE

Despite the rather cold wind the Fete was well attended and finished in great style with some rocking music from the Rolling Bones. Thanks once again to everyone who helped.

The event raised £1400.  
£700 is being donated to the Village Hall  
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## VILLAGE BARBECUE

The Village BBQ on the 26th June had great weather and the support from the village made the event a successful and enjoyable evening.

---Mike Pearce

## JOIN THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

**T**he Chesterton and Wendlebury branch of the Royal British Legion invites readers to join its ranks and enjoy the company of other members at its annual December dinner, summer barbecue and busy poppy sale event. The branch meets quarterly and the next meeting will be in October. New members need not have seen military service.

Please contact me on 241629 or  
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[for](#) further details.

---David Chapman

## WENDLEBURY GARDENING CLUB

**O**ur Summer programme is almost complete and we have not had any mega problems. In May for our Mini-Tour we went to East Anglia

good hotel set midst 2 golf courses, visiting beautiful gardens and other interesting sites.

In June we had a delightful evening outing to a private garden and later in the month a return visit to Highgrove House and Studeley Castle. Still to come is an evening outing in August

The Autumn programme starts on 21st September. We're a friendly lot, we have talks on a variety of subjects and you don't have to be an expert to enjoy them. We meet in the Wendlebury Village Hall on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.15 and welcome new members from near and far. Annual membership - a modest £2 or £3 per family. Telephone me on 01869 252713 for details.

---Elaine Harrop

## WENDLEBURY W.I.

**N**o WI activities in Wendlebury in August but we are of course making plans for the autumn. At our next monthly meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> September we have Graham and Lynne Colverson coming to talk about "Living Through the Tsunami". Then in October we have our Autumn "Feast" when we go out and enjoy a meal together at a local pub or restaurant.

Members continue to support and enjoy various events organised by both Oxfordshire Federation and National Federation, such as the Science Lecture 2010 given by Professor Richard Dawkins, a visit to Hardwick Halls in Derbyshire, and an exciting new project with Oxford-based environmental charity Earthwatch Institute - to name but a few. Also, in October we will be hosting a Group Meeting when we invite members from other local Women's Institutes for an evening of entertainment and activities.

So Wendlebury WI is alive and well, and always ready to welcome new members. Our

President is Janet Witney and her telephone number is 01869 240705.

---Elsbeth Shirtcliff

## **DOG FOULING**

We had a Village Hall Committee Meeting recently, and Dog Fouling within the grounds of the village hall was discussed!

In summary, there have been a few reported incidents lately within the vicinity of the village hall and children's playground, and obviously this cannot be tolerated.

We would like a notice to be placed on the village website and in the village newsletter as follows:

" There have been a few reported incidents of dog fouling lately within the vicinity of the village hall and children's playground, and obviously this cannot be tolerated. We would ask that all residents be extra vigilant of any strays, roaming or unchaperoned dogs etc, and to please report any witnessed incidents with photographic evidence to Paula Cordy or Kerry Wilce."

---Paula Cordy

## **HERITAGE OPEN DAYS HIT CHERWELL FOR FIRST TIME**

Cherwell District Council and English Heritage have been working together to bring Heritage Open Days to the district for the first time.

Heritage Open Days celebrate England's fantastic architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission.

Every year on four days in September, buildings of every age, style and function

throw open their doors - castles, factories, town halls, tithe barns, parish churches, and Buddhist temples. It's a once-a-year chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities that bring to life local history and culture.

This year Cherwell has two attractions on offer:

Hampton Gay, Thursday 9 Sept 7pm. A guided walk around the historic hamlet, including a ruined 16th century manor house, St Giles Church, and a deserted paper-mill and village.

Bicester, Sunday 12 September 5pm. A guided walk around Kings End and Market Square to learn about Bicester Priory, discover what happened to the postmaster's trousers and find out why Bicester beer had more body than most.

Cherwell District Council's portfolio holder for environment, recreation and health, Cllr George Reynolds, said: "Heritage Open Days are a chance to explore landmarks and meet people who will share their knowledge. My congratulations to everyone who has put time and effort into bringing this annual event to Cherwell for the first time."

Also available, but not part of Heritage Open Days, is a guided walk at Wroxton Abbey on Saturday 4 September at 2.30pm. Wroxton Abbey is a 17th century manor house built on the foundations of a 13th century Augustinian priory.

Tickets are required for each event but are free. Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Phone Banbury Tourist Information and Museum on 01295 753752 or email [banburymuseum@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:banburymuseum@cherwell-dc.gov.uk) and in title quote "Wroxton Abbey" or "HOD Hampton Gay" or "HOD Bicester".

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