

**Wendlebury
Parish
Council**

newsletter

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The Parish Council would like to thank our editorial team for producing this newsletter.

We would always like to hear from residents with anything that may be of interest to everyone in the Parish. Send your items to any of the editorial team. E-mail if possible.

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Autumn Wendlebury Parish Council meeting:

18 October

Meetings are open to everyone and you are all most welcome to attend. Minutes from previous meetings of the Parish Council are available should anyone wish to read them. Please contact the Clerk.

Grants for Further Education

Are you going on to further education at college or university this autumn? If you live in Wendlebury, you are likely to be eligible for a small grant from The Wendlebury Charities. Please contact Frank Shouler on 241642, as soon as possible, to apply.

Details of the Parish Councillors appear at the back of this Newsletter

Parish Clerk

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Orinoco – the Oxford Scrap Store

Come and get your house and play materials!

Want to paint things but can't afford to? Think again! A wide range of colours and undercoats are available from the Orinoco paint store.

Good working garden tools including shears, clip-pers, rakes, spades etc.

Open every Saturday from 11 to 4pm and by appointment during the week at Bullingdon Community Centre, Peat Moors, Headington, Oxford OX3 7HS

They collect clean safe scrap materials, painting and gardening tools from businesses and make them available to you.

For more information call 07960661748 or visit www.orinoco.org

Opera Bus

Ever fancy going to the theatre but are put off by the drive into Oxford and the hassle of finding a parking place? Oxford Operatic Society run a 'Coach and Ticket' package to all their shows – the coach picks you up, drops you off outside the theatre, and takes you home again.

Perfect if you live in rural Oxfordshire.

The package is designed for groups of people – so if you are a member of a club, WI or just have lots of friends it will be perfect.

Please call 01865 512485 for more information.

Abandoned Cars

If you see a car which looks as though it has been abandoned, please phone Cherwell District Council on 01295 221633

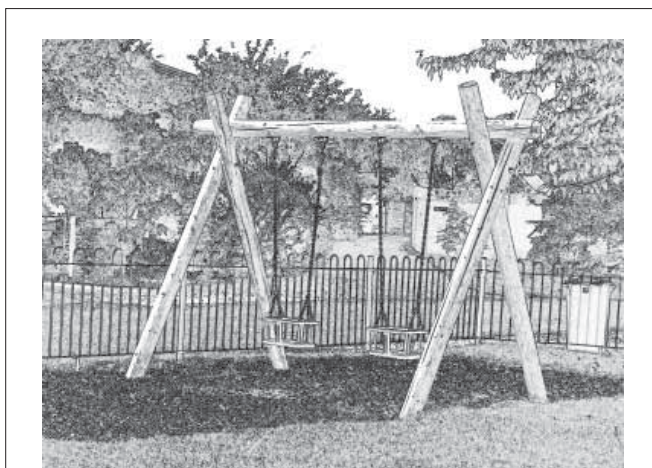
They will need the following information to be able to deal with the vehicle:

- 1 Make, Model, Colour and Registration number of the vehicle.
- 2 The location where the vehicle has been abandoned.
- 4 Is the vehicle in a dangerous condition i.e. fuel cap missing?
- 5 Is the vehicle taxed?

Due to the legal process that has to be followed when dealing with an abandoned vehicle, it is important to note that it can take between 3 to 4 weeks to remove a vehicle.

Unwanted vehicles

If you have a vehicle that you no longer want, Cherwell District Council are able to remove it for a nominal charge of £10.00. For further information please telephone 01295 221633.



Village Clubs

Wendlebury Gardening Club

Mini-Tour 2006 16-19 June

After 2 years in the U.K. it was time to revisit Normandy. Travelling overnight we arrived at the Mont St.Michel in sunshine to explore the famous monument - even the tat on sale could not spoil the romantic history of the ancient buildings - or the scrumptious seafood! A short drive into Brittany to the Parc Floral de Bretagne - full of scent, colour, running water and many varieties of rare plants. Our ancient ivy-clad hotel at Pontorson was steeped in Anglo/French history but with 21st century bar, plumbing and other vital necessities.

Thursday. We awoke to sunshine and so to the Zoo de Champrépus et ses Jardins Exotiques. The Zoo is part of a

European consortium dedicated to the preservation of endangered species which are sympathetically housed amidst exotic Madagascan, scented and tropical gardens. PM To the Jardins d'Elle - different again with over 2500 home grown plants in a series of gardens. Finally to Bayeux with time for those who wished to visit the Tapestry, have a meal and a bit of retail therapy before departing from Caen.

Despite a few hiccups - not the least the idiosyncratic navigational skills of our driver, we arrived home safe and with many happy memories.

Elaine Harrop for W.G.C.

Wendlebury WI

We have recently enjoyed an evening out playing skittles plus a buffet meal. We can recommend it as a fun way to spend an evening.

We will be starting our meetings after the August break with a special event. On the 12th September we are having a talk on the work of the UK Wolf Conservation Trust. They will also be bringing a couple of wolves with them for us to see at close quarters. We will be opening this event to all villagers and hope you will attend. You may have had or will be soon getting a leaflet through your door with further details.

Our October 10th meeting will be at a local hostelry follow by a meal. Then on 31st October we host a group meeting when about 80 of us will meet for a buffet, quizzes and an entertainment by a singing duo.

We end the year with a talk in November, "Being a Santa in Lapland", and our Christmas party in December. Theme yet to be decided.

We meet every second Tuesday at the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Every month you will find details of our next meeting on the village notice board. As always visitors or new members always welcome.

For further information telephone June Pearce: tel: 243967.

Directory of Community Transport

The 2006 edition of the ORCC Directory of Community Transport Schemes in Oxfordshire is now available.

The new edition includes a more comprehensive guide on schemes available on a Parish-by-Parish basis and provides useful information on the alternatives to public transport which might be available to rural communities.

For your free copy contact:

Alix Michaelis tel: 01865 883488

or email: alixmichaelis@oxonrcc.org.uk

Wendlebury Community Mini-Bus Shopping Trips

Wendlebury Parish Council is running a three month trial of shopping trips for villagers and their friends on the Community Mini-bus. The mini-bus leaves from the front of the Red Lion at 10.30, returning at approximately 15.30. If you want to be picked up from your home please contact Kerry Wilce, 25 St Giles Close, (tel: 245738). Alternatively, you can turn up at the Red Lion on the day. The remaining timetable for July and August is:

Date	Destination	Cost Adult return	Cost 15 and under return
Tuesday July 18	Banbury	£3.50	£2.00
Tuesday July 25	Oxford	£2.50	£1.50
Tuesday Aug 8	Milton Keynes	£5.00	£3.00
Tuesday Aug 15	Banbury	£3.50	£2.00
Tuesday Aug 22	Oxford	£2.50	£1.50

School Buses

Morning pick ups for school

7.45 a.m. Oxford Independent School Bus (run by Jeffs) at Village Hall (Starts Sept 2006)

8.20 a.m. Bicester Community College bus at Red Lion Pub

8.25 a.m. Chesterton CE Primary School but at Red Lion Pub

Afternoon drop offs from school

3.30 p.m. Chesterton CE Primary School but at Red Lion Pub

3.35 p.m. Bicester Community College bus at Red Lion Pub

5.00 p.m. Oxford Independent School Bus (run by Jeffs) at Village Hall (Starts Sept 2006)

Wendlebury Website

It has been suggested that a website would be a very useful place to collect all information about the village. There would be a cost implication (purchase domain name and webspace) which could be paid for by the Parish Council through the precept.

Is there anyone who might be able to help out by building and maintaining a village site? If anyone has the expertise and time to help, please get in touch with the clerk or one of the parish councillors.

Contact details of the parish councillors are on the back of this **Newsletter**.

Review of Mobile Library Service

Following a comprehensive review of the Mobile Library Service and the reduction of the fleet by one vehicle, we have taken the opportunity to plan and implement more efficient routes for the mobile libraries. We shall continue to provide services to meet demand by re-routing the vehicles and introducing revised timetables as efficiently as possible. No community which requires a mobile library has lost its service, but times and days may have changes.

From the week beginning 5th June the Mobile Library Service will be visiting Wendlebury fortnightly as follows:-

Wednesdays Red Lion 9.45 – 10.05

We shall, of course, be notifying all our readers of this change, and providing both leaflets and posters to advertise the new stopping times.

If you would like to discuss these changes further, please contact the Mobile Library Services Manager, Ken Saberi on 01865 810209 or email him at: ken.saberi@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Introducing the ORCC – can we help?

Oxfordshire Rural Community Council aims to improve the quality of life for those who live or work in rural Oxfordshire.

We help people living in rural areas to identify and tackle local needs – and we raise awareness of rural issues among policy-makers and the public. ORCC's team of fieldworkers provide support to village communities on a range of issues:-

- Parish Plans
- Village Halls advice
- Village shops and community shops
- Rural transport
- Affordable housing
- Village newsletters
- Community groups and projects
- Funding for youth projects

We also run the Oxfordshire Villages of the Year Competition.

ORCC on 01865 883 488 or visit our website on: www.oxonrcc.org.uk

New Recycling Initiative for Town and Parish Councils

A new initiative to encourage more recycling in the district and to provide an income for Town/Parish councils has recently been launched.

The new 'Parish Recycling' programme is an opportunity for town/Parish Councils to gain a £5 commission on the order of blue recycling wheeled bins in their own town/parish. The concept is that Town/Parish Councils canvass their local residents and take orders for blue wheeled bins on Cherwell District Council's behalf (blue wheeled bins £20 each). Once there is a minimum of five complete orders for blue bins accompanied by five cheques for payment, these can then be sent in to the District Council. The District Council will then deliver the blue wheeled bins directly to those residents who placed the order. At the end of the quarter your Town/Parish Council will receive a commission of £5 from Cherwell District Council for every order.

Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is a partnership where people come together to make their communities safer. It involves the Police, Community Safety departments of local authorities, other voluntary organisations and, above all, individuals and families who want to make their neighbourhoods better places to live.

Wendlebury Neighbourhood Watch

Wendlebury has an active Neighbourhood Watch team.

Contact details:

Treasurer: Pauline Goddard

Village Coordinator: Jane Burrett 01869 325876, e-mail: janeburrett@onetel.com

To find the representative for your area of the village see the table on the opposite page.

Speed through the village

The Clerk to the Parish Council has spoken to the County Road Safety Team regarding the provision of electronic speed boards for Wendlebury, but as the village does not have significant accident statistics, the County Council would be very unlikely to fund the installation of these.

Costs are approximately £2,000 each for installation, plus £500 to connect to a supply point and £500 for the pole. Costs for solar powered boards are more than £4,500.

The clerk has arranged for a Speed Indicator Device (SID) to be brought into the village. There is a waiting list for this, and currently the Parish Council does not have an indication of when SID will be in Wendlebury. When it does, it will give us details of the number of cars driving through Wendlebury together with their speeds.

Peddler's Certificates

If someone calls at your door, selling items and he is going from door to door, just ask for his/her peddler's certificate.

If you have any cause for concern report the incident to the police on 0845 8 505505

If a single person or a group are seen in the village WITHOUT bags of goods, or certificates: Phone 999.

If you think they may be illegal immigrants be ready to describe them and give time and place of sighting.