

Tetsworth Newsletter



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St Giles Church

Marvellous March saw the last of our winter special All-Age Services. We have had a good time together making Pot Pourri boxes, scented candle holders and pizzas. We ate the pizzas at our bring and share lunch which again was a lovely time of fellowship. These special services may reappear in the Autumn. There will be a Church Family Picnic on the 9th June following an All Age Worship Service.

Services for April

14th Morning Worship Jeneva Paul
21st All Age Worship Heather Moore
28th Family Communion Rev. P Waterson

Services for May

5th Parish Communion Rev. P Waterson
12th Morning Worship Jeneva Paul
19th All Age Worship Heather Moore (Pentecost)
26th Family Communion Rev. P Waterson (Trinity)

All Services begin at 10-30 a.m. and are followed by coffee and cake

Tetsworth Primary School

At the time of writing the children are enjoying fundraising for Comic Relief day and looking forward to the Easter events we have lined up for them. Class 1 also had an exciting

this month where they looked at healthy foods in the store and then a room full of non-healthy Easter Eggs! The children were fascinated by what they saw and what they were told so, a big thank you to Waitrose for making us feel so welcome. Our trip was rounded off by a visit to the coffee shop in the Buttermarket where we were fed and watered by a very friendly and well organised team. So, also, a big thank you to everyone there.

The children have also enjoyed learning the Sign2Sing a national campaign which involved a record breaking attempt for as many people as possible to sign & sing at the same time, to raise money for Sign Health – a charity which transforms the lives of extremely vulnerable deaf children and adults.

All of the children in Class 2 have been enjoying the rugby coaching, provided by Alan of London Welsh. His enthusiasm for the game is infectious and it has been lovely to see the involvement of the children. We are looking forward to the official opening of our new entrance on Friday 24th May at 10:30am. We would welcome anyone who wishes to join us for this and if you do please assemble in the school playground for 10:30am. We are still looking for ex pupils of ALL ages to join the opening. If you went to Tetsworth previously and would like to take part please contact Petra Eden-Parish on 01844 281446

Local electoral arrangements for South Oxfordshire finalised

The independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England has published its final recommendations for new electoral arrangements for South Oxfordshire District Council.

The publication follows an eight-week public consultation on its draft proposals and draws new boundaries for each council ward across the district.

The Commission's final recommendations propose that South Oxfordshire should be represented by 36 councillors in the future, twelve fewer than the current arrangements. The recommendations also propose that those councillors should represent four three-member wards, seven two-member wards and ten single-member wards across the district.

Max Caller, Chair of the Commission, said, "We are extremely grateful to the people South Oxfordshire who took the time and effort to send us their views. The Commission considered every piece of evidence it received before finalising these recommendations.

"Across the district, we have sought to balance the views expressed to us by local people with the criteria we must apply when we are deciding on new electoral arrangements. We believe these recommendations deliver electoral equality for voters as well as reflecting the identities of communities

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across South Oxfordshire."

In response to the views submitted to it during the consultation, the Commission proposes some changes to the draft recommendations it published in November. For example, the Commission was persuaded to change its draft recommendations in the Didcot area so that East and West Hagbourne are included in a ward with parishes to their east as a closer reflection of community ties in that part of the district.

Similarly, the Commission now believes that the Winter-



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brook area should be part of a two-member Wallingford ward and that the parish of Cuxham-with-Easington should be part of Watlington ward.

The proposed new arrangements must now be implemented by Parliament. A draft order – the legal document which brings into force the recommendations – will be laid in Parliament in the next few months. The draft Order provides for the new electoral arrangements to come into force at the district council elections in 2015.

Full details of the Commission's final recommendations (including maps) can be viewed at www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-east/oxfordshire/south-oxfordshire-fer.

Oxfordshire Woodfuel Programme bulletin

Chalara / ash die-back: You will probably have heard about chalara in the news. It is a spore-borne disease which is expected to kill nearly all ash in the coming years.

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A small proportion – maybe one in 100 trees – will be immune. As ash trees come into leaf, it will become apparent if they have chalara or not. Signs of the disease include wilting leaves, brown veins in the leaves, and browning of young stems. Forestry Commission advice is not to fell ash trees unless they are ill: the felled tree might be in the 1% that are immune. Besides, the spores can travel huge distances so felling trees as a prophylactic measure is not effective. If you are aware of ash trees with chalara, www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara gives advice on what to do. they can be used as firewood unless the government places a special order on the trees that prohibits their movement.

Time to buy firewood and stoves/boilers: The woodfuel cutting year may be over, but this is the time to buy firewood and store it for next autumn, and also to think about installing a wood stove or boiler. The website www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk, provides lots of advice on this, including information on the Renewable Heat Incentive and lists of woodfuel and wood stove suppliers.

Woodfuel study visits: There will be three woodfuel themed study visits in the coming months: on 15 April, 1 June and 8 June. The first and last of these will each involve a visit to a woodland, a wood processor and an interesting wood boiler. The 1 June event is a unique opportunity to visit a woodland in a Ministry of Defence site, and taste wild rabbit if you want. The cost is £25-£30 and numbers are limited. More information is at www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk/woodfuel-site-visits.

Logs for labour: Thank you to everyone who contacted me about this. We have had five successful events this spring, and hope to roll out the programme much more

widely next autumn. If you are a woodland owner who could use some free help with woodland management in return for people taking some firewood (labour for your logs), or if you would like to work outdoors in return for some firewood (logs for your labour), please get in touch with me. More information is at www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk/logs-for-labour.

Firewood quality standard: The Oxfordshire Woodfuel Programme is setting up a quality standard for small-scale firewood suppliers in Oxfordshire, called 'OxLogs'. It aims to provide transparency about the amount, type, length and moisture content of firewood, and in time improve firewood quality. OxLogs suppliers will state the amount of wood in 'cubic metres tossed' (tossed is how it comes off the truck; a tossed cubic metre is about 0.7 stacked cubic metres); type as hardwood, softwood or mixed; and moisture content as ≤25% which is ready to burn, or unclassified which buyers would need to season themselves. Please ask your supplier if they provide OxLogs.

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If you're of working age and have had all your council tax paid because you're on a low income, it's likely you'll have to pay some of your council tax bill in the future. How much you will have to pay will depend on the area where you live.

If you're a pensioner, you'll get the same amount of support as you did under the previous Council Tax Benefit rules, as long as your circumstances haven't changed.

In England, local councils will get 10 per cent less money from the government and will have to find savings when they start running their new schemes. Each local council will be able to decide who to give support to. This means there may be big differences in the level of support available in different parts of the country.

To find out more about how you might be affected, check your council website or consult your nearest Citizens Advice Bureau. For more information go to the Citizens Advice website www.adviceguide.org.uk

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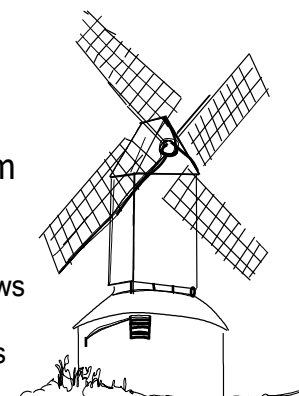


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Thursday 9th May

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Friday 10th May

Saturday 11th May

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- P13/S0803/LB 42A High Street Tetsworth OX9 7AS
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- P13/S0728/DIS 42A High Street Tetsworth Thame OX9 7AS
Internal alterations and new glazed frontage to existing annex building to facilitate change of use of ground floor area from antiques shop to office use (Amended plans received 16th April 2013).

Planning Decisions from SODC

1st March, 2013 - 28th March, 2013

- P11/E1642/DIS Attington House High Street Tetsworth OX9 7BZ
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