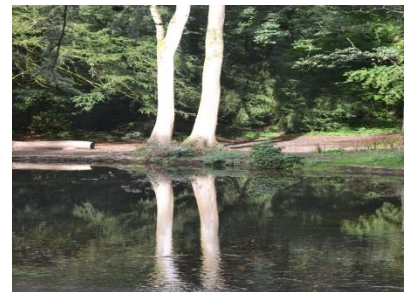


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Shipton-under-Wychwood Parish Council

WELCOME to our Spring Parish Newsletter

Welcome to the spring edition of the Parish Newsletter. We are now in the fourth year of this particular Parish Council with the result that council elections will be held this May. The full complement of councillors is seven. Several existing councillors will be standing once more, however we do need to have the full complement if at all possible. To that end please consider putting your name forward. The work is interesting and involving and gives one a chance to contribute to the community. If you are interested please contact either the clerk or one of the councillors for more information. See the "Notice of Election" below. Brian Young, Chairman

Station Road

The residents of Station Road have become increasingly concerned over road safety on this stretch of road and consequently approached the Parish Council last year. After discussion and meeting with OCC Highways representatives the Parish Council decided to apply for a reduction in the speed limit to 30mph, from 40mph, for this stretch of road. The process is long winded and bureaucratic with the first stage being the carrying out of two speed surveys on the road. The second of these surveys has now been completed with the result that we have requested OCC to move to the next stage which involves consultation followed by the legal process. As usual finance is an issue with OCC being unable to contribute to the cost of the process or any other measures to improve safety with the result that, providing the sums are within reason, the Parish Council will meet the cost. A lengthy process unfortunately.

Allotments

We have allotments available for anyone wishing to rent one this year; it doesn't have to be full sized, you could have a quarter or a half or a small raised bed.

Shipton Volunteers

As usual we are after any new recruits to join us doing small jobs around the village. We meet one Friday and Saturday morning each month. For a list of dates and projects, please visit shiptonunderwychwood.org/shipton-volunteers/ Also if you know of any redundant garden equipment looking for a new home, please consider donating them to the volunteers. Items we are especially interested in are spades, shovels, rakes, leaf rakes, loppers, secateurs, brooms, litter pickers and leaf grabbers. For all enquiries relating to the Shipton Volunteers please contact Carole Arnold on 07545 475560 or email carole@caa-accounting.co.uk

New Bus Service

Great News: we now have a return bus service to Witney 5 times a day and to Chipping Norton 3 times a day, Monday to Friday. The first bus leaves Shipton at 7.48am to Witney, a return fare is £4.50 and bus passes can be used. Timetables can be found on the noticeboards and on the Parish Council website: www.shiptonunderwychwood.org, click on Living in Shipton. The driver is still getting used to the route so stick out your hand if you want the bus to stop. Request stops e.g. Fiveways are possible if you ring 01993 630124 the day before. This is also the number you should ring if you have any other queries about the service. Longer term technology in the form of an app will allow you to track the progress of the bus; handy on cold and wet days. This is a community bus service with the purchase of the bus being financially supported by the local parish councils and OCC Localities Fund, however, the aim of WOCT is that the service should be self-financing so please use the service if you want it to continue for the longer term. The Villager community bus still continues to run its normal service, timetable available on our website, and importantly it provides a once a week service to Witney via Burford and Carterton.

20th Anniversary Celebrations

It hardly seems possible but yes, we are celebrating the 20th anniversary of the opening of the New Beaconsfield Hall on Saturday 14th July. We hope you will all turn up at the hall between 1pm and 4pm with your picnic to share in the family fun afternoon. There will be exhibitions and performances inside the hall, children's games and races on the field and Hatwells fairground rides. This is not a fund-raising event, so free for all, but Hatwells will make a charge for their rides, candyfloss and doughnuts. In the evening we are holding a Supper Dance to the sound of New Straight Big Band. Tickets for this will be £25 per head, available from Anita Hollingdale on 01993 830743 or email anita@fiddlershill.co.uk. Do book early because tickets will go fast and you don't want to miss the fun. We hope to see you all there to mark this special event.

Need to borrow a Medical Aid?

A reminder that we have medical aids for people to borrow, on a short term basis, if they live in the Wychwoods. If you need a little help and would like to borrow a rollator, a perching stool or just take an aged friend or relative shopping in a wheelchair, please contact Jill Mavin.

Village defibrillators

A reminder that a second defibrillator has been installed in the village at the phone box in Fiddlers Hill, to add to the existing one at the New Beaconsfield Hall. We arranged a training session at New Beaconsfield Hall in December that was quite well attended. However, for those not familiar with the process – if you find yourself in a position needing to use this equipment you should dial the emergency services on 999. They will tell you the code number to access the unit from within the secure sentry box. The 999 operator will then talk you through the process of operation in conjunction with the defibrillator unit, which is simple but clever!

NOTICE OF ELECTION ELECTION OF PARISH/TOWN COUNCILLORS For the Parishes/Towns listed below:

Parish/Town	No of Councillors	Parish/Town	No of Councillors
Ascott under Wychwood	Five	Ducklington	Nine
Asthal	Five	Fulbrook	Five
Aston, Cote, Shifford & Chimney	Seven	Lew	One
Bampton	Eleven	Sandford St Martin	Five
Bladon	Six	Shilton	Five
Brize Norton	Seven	Shipton under Wychwood	Seven
Burford	Eleven	Standlake	Seven
Cassington	Five	Steeple Barton	Nine
Curbridge	Five	Swinbrook & Widford	Five

1. NOMINATION PAPERS

Nomination Papers may be obtained from the offices of the Returning Officer, Council Offices, Woodgreen, Witney, Oxon, OX28 1NB on Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm (excluding bank holidays). They may alternatively be obtained from the Clerk of the Parish or Town Council.

2. DELIVERY OF NOMINATION PAPERS

Nomination Papers must be delivered to the Returning Officer, at the Electoral Services Office, Council Offices, Woodgreen, Witney, Oxon, OX28 1NB, on any date after the date of this notice, on Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm (excluding bank holidays), but not later than **4pm on Friday 6 April 2018**.

3. POLL

Where any election is contested the poll will take place on **Thursday 3 May 2018**.

4. APPLICATIONS TO VOTE BY POST OR PROXY

Applications to vote by post, or to vary or cancel existing postal or proxy voting arrangements, must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by **5pm on Wednesday 18 April 2018**.

Applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by **5pm on Wednesday 25 April 2018**.

Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election on the grounds of physical incapacity or for work/service reasons must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by no later than **5pm on Thursday 3 May 2018**. The physical incapacity must have occurred after **5pm on Wednesday 25 April 2018**. To apply on the grounds of work/service, the person must have become aware that they cannot go to the polling station in person after **5pm on Wednesday 25 April 2018**.

All applications and notices regarding absent voting must be sent to the Electoral Registration Officer, Electoral Services Office, Council Offices, Woodgreen, Witney, Oxon, OX28 1NB. Application forms for postal and proxy voting are available from that address.

5. APPLICATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE

Applications to register to vote must be received by the Electoral Registration Officer no later than 12 midnight on Tuesday 17 April 2018 if they are to be effective for Thursday 3 May 2018.

6. ELECTION INFORMATION

For further information about elections please visit www.westoxon.gov.uk/elections or telephone the Elections Office on (01993) 861410.

Dated: Tuesday 27 March 2018

Keith Butler Returning Officer