



The Window

June 2026



Please Please the Bees!

It has been another busy half-term at Early Days Nursery! We have enjoyed reading and sharing the stories "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and "The Teeny Weeny Tadpole". We did lots of learning around life cycles and alongside our fictional core texts, exploring non-fiction books that explain this process.

We also thought about how we change as we grow too and read the story "Once There Were Giants". The children brought photos of themselves as babies to share and talk about how much excellent growing they had done!

Our nursery caterpillars are currently in their cocoons and should be emerging as butterflies any day now. We have explained to the children the importance of raising butterflies native to the UK, and they have planted some



wildflowers ready for the butterflies when they of course come back to visit.

Hedgehog Awareness Week was from 4 -10 May and the children were very busy learning about how they can help the hedgehog population. We looked at photos of the incredible Hedgehog Highway created locally to us in Sonning Common, and will be 'doing our bit' by putting our own hedgehog highway entrances in two separate places at nursery.

To mark Endangered Species Day we read "There's a Rang-Tan in My Bedroom" and learnt about the creation of the incredible bridge built for them to cross busy roads. We're very lucky that the first orangutan to cross the bridge did so in April this year, so we are delighted to be able to show the children the positive consequences that humans can create for endangered species.

World Bee Day then happens on 20 May. We will be reading "Please Please the Bees", a story about a slightly grumpy bear who realises he has to help the bees after they go on strike owing to the working conditions of his garden. We will be exploring honeycombs, playing our favourite bee game (sponges and pipettes to gather nectar, giant flowers and bee hats all feature) and making delicious honey cake.

Rebecca Fern

Ipsden Churchyard Party

Robin Hart and I are arranging a weekday work party in the churchyard of St Mary's Ipsden. We are planning on Friday 12 June, from 10am until noon.

We want to focus on the pathways and general tidying. Do bring your favourite tools, but some will be available. Many thanks,

David Kelley



Homer Ripples

We take short breaks to Sidmouth in Devon and very much enjoy the sea, even if waves are crashing in on a blustery day. Much of the beach is stones and large rocks go into the sea which children like to climb on. Little stone turners rush along the promenade as if on roller skates and seagulls cry overhead.



On a visit last year there was a young man nearby sitting on the beach with his parents. I joined them and it became apparent that their son had very limited speech but, sitting in amongst them, he was very busy throwing stones into the sea, as walking was difficult for him.

The couple explained that their son attends college and very much enjoys a catering course there, which he confirmed with a smile when I asked him about it. As his stones hit the water they made ripples which went some distance into the sea; each seemed to be a token of the love he had for the beach and his frequent visits, as they lived locally.

It seemed to me that we can send out ripples of love even if we do not live near a beach, just by looking out for each other or passing the time of day with a stranger. A short conversation may be the only communication a person may have that day, or a smile as we pass.

As the family left, we said our goodbyes and the young man handed me a stone, perfectly round and a pretty colour. I thanked him very much as he picked his stones with great care. He smiled when I said I would take the stone home and put it in my china cabinet. It is still there and glancing at it occasionally I am transported to that moment. Maybe we will meet again but the memory will live on.

Diana Jackson

Tiny Creatures, Big Impact



They may be small, but insects make a big difference to nature recovery. From 22 June to 28 June, the [Royal Entomological Society](#)'s spotlight week is a celebration of all thing's insect.

And these small critters really do make all the difference. There are more than 24,000 species in the UK alone, and they can be found in almost every habitat. Their jack-of-all-trades role spans pollinators, predators, pests, parasites, and prey, and the study of insects has long been central to conservation, food production, medicine, and ecology.

At Wild Oxfordshire, insects are essential to our Yellow Wagtail Partnership project. Established in 2020 by patron Dr Robin Buxton, the Partnership works with the [Earth Trust](#) Church Farm Partnership and Lower Farm, to "learn and communicate as much as possible about the impact of different land management techniques both on this species and the wider environment".



As a migrant species, insects are a vital part Yellow Wagtail diets. However, recent changes in farming practice and other human impacts on the landscape have led to habitat and insect declines, harming Yellow Wagtail populations. They now find themselves on the conservation red list.

How can you help? Volunteer: we occasionally ask for volunteers to carry out small projects to help with the Yellow Wagtail Partnership; this can range from helping out with fieldwork and managing data to creating visual aids for our work. Our partner, Earth Trust, regularly recruits volunteers. Whether you are out counting insects or sitting at a desk, [volunteering your time \(with the Earth Trust\)](#) will

help them carry out the vital work they do for the Yellow Wagtail Partnership, as well as their other projects.

Have an idea for a research project? We are keen to hear from students and researchers about their research ideas and would be happy to discuss the possibility of using our site to support your research. [Please get in touch to discuss what might be possible.](#)

Record your Yellow Wagtail sightings. Help us learn more about Yellow Wagtails in Oxfordshire by reporting your sightings to [TVERC](#) (Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre).

Help to look after our grasslands: stick to the path and avoid wandering into the fields as this may disturb nesting birds or lead to nest abandonment. Be respectful of the livestock, keep dogs on leads when there are calves in the fields. Remember to take your and your dog's rubbish home with you. - Don't have BBQs on the grasslands, as you may cause a fire.

Jessica Bouwer

Gardening Tips for June

Want to help garden birds? Don't feed them in warmer months. The RSPB have released guidance on feeding birds, stating that putting up bird feeders in your garden could be putting some species at risk by spreading disease. Stop filling bird feeders with seeds and peanuts from 1 May to 31 October as will prevent too many birds gathering in one place. Instead, still put out small amounts of mealworms, fat balls or suet all year round.

Let the grass grow. June is peak time for insects like butterflies, bees, and beetles. Leaving even a small patch of lawn uncut creates shelter and food for the likes of Meadow Browns, Large Blue butterflies, and thick-legged flower beetles.

Go chemical-free. Gardening organically is a good way to ensure that the food and plants you grow are free of pesticides or chemicals, and the wildlife will thank you for it too. By stopping the use of chemicals, slugs, snails, and insects such as aphids will return, but don't worry! In time, so will their natural predators, such as hedgehogs and slowworms to help keep pest numbers down.



Keep bird baths topped up. Fresh water is essential for birds in warm weather. Keep a shallow dish with a few pebbles and help insects drink safely. However, only put out a bird bath if you can replace the water daily and clean the bird bath weekly to prevent the spread of diseases, especially in the warmer months.

Jessica Bouwer

SODC Council Meeting Livestreaming



Residents have been able to watch livestreamed SODC Planning and other Committee meetings but now, for the first time in years, residents can also watch Full Council meetings live from home.

The first live-streamed SODC Full Council meeting was on 14 May. You can watch SODC Council and Committee meetings on the council's own YouTube channel:

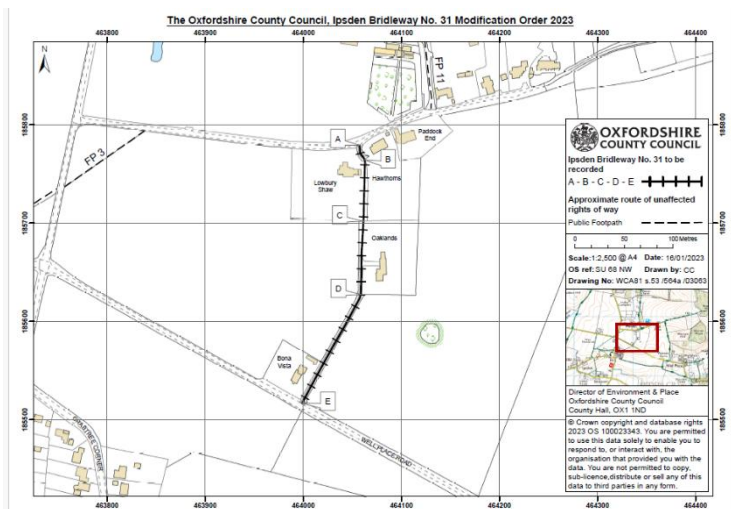
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTj2pCic8vzucpzIaSWE3UQ>

Ipsden Parish Council

Bridleway Revisited?

Public Local Inquiry to determine Oxfordshire County Council: Ipsden Bridleway No. 31 Modification Order 2023

A Public Local Inquiry, the first in Ipsden, was opened in Ipsden Village Hall promptly at 10am on Tuesday 21 April 2026 by Inspector Nigel Farthing, appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to determine the Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) Ipsden Bridleway No. 31 Modification Order 2023. The effect of the Order, if confirmed without modification, will be to add the bridleway to the Definitive Map along route A to E between Hailey and Well Place Road as shown on the map below. The Inquiry sat through to Thursday 23 April when it was adjourned to be reconvened virtually at 10am on Thursday 11 June 2026, for which joining instructions are given at the end of this item.



The Inspector explained at the outset that he would not be considering this matter on the basis of need or suitability,

but on the basis of law i.e. is there a legal basis for the Modification Order to be confirmed.

This whole matter came about through the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) making an application in 2012 to add Ipsden Bridleway No. 31 to the Definitive Map. The basis for their application was the Ipsden Parish Tithe Award 1848 and the North Stoke & Ipsden Parish Inclosure Award 1856. Jayne Gray, an officer in the OCC Countryside Access legal team, confirmed in her Proof of Evidence that ten objections to the Order were received. The objectors potentially most affected by the Order are the owners of 3 properties along the proposed route of the bridleway i.e. Oaklands, Hawthorns and Lowbury Shaw and the adjacent landowner, Woodhouse Farm.



The argument from both sides mainly centred around whether there was a public right of way along the route. The other aspects of concern to the objectors were the width of the bridleway which was stated as being 14ft and its precise route.

Following receipt of CPRE's application the Council had a statutory duty to consider the application and make a decision about the existence of public rights based on evidence before it but with no regard to other matters such as whether the route was needed or had other potential implications. This was all set out in the Council's Determination Report. Objectors Paul Kirby and Carolyn Milner of Lowbury Shaw had carried out a forensic style analysis of and rebuttal of each element of the user evidence included in the Council's Determination Report.

Interpretation of the 1848 Tithe Award and the 1856 Inclosure Award was addressed in great detail by both sides with the Council instructing Dr Tom Breen, an environmental historian at Oxford Brookes University, to prepare an Expert Report on his interpretation of the Northstoke and Ipsden Inclosure Award of 1856 and which OCC submitted to the Inquiry as further evidence in support of the Order. Dr Breen did attend the Inquiry and presented his findings to the Inspector.

Mr Kirby and Mrs Milner referred to a vast amount of other documentary evidence stretching back to 1777 which they considered refuted the Council's case for a public bridleway on the route. Vaughan Williams of Woodhouse Farm in his Statement of Case said that for the 50 years that his family had owned the southern part of the track farmworkers and family had been instructed not to use the northern part as that was private to the Woodley family who in turn did not seek to use the southern part. Mr Williams also referred to the proposed 14ft width of the bridleway which on the southern part of the track was greater than its current width.

There was verbal evidence given by some past and present residents of Ipsden, supporters of the Bridleway Modification Order, that they had as children used the entire route on a number of occasions without hindrance but in later years they were challenged by the then owner of Parkside (now the site of Lowbury Shaw) who said it was not a public right of way.



A site visit on the morning of the second day of the Inquiry did show that currently there is not a through route as a section north of Oaklands is very overgrown and impassable.

What came out of the site visit and further discussions on returning to the village hall was that the route shown on the Order was not the same as the route shown on the Tithe or Inclosure maps. The Council agreed to take that away and prepare a map by the next day, on a present day map base, showing the route.

The inspector did say that in coming to a decision on this matter he had three options:-

- Confirm the Order
- Confirm with a recommendation for modification
- Not to confirm the Order

The following day the inquiry reconvened at 1pm when a number of routes were presented by the Council and after more discussion one was identified for taking forward which differed to that on the Modification Order between points A and C - see the following map.

Thank You, John Jeffery

After 30 years of service to Ipsden Village as a Councillor & Vice Chairman of Ipsden Parish Council (IPC), John Jeffery has decided that now is the right time for him to step down. As many of you are aware, the role of Parish Councillor is a voluntary role involving attending meetings and undertaking many tasks that largely go under the radar in village life.



John has worked tirelessly as a councillor for all those years, working with professionalism and determination to enhance many areas of the village. He has been an invaluable source of expertise for me and fellow councillors; his contributions to council meetings will be greatly missed.

I would therefore personally, and on behalf of my fellow councillors, and the village as a whole, like to say a huge thank you to John, and wish him all the best.

Nick Miller, Chairman, IPC

Braziers Park in June

Braziers Park "Writers' Retreat" runs from 4pm Friday 29 May until 4pm on Monday 1 June. A quiet and mostly self-led writing retreat offering space to reflect, reconnect, and develop your creative practice in peaceful surroundings.

And "The Art of Soul Flight", from 10am on Saturday 6 June until 5pm on Sunday 7 June, is a two-day introduction to shamanism led by Hayley Trezise.

Caroline Vitzthum

Fun and Games, Round 2!

Another enjoyable Games Café took place on Wednesday 20 May. Gently competitive fun, fueled by tea, cakes and biscuits. All for free! We were delighted to welcome newcomers from North Stoke and Stoke Row – the more, the merrier!

Our next date is Wednesday 17 June, at 3pm, in Ipsden Village Hall. Feel free to email katemoberly@hotmail.com or thewordbird@yahoo.co.uk if you'd like any further details.

Kate Moberly, Lottie Rundall and Jesse-May

Socialise at North Stokel



The North Stoke Summer Social will be held in the Village Hall gardens on Sunday 14 June, from 12.30pm until 5pm. Don't worry, if it's wet, we'll be inside! Join us for a relaxed afternoon of summer fun! There will be good company and a bar. Teas, coffee, squash and cakes will be available, with a £3 donation. There'll be a raffle too, of course!

To give us an idea of numbers, please let us know if you are able to join us! Tel 07867 635495 or me, Angela Stanton angelastantoncounselling@gmail.com Bring your friends and family, everyone is welcome!

Angela Stanton

Dates for Your Diary

Wed 10 June	Ipsden Coffee Morning	
Thurs 11 June	Bridleway 31 Inquiry	See page 11
Fri 12 June	Ipsden Churchyard Tidy	See page 2
Sun 14 June	North Stoke Social Event	See page 13
Wed 17 June	Ipsden Games Cafe	See page 13
Sat 18 July	Cholsey Repair Cafe	See page 11
Sat 25 July	Music at the Barn	See page 21

Ipsden Village Lottery Winners

25 April	Fiona Hayward	16 May	Susie Williams
2 May	Elaine Allen	23 May	See next issue
9 May	Wendy McConville	30 May	See next issue

The Window

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View from the Vicarage

June is a threshold month. It does not belong wholly to one season or the other. It is a doorway — half-open, half-lit — inviting us to step forward while still glancing back. And thresholds, by their very nature, stir something deep within us.



Thresholds are places of transition, and transitions often awaken fear. Not because we are weak, but because we are human. We stand between the familiar and the unknown, between what we can name and what we cannot yet see.

June captures that tension perfectly. The days are long, but not yet at their longest. The warmth is growing, but summer has not fully arrived. Schools are winding down, but endings and beginnings sit side by side. Gardens are greening, but harvest is still a distant hope. June is a reminder that life is lived mostly in the middle — not at the clear beginning or the tidy end, but in the unfolding.

Thresholds expose our uncertainties. They make us aware of the fragility of the world around us. War continues to unsettle nations, the economy wobbles, inflation bites, racism wounds, and political upheavals leave us unsure whom to trust. These are not abstract anxieties. They are the background noise of daily life. They shape conversations at kitchen tables, decisions in supermarkets, and the quiet worries people carry to bed at night. Thresholds force us to admit that we do not know what comes next. And that is precisely why they are holy places.

In Scripture, thresholds are often where God speaks most clearly. Moses meets God at the threshold of a burning bush. Israel crosses the threshold of the Red Sea into freedom. Elijah hears God not in the storm but in the thin silence at the cave's edge. Mary receives the angel's message at the threshold between ordinary life and divine calling. The disciples stand on the threshold of fear and courage in the upper room. Thresholds are where God invites people to trust Him not because the future is certain, but because He is. This is why the Christian life is not built on certainty but on faith. Certainty demands answers. Faith rests in presence.

So, June whispers a gentle truth: you do not have to have everything figured out before you step forward. The world may be uncertain, but God is not. The future may be unclear, but God's love is steady. The times may be troubled, but God's presence is our peace. June teaches us to live with open hands, to move through the doorway even when we cannot see the whole room. It invites us to pause and notice where we are standing, pray for courage to take the next step, always trusting that God is already ahead of us, and hope not because the world is stable, but because God is faithful.

If June is a threshold, then perhaps our calling this month is simply to acknowledge our fears without being ruled by them. To recognise uncertainty without being undone by it. Thresholds are not comfortable, but they are sacred, and God meets us there. Remember - God does some of His best work in the in-between places, before dawn breaks, before answers come, before the path is clear.

*Happy Days!
Blessings All,
Canon John*



Church Services in June and July

Date	Ipsden	North Stoke
Sun 31 May Trinity Sunday	10.30am Team Service at Ipsden	
Wed 3 June	5pm Evening Prayer Zoom Meeting Id 410 935 129 (Please wait to be admitted)	
Sun 7 June	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion
Wed 10 June	5pm Evening Prayer Zoom Meeting Id 410 935 129 (Please wait to be admitted)	
Sun 14 June	10am Service of The Word. Zoom Meeting Id 188 513 761 (Please wait to be admitted)	
Wed 17 June	5pm Evening Prayer Zoom Meeting Id 410 935 129 (Please wait to be admitted)	
Sun 21 June	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion
Wed 24 June	5pm Evening Prayer Zoom Meeting Id 410 935 129 (Please wait to be admitted)	
Sun 28 June	9.30am Morning Prayer	11am Morning Prayer
Wed 1 July	5pm Evening Prayer Zoom Meeting Id 410 935 129 (Please wait to be admitted)	
Sun 5 July	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion
Wed 8 July	5pm Evening Prayer Zoom Meeting Id 410 935 129 (Please wait to be admitted)	
Sun 12 July	10am Service of The Word. Zoom Meeting Id 188 513 761 (Please wait to be admitted)	
Wed 15 July	5pm Evening Prayer Zoom Meeting Id 410 935 129 (Please wait to be admitted)	
Sun 19 July	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion
Wed 22 July	5pm Evening Prayer Zoom Meeting Id 410 935 129 (Please wait to be admitted)	
Sun 26 July	9.30am Morning Prayer	11am Morning Prayer

Church Opening

As well as for services, the churches at Ipsden and North Stoke remain open during daylight hours for private worship and visits.

From the Rectory Archives

The Price of Oil

I wrote the article below for this magazine twenty years ago in June 2006, and it is interesting (or worrying) to see what has changed, and what has not. Peace be with us all.

I heard that America is so technologically advanced that scientists can double the speed of a computer chip every eighteen months. It is therefore all the more puzzling that this great nation seems unable to innovate its way to energy self-sufficiency. The West's dependence upon fossil fuels, and specifically oil, is the massive Achilles Heel upon which the freedom and stability of the world economy is balanced.



The writer Thomas Friedman says that the biggest threat to the United States today is not Islamic fundamentalism (Islamism), it is "petrolism". He defines petrolism as the corruption in places like Nigeria, Iran and Russia, where regimes can be held in place and critics bought off with the vast wealth generated from oil at \$100 a barrel. Petrolism is the bullying use of oil and gas exports to intimidate or buy off one's enemies - witness the recent use of Russian gas, or Iranian oil.

Increasingly, politics seems to be simply about who controls the energy tap. The demands of the West, and specifically the USA, support authoritarian regimes in Russia,

Venezuela, Nigeria and Sudan. It empowers Islamism in Sudan, Iran, and Saudi Arabia. Most of these regimes would have collapsed a long time ago, were it not for the energy greed of the West providing the cash to shore them up.

The experience of Iraq shows that enforcing democracy with the apparent ulterior motive of oil stability does not really work. Only when we have no need for their oil will we be able to convince the countries of the Middle East that we are genuinely concerned for their freedom, safety and well-being.

However, it is not only the US that is failing in its global responsibility. Our own country has not been able to meet its own modest greenhouse gas emissions targets. There has been much political talk, but very little movement. Oil and gas are both running out. In order to avoid a calamity, it is vital that renewable energy sources have a much higher usage and degree of government support than they do at present.



This does mean even higher taxes on fossil fuels, and long-term incentives for renewable energy sources – wind, solar, biofuels, and geothermal.

It means a serious degree of rethinking in the car and transport industries. It means generous tax breaks for home-working, and non-petrol based transport use. It means carbon emission quotas for businesses and individuals which are carefully sold by governments, not given away to be traded on at a vast profit. It means making a green way of life so economically attractive for the majority of the population that there won't be any question of "can we afford to?"

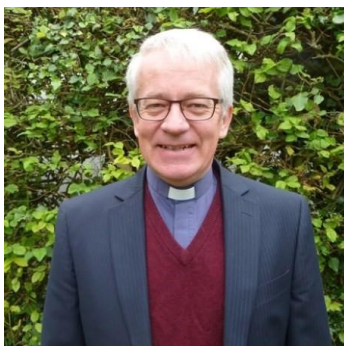
Global warming is the biggest, and by far the most serious, threat that we all face in our generation. It will kill more humans than the bird flu virus H5N1. Governments do need to take serious action, but they will only do so when there is a significant shift in public opinion.

So there is a responsibility on each of us, as “stewards of the planet on our children’s behalf” to act wisely for the future of the world. The single biggest action that we each can take to reduce the rate of global warming is very straightforward: travel less.

That’s all there is to it. Travel less. You can unpack that as much as you can bear, although it will be uncomfortable. Ration your air travel, walk or use public transport wherever you can, set a mileage budget for your car, limit your household car ownership.

These things are not impossible - they are just difficult because they require a change of lifestyle. And, that, simply, is what is going to be required, either now, voluntarily, or in ten years, painfully.

A change of lifestyle. We may be able to afford to live our way at the moment. But that is not the point. The point is that the planet cannot afford the way we now live.



***With my best wishes
Rev'd. Kevin Davies***

Music at the Barn Is Back!

We're so pleased to announce the return of Ipsden's Music at the Barn 2026 - Live Music on a summer's evening in the beautiful 18th Century barn courtyard at Ipsden Farm, with thanks to Nick and Kate Miller, on Saturday 25 July. Music will be from 6pm until about 9pm, and gates will open at 5.30pm.



Bring your own picnic, drinks, blankets and tables/chairs. Please - no BBQs to comply with insurance regulations. Come and relax, enjoy a varied programme of acoustic music by local musicians and singers who provide their time and talent for free.

Entry tickets are available: £8 for adults at the gate and from The Ipsden Village Shop, or £9 from Ticketsource. Under 16s are free. Online tickets from [PCC of Ipsden Entertainment Committee event tickets from TicketSource.](#)

There will be a raffle as usual. Donations to the raffle are very welcome, please contact siobhan.bennett28@btopenworld.com. Net proceeds will go to the Restoration Fund for St Mary's Church, Ipsden.

Kate Moberly

Need Help? Or Provide It?

We at Woodcote Volunteers take this opportunity to remind everyone that our volunteers don't only get local residents to their medical appointments and social events, we also offer other services aimed at helping people, particularly the elderly, improve their daily lives.



Help with Blue Badge applications: Do you think that you (or a friend or relative) might be eligible for a Blue Badge parking permit? The application process can be daunting for some, but we have a team of experienced volunteers who can help our most disabled clients with the task of applying for their Blue Badges. For help with an application, please call 01491 681171 and leave a message.

Help with using your digital devices: Our very successful series of free digital advice sessions are aimed at local residents who may be struggling with their smart phones, iPads or laptops, or with negotiating the internet. The friendly 45 minute one-to-one sessions are held twice each month in Woodcote Community Centre at 2-4 pm on the 1st Saturday, and at 10-12 noon on the 3rd Thursday, of each month. The next sessions are on the afternoon of Saturday 6 June and the morning of Thursday 18 June. To book your slot, please call 01491 877749 and leave a voicemail if necessary.

Tea parties: Tea parties for our clients are held at the Community Centre in Woodcote on the first Wednesday afternoon of each month. We provide tea and home-made cakes and there is no charge. The next tea party will be on Wednesday 3rd June 2026 at 2.30 - 4.00 pm, and will feature a fun quiz. If you need a lift to get there, please call our office phone number (below).

More Volunteer Drivers needed! Could you join our dedicated team of volunteer drivers? There are many

people in Woodcote and the surrounding villages who, for various reasons, are unable to get to essential medical appointments or local social events.

Our clients are hugely appreciative of the service we provide, and our drivers not only enjoy the satisfaction of giving something back to their community but also appreciate the opportunity to chat to their passengers.



The role is highly flexible: volunteers can accept as many or as few drives as they wish, fitting them around their own lives as necessary. Mileage expenses are paid. For more information contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Jane, by email at info@woodcotevolunteers.org or call 01491 877749 and if necessary, leave a message.

Finally If you need a driver please call the Woodcote Volunteers' office on 01491 681171, giving at least three days' notice as it can be hard to find someone at short notice. Office opening hours are Monday to Friday 9.30 – 11.00 am (except bank holidays and over Christmas). Outside these times leave a message and you will be called back the following working day. Other details:

- To volunteer, email: info@woodcotevolunteers.org.uk
- Our website: www.woodcotevolunteers.org.uk
- Facebook page: www.facebook.com/woodcotevolunteers
- General enquiries – 01491 681171

Thank you.

Brian Forde

Flour or Flower?

Well, both actually! This May has again seen staff at Wallingford Hospital busy fund-raising. Those familiar with our hospital may know that we have garden spaces for patients, families and visitors to spend time in.

Unfortunately, some of these areas are in real need of some attention and at the moment aren't even safe, especially for those with any sort of mobility issue. So, roll up again our admin wonder women team as well as Health Care Assistants, who came in on days off and put together a plant, cake and other loveliness to sell.



Every plant, cake, biscuit, and blanket was freely donated and so far the sale has raised over £750. Huge thanks to everyone, and especially to our own Jacqui Mullins, who donated plants from her gorgeous garden (having been given about an hour's notice!).

We have a long way to go, but hopefully patients and visitors will again be able to enjoy time spent in a garden.

Siobhan Bennett