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Editors Letter

Dear Readers,

If you are reading this via our website then you will have no idea what I'm talking about. But if you are reading one of our paper copies, you may have noticed a few changes. Wollaston Secondary School are now doing our printing, with a higher quality print for a better price. The Secondary School have really helped the events committee with its work, they have printed all the Jubilee promotional materials, and supported us in any way they can. By working closely with the school we have been able to strengthen the ties between them and the community. We hope to work with them in the future on other exciting community projects.

Earlier this year Cllr Michele Milroy and myself welcomed two judges from the Village of the year competition. We spent three hours with them showing off Wollaston to them including all of our faculties, opportunities and green spaces. We made the strongest case possible as to why Wollaston deserves to be village of the year. We now have to sit and wait until July; when the final results are released.

This is the second edition of the Wollaston Together and we are still finding ways to improve the magazine and make it better for our readers. Our first edition had all 200 paper copies gone within 4 weeks of the release and over 800 readers online. So, please enjoy reading this edition and if you would like to contribute anything to the next edition then please get in touch via wollaston.ec@gmail.com

Many thanks,

Callum Boddington

Editor of Wollaston Together & Parish Councillor

Stories of Wollaston

Instead of sharing an old story about Wollaston in this edition, I wanted to share something that's happening now. A story that in 40/50 years time people will look back and say this is a memorable story about Wollaston, a story that is worth telling and never forgetting. Since the War in Ukraine began, untold misery and despair has been thrust upon many Ukrainians, and as it always does Wollaston rose to the challenge to help in any way we could. The story in this edition will focus on how a small rural village, one thousand five hundred and seventy miles away from Ukraine has helped those fleeing the brutal consequences of war. This is not a story of tragedy, rather a story of hope!

St Mary's Church

When the war started, the church community started collecting items to be sent to Ukraine via a church in Wellingborough. We also became aware of a number of families that had signed up to the government's Home for Ukrainians scheme and I have now set up a Facebook support group for host families in Wollaston and surrounding villages looking to sponsor a Ukrainian family. This is proving valuable for support through the process of getting families to the UK, and now that some families are arriving, for connecting families together. St. Mary's currently has one Ukrainian family regular attending on a Sunday and soon to have more. It is great that so many people in Wollaston are getting involved, being a host family, supporting host families and/or supporting financially via the DEC. A huge thanks also to all those who are flying Ukrainian flags, we are told this is so helpful in providing a good welcome to Ukrainian families.

Baptist Church

We held an afternoon tea and sale in April at the Baptist Church. We had quizzes and activities for children. We raised nearly £1500 which the Baptist church kindly matched, totalling to just under £3000.

WABIK

On Easter Saturday, WABIK held a Ukraine Kindness Day at Wollaston Village Hall. Hundreds of beautiful cakes, fantastic raffle prizes, over 200 tombola prizes, lovely plants, over 100 teddies, a whole room of clothes, crafts and refreshments were donated and the hall looked wonderful with blue and yellow bunting and flowers. The event was really well attended and we welcomed guests who had already arrived from Ukraine. Everyone worked really hard and a fantastic £2000 was donated to DEC UKRAINE FUND. Thank you to everyone who helped.

Julia's Story (Ukrainian Refugee)

Not everyone knows that the yellow of the Ukrainian flag symbolises wheat fields, and the blue symbolises the clear sky. Wheat fields are a symbol of the diligence of Ukrainians, the love and respect for bread and our land on which we love to work and feed the people of our country. The sky is a symbol of our peacefulness and purity of a broad soul. This is our spiritual wealth.

There have always been attempts to eradicate the Ukrainians as a nation. The authorities of other countries have always been interested in our fields, lands, all resources, the industriousness of our nation. We are indeed very rich and strong spiritually. They always wanted to conquer us in order to have power over our wealth, of our inner world and our lands. We gave a lot of strength, blood and lives to be independent. It is the 21st century and the world appreciates the freedom of people and democracy, but still we cannot be left alone. Many centuries have passed, many generations have grown, but the national values and strength of the people are the same. We are ready to give our lives for our freedom and independence. I am proud to be Ukrainian.

Many of my close people did not leave the city because they were sure that no one would help. My friend, who is a single mother of two children, plus an orphan, lost

everything. With great doubts and fear she left her home without any money, but she was surprised that the world was not without good people. She would never have imagined that a citizen from the Republic of Belarus would help her, but such a man answered her post for help and used his own money to pay for accommodation. My friend has now settled in Sweden and is happy and grateful.

I am also making the journey with my fifteen-year-old daughter and two cats, and I will be arriving in Wollaston very soon. I hope that my message is read by the community because it is important for history that people know what is happening, and because it will give strength and inspiration to my people to know that we are heard and welcomed in the UK.

'Life will win over death, light will win over darkness'

'Життя переможе смерть, світло переможе темряву'

Parish Council

The Parish Council meets every month to go through the various business that crops up, including planning applications, police, finance, reports, correspondence and many other matters. We hope that everything we do is for the benefit of the village and have an open meeting at the start so that members of the public can come along and air any problem that may be affecting them. We would hope that if we cannot solve every problem we can at least, point someone in the right direction for a solution. As well as the monthly meetings each parish councillor is on a working party or committee which looks after a particular area of village life. These cover such areas as the Cemetery, Playgrounds, Playing Field, Street Lighting, Footpaths, Environment & Highways, Village Hall, Pocket Park, Community Safety and Youth Project.

My particular interests are in the street lighting, highways and playing fields within the village. In recent years the lamps have been upgraded to the latest energy saving white lights and while these give a brighter light unfortunately there are not quite so many of them as previous. Balfour Beatty who now administer the lights on behalf of NNC carried out this upgrade and if a light near you is out or giving problems please note its number and either call Balfour Beatty on 0800-0850257 or report via the North Northamptonshire Council website.

If there are other things you would like to report, for example: - pot-holes, blocked drains, broken kerbs, damaged signs, etc - you should contact the NNC on 0300-126-3000 or Street Doctor via the website. If you report something to Street Doctor, you will be given a reference number which can be used to check the progress on your particular problem and chase up if necessary. So rather than just complain about this and that and why does the council not fix the other, be proactive and report it yourself.

I am also on the Playing Fields Committee and the village has been well served over the years by various people who have presided over and provided us with this wonderful asset for now and future generations. The sports clubs are thriving in the village at the moment, especially in the youth sections and a big thank you to all coaches and helpers who are helping to make this possible and enthusing the young. The village teams should be well served in future generations from this influx.

However we are still concerned at the amount of irresponsible dog owners who allow their dogs to foul on the field and do not bother to clear it up. It is after all a

playing field with many children about and sports being played, not a dog exercise area. We realise that many owners are responsible, but as in many walks of life, they are let down by the irresponsible few. This could also apply to the village as a whole and there is no excuse as the Council has had many dog bins put up recently.

Works have now started down Hookhams Path and the council has tried to negotiate the best outcome for village residents. While perhaps many of us would not like to see so much building in the village, at least we do get monies from the builders to enhance many aspects of village life. We have also been granted some land on which to hopefully build a new Community Hall to replace our ageing village hall. This has proved to be unable to upgrade due to planning problems and it seems an ideal time to invest in the building of a larger and more up to date hall for future generations.

If you need to contact the Council for any reason then please call our clerk Debra Styles on 07856-203260 at the office or visit the Scott Bader Innovation Centre, Bryson Building, Office 4, most week day mornings apart from Mondays.

We hope to see you at the next Council meeting perhaps, they are held on the third Thursday of each month starting at 7.00pm. The open meeting is at the very start, so you can air any problem and then leave soon after if you wish.

Cllr Terry Savage

Useful Contacts

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Village Hall	High Street	01933 663950
Wollaston Museum	High Street	07871 431401
Wollaston Secondary School	Irchester Road	01933 663501
Wollaston Primary School	College Street	01933 664291
Wollaston Parish Council	-	07856 203260
Wollaston Library	Newton Road	01604 368255
St Marys	High Street	01933 664256
Baptist	Hinwick Road	01933 327709
Methodist	High Street	01933 664513
Salvation Army	Hinwick Road	01933 663125

Step 1 - Password security

- ▶ Strong memorable passwords can easily be created by combining three random words. (eg. Trampoline%Sleepy%Dishwasher)
- ▶ Create new passwords for any toys, games, smart devices, etc. connected to the Internet.
- ▶ Never share passwords or on-screen codes with anyone no matter who they claim to be.
- ▶ Consider using a trusted Password Manager if you access multiple website accounts.
- ▶ Always make sure you use a different password for each account or site.

Step 2 - Extra account protection

- ▶ Two-factor authentication (2FA) adds an extra layer of security to your online account.
- ▶ Enable 2FA (via account settings) on each of your important accounts such as email, photo, shopping and social media sites.

Step 5 - Avoid online scams

- ▶ Do not click on links in any unverified emails, texts or other messages (eg. WhatsApp).
- ▶ Verify using a trusted phone number or contact or check via their official website or app.
- ▶ Never be rushed into clicking a link that requests you reset your password, secure your account or requires your personal or banking details.
- ▶ No genuine organisation will phone or message you unexpectedly and ask you to make changes to your device or give them remote access.

Report fraud and cybercrime to Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040** or [actionfraud.police.uk](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

For free cyber security advice and resources or to arrange a community cyber safety session email: CyberProtect@northants.police.uk

Step 3 - Software updates

- ▶ Always keep your device software, apps and other programs up-to-date to fix newly identified security bugs and vulnerabilities.
- ▶ Also enable Automatic Updates on your computer, phone and tablet where available.
- ▶ Do not use devices that cannot be fully updated as this may put your personal data at risk.

Step 4 - Backup important data

- ▶ Make regular copies of all your important documents, messages, contacts, photos and videos on a separate device or system.
- ▶ Ideally use at least one local backup (eg. flash drive, separate hard drive) and a cloud based backup (eg. iCloud, OneDrive, Google Drive).
- ▶ Ensure all of your important documents are included, and that you also disconnect local backup drives to minimise the affect of malware.



Cyber Safety

Five simple steps to help keep you and your family safe online



Northamptonshire Police
Fighting crime, protecting people

Wollaston's Outdoor
Cinema Night

Wollaston
Events
Committee



THE
GREATEST
SHOWMAN

Tickets go on sale in July

Saturday 20th August 2022

Doors Open 7:30pm Film starts at 8:55pm

Wollaston Secondary School Field

WOLLASTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

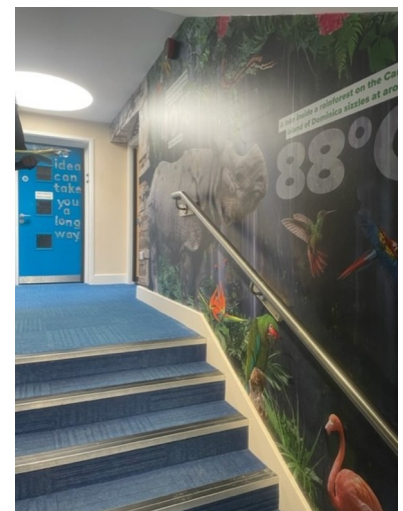
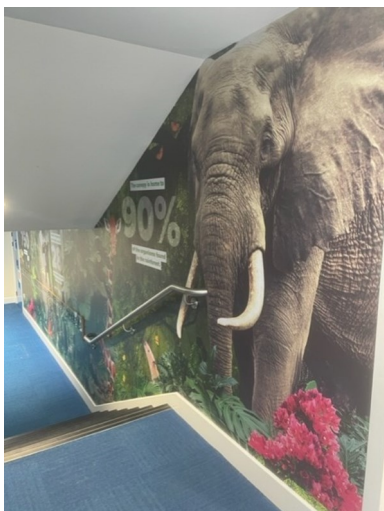


It's been another busy few weeks at the Primary School and the children have continued to work really hard. Year 4 had the opportunity to go on a residential trip and went off to Frontier Centre for a night. They had an exciting couple of days taking part in raft making, den building, walking the plank and playing a range of sports. This was our first overnight stay away since covid and it was superb to be able to see the excitement of the children.

We are looking forward to having visits from our new Reception starters over the next few weeks. Some of the children have already been over to visit and we have good links with the preschools to ensure that the transition for these children is seamless. We still have places available in Reception for any families whose child might be in need of a Reception place still for September. Visits to our school are always welcome if you wish to meet us and find out more!

Year 6 have worked hard to prepare for their SATs tests and we are really proud of the work they have put in. This is the first lot of tests the children have had to do since the covid pandemic hit so it felt a bit bizarre having to do them again but every single child tried their best and we cannot ask for anymore. In June the Year 6 children get the opportunity to go to Govilon, Wales for a week. They get a fun packed week taking part in a range of physical activities such as waterfall walking, canoeing, hill climbing to mention just a few.

We have also been lucky enough to have some new artwork produced in the corridors at school. We have had a wonderful rainforest scene which the children were very excited about when they saw it.



WOLLASTON SECONDARY SCHOOL



News from Wollaston School and The Nene Valley Partnership

These are exciting times on a number of fronts at Wollaston School, as we have relished the opportunity to return to a more normal form of education during this academic year. It is said that in the most difficult times, we are able to find courage and light, and the support of our entire school and local community during the pandemic has been a beacon of light which we continue to draw great inspiration from as we now turn our attention to the present and the future!

Qualifications 2022

It may seem strange for students to be celebrating a return to examinations – but after the cancellations of the last two years, our Year 11 and Year 13 students and staff are looking forward to demonstrating their hard work, talents and abilities in the traditional public examinations series. We will run qualifications in everything from Motor Vehicle Engineering to German, Catering to Physics, Drama to Further Maths and around 25 other subjects too! We have a curriculum which aims to find something to inspire every individual!

This is a welcome return to normality and well deserved for our whole school community, who have worked so well together during both the covid disruption, as well as pre and post pandemic. We believe very firmly in the maxim that “it takes a village to raise a child” and we know that our students enjoy the support of children in other year groups, parents, staff and indeed the wider community as we approach exam time. It is in these moments when we experience what it means to be an ambitious, community school, and as ever we are working with our students with no pressure, but plenty of purpose. Good luck to all who are sitting their exams!

Extra- Curricular and Sporting Successes

One of the significant joys of this academic year has been the return to the full provision of extra curricular programmes which Wollaston School is so well renowned for. There are far too many activities to mention each individually, but I would like to celebrate our Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, our homework clubs, our Geography field trips, music concerts, foreign film club, board game group and all of the other varied activities on offer. Performing Arts have also achieved great success with an incredible performance in Portsmouth as part of Dance Live – in addition to their production of “Hunt” as part of the National Theatre Connections Festival. This was performed to great acclaim, both at Wollaston School and at the Derngate Theatre, Northampton.

Our PE faculty have also led an amazing range of teams and clubs, some of which have enjoyed county wide success. Congratulations to the Boys Under 18 Football Team who won the Northamptonshire County Cup, and to the Year 10 Team who were finalists in their County Cup competition. Wollaston School have also celebrated victory in the 15 a side Rugby County Cup, with the Wollaston School team coming back from 19-0 down to secure victory in the final! Incredible achievements from our amazing students and staff – and we look forward to further successes in summer sports and next season.

Thank you also to all members of the school and wider community who contribute to our charity work and fundraising. The Sixth Form RAG week returned as a highlight of the school calendar and raised £1,897.31 for local charities and we continue to support both local and national charitable campaigns including the Salvation Army, Wollaston is Kind and the Re:Store Foodbank.

Growth of the Nene Valley Partnership

You may be aware that Wollaston School, together with Irchester Primary and Bozeat Primary, established our own local multi academy trust, The Nene Valley Partnership (NVP) in 2019. This has been a very successful undertaking and we retain our shared commitment to collaboration and working together on our mission to provide educational excellence for our children and families. The NVP is constituted to serve a coherent geographical area and we are proud to be a small trust working across our network of schools – we will only ever expand to include schools who within our immediate locality and community.

We are therefore delighted to announce that Cogenhoe Primary School will also be joining the NVP later this year, and as another Ofsted rated Good school, will continue to add strength to our partnership as we grow. This feels like a really positive and natural development, as we have recently undertaken some work together with Cogenhoe, and of course – we already serve the same children and families!

WOLLASTON CRICKET CLUB



The League season opened up on April 30th with favourable results for all three teams on what was the Centenary of our first match at our present ground. Back in 1922 the club moved from Wollaston Hall (now part of Scott Bader Ltd) to London road and the field was eventually enlarged and taken under the wing of the Playing Field Association in the early 1950's.

For more information in this regard, along with a short history of our Club, checkout "Our Ground" and "About Us" pages on our website and read about the captain who held the position for 36 years!

Fittingly, victories for the First and Second team, and a nail biting tied game for the Thirds set the club off to a promising start with individual contributions from Chris Perry (5 wickets), Steve Musgrave (50 runs) and Dan Hodson (first senior fifty). Our Junior fixtures are under way at U11, U13 and U15 levels with our U19s starting their campaign later in the season.

Further details on fixtures, results and events, please check our website:

wollastoncc.co.uk or contact us at wollaston.cricket@googlemail.com

2nd WOLLASTON SCOUT GROUP

It has been so good to get out and about again this year, and do some 'proper Scouting'. Although we stayed together as a unit during lockdown by meeting online, there is no real substitute for getting back together and having fun outdoors.

In February we held a 'Brass Monkey' camp at the Sir John Lowther Centre near Kettering. The Beavers and Cubs safely sleeping indoors while the older sections and their leaders braved the elements – the Scouts in tents and the Explorers in hammocks! There was frost on the tents in the morning.

Our next adventure will be a Group camp at the Robin Hood Activity Centre in Nottinghamshire in May, followed by joining a District camp at Bromham at the end of June. In 2023 we will be venturing further afield, and have already booked our favourite campsite near Carlisle – we have been there four times already.

These camps give our young people the opportunity not only to pick up traditional outdoors-y skills, like tent pitching, fire building, cooking on open fires, pioneering, navigating etc, but also teaches them self-reliance and how to lead or be part of a team. They will also learn a lot of songs!

Away from camping, the Group will at last be out and about in the village again. We will be manning a checkpoint (and selling burgers and hot dogs) as part of the Waendel Walk on 14th May and also providing food at the Hill Beer Festival, where we will be working on the Friday evening – 22nd July. Why not come and say hello.

I've said this before, but if you have a child who is interested in joining a Scout Group, please get in touch. If we don't have a space, we can put you in touch with groups in other local villages who have.

We would also like to recruit some more adults for our Executive Committee, who oversee the running of the Group. This role requires no previous Scouting experience. If you feel you have something to offer, please let me know.

Paul Palmer
Group Scout Leader
2ndwollaston@gmail.com



WOLLASTON HERITAGE SOCIETY



On 22nd May we are hosting the first of our delayed 50th Anniversary events. This will be an Open Day in the museum gardens with a display of crafts by people from Wollaston. We shall be serving cream teas and the Rushden Mission Band will entertain us. The garden opens at 2.30 pm.

The Museum and grounds will be open for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration on 2nd June at 8.00 pm. A beacon will be lit by the deputy Lord Lieutenant at 9.45pm, to coordinate with other Beacons across the UK. Refreshments will be available. That same weekend the Heritage Society will have a display of Royal memorabilia at the Party in the Park on Sunday 5th June.



The annual Wollaston Open Gardens event will this year take place on Sunday, 19th June. This is slightly earlier than in previous years which we hope will be to the benefit of the gardens.

A visit is being arranged to view the gardens at Woodcote Villa in Long Buckby on 14th July, details will be published later. Keep an eye on our Facebook and Twitter accounts for details of all of our events.

In September we are hosting a party in The Commonwealth Centre by kind permission of Scott Bader Co. Ltd. for present and past members of the Society and invited guests to celebrate fifty-two years of the Heritage Society. This will be in the evening of 17th September.

We look forward to good weather and your company through the summer. Remember, you can support the Heritage Society by becoming a member for only £6.00 per year. Application forms are available from the Museum.

Our contact details:

Website: www.wollastonheritage.org

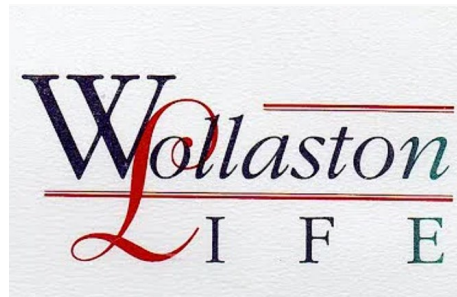
FaceBook: @WollastonMuseum

Email: wollastonheritage@gmail.com

Twitter: @WollastonMuseum



WOLLASTON LIFE 1991



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2022 marks 30 years since 'Wollaston Life' was released. It provided an overview of life in Wollaston in 1991; It shows it's array of pubs, facilities and most importantly its people. Watching it now allows us, the current residents of Wollaston, to see what parts of the village have changed and what parts have remained the same. When the film was first released it was available on Video, but we are now able to watch it on YouTube. Instructions on how to do so are below.



Wollaston Life is available to watch on YouTube, type in 'Wollaston Life' or visit the link to find it:

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Village Diary



Date	Event	Host	Location
June 2022			
Thursday 16th	Parish Council Meeting	Wollaston Parish Council	Village Hall/ Oasis building
Saturday 18th	Summer Fair	Wollaston Primary PTA	Wollaston Primary School
Sunday 19th	Open Gardens	Wollaston Heritage Society	Wollaston
Wednesday 22nd 12:30pm	Manchester Bomber Memorial	Wollaston Parish Council	Shepard's Hill
Thursday 23rd	Don't stop believing	The Wollaston Singers	Scott Bader Commonwealth Centre
Friday 24th	Don't stop believing	The Wollaston Singers	Scott Bader Commonwealth Centre
July 2022			
Thursday 21st	Parish Council Meeting	Wollaston Parish Council	Village Hall/ Oasis building

August 2022			
Saturday 20th	Outdoor Cinema Night	Wollaston Events Committee	Wollaston Secondary School
September 2022			
Saturday 10th	Bingo	Wollaston Youth Club	Wollaston Village Hall
Monday 12th	Third edition of the WT released	Wollaston Events Committee	N/A

If you would like to add a date for the diary in the next edition please email: wollaston.ec@gmail.com



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Wollaston's Green Initiative recently teamed up with Wollaston Library to create an eye-catching window display to highlight the recycling options available in the village. Thank you to everyone who has taken our message on board and now takes their soft plastics to the Co-op for recycling and empty blister packs to the library. Every little bit helps to reduce landfill and keep harmful plastics out of the environment.

We have a couple of extra ideas for you now! Did you know that Wilkinson's in Wellingborough have a recycling scheme for disposable face masks (#ReclaimTheMask)? Hopefully we will be using masks less and less over the coming months and I, for one, have a pile of used masks that I don't feel comfortable putting in the normal bin and so on to landfill. Wilkinson's have a



recycling bin in store and the masks are recycled and turned into building materials!

Also, if you have old clothes that are not suitable or in good enough condition to be donated to charity shops – don't throw them into landfill. Certain Tesco's stores are running a 'De-tox your wardrobe' campaign where you can recycle clothes in any condition. Those clothes that can't be re-used are recycled and Tesco's claim that 'nothing is wasted or sent to landfill'. Our nearest participating store is at Weston Favell.

Wollaston's Green Initiative



Thank you and happy recycling!



The Wollaston Singers

Hello Wollaston ,

As this edition of Wollaston Together goes to press, The Wollaston Singers will be just days away from our first 'proper' show in over two years. Our show 'Don't Stop Believing!' runs at the Scott Bader Commonwealth Centre on Thursday the 23rd and Friday the 24th June 2022 at 7.30pm (doors open 6.45pm).

We've had a stop/start time of it over the past few weeks with rehearsals and preparation for the show. Pesky old covid still won't leave us alone and we've had our fair share of absences because of this as well as due to the 'nasty cold that thinks it's covid but isn't'! We have weathered the storm though and are well prepared to bring you a great evening of musical entertainment. I'm sure our loyal followers have already got their tickets and if you're new to the village, or have not seen one of our shows before, then what are you waiting for! We bring a great mixture of musical theatre songs, traditional songs and contemporary material to our performances. Just as a sneak preview of what you can look forward to, our line-up for this year includes songs ranging from the likes of Les Miserables, The Lion King and Oklahoma to our interpretations of Coldplay, Stevie Wonder and Dolly Parton (which has to be seen to be believed!).

We are really looking forward to bringing you this show from our new venue at the Commonwealth Centre, although we will miss the drafty and slightly 'shabby chic' vibes of the Parochial Rooms! Our usual format remains the same with a licensed bar, raffle and cabaret style tables and chairs to create a relaxed and informal atmosphere.

If you haven't got your tickets yet, hopefully there are still some available from our Box Office on 01933 665206 or, new for this year, order directly from our website www.thewollastonsingers.co.uk - click on the 'Box Office' link. Tickets are £10 (£5 for 16 and under).

See you there!

Rachel Nakash

Chair Person, The Wollaston Singers



St. Marys Wollaston

Vision: To be a church that increasingly sees God's kingdom come

Who are we...

We are a vibrant, growing, charismatic village church community, who believe that Jesus came to give us life. So we long to see Him bring joy, peace, hope and healing into every aspect of our lives. Whether you have strong beliefs, just curious or somewhere in between, you will be made very welcome.

What's on...

Here's a brief look at what's on weekly...

SUNDAY:	11am, Wollaston Sunday Service* (groups for children & youth) <i>(Alternative traditional service at Strixton: 1st & 3rd Sundays - 9am)</i> 7pm (every 2nd & 4th Sunday), Worship, Prayer & the Prophetic
MONDAY:	3-4:30pm, Youth Cafe (during term time) 7-8:30pm, Youth Cell Group
TUESDAY:	10-11:30am, 3Ts (Toddlers, Toast & Toys) Toddler Group 7:30pm Weekly Prayer Walking & Meeting
WEDNESDAY:	10:30-12pm, 3Cs (Coffee, Chat, Cake) 7:30pm, Bell Ringing Practice
THURSDAY:	2-4pm, (monthly) Health & Wellbeing Group
FRIDAY:	10-12pm Church is open 7:30pm (monthly) Support group

* this service is live streamed and can be accessed via our website, Facebook page or Youtube channel, see below:

Who to contact...

For more details of the above, or for enquiries about baptism, a wedding or a funeral, please contact the vicar, Adrian as below:

Revd Adrian Morton



adrianmorton762@gmail.com



01933 664256



<http://stmaryswollaston.com>



search for 'St. Marys Wollaston'



search for St. Mary's Bozeat & Wollaston Northamptonshire

Wollaston Baptist Church

(part of Wollaston Churches Together)

Working in and for the community

www.wollastonbaptist.co.uk



Wollaston Baptist Church Group



Sundays

10:30am

Morning Service

Crèche & Children's activities
available for all ages
and abilities.

All are welcome

Rev Brian White

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If you are interested in any of our activities, would like prayer, a visit, or simply want to talk to someone
Contact the Church Office : 01933 664114

More information, up to date events and activities are on our website, Facebook page and Noticeboard

Breakfast Church

First Sunday of the month

9.30am Breakfast



Followed by short all age
service

10:00 - 10.30am

Praise & Worship Service

Second Sunday

6.30 - 7.30pm

Prayer Together

Third Sunday

6.00 - 7.00pm

Various groups meeting in peoples homes and the church for fellowship, Bible study, discussion and prayer

"The Pop In" Coffee Afternoon

Tuesdays 2:00-3:30pm

Phone : Church Office
01933 664114
for details



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WOLLASTON METHODIST CHURCH

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Mid Week Meetings

Thursday's alternative weeks Hot Lunches served from 12noon all are welcome

Afternoon Fellowship at 2.30pm

June 9th speaker Mr Bob Farey speaking on Mr Alfred Cockerill Northants forgotten Philanthropist

June 23rd Cynthia Spencer Hospice Choir

July 7th Beetle Drive

July 21st Janet Sanders The Jubilee Celebrations

Saturday June 25th Afternoon Teas from 3pm to 5pm all are welcome

Saturday July 16th Coffee Morning from 10.30 am

Wednesday August 3rd Summer Fayre and Afternoon Tea from 2.30 pm

Saturday August 20th Coffee Morning 10.30am

All are welcome at all of these functions

The contact for any other information is 01933664513





How to help local homeless people

Have you ever walked past someone sleeping rough and not known how to help?

Homelessness is a big problem across the UK, and sadly that includes our local area. In Bedfordshire and the Milton Keynes area there's a lot of amazing work going on to help homeless people, but there are simply not enough affordable homes. As well as those sleeping rough, there are many hidden homeless people who are also sofa-surfing or stuck in temporary accommodation, often lacking basic essentials for daily life.

How to help?

Christian (pictured) used to be homeless and is now being supported by Bedfordshire charity Emmaus Village Carlton. Along with others from Emmaus, he now volunteers every week to help local rough sleepers. We asked Christian to answer some questions about how people can help...



If I see someone sleeping rough, what can I do?

"You can help connect someone with local services by calling Streetlink on 0300 500 0914 or by downloading their app (but if someone needs urgent medical assistance or is in danger, do call 999). Loneliness is also a big problem so if you can, please stop and talk. You could ask if there's anything they need, like a hot drink, something to eat, or warm clothing."

How do I find help locally, for someone who's at risk of becoming homeless?

"Emmaus Village Carlton is the charity that's helped get me back on my feet. Based just outside of Carlton, north Bedfordshire, it offers a home, support, meaningful work and training to people who are homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless. If you know someone who Emmaus might be able to help, you can call their Support Office on 01234 720826.

How can I help a local homelessness charity?

"There are many great homelessness organisations in our local area, which all need support. The charity that's helped me is Emmaus Village Carlton. You can help by visiting their three charity shops and bistro on School Lane, Carlton (open Wed – Sat 9.30am – 4.30pm / Sun 10am – 4pm) and by passing on your unwanted things for resale. You can also donate online and find out other ways to help, on their website: www.emmaus.org.uk/village-carlton

WOLLASTON & BOZEAT IS KIND

Wollaston And Bozeat Is Kind aims to

Help those in financial or emotional crisis

Build Community

To save items from landfill and reduce food waste

WABIK has continued to be busy and is very grateful to everyone who supports the project. We receive a huge amount of support from individual residents, schools, groups, the Parish Council and local businesses. In April, Wollaston Primary School held a Kindness mufti day where pupils donated items for the foodbank, the response was huge and this means that the foodbank can continue to help those in food poverty, Thank you to all staff, parents and pupils who made this possible. Our 'Leave if you can – Take what you need' table is filled regularly by various shops, The Daylight Centre, Wellingborough and Rushden Foodbank as well as daily donations by residents. We have recently added potted herbs and some vegetables the drive that visitors to the drive can pick and use in meals.

Like everyone, our members were horrified at the shocking news of Russia's invasion of Ukraine and we wanted to help in any way possible. We are very pleased that there is a support group in the village run by Rev Adrian Morton and we have passed some of our contacts and information on to this group. We have managed to help some hosts by providing items needed by their guests and have supported another local group by providing items for Welcome Packages. Instead of our usual Kindness Day held each Easter Saturday, our members voted to hold a Kindness to Ukraine Day at Wollaston Village Hall. The event was a huge success and we wish to thank everyone who supported in any way, a grand total of £2000 was donated to DEC Ukraine Fund.

Families in need received Easter Eggs which were kindly donated by the Freemasons and 30 children received lovely Easter Themed craft packs.

We are very conscious of the current economic crisis and the effect it is having on everyone and WABIK is keen to help wherever possible. We have posted many money saving tips and energy saving advice as well as updates from saving experts, recipe ideas and benefit information. We have recently introduced a box on the food table where people can drop off or collect vouchers from. If you receive a money saving voucher that you will not use, please consider dropping it off for others to benefit from, similarly, help yourself to vouchers you need.

Due to the continuous risk of covid, the committee has decided to postpone our seaside trip and this decision will be reviewed next year. We hope to hold our Yard Sale later on this year and look forward to another great day in both Wollaston And Bozeat.

Items can be donated to our foodbank in the box at Wollaston Co Op, via WABIK's Amazon link or left in a box in Vivienne (the shed in my garden!)

Our Foodbank is open on Tuesdays and Friday, please contact me in confidence and WABIK will be happy to help you or signpost you to a service who can.

Take Care and Thank you again for your help and support.

Moira Bovenzi

WABIK Chair

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WOLLASTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

WOLLASTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY – UPDATE!!

Since we reopened last April after the second lockdown, we have gradually lifted all our restrictions and today we are more or less back to normal as we were pre pandemic! From September we welcomed the WI to use our facilities on a monthly basis for a coffee morning, we also had a baby group who met once a week until December.

At the end of November, we held a very successful Christmas Fair with several craft stalls, and refreshments.

From January we introduced a coffee and chat morning on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month, open to all. From February we started running a Rhymetime group for under 5s on a Wednesday morning, and also a Knit and Crochet group on a Tuesday afternoon. These have proved very popular.

We are delighted that we have started getting requests for use of our meeting room. This is now used by a music teacher during term time on a Saturday. We hope more village groups will continue to approach us with the view to using our facilities. We promote our facilities and events on Facebook and more recently on Instagram, as well as on the display screen that sits in the window. This is also used to give information on our events, activities and general information about opening times etc. Hopefully this will encourage more groups to come forward and use the library, we are a community library and we would love to welcome you. Please feel free to come in and see our facilities, we have a meeting room, along with kitchen and toilets.

Our window display is regularly used by village groups. When not hired we put our own displays in. Please contact us if you would like to have a display.

Within the library, we have recently reorganised the adult fiction shelves, so the available space can be used more effectively not only by ourselves for various events, but by other community groups. We recently changed our Saturday opening hours which seems to have encouraged more visitors! Finally we have launched a 'Home Delivery Scheme' for housebound Wollaston residents. If you or you know someone who could benefit from this, please feel free to contact us on the number below.

We have had many compliments on our new look library, and look forward to continually welcoming our current borrowers but hopefully lots of new borrowers too. We have a lovely coffee machine for our visitors, we can also make tea on request too!

You can contact us on Facebook, email us at: wollastoncml@gmail.com, call us on 01604 368255 or just pop in when we are open Tuesday 1-5pm, Wednesday 10-2pm, Saturday 10-12.30pm.

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WOLLASTON YOUTH CLUB

Dear Readers,

May I introduce myself as one of the volunteers at our local youth club. I began volunteering in the autumn of 2021, at a time when our club was at risk of closing. We had fewer volunteers to support the running of the club and although we had a consistent number of young people attending, we wanted more young people to experience the opportunity of having fun in a safe place. Yet our numbers at that time were such that justifying continued operation of the youth club was in a precarious place. I'm glad to report, we recruited several new volunteers who, like our previous volunteers, bring enthusiasm, varying skills and qualities in an endeavour to keep this valuable resource available for our young people.

Young people who have attended our club have had the opportunity to try arts and crafts, indoor archery, indoor curling, enjoy a virtual reality evening, discos, play football, basketball, table tennis and our pool table is always the backdrop where much laughter occurs. We are always looking to schedule new activities and bring variety to the youth club. As the weather is gradually improving, we have more scope to enjoy outdoor activities so please don't be alarmed if you see a host of young people in our playing fields on a Thursday evening, enjoying a game of rounders! We are also looking forward to a weekend away at an outdoor adventure activity in September.

Some quotes from some of our young people who attend our club:

Kieran – "...There's lots to do! I can meet my friends and make new friends. Nobody judges. The adults are fun and approachable too..."

Ben – "...There's so many options! It's fun...!"

Liam – "...I have fun hanging out with my mates and having a laugh...!"

Sienna – "...I like hanging out with my friends outside of school and the activities are great! I also like the tuck shop...!"

Taz – "...I like coming to the YC to see my friends and socialise with people who I might not have met elsewhere. Staff are all very sweet and friendly and have good activities organised. I liked the virtual reality and archery activities as I hadn't tried these before..."

Our young people enjoy attending our club, but there is also reward for our volunteers. It's not uncommon for our volunteers who contribute on a Thursday evening to be laughing as much as the young people they supervise. There is also free training for our volunteers to acquire additional skills and knowledge in working with young people, first aid, online safety and other relevant topics.

Our village offers many opportunities for our young people; Wollaston Vics football club, NN29 Titans football club, Dance groups, Rainbows / Brownies / Girl's Guides, Beavers / Cubs / Scout groups, and of course... our youth club. It's great to live in a community that values young people and offers these opportunities.

If you would like to volunteer, please get in contact with us on the emails below. You might just find you catch that volunteering bug, coupled with a sense of reward that you are investing in our local youth.

debstyles@btinternet.com gkkitch@msn.com jamesthomson77@aol.co.uk

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James Thomson

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Thank you to everyone who has donated in the past!

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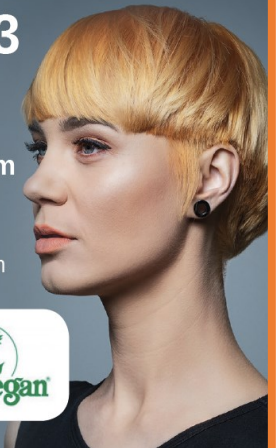
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WOLLASTON
COMMUNITY
LIBRARY

Do you like to read but can no longer get to the Library?

Wollaston Community Library is now offering a free Home Delivery Service. Every few weeks a Library volunteer will bring to your home a selection of books. Just let us know the type of books you prefer – crime, history, romance etc. or large print and we will do our best to choose something we hope you will enjoy reading.

For more information please telephone 01604 368255 when we are open.

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We look forward to hearing from you soon.

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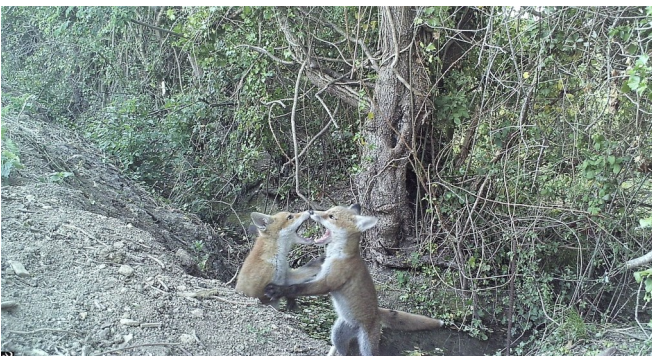
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Community Centre & Pre-school
Management Committee



Wollaston Parish Council

Wollaston Parish Council's statement on the new Community Centre & Pre-school

For Information Only

Wollaston residents will have seen that the Hookhams Path development work has started and we expect that the new homes will be built over the next few years. As part of the development agreement, Bloor Homes are legally required to allocate a fixed % of funds, called S106, to specified projects in the Wollaston community. This agreement has now been signed and details were published in the first edition of the revised village magazine, Wollaston Together from March 2022, which can be found at www.wollastontgether.co.uk.

Also, the owners of the Hookhams Path land, The Duchy of Lancaster, have granted Wollaston Parish Council a plot of land for a proposed new Community Hub. This is located in the field opposite the Main School.

The grant of land can only be used for a Pre-School and Community Hub, and the Parish Council will now take the next step and meet with architects to prepare plans which will show what a future Pre-School and Community Hub will look like. When the Parish Council is satisfied with the plans, they will be presented to the Community.

The current Pre-School at the existing Village Hall is unable to provide full day facilities, as the hall is used by many other village organisations. This is putting the Busy Bees Pre-School under severe financial pressure. The new Pre-School building on the new Community Hub site will be independent of the new Hub and able to offer full day facilities to the Village children, while allowing other groups in the village to use the main building at the same time

The land donated to the village is 0.3 hectares which is 2.5 times larger than the current Village Hall site. There is space to create an energy efficient building which will have a self-contained Pre-School and a Community Hub, whose design could also incorporate a theatre format.

The Parish Council will look to present plans to the Community by the Autumn together with an idea of construction costs and required funding.

Wollaston Parish Council - 25th May 2022



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