# Witney Town Council Summer Newsletter

**5oth Anniversary Edition** 

August 2024





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From parks to cafes, shopping centres to the street, young people spend time in these areas more than most. Making these areas safe and empowering can change the way different generations cohabit Witney.

The Station is a new detached youth service for the young people of Witney born out of discussions held with local authorities, youth groups and other organisations after a gap in youth support and provision was identified in 2023.

Read more about how the Town Council is addressing this need by funding The Station





## WINIEY CARNIVAIG



#### **PARADE**

The Witney Carnival featured Witney Town Councillors costumed in the parade with the theme of Trumpton and Camberwick Green.

Look at those outfits!

#### **CONSULTATIONS**

We also had consultations for the upcoming Sports and Social Area coming to Ralegh Crescent and improvements to the current Splash Park at the Leys (more on the next page).





#### **CRAFT TABLE**

Witney Town Council hosted a crafting table where we encouraged young people to create nature habitats, stained "glass" hanging fish and flowers, and build bugs from a variety of card cut-outs. Nature -themed and nature-friendly!

# Splash Park Consultation



At the Witney Carnival, we held a consultation to gather opinions for future improvements to the Splash Park.





gathered due to everyone taking part

and sticking a star sticker on their choice!



We also have a digital version of this survey which will be taking responses until 09/08/24, so feel free to give your opinion buy clicking this link or scanning the QR code above.



# Schools in Bloom at the Witney Carnival

It's time to reveal the champions of the Schools
In Bloom 2024 wheelbarrows contest!

The competition was open to all Witney Primary Schools, with a special 'guest barrow' entry from Witney's young people's support charity, Synolos. The theme this year was 'budding friendships' and we asked the schools to create a barrow that could be passed on to a care home, retirement village or similar.

As always, our schools were absolutely on point with fulfilling the brief. The barrows included colourful pollinator friendly planting, something that always scores well with the judges. Many of them included insect habitats home made from natural materials.

The judging, carried out at the Witney Carnival, was extremely busy this year with 670 people casting a vote!



People's Choice Winner Our Lady of Lourdes School



Rotary Club Award Winner Springfield Primary School



Mayor's Award Winner Queen Emma's School

Congratulations to all entrants for another fantastic year of outstanding barrow designs. Thank you for your participation and dedication.

# DOG FOULING

The majority of dog walkers behave responsibly and bag and bin their dog's poo – thank you. But to those who do not, here is an important message:

Dog mess is a major public concern. It is considered one of the most unacceptable and offensive types of litter in our public spaces. It's a significant issue for many, including dog owners, not only because of the mess it creates but also due to health risks.

For these reasons, it is crucial for dog walkers to clean up after their pets, regardless of the location. Don't assume it's acceptable to leave it in an isolated field or hidden in long grass.

Please avoid walking or exercising your dog in designated children's play areas and prevent your dog from pooing on marked sports pitches. Our sports teams have to clean up dog mess from the pitches each week before they can play.

Witney Town Council is receiving more complaints than ever about this issue.

Finding increasing amounts of dog mess in cemeteries is particularly sensitive and upsetting. There are reminders about cleaning up after your dog on all the new noticeboards at the entrances to our cemeteries, play areas and the Lake and Country Park. There are plenty of bins in the cemetery, and all dogs must be on leads while in Tower Hill or Windrush Cemetery.

We ask you to be particularly vigilant if your dog is with you. Keep it close and be aware of what it is doing at all times.

Let's respect the cemetery and its purpose. Remember that it is meant to be a place of reflection and remembrance, and ensure that no visitors are distressed by careless dog owners who do not clean up after their pets.

Here's what the law says about dog fouling:

Dog fouling occurs when a person allows a dog in their care to foul in a public place and fails to clean it up immediately. Failure to clear up dog fouling on public land is a criminal offence, and anyone found neglecting this duty can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice. Public places include roads, gutters, footpaths, verges, pedestrian areas, parks, school playing fields, sports grounds, and cemeteries.

You can be fined for not clearing up, but it's such a quick task that there is no valid reason for not doing it and taking the risk. Carry bags with you and make it your business to deal with your dog's business.







Looking for things to occupy your young people over the summer holidays? We have a handy list of activities, some paid and some free. There is something for everyone from toddlers with their mums to young adults.

PLEASE CLICK THE ACTIVITY LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION

JULY - WEEK 1

2024

MON 22	TUES 23	WED 24	THURS 25	FRI 26
Cokethorpe Camps Multi- Activity Day Camp 5yrs - 13 yrs	Cokethorpe Camps Multi- Activity Day Camp  Syrs - 13 yrs	Cokethorpe Camps Multi- Activity Day Camp  5yrs - 13 yrs	Cokethorpe Camps Multi- Activity Day Camp  Syrs - 13 yrs	Cokethorpe Camps Multi- Activity Day Camp  Syrs - 13 yrs
			APCAM Mental Health Drop-in Sessions - Carterton  1lyrs+	Witney Library: Junk Modelling - Summer Reading Challenge 3yrs+

#### JULY/AUGUST - WEEK 2

2024

MON 29	TUES 30	WED 31	THURS 1	FRI 2
Cokethorpe Camps Multi- Activity Day Camp 5yrs - 13 yrs	Cokethorpe Camps Multi- Activity Day Camp 5yrs - 13 yrs	Cokethorpe Camps Multi- Activity Day Camp 5yrs - 13 yrs	Cokethorpe Camps Multi- Activity Day Camp 5yrs - 13 yrs	Cokethorpe Camps Multi- Activity Day Camp 5yrs - 13 yrs
	Stay and Play Session 'Something Good' 10am -12pm   High Street Methodist Church 3yrs - 10yrs	Witney Library: Origami Cats and Dogs and Storytime - Summer Reading Challenge 3yrs+	Witney Library: Puzzle Making - Summer Reading Challenge 3yrs+	Witney Library: People's Theatre Collective - A Home for Harmony 3yrs+
	Corn Exchange Film Club: Summer Holidays 6yrs - 10yrs	Witney Library: Lego Makers - Summer Reading 3yrs+ Challenge	Corn Exchange Film Club: Summer Holidays  9yrs+ (12A-Rated Films)	
The Station KICK - Detached Youth Work Olyrs - 16yrs		The Station KICK - Detached Youth Work 10yrs - 16yrs	Family Play Day - 11am to 3pm   West Witney Sports Up to 13yrs d Social Club	The Station KICK - Detached Youth Work loyrs - l6yrs
	APCAM Mental Health Drop- in Sessions - Witney 10 - 2pm   Witney Corn Exchange Gallery Room 11yrs+		APCAM Mental Health Drop- in Sessions - Carterton	
	Cygnets Art School - Week 1 China Syrs - 13yrs	Cygnets Art School - Week 1 China 5yrs - 13yrs	<u>Cygnets Art School - Week 1</u> <u>China</u> <u>Syrs - 13yrs</u>	



5yrs - 13yrs



AUGUST -	WEEK 3			2024
MON 5	TUES 6	WED 7	THURS 8	FRI 9
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	Witney Library: Make Your Own Top Trumps Card Game - Summer Reading Challenge 3yrs+	Witney Library: Lego Makers - Summer Reading Challenge 3yrs+		Witney Library: Junk Modelling - Summer Reading Challenge 3yrs+
	Corn Exchange Film Club: Summer Holidays 6yrs - 10yrs	Free Summer Family Fun with Home-Start Oxford Under 5yrs, open to older siblings	Corn Exchange Film Club: Summer Holidays (12A-Rated Films)	
The Station KICK - Detached Youth Work  10yrs - 16yrs	Stay and Play Session  'Something Good'  10am -12pm   High Street  Methodist Church  3yrs - 10yrs	The Station KICK - Detached Youth Work		The Station KICK - Detached Youth Work
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	APCAM Mental Health Drop- in Sessions - Witney 10 - 2pm   Witney Corn 11yrs+		APCAM Mental Health Drop- in Sessions - Carterton 11yrs+	

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Summer Holidays Reading Challenge <u>Summer Reading Challenge</u> (12A-Rated Films) <u>Challenge</u> 3vrs+ 6yrs - 10yrs 3vrs+ 3vrs+ Stay and Play Session VR Day with Witney Town Witney Library: Lego Makers

Council - 4pm - 8pm | Corn - Summer Reading 10am -12pm High Street Exchange Main Hall Methodist Church 3yrs - 10yrs 3yrs+ APCAM Mental Health Drop

'Something Good'

<u>Greece</u>

5yrs - 13yrs

Free Summer Family Fun APCAM Mental Health Drop-10 - 2pm | Witney Corn in Sessions - Carterton with Home-Start Oxford 11yrs+ change Gallery Room Under 5yrs, open to older siblings

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# **AUGUST - WEEK 6**

MON 26	TUES 27	WED 28	THURS 29	FRI 30
Cokethorpe Camps Multi- Activity Day Camp 5yrs - 13 yrs	Corn Exchange Film Club: Summer Holidays 6yrs - 10yrs	Free Summer Family Fun with Home-Start Oxford Under 5yrs, open to older siblings	Corn Exchange Film Club: Summer Holidays (12A-Rated Films) 9yrs+	
	Stay and Play Session 'Something Good' 10am -12pm   High Street Methodist Church 3yrs - 10yrs	Witney Library: <u>Lego</u> <u>Makers - Summer Reading</u> <u>Challenge</u> 3yrs+		Witney Library: Straw Bridges - Summer Reading Challenge 3yrs+
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# Free summer family fun!

#### **Every Wednesday in August**

(7th, 14th, 21st, 28th)

#### Different activities every week!

Free picnic, games, blankets/toys for babies.

#### TIME:

10am - 12pm

#### **VENUE:**

Oxlease Play Park, Church Lane, OX28 3AL (next to Cogges)

All our family events are FREE. No booking required.

Contact jan@homestartoxford.org.uk

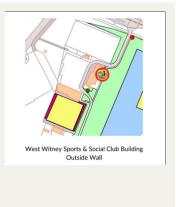
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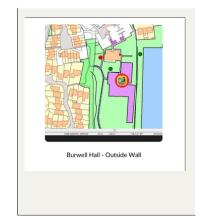


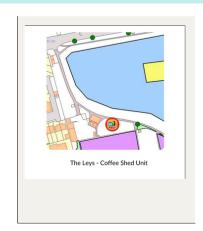
Here is a list and maps showing the locations of defibrillators that Witney Town Council maintains. There are many more to be found across the town but these are the ones that the Council has installed, or been gifted or taken on responsibility for and check regularly.

It is worth noting that all WTC maintained defibs are installed on external walls of buildings or other outside places. They are accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

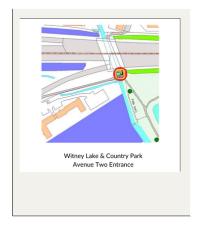
Our defibrillators are all registered on 'The Circuit' which first responders use when looking for a unit. https://www.thecircuit.uk/

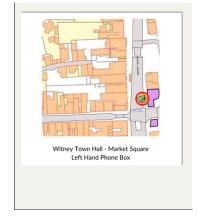






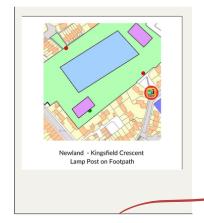






Club Building -Outside Wall
2 Burwell Hall - Outside Wall
3 The Leys - Coffee Shed Unit
4 Witney Lake & Country Park Avenue Two Entrance
5 Witney Town Hall - Market
Square - Left Hand Phone Box
6 Newland - Kingsfield Crescent
- Lamp Post on Footpath

1 West Witney Sports & Social





## **D-DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY**



participated in the historic battle.

The event featured moving performances by the Witney Town Band, a solemn service conducted by the air cadets and army cadets, and poignant readings about local soldiers who took part in D-Day.

The event drew in hundreds of attendees, all gathered to pay their respects and light a lantern in memory of the fallen heroes. It was a heart-warming and emotional time, bringing the community together to reflect on the significance of the day and to honour those who fought for freedom and peace.

# Witney Wild Gardens

Submit your wild garden for the chance to win a £25 garden voucher!

Leaving your garden to grow can give huge gains to your local environment, so do your bit for nature: nothing at all!

Councillors will be judging the gardens and deciding a winner before the end of September, so get your gardens in quick!



Send your pictures to this email here: info@witney-tc.gov.uk =



# Eco-Champion enjoys tour around Witney Lake

Litter picker and Ecological Warrior Lois recently was given the exciting opportunity to tour the Witney Lake and Country Park with our Bio-diversity and Green Spaces Officer Carl, featuring Lois' grandad!





She graciously accepted the responsibility of opening the newly installed rubbing posts with Witney's Mayor, Cllr Owen Collins. Click the link below for a PDF version of the booklet you can print at home.

https://www.witneytc.gov.uk/witney-lake-andcountry-park-biodiversitypage/maps-and-leaflets/



# VOLUNTEER THANK YOU PICNIC

As a thank you to our dedicated and hard-working volunteers, and also part of our 50th anniversary celebrations, we hosted an afternoon picnic at the Witney Lake with cakes, sandwiches, and a lovely view of the paddling ducks.





The work of our volunteers never goes unnoticed

#### THE WITNEY SHED

The Witney Shed collaborates by creating wooden animal habitats, signage posts, and the tern raft in Witney Lake using provided designs. They receive wood in return and repurpose discarded plastic for signage backing and bird box roofing.

#### COMMUNITY GARDENERS

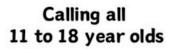
Community gardeners from various organizations like Burwell Community Garden, Edible Gardens, and Witney Horticultural Society maintain public spaces, creating pollinator-friendly oases with reused seeds and cuttings, open composting, and water-saving practices. Their efforts require yearround work to keep the areas vibrant and sustainable.

#### COUNTRY PARK VOLUNTEERS

Country Park volunteers have transformed the area into a habitat for over 110 bird species and numerous insects. They assist the Green Spaces team with tasks like maintaining the park and lake, including litter picking and removing invasive plants.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET INVOLVED WITH VOLUNTEERING AT THE WITNEY LAKE AND COUNTRY PARK, CONTACT US OR VISIT OUR VOLUNTEERING WEBPAGE

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2024







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## 50th Anniversary events

# IR Day

Monday 19th August 4pm - 8pm
Our Young People's Event
Formula 1 Racing, VR
Roller Coaster VR Walk the
Plank, Retro Arcade
Cabinet, Basketball and
Table Hockey





Tuesday 8th October 1pm
A matinee film and
refreshments for our older
residents in the wellequiped Corn Exchange
Cinema.

# o'sthemed

Date and Time TBC

Harking back to the decade WTC was created.

A fancy dress disco where you can dance the night away to all your favourite 70s tunes.



# Topy WEW Coches



Drop right into the 1863 Café

at the Witney Corn Exchange Cafe 1863



New to the Corn Exchange is Icecream for dogs!

On hot summer days, your pooch needs an icecream just as much as you do, so head down to the Market Square, get an icecream, and give your dog a break out of the sun.





#### **CORN EXCHANGE**

WITNEY

#### WHAT'S ON?

#### **Regular Events**

Coffee Morning 1st Thursday Every Month 9:00am - 12pm

Open Mic 1st Thursday Every Month 7:00pm - 10:00pm

**Tea Dance Every Wednesday** 1pm

Live Jazz

**Classic Cinema** 2nd & 4th Tues Every Month 7:30pm

**Arts Lectures** 1st Friday Every Month 7:30pm 2nd Thursday Every Month See website for times

#### **Upcoming Shows & Screenings**

**Grease Sing-A-Long** Friday 12th July 7pm

**1863 Bar Live Music** Friday 12th July 8pm

Golden Era Show (50s/60s) Friday 19th July 7:30pm

> Witney Jazz Special Saturday 20th July 7:30pm

1863 Bar Live Music Friday 26th July 8pm

Mynt Image Market Saturday 27th July 9:00am - 5:00pm

1863 Bar Live Music 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th August 8pm

> Over The Hill Fest **Monday 26th August** From 1pm

Wedding Fayre Saturday 31st August 11:00am - 3:00pm

Disco Inferno 4th-7th September 1:45pm/7:30pm

Witney Jazz (date change) Saturday 14th September 7:30pm

Mynt Image Market Saturday 21st September 9:00am - 5:00pm

Fistful of Mondays 24th - 28th September 2:00pm / 7:30pm

Witney Wine Festival Saturday 5th October 2pm-5pm & 6pm-9pm

**ELVIS Tribute** Friday 11th October 7:30pm

**Works of Queen (tribute)** Saturday 12th October 7:30pm



#### MORE EVENTS TBA!

TICKETS & MORE INFO WWW.CORNEXCHANGEWITNEY.ORG.UK/WHATS-ON

# LIVE & ACOUSTIC



#### CORN EXCHANGE WITNEY AND **SMARTS FISH & CHIPS**

**FEAMING UP ON MARKET SQUARE WITH LIVE** MUSIC OUTSIDE THE CORN EXCHANGE FROM 8PM

## THE LINEUP

**SOMETHING SWEET FRIDAY 12TH JULY** 

**FLO & GEORGE FRIDAY 26TH JULY** 

**MATT RUSS** FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST **GEORGIA & PAUL FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST** 

**DAVE GILES FRIDAY 23RD AUGUST** 

**JOE HANNAN FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST** 

20:00 - 22:00

THE DEALS £12.50 £10

£12.50

**FISH & CHIPS MEAL** WITH MUSHY PEAS OR CURRY SAUCE





### **Community Speedwatch**



Witney had another successful and positive Community Speedwatch session last week. Volunteers monitored the speed of almost three hundred vehicles. As before, the majority of drivers were travelling at safe and responsible speeds.

Local residents were pleased to see the Speedwatch team and keen to thank them for helping to make the community safer, by encouraging motorists to be aware of their speed.

More sessions are planned and if this is something you would like to get involved with, please contact the Witney Traffic Advisory Committee, via the town council, on 01993 704379. You can find out more about Community Speedwatch on their website: Community Speedwatch

#### INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR TOWN COUNCIL



It's easy to keep up to date with our meetings and the agendas, minutes and reports that pertain to them. You'll find information on our councillors, important documents and information, and you can also subscribe to updates here.

**CLICK THE IMAGE** 

If you are one of our partner organisations, or receive grant funding from Witney Town Council and would like to submit an article about your organisation, please contact <a href="mailto:communications@witney-tc.gov.uk">communications@witney-tc.gov.uk</a>.

Our Spring edition is always tight on space as it is a paper version and contains information about how the Town Council spends money as well as a Residents' Satisfaction Survey, but we can offer space in other issues. The Newsletter is currently issued quarterly.



#### SIGN UP TO THE NEWSLETTER

You can sign up to receive digital issues of our newsletter. Drop an email to communications@witney-tc.gov.uk with the subject line - Newsletter sign up.

#### **NEXT TIME**

Our next issue is due in the Autumn. Let us know what you would like to see more of.