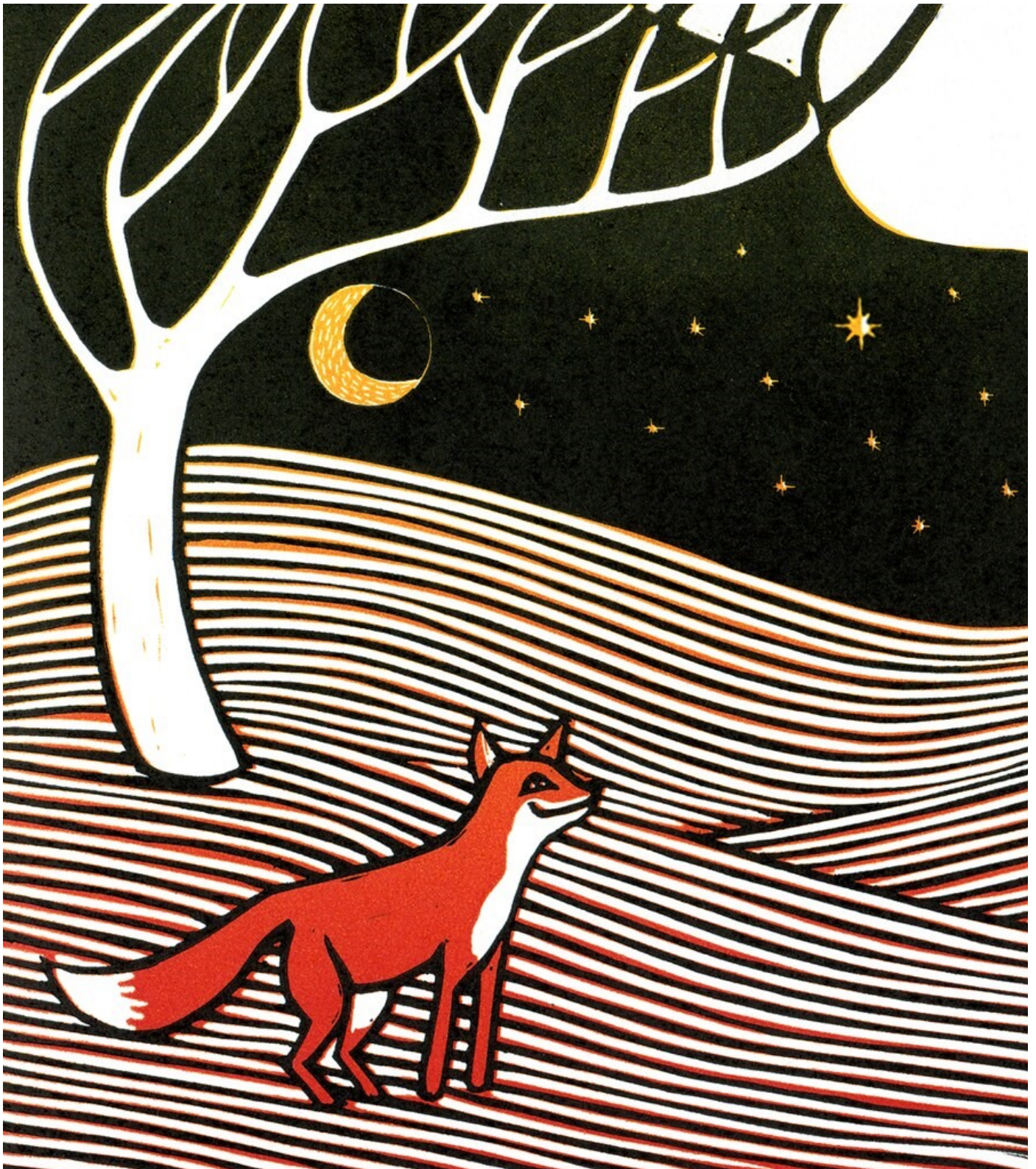


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October 6 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 St Leonard's Waterstock (Harvest)
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 St Bartholomew's Holton (Harvest) 5.00pm St Mary's Waterperry (Harvest)
October 20 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup>	The Vicar is having a knee replacement so for service information please look out for notices on Facebook pages and via email announcements.
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 St Leonard's Waterstock
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.50 St Bartholomew's Holton (Remembrance) 10.50 War memorial Waterstock (Remembrance) 6.00pm St Mary's Waterperry (Remembrance)

### **St Leonard's Waterstock**

#### **Flowers and cleaning rota**

October 6th	C. Tyce
October 13th	G. Spencer
October 20th	S. Manisty
October 27th	S. Manisty
November 3rd	C. Tyce
November 10th	R. Day

#### **Mowing rota**

M. Spencer

### **St Mary's Waterperry**

#### **Flower rota**

October 6th	Jacqui & Rebecca
October 13th	
October 20th	Susan Fonge
October 27th	Jacqui
November 3rd	Susan Fonge

# *Letter from the Vicarage*

Hello,

What do you associate with October. It's the month the leaves start to turn and fall and the month that the clocks go back, which always provokes a bit of sadness in me as I contemplate the darkness of the coming winter. For the Germans (and increasingly many other nations round the world) the month starts with Oktoberfest. This actually begins in September and is held in Munich and is the largest 'folk festival' in the world regularly attracting six million visitors. It has spawned copy-cat Oktoberfests all round the world all attracting tens and in some cases hundreds of thousands of visitors.

The first Oktoberfest was held in 1810 and included horse races and fairground activities. The horse racing was a regular feature up until the 1960s – I suppose it was felt it took up too much beer drinking time, after all over 7.7 million litres don't just drink themselves. According to Wikipedia the origin of the festival was when Kronprinz Ludwig, later King Ludwig I, married Princess Therese of Saxe-Hildburghausen on 12 October 1810 and the citizens of Munich were invited to attend the festivities held on the fields in front of the city gates to celebrate the royal event. Any excuse for a few beers – anyway over 200 years later the festival is bigger than ever and has successfully exported itself across the globe.

You can go to an Oktoberfest in the US (a number in different places), Canada, Brazil (one of the largest attracting over 700,000 visitors), Argentina, Australia, Chile, China, Russia, Sri Lanka and a number of other countries. Clearly all are united in their love of beer drinking! It occurs to me that the UN might be a good deal more successful if it operated on the same principle. That is getting everyone together to drink beer.

If we go way back to Old Testament times there were three festivals that were held in October. The Feast of Trumpets (Rosh Hashanah) was a time of repentance and introspection. The Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) was a day for seeking reconciliation with God and atonement for sins and the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot) was the second of the celebrations of the harvest and a remembrance of the exodus from Egypt. It is a time, 7 or 8 days depending on where you are, for thankfulness and 'dwelling' with God. Booths of branches and leaves are made. These are a remembrance of the temporary dwellings used in the exodus from Egypt and also by farmers during harvest time as they lived temporarily in their fields and vineyards.

As Christians we can take all the meaning from these festivals and celebrate them in the life of Christ. Christ came as the means by which God reconciled himself to humanity – if the exodus from Egypt meant the physical salvation from slavery the coming of Jesus represents the spiritual salvation from the slavery of sin and death. So while in our northern hemisphere during October the days shorten and the leaves start to fall the message of the festivals of the month is of hope and salvation, thankfulness and joy.

So raise a glass with the millions around the world celebrating Oktoberfest and remember that the God of the harvest and of Exodus is alongside celebrating with us.

Stay blessed,

*David*  
Rev David Bendor-Samuel  
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# **Holton Parish Council**

## **Planning Applications:**

Appeal reference: APP/Q3115/C/24/3348330.

Appeal lodged against the Enforcement Notice at St. Andrews Field, Holton.

## **Holton Road Safety Week - 17<sup>th</sup> November – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024**

Its going to be time to put out the scarecrows again!

The last time we had scarecrows in the village was November 2021 and the winner that year was Dominique Smith. We have previously had scarecrows in various forms all wearing hi-vis to remind vehicles to drive safely and pedestrians to take care and wear hi-vis garments.

Scarecrows to be put out on the verges from 17<sup>th</sup> November.

Let's beat our previous record of 17 scarecrows in Holton!

## **The Road Safety Group**

The Road Safety Group will be circulating a memo with the October News asking for comment and contributions from Holton residents regarding road safety issues in the village.

The next meeting of the group will be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024 from 6.30 pm in Holton Village Hall Committee Room.

All welcome to come along and share your views on road safety in the village.

## **Holton Parish Council – Notice of conclusion of Annual Audit. Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024.**

The external audit has been completed and all documents and the Annual Return are published on the Holton Parish Council website. The Annual Return is available for inspection by any local government elector in the area of Holton Parish Council during the hours of 9.00 am to 6.00 pm Monday to Friday by arrangement with the Clerk – contact details below.

## **Household Waste Bins**

A request from village residents to all villagers – Please do not put your waste bins out days earlier than the collection day or leave them out after they have been emptied.

The general advice from SODC is not to put bins out before 6.00 pm prior to the collection day unless absolutely necessary.

## **The Victoria Reading Room Charity**

Following on from consultation with the village over the past few years.

The Victoria Reading Room Charity has now been closed, the bank account closed and the funds of £3,176.12 transferred to the Holton Village Hall Deposit Account.

Holton Village Hall was the sole beneficiary of the Charity and funds must be used for the upkeep of the hall.

**Wheatley Park School – Cyclocross event on October 6<sup>th</sup> 2024.**

Races for all age groups and adults – Entry forms and more information on the Wheatley Park School website - and see separate article later in this magazine.

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024 starting 7.00 pm** In Holton Village Hall Committee Room.

Agendas will be on the village notice boards and Parish Council website.

Contact details below.

Clerk to Holton Parish Council (Sonja Barter)

Home Farm House, Holton, Oxford OX33 1QA

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## *Holton & Waterperry W.I.*

Well, we rolled home merrily after our gin tasting session at our September meeting - well, not really but it was an interesting and unusual evening provided by Bob and Jenny Clark from Chalgrove Artisan Gin Distillery. They had samples of their distillations all named after Oxfordshire post codes and we were fortunate to taste as many times as we wished, with added ginger beer or soda. Bob and Jenny started the business upon nearing retirement. The basis of gin is juniper, orris root, angelica and coriander plus the addition of botanicals. This is where each flavour differs as botanicals could be apple, quince, herbs, seeds or plants and all made to Jenny's secret recipe. They had 8 or 10 different award winning flavours for us to enjoy.

Our produce stall was once again well supported thanks to everyone's efforts.

By the time the magazine comes out Julia will have led another walk—this time on the 23rd September, a circular walk from Thame to Moreton with tea at the Monkey Puzzle in Thame. Many members signed up.

We look forward to reading reports of our social activities on the 4th July, election day. This will be a valuable social document which we last penned in 1982. Three current members contributed then and have been members over the last 42 years.

Holton and Waterperry WI will run a tombola stall at the apple pressing day at the village hall on Saturday October 5th at 2.30pm. Please do support us and have fun.

Our future events before Christmas (apart from meetings) will include a visit to the gin distillery and a meal out at a venue to be decided.

Our next meeting is on the 1st October when it is our 75th birthday celebration with a ploughmans supper, birthday cake, fizz and soft drink. We look forward to that.

*Barbara Martin*

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## **Cyclo-cross at Wheatley Park School,** **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

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It will be a great opportunity for anyone who enjoys cycling with a serviceable bike capable of riding on grass and mud to get a taste of competition in a safe, friendly and supportive environment. There is a 'novice' category that would be suitable for first-timers and entry is via the British Cycling website:

<https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/events/details/307232/CCXL-Season-202425-Round-4-Hosted-by-Bicester-Millennium-CC>

(You don't have to be a member of British Cycling to take part.)

Cyclocross also makes a great spectator sport, so if you're not quite ready to take to the start line, make a date in your diary to come along and support the riders for free.

**For more details, contact Tim Martin, headteacher (and cyclocross enthusiast) at Wheatley Park via [head@wheatleypark.org](mailto:head@wheatleypark.org).**

## **Dr Rogers Trust** **Educational Grants for Young People in Holton**

The Dr Rogers Trustees will be meeting in November 2024 to consider applications from apprentices, trainees and students, aged 14 to 21, who are resident in the parish of Holton, for grants to assist in the purchase of books and equipment or towards the cost of educational trips or courses.

A maximum of 2 grants per applicant will be considered, the first whilst at school and the second for undertaking further education up to the age of 21.

If you would like further information, please contact:

Carol Johnston, Trustee/Clerk, Chance Cottage, Holton

Email: [carol.johnstonfj@btinternet.com](mailto:carol.johnstonfj@btinternet.com)

Applications **MUST** be made **in writing** to the above by **3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024**.

## **Holton Road Safety Working Party Consultation – Update**

Thank you to those who have already sent in suggestions about road safety issues in Holton. They are very welcome and helpful.

Because of the timing of various meetings in the village, when the topic is likely to arise, we've extended the date for comments to be made until **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October.**

Please send your thoughts (as text, photos or whatever) to:  
**reports@velocita.co.uk or to clerk@holtonparishcouncil.org.uk.**

For email problems or other help call Ian Beach on: 07802 615933.

**Please include your contact details** so we can seek your extra advice if needed.

Your comments will not be attributed to you publicly.  
Your contact details will only be used for this exercise alone.

*Allan East  
Holton Parish Council*

## **Holton Cock and Bull**

With the inevitable impacts of climate change, we have a couple of stories this month featuring wild coastal weather.

At the height of a gale, an Aberdeen harbourmaster radioed the local coastguard and asked for an estimate of wind strength. The coastguard replied that he could not be precise as he did not have an anemometer but, if it was any help, the wind had just blown his Landrover off the cliff.

While undertaking a routine patrol, Norfolk coastguards encountered a woman on an inflatable set of teeth. Unprepared for the strong offshore currents she had been swept out to sea. Returning to shore they then picked up a man on an inflatable lobster, who was apparently making a rescue attempt. The coastguards stated that this happens regularly.

*Name and address supplied*

# **Holton Village Hall**

[www.holtonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.holtonvillagehall.co.uk)

## **Afternoon Teas at the Village Hall.**

The afternoon teas at the Village Hall continue to be successful. Many thanks to everyone who helps for all their hard work. The dates in October will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, these will be from 2.30pm until 4.00pm as normal. These events are really enjoyed by all who attend so come along for Tea, Coffee, Cake and a chat with friends and neighbours.

## **Apple Pressing Saturday 5th October**

The event will commence at 2.30pm and there will also be a Tombola run by the local W.I. Refreshments, tea, coffee and cake will be available in the Hall and cold cider will also be on sale. Bring along your apples to press into delicious juice and don't forget to bring your bottles/containers to take your juice home in. If you don't have your own apples, still come along as there will be apples available to pick in the Orchard. If you are able, please bring along your chopping board and knife.

## **Road Safety Week November 17<sup>th</sup> – November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Yes, the scarecrows are back. In conjunction with National Road Safety week the Village Road Safety Committee are once again running Holton Road Safety Week. It's time to put out the scarecrows once again, all wearing hi-vis to remind drivers that the speed-limit in Holton is **20 mph**. Lets beat our previous record of 17 scarecrows in Holton, so start building your scarecrows now.

## **Booking the Village Hall**

If you would like to book the Village Hall please call **07873 857063** or please E-mail [bookings@holtonvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:bookings@holtonvillagehall.co.uk).

Mel Ault



## **October Birthdays**



A very Happy Birthday this month to:

Damian who will be turning to 11  
Yvie-Mae who will be turning 14  
Miliyana who will be turning 14  
Amelie who will be turning 15

(to have a birthday included in the magazine, please email Dominique - [domisqueak@gmail.com](mailto:domisqueak@gmail.com))





# Waterperry Gardens

## **Apple Weekend: Sat 12 & Sun 13 Oct, 10am till 5pm**

A great family day out where you will be able to sample and buy many of our different types of juices. Advice and information on growing, planting, apple identification and selecting trees and rootstock will be freely available on the day. Buy goodies at the craft and food fair, take a tour of the orchards & fruit sheds including a behind-the-scenes visit to see our apple press in action (tours £4 per adult or free with garden entrance and for season ticket holders). Not forgetting the Tea Shop will be offering a fruity menu all weekend so be sure to visit whilst you're here!

## **Waterperry Spooky Halloween Hunt: 26 Oct - 3 Nov**

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- Consultations and ways for residents to share their perspective ...and much more!

This week talked about funding opportunities, winter jabs, getting electric blanket tested, having a say on women's health, checking eligibility on pension credit and home upgrade grant.

Oxfordshire County Council said ... *'as we enter a new political era for Oxfordshire, we would love for more residents to receive and read this newsletter (if they are not registered already) to ensure they receive all news and updates.*

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*Dawn Leopard  
Waterperry with Thomley Parish Council*



## Recipe: Gingerbread

2 cups SR flour  
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4 oz butter  
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1 teaspoon Bicarbonate Soda  
1 teaspoon Ground Ginger  
1 cup Hot Milk

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- Spread into a greased baking tin and bake for around 45 minutes at 150c.

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*Holton and Waterperry WI*

# **Waterstock Golf Course - Update**

Henry Manisty provides a short update on where things stand on the Developer's Appeal against SODC's refusal of planning permission to develop the western section of the golf course site:-

*A milestone was passed on 17<sup>th</sup> September when Waterstock and the two other parties, SODC and Greystoke the developer, exchanged their Proofs (summaries) of the evidence that their witnesses will give at the Planning Inquiry. The Proofs are now available on the SODC Planning Register. There you will find submissions from Michael Tyce (Green belt, Waste & Economic Issues), Rob Arthur (Noise & Sustainable Transport), Nick Edmondson (Golf), Arabella Whelan (Equestrian) and me (Heritage, Landscape & Ecology). Supporting submissions were also made by Chris Shaw, (Highways and Sustainable Transport); Ben Piper, RTCT Chair (Flooding and Drainage); David Fraser RTCT CEO (Ecology); Nick Marriner (Birds); Roger Heath-Brown (Botany); Bob Flint, Technology Entrepreneur (Need), Nick Moon, CPRE's Public Rights of Way lead (PROWs) and David Youens, a Member of Waterstock Golf Club (Golf).*

*Our barrister gave our submissions a 5-star rating and we seem to be as strongly positioned as we possibly could be. Thanks are due to all those who devoted time to preparing their Proofs, and also to Michael Talbot, who produced superb graphics to illustrate points being made, as well as providing constant technical support. Particular thanks too to those from outside Waterstock who, in each case, prepared excellent Proofs.*

*This is a complicated planning case with **so many** issues contested. The SODC planning lead says she has never encountered anything as complicated. It has certainly felt that way to those Waterstockians taking part in the preparations.*

*The next stage is the Planning Inquiry itself, which begins on 15 October at Cholsey.*

*Try and be there for the first day at least, where the barristers for the 3 parties will make their opening statements, and perhaps attend on other days to support our witnesses.*

*Henry Manisty*



# *Waterstock News*

The last month has been a busy month in the village socially. Significant wedding anniversaries and big birthdays have been well celebrated with the appropriate musical accompaniment.

It's all change at Red Fox Barn in Park Farm Yard. Goodbye to Jamie and Emily and hello to Jamie and Emily, which keeps things simple for those who struggle with names! Romeo the dog has moved in too. The New Jamie is Oxford United's goal keeper and he and Emily run a business together called Mighty Slice, producing high protein desserts. Emily said to get in touch if any one would like to sample their delicious and nutritious cheesecakes.

September 14th was the day of the annual Historic Churches Trust "Ride + Stride" to raise money for the upkeep of historic churches from which Waterstock has recently benefited. The idea of the fundraiser is that people get themselves sponsored to visit as many churches as they can that day where they 'sign in.' Of the money they raise half goes to their own church and half to the fund itself. Even though Waterstock had no riders or striders this year and only one visitor to the church during the whole day, we somehow raised a magnificent £220 as if by a miracle but actually through the generosity of Waterstock folk.

Continuing the theme of the generosity of the people of Waterstock, can I remind you about the annual British Legion Poppy appeal. I will be round the village with the poppies once the appeal is launched at the end of October. But do you ever wonder where all those poppies come from?

The answer is the Poppy Factory in Richmond upon Thames.

Major George Howson MC founded the Poppy Factory in 1922. His vision was to provide work for wounded, sick and injured veterans of the First World War. A thriving community of veterans was quickly established in Richmond Upon Thames and the legacy continues today. During his working life Nick had the responsibility of supplying the red and green paper used in the making of the poppies and had the privilege of touring the factory on several occasions as well as attending The Field of Remembrance Service at Westminster Abbey, first held in 1928 and attended by members of the Royal Family. Preparation for the next year's Remembrance Day begins as soon as the previous Remembrance Day is over with the selection and ordering of carefully coloured matched paper. The work of the Poppy Factory and the British Legion helping veterans physically and mentally affected by their service transition back into a meaningful place in society continues today, so please be as generous this year as you have in the past.

Waterstock has its own little charity, the Charitable Trust of Ambrose Bennett, established in the early 17th century. Its stated aim is the relief of poverty in elderly widows and widowers in the parish of Waterstock. It has a tiny annual income but it is properly registered with the charity commission and administered by three trustees, including myself. At least one trustee is looking to step down so if anyone would like to be involved please do contact me. We usually only have one meeting a year and to be honest it's not a very onerous task to be a trustee of such a small charity and it's rewarding to feel part of a Waterstock tradition which has been going for so long.

*Susie Edmondson.*

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