



WOODSTOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Dear Subscriber,

Welcome to our March 2024 EMail Newsletter.

News from the Council

LOCAL ELECTIONS. On May 2nd this year, the full Council is coming up for re-election. This is an opportunity for new electors to step forward and stand for election - West Oxfordshire's Returning Officer will be providing details soon, with application forms. NALC (National Association of Local Councils) is running a free 'So you want to be a councillor' online event on 11th March at 6.30pm. Booking details are on their website [events page](#).

ROAD CLOSURES. Rather than publish individual road closure notices supplied by OCC, the Town Council now has a permanent link to accurate and up-to-date information - please follow [this link](#). By signing in, one is able to get EMail alerts of future road closures.

PA SYSTEM. The Council has approved the purchase of a PA system both for external events (such as Remembrance Sunday) and for use in events taking place in the Town Hall.

Forthcoming Council Meetings (all at 7pm)

Tuesday 12th March Town Council Monthly Meeting

Tuesday 26th March Annual Town Meeting (in the Community Centre)

Tuesday 16th April Town Council Monthly Meeting

Agendas are normally published on the preceding Wednesday and can be found [here](#)

Minutes from Past Meetings

Minutes from past meetings (once approved) are available to see [here](#)

Dates for your Diary

Local Cultural and other events can be found by following [this link](#). If you feel your event should be included, please EMail webmaster@woodstock-tc.gov.uk

Woodstock History Notes - Two Woodstocks

From the Middle Ages and like the contrade of Siena, the two parts of Woodstock, divided by the Glyme, considered themselves to be separate communities. For 150 years there was even a toll exacted on the citizens of Old Woodstock when entering their newer neighbour until (now) Manor Road was dis-turnpiked in 1878.

Old Woodstock`s strong sense of independent identity was – and still is - symbolised by the annual mock-mayor making and a rowdy procession across the river and into and around New Woodstock. This separateness lasted until the sudden influx of newcomers in the 1960s when Old Woodstock`s population increased from 264 persons in 1951 to over a thousand in 1989. Living in 250 newly built houses to the east of the relatively few old houses built hard up against Blenheim`s estate wall, these newcomers turned to New Woodstock for the services normally expected of any town.

By contrast, in the 14th century there were as few as six buildings in Old Woodstock, including a hospital for lepers which does not seem to have discouraged the Fellows of

Balliol College from retreating across the river to Manor Farm to escape pestilence in the city of Oxford.

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