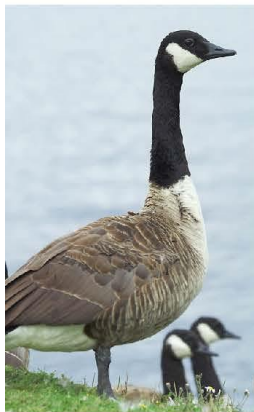




Wolvercote Commoners' NEWSLETTER September 2017

Drones over Port Meadow

Drones are becoming quite a common sight over Port Meadow and Wolvercote Common but sadly they are a danger to cattle and horses. In the last few months it has been reported that some drones have been seen flying very low and spooking the animals. Although it might be quite an impressive sight to see a herd of horses stampeding across the meadow it is perhaps not such a good thing if there are people in their path. Oxford Council have recently banned the flying of drones over any of their grounds (i.e. parks and public places etc) and of course this also applies to Port Meadow and Wolvercote Common. Whilst there is no wish to spoil anyone's fun flying these new and exiting gadgets, if you see them being flown, it might be helpful to pass on this information, obviously only as 'friendly' advice. Better to do this than see someone trampled by a herd of frightened stampeding horses!



SEPTEMBER'S COMMONERS' TALK

We continue our series of talks this month with:

'Not Just Geese'

(Birds of Wolvercote Common & Port Meadow) by **Steve Goddard**

7.30pm Thursday 28th September in the Baptist Hall

Emergency Access to

Port Meadow & Wolvercote Common

If ever there are emergencies on Port Meadow or Wolvercote Common the vehicles that need access (ambulances etc) have a problem because the major gates are locked. For this reason there is a list of key holders on the noticeboard opposite the Post Box. The main gate used for access is the Jubilee Gate on Godstow Road. Listed below are the key-holders who can be contacted if needed.

David Smith	60 Godstow Road	01865 556215
David Howlett	50 Godstow Road	01865 510785
Phillip Dove	2 Rowland Close	01865 429388
Michael Ayers	41 Wolvercote Green	01865 514878
Jo Malden	179 Godstow Road	01865 556422

Wolvercote Green and Goose Green get a summer clear up

They sychted, raked, sawed, dug, pulled reeds, stacked, had some tea (thanks Clara), sychted a bit more, raked even more, pulled more reeds, did some more digging, cleared some reeds, stopped for a picture, cleared more reeds, did a lot of tidying-up and then called it a day!

Well done and thanks to the 10 who turned up for our work day in August (apologies to the 5 who missed their photo opportunity). A lot was achieved and Wolvercote Green and Goose Green looked a lot better for it.

Footnote: Special thanks to all those who helped out at September's workday. Another great turnout.



Diary dates – Neighbourhood Forum AGM is being held on 31st October in the Village Hall

– Next Talk is Amy Godel. A Champion of TV Quiz Shows, on 23rd November venue to be confirmed

Don't forget Village Work Mornings second Saturday of every month

Meet outside the Village Hall at 10am (Bring gloves/wellies). Children welcome

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