



Wolvercote Commoners' NEWSLETTER December 2017



HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO OUR READERS

Christmas time again, which means it's also time for our now famous Commoners' Carol Concert. Don't miss out because last year there was standing room only – even father Christmas had a job getting in the room with his sack of goodies!

So come along early for your place on **Monday 18th December in the Baptist Hall starting at 6.45.** After the vocal chords have been well-exercised, why not pop across to the White Hart Community Pub where mulled wine will be served up to help warm us up.



Commoners' Work Days

It's been a busy year for our Saturday Work Day teams. They've been out there in rain or shine with scythes, trimmers and spades maintaining Wolvercote Green, Goose Green and the Common. The work is an essential part of the committees commitment to the welfare of these areas and forms part of the country stewardship scheme for which we receive our grants. So it's an extra BIG thank you to all those who came along and helped, whatever the weather!



Some of our November work team after a morning of cutting back the brambles which, if left, would gradually overrun Wolvercote Green completely.

Letters to the editor:

Dear Wolvercote Commoners

I am a happy mallard living on the Thames near your village, where everyone is so friendly and feeds us so generously. However, I have a problem which few people know about. The thing is they feed us bread which I shouldn't really eat because it's bad for me but I like it so will eat as much as I can. But too much bread can lead to obesity, malnutrition and possibly a crippling condition called 'angel wing' (it means my wings don't fold properly). Too much 'free' food also encourages my ducklings to beg for food rather than forage for it as they should. In fact I recently read an article in the Daily Duck which said that almost 6 million loaves of bread are feed to us every year!

So my favour is, can you please ask your readers to stop feeding us bread and replace it with other things such as: corn (canned, frozen or fresh), duck pellets (sold online and at pet stores), lettuce and other greens (torn into small pieces), frozen peas (defrosted), oats (rolled or instant) or seeds (including birdseed or other varieties).

I realise I'll probably still eat a bit too much but at least it will be a bit better for me!

Best wishes

Desmond



We received this poster from the White Hart Community Pub and thought we'd pass it on.

TEA & CAKE AT THE WHITE HART

Every Tuesday & Thursday
see our new time **3 till 5pm**

Tea (and coffee), home-made cakes and cookies

Join in a board game or play cards

All well-behaved dogs and children welcome!

A friendly place to meet your friends and chat over a cuppa.

We look forward to welcoming you for your sociable afternoon breaks – and you never know who you might meet!

White Hart Community Pub
174 Godstow Rd, CV3 9PQ email: whhb@compa.com tel: 01865 511978

Although not strictly Commoners' business, as the pub is such a part of the village, we thought it would be appropriate to give it as much support as possible. Many of those involved are volunteers which includes the afternoon tea sessions. And the home-made cakes are great!

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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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