



# Wolvercote Commoners'

## NEWSLETTER April 2018



### One swallow doesn't make a summer but there's new life on the Meadow!



### Wolvercote Commoners' Open Talks

Our March Commoners' talk by Nigel Fisher, the Conservator of Wytham Woods was another great success with standing room only. He told us of the unique research that has been going on there for the last 75 years, such as the longest running survey of blue tits and the 30 year study of badgers, not to mention the amazing number and variety of projects over the years. A surprising fact that came to light was that any member of the public could undertake research. If an idea is presented which the University thinks both practical and worthwhile, you could be given permission to undertake it. So if any budding scientists out there have a yearning to undertake some research, you just have to ask!

### The latest addition to the Meadow

Here with John Tohill, the Commoners' horse warden, is Molly with April, her 4-day-old foal. They would normally be out on the Meadow enjoying the new grass and freedom but, until the water levels subside, they sadly remain out of sight cooped-up in their stable.

We are pleased to announce our next talk, to be given by **Michael Buck** who will be talking about his **Cobb Houses**. He has built a number, even one in his back garden! He will be telling us about their history and how they are built. **The talk in on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30 in The Garden Room at The White Hart Community Pub.**



### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Commoners' Committee AGM

Wednesday 18th April, 7.30 in the Village Hall.

Everyone welcome. Your chance to see what we've been doing, what we may be doing and to have your say in what we should be doing.

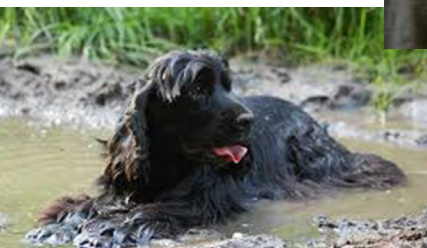
### DOG ALERT: The first case of Alabama Rot has been identified in Oxfordshire

Alabama Rot is a rare disease which only affects dogs. It is fatal in 9 out of 10 cases and there is no known cure. The cause is still unknown but it's thought that it is picked up on their paws



and legs on muddy walks. So, although there are no known cases locally, if your dog is a lover of mud, and what dog isn't, it's probably wise to wash off any excess

mud after your walk. For further information: [www.countryfile.com/news/alabama-rot-dog-disease-what-you-need-know](http://www.countryfile.com/news/alabama-rot-dog-disease-what-you-need-know)



### STOP PRESS: Victory for the Wolvercote Commoners' Committee.

We are very pleased to be able to report that, after very firm representations by the Commoners' Committee, the Oxford Council agreed to drop their plans for a wind farm on Port Meadow. It was felt this was such an important matter that we had no alternative but put pressure on the Council and insist on an immediate response. Consequently we managed to persuade the Council to hold an extraordinary meeting on the morning of Sunday 1st April.



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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 and any gardening tools you have). Children welcome

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