

Dear Residents of Kidlington,

September brought us more rain than Oxfordshire has seen since 1774. Sadly, many of you were flooded, or know someone who was. Our own Exeter Hall fell victim, and our neighbours in Yarnton and Begbroke were also hit. Oxfordshire County Council is the lead flood authority, and although the parish council has no funding or powers to deal with flooding our office staff fielded calls and helped direct residents to help. Many of our Councillors were out in the community helping to clear drains and move sandbags. We have also been collecting data which we will be using to ensure that a statutory investigation is carried out into the causes and any mitigations available.

We know that some eagle-eyed residents have noticed new markings on our village footpaths. These are for our new Skittles the Parrot Zoo trail. This sixth trail will be a 7k route taking in Garden City, Rosie, Stratfield Brake and the High Street. Further details on all of the trails can be found on the parish council website or the K5 facebook page. Walks across the Cherwell area can also be found on the [Go Jauntly](#) app. Thank you to the Healthy Place Shaping Team at Cherwell District Council for securing the funding to make this happen.

The Parrot trail was officially introduced at our 'Give it a Go' event held in September where many of you will have tried new activities ranging from Zumba and Pilates to Chair Yoga, the day was lots of fun and it was a great opportunity to try something new.

As November draws closer our attention turns to the annual Parish Fireworks Display on 5th November at Stratfield Brake. Tickets will be on sale at Exeter Hall, Cherwell Stores in Mill Street and The Broadway News Post Office (across from Sainsbury's). Come and join us for an exciting evening of entertainment with our display set to music, breath-taking fire performer and more!

Adults £6 on the door / £5 in advance
Children (3-18) £4 on the door / £3 in advance
Under 3's goes free

Our traditional Christmas Lights Switch On is happening on Thursday 28th November. We will be unveiling new lighting displays in the High Street and at The Broadway, alongside all of the normal festivities. Come and start your festive season celebrations with us and enjoy performances from the local schools, stalls and activities. KPC Councillors will be there, and we'd love to speak you!

Check out our local events page [here](#), or sign up to updates through our webpage using the QR code to keep up to date with what's going on in our area.



Feel like you have the time to get involved in our community more? We have a Parish Councillor vacancy, so if you fancy becoming a Councillor please do reach out to any of the existing Councillors to discuss what this could involve or visit the [KPC website](#) for further details.

As always, thank you for your trust and support, the Parish Council looks forward to working alongside its community, together we can achieve great things.

Warm regards,
Lesley McLean
Chair, Kidlington Parish Council