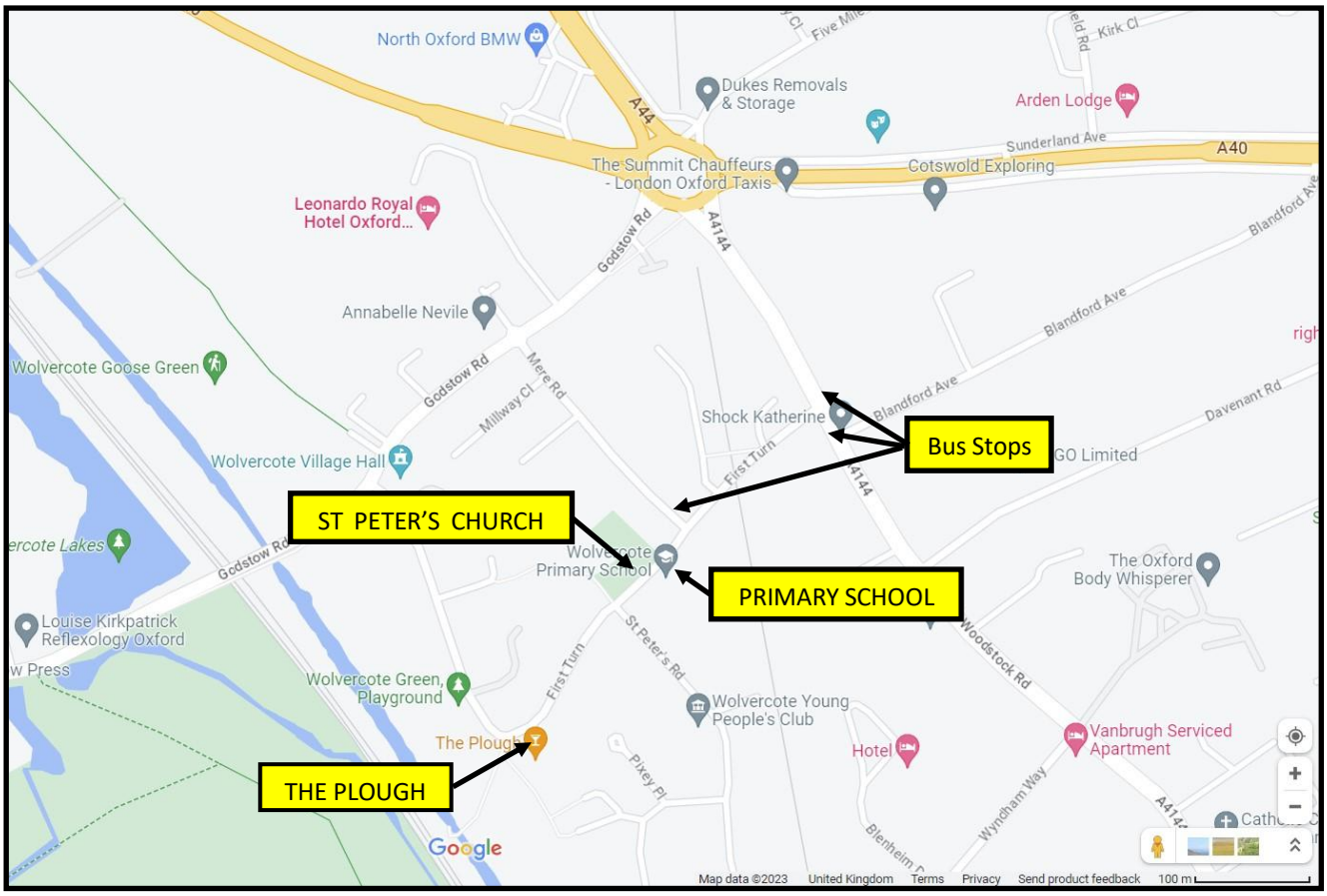
BELLOWS AND BUTTONS

MELODEONS IN WOLVERCOTE 2026

JOINING INFORMATION

The weekend is centred around Wolvercote Primary School, First Turn, Wolvercote, Oxford, OX2 8AQ. St Peter's Church, for the concert, is directly over the road from the school, and The Plough is about a quarter of a mile away on the same road.



Parking

Parking is available for the weekend on the school playground and in front of the school buildings. This is limited, and we hope that there will be sufficient parking but we ask for considerate use of the available space (please avoid the soft playground covering) and wherever possible the use of car sharing and the local public transport would be appreciated. There is limited on street parking, and please check the restrictions if doing so. Also, if choosing to park at the Leonardo Royal please check the parking restrictions as these have recently changed. Unfortunately, motor homes and camper vans cannot park in the school car park. There is a height restriction on the park & ride carpark.

Any issues, please speak to one of the team.

For the workshops

Preparations for the workshops:

> **No preparation is required in advance for any of the workshops, with the exception of some resources for Mel's Intermediate group, which has been circulated to those signed up to this group.**

Don't forget to bring a Music stand, pencil, paper, etc. for use during the workshops, if you choose to do so.

Recording during the workshops – please ask permission from the tutor before any recording either sound or video.

Friday evening

We have use of the school car park on Friday evening, and suggest meeting in the Plough for a social pint and a session. As a note, the school itself will not be open on the Friday night.

There will be an allocated room for us to have a session in The Plough on Friday evening. All instruments are welcome. Please be considerate to others of differing ability levels in the session to ensure that it is inclusive for all. As many people will have travelled by themselves please take the opportunity to introduce yourselves to someone new.

If you wish to eat at the Plough please call ahead and reserve a table. Please mention that you are part of the Bellows & Buttons melodeon weekend. 01865 556969
https://www.theploughoxford.co.uk/

Saturday

Registration is at Wolvercote Primary school at 08:45-09:45. Outline timings are as follows, full programme below.

09:45 Workshops commence.

For those who have booked, Saturday and Sunday lunches and Saturday dinner will be at the Plough, others are welcome to stay in the school to eat a packed lunch if you choose to bring one. Tea and coffee will be available at breaks and over lunch time. Please note that your pre-paid meal voucher will be given to you on arrival – please do not lose these as you will need to present these at the Plough.

Saturday evening – Tutors Concert starting at 19:30 in St Peter's Church.

The pews are quite unforgiving in the Church, so **PLEASE BRING A CUSHION**!

Sunday

10:00 Workshops commence.

In the afternoon we will learn a tune together as a group. Beginners and Absolute Beginners will stay in their groups, and the other 3 groups will all meet in the Main Hall.

Every one will meet to play the tune to end the weekend.

We hope to conclude the day by 16:30.

General

Acorn Instruments sponsor several events all over the UK and are proud to be the sponsor of Bellows and Buttons. They are also providing the loan instruments for this event. There will be a stall all weekend for you to try instruments and also for you to speak to Pete.



In other years, Lester Bailey was on hand as our resident "fettler". Unfortunately, he will not be able to join us this year, and Pete will have his tools available for any urgent repairs.

Please bring with you some "In Case of Emergency, please contact……." Details. These should be in a sealed envelope with your name on, and typically would include a contact name and phone number. The will not be accessed unless in an emergency, and all will be shredded immediately after the event. There will be a box at reception for these forms.

Feedback forms – please take a minute at the end of the event to let us know what was good and what could be better on the forms available over the weekend.

We hope that you have a really fruitful and enjoyable weekend.

The team:

Claire, Pete, Marie, Nicky, Megan & Gracie

MELODEONS IN WOLVERCOTE 13th to 15th November 2026

Weekend Schedule

Friday Evening
from 1900 Sessions and Social at The Plough

Saturday - Wolvercote Primary School
0845 Doors Open
0900 Arrival, registration, tea / coffee (inc 9:30 welcome)
0945 Workshop 1, includes 20 min tea break
1245 Lunch
1415 Workshop 2, includes 20 min tea break
1715 Finish

Saturday Evening
1930 Concert in St Peters Church, Wolvercote.
Later Session in the Plough for those who wish if time allows

Sunday
0900 Doors Open, tea/coffee
1000 Workshop 3, includes 20 min tea break
1300 Lunch
1430 Workshop 4 - Group teaching of tune, includes 20 min tea break
1600 Final Tune
1630 Workshop close

WORKSHOPS

	Sat a.m.	Sat p.m.	Sun a.m.	Sun p.m.
Room 1 Absolute Beginners	Helena	Helena	Helena	Helena
Room 2 Beginners	Vicky	Vicky	Vicky	Vicky
Room 3 Improvers	Frankie	Mel	Matt	Group (Hall)
Room 4 Intermediates	Matt	Frankie	Mel	Group (Hall)
Room 5 Accomplished	Mel	Matt	Frankie	Group (Hall)