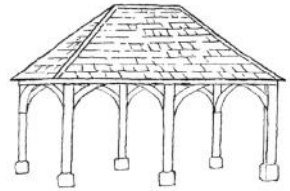


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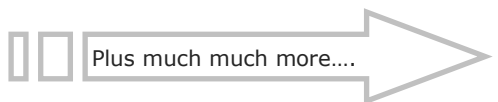
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## From the Editor

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Well it's that time of the year, when we will be all finding the Christmas decorations and looking forward to buying the tree. I can't believe how quickly its come round again!

The late night shopping in Charlbury will be on 6th December—so please do support our local businesses and buy your presents there. You don't have to wait until then, as Cotswold Frames have many gifts, and the Deli some delicious grub!

Also the Corner House will be holding a coffee morning and sale on 7th December and there is the Community Carol Singing in the Community Centre on 13 December at 7.45pm, with the school choir—along with mince pies and mulled wine!

With the closure of the County Council's consultation period about

Charlbury's proposed 20 mph zone, we await with optimism an outcome which will bring change for everyone in our town, whether pedestrian, cyclist or driver.

Congratulations to Street Fair who raised at least £8,000 for the Corner House and Memorial Hall. If you would like to help at Street Fair 2020 please contact John Dora—see p. 44.

I would like to thank all those who help keep the Chronicle going—and to those who also submit such interesting articles.

May I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Peaceful New Year.

If you have any ideas on what else you would like to see in the Chronicle, please do contact me at:-

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*Susanna Finch*



**Please note the deadline for articles for the Spring issue is 1st February 2020  
Please send all articles to *editor.chronicle@outlook.com***



## Charlbury Art Society



## The Corner House

The new season of the Charlbury Art Society meetings opened in September with **100 YEARS OF WAR ARTISTS**. Philippa Phelan shared her well researched and inspiring selection of war art. Her talk was informed by her experience as an army officer and her love of painting.

The October talk was **IMAGES INTO WORDS** - a Poetry Sequence around the collection of Victorian Pictures in the Royal Holloway College Art Gallery. Robert Fraser showed us the pictures he had selected and explained how they had inspired his poems which he then read.

In November the AGM was followed by **THE POTATO TOWN STORY**. A living, breathing hub of creativity, Potato Town in Swerford is home to artist Pam Franklin and furniture maker John Callen.

Our October exhibition was held in the Cornbury Room at The Bell Inn. Members had responded to the theme **RELATIONSHIP**, submitting two pieces of work that related to each other in interesting and unusual ways. At the very well attended private view we enjoyed music from Hunter's Moon and great food and wine provided by The Bell Inn.

The next meeting is **DESERT ISLAND ART** on December 11th. Sally and David Pollock will share the work they have selected to take to their desert island and talk about how they made their choices.

New members are very welcome.

*Käti Eidenbenz*  
[secretary@charlburyarts.co.uk](mailto:secretary@charlburyarts.co.uk)

Can you help steer the Corner House forward?

Charlbury Corner House and the Memorial Hall (corner of Market Street and Browns Lane) belong to the town thanks to the generosity of Mr and Mrs C H Morris who purchased the Corner House back in 1938 with the specific intention that it should be dedicated to the wellbeing of the people of Charlbury.

The trust has plans and hopes to revitalize the Corner House making much more of the town museum but also opening an opportunity to showcase what is happening in the town in this present age. The building should become a point of inspiration for the town.

Of course the rooms host many meetings of Charlbury societies and interest groups and that will definitely continue but the rooms need to be brought up-to-date and the whole building made to be more appropriate and user-friendly for the times in which we live.

The trustees are a small group of very ordinary Charlbury people who want to do their bit not just to keep the buildings going but also to revitalize them. Charlbury Solar farm, the local energy-producing cooperative, wants to help show how the old building can be made more energy-efficient (and thus a pointer for residents with similar older buildings).

But the trustees need more help with expertise in management and the development of an ongoing vision. Can you help by becoming a co-opted trustee, or an adviser? Please contact the chairperson by emailing:

[roy@royscott.uk](mailto:roy@royscott.uk)

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## Charlbury Day Centre

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Hello my name is Karen Stay, I am the Coordinator at the Charlbury Day Centre, which is held at the Memorial Hall from 10am till 3 p.m. every Wednesday.

It has now been one year since I arrived, and I have been made to feel extremely welcome by all the members and the volunteers. So I would like to take this opportunity to say a great big "Thank You" to all concerned.

The format of the day is usually that folk will arrive at 10 a.m. and are greeted with tea/coffee, and biscuits. We have discovered singing, and through the joy of technology can do any song request via Alexa on my mobile phone and with a speaker, so we now have instant music to hand, which has proved a great success!!

We always have a lovely two course meal at 12 noon and then for the afternoon we settle down to "live" entertainment, with musicians coming in to sing to us.

Occasionally we invite speakers in from organisations like Age U.K. Also we have games afternoons like Boccie and Curling, which can get quite competitive!!! We do quizzes and such like, and both Charlbury Museum and Woodstock Museum often come along with a box full of wonderful objects to chat about, bringing back childhood memories. As a Qualified Fitness

Instructor specialising in Fitness and Wellbeing for Seniors I run regular seated fitness/fun sessions.

Our annual outing was to the Old Shed for a meal, which was a lovely treat.

Coming up we have our annual visit to Chipping Norton to see the Pantomime.

On Wednesday 4th December is our Open Day, where we invite everyone to come in for light refreshments and to have a chat with the members and with the volunteers to see what we are all about.

I have a real passion for photography and over this last 12 months have put together a selection of photos on four large notice boards, as I feel that there is nothing better than visually capturing a moment, and all of the photos will be on display for all to see on 4<sup>th</sup> December.

So all in all the Day Centre is a busy, fun, informative, friendly, warm and safe place to be once a week. We are always looking for new members and of course, as ever, for more volunteers.

So if you would like any more information then please contact:

Bob Tait on 01608 810150  
*taitsofbrice@tiscali.co.uk* or myself  
(Karen) on 07887974468.  
*info@target.me.uk*

### Are you interested in Charlbury's history?

The Charlbury Society Historical Research Group has been established for over five years.

We have undertaken a number of research projects including research for this year's Map Exhibition.

We have many ideas for future research, so we are planning a series of introductory workshops and talks in early 2020 for anyone interested in joining us.

If you are interested, for further details please contact Barbara Allison on *b.a.allison@btinternet.com*



Charlbury's Own Cinema

## ChOC News



**The Christmas Family Matinee**  
on **Sunday 15th December at 3pm**  
is "**Arthur Christmas**", Cert. U /  
97 mins.

Join us on a trip to the North Pole and discover exactly how Santa Claus makes Christmas magic happen every year in this imaginative comedy for the entire family. This fun-filled holiday film introduces viewers to Santa's mischievous son Arthur, who races to complete an important mission in time to ensure that this year's Christmas celebrations will go off without a hitch.

**Arthur Christmas** reveals the incredible, never-before seen answer to every child's question: 'So how does Santa deliver all those presents in one night?' The answer: Santa's exhilarating, ultra-high-tech operation hidden beneath the North Pole. When the unthinkable happens, and Santa misses one child out of hundreds of millions, someone has to save the day. It's up to Arthur (**James McAvoy**), Santa's youngest son, to deliver a present to the forgotten child before Christmas morning dawns.

Memorial Hall, Charlbury; doors & licensed bar from 2.15pm.  
Free popcorn for children and mince pies for adults.

**Family ticket (2 adults & 1 or 2 children) £12; adults £5; U15s £3.**

*Arthur Christmas* - "a cracking festive fairy-tale" - Robbie Collin - *Daily Telegraph*

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**From January 2020 we are taking a break ....**

ChOC has been running for nearly 15 years now, and some members of the current committee have been involved for the last nine of those years. In addition to the actual film screening night, other necessary tasks include: sourcing the copyright holder and obtaining the licence to show the film in

public, advertising the film in the *Chronicle*, *The Leaflet* and other publications, putting posters up around the town, buying new equipment, checking DVDs, maintaining the existing equipment and purchasing beer, wine and soft drinks to keep the popular ChOC bar well stocked. All of these jobs require significant time and effort, and a heavy burden is currently being placed on the small number of people who constitute the ChOC committee. Sadly, none of us is getting any younger or indeed physically fitter. Therefore, we have decided to take an extended break and suspend ChOC activity for a period of eight months after this year's Christmas matinee. We will return (if indeed we do return) in September 2020.

In the meantime, if you miss us then do please tell us! It might make all the difference to whether ChOC returns or not. Just speak to any committee member (see the ChOC page on the Charlbury website for contact information), or email us at [secretary.chocfilms@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.chocfilms@gmail.com). And if you wish to get involved in the running of ChOC then please tell us that as well. You will be made very welcome. Anything you can do to help, whether it be serving behind the bar, joining the projection team or just spending fifteen minutes putting some chairs out, would make a real difference. ChOC needs to find more helpers if it is to continue to serve the community by showing an entertaining and eclectic blend of movies in the next decade and beyond.

Thank you all for your support over the fifteen years of ChOC's existence, and we look forward to receiving more support from a greater number of people in the years to come.

With good wishes for the Festive Season and New Year,

**The ChOC Team**

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Charlbury Primary School had a strong and positive start to the academic year, with 191 children enrolled as of 3<sup>rd</sup> September. We are particularly delighted to have welcomed 30 new pupils into our Foundation Stage class.

As you will have heard, the school had an Ofsted inspection at the end of the last academic year, and though we were very pleased that the teachers' hard work and commitment were recognised with a Good rating for teaching and learning and for academic attainment, there were also some areas identified for improvement. Since then, there has been enormous determination to move forward in a positive direction and much work done by all the staff and governors to ensure we continue to improve and ultimately ensure Charlbury Primary is an outstanding school.

During September and October, in addition to the usual class information evenings, and the curriculum workshops for parents and pupils, governors carried out a survey to listen to the views of parents on issues concerning them. The survey was created by a group including parents and staff. The outcome of this survey will be published shortly, and the issues raised will contribute to the development of renewed policies and practice in the school.

Full reviews of governance and of pupil premium spending were carried out by external sources, experts in each area. Reports and feedback meetings were provided and suggestions for improvement made – changes have been and continue to be implemented.

Related to our efforts to strengthen our governing body, we are very pleased to welcome two new governors who each have the skills and experience needed: Patrick Stimpson and Rachel Claridge. Our long-standing Chair of the Governing Body, Kaye Leggett, stepped down at the end of the last academic year, and has been replaced by Andrew Wilkinson, who is ably assisted by Patricia Winstanley as Vice Chair.

On 9<sup>th</sup> October we had a monitoring inspection visit from Ofsted, during which an HMI Inspector spent the day at Charlbury Primary School speaking to the senior leadership team, governors, some staff and also visited classes to observe teaching and speak to pupils. We are delighted to report that Ofsted is amply satisfied that the school is moving forward. Thank you to all staff and governors who have been pivotal in the progress the school has made, and to the community for the huge amount of support received.

One of the results of the initial Ofsted inspection is that Charlbury Primary becomes an academy school. The process of academisation has been ongoing, and we are happy to report that we will become part of the River Learning Trust in early December. This is a very positive move for the school. While not much will change outwardly, there will be a wealth of support and expertise available to the staff, governors and pupils. The majority of our pupils go on to attend Chipping Norton School, which is also part of River Learning Trust.

Finally, it is with sadness that the school's Headteacher, Jane Holt, has resigned and will be leaving at Christmas. Jane has been at the helm of Charlbury Primary School for many years, and her love for the school and all its children has been a constant throughout her tenure. She will be greatly missed. A leaving tea will be held in the school hall at 3.30pm on 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Looking ahead, governors have recruited an excellent and enthusiastic new Headteacher, Mr Scott Lewis, who will be starting in January 2020. Mr Lewis is currently Deputy Headteacher at New Marston Primary near Oxford, which is already part of the River Learning Trust. We look forward to welcoming him and feel confident that he will be able to lead the school to become an outstanding school for our community.

*Catherine Ball*





## Charlbury Cricket Club

For the first time the club ran four Saturday league teams in 2019 and the overall feeling was that it provided a valuable springboard for more youth players, both boys and girls, to be introduced to the longer form of the game. There were some outstanding performances.

However, we were not able to fulfil all our fixtures and at the Annual General Meeting in October the club decided with regret to go back to just three teams in 2020. We have withdrawn our participation in the Oxfordshire Cricket Association (OCA) and are to concentrate instead on three teams in the Cherwell League. The club believes this is a realistic option given the fact that a handful of senior players now feel they cannot commit to regular Saturday

cricket, meaning there is a smaller pool of players to choose from.

On the plus side, every effort will be made to provide cricket for all players, including youth members, in an expanded midweek programme, as well as a series of Sunday friendly games. The club's cricket committee has been asked to oversee this.

At the annual meeting, Tom Eaton agreed to continue as club chairman for another year. Captains elected for teams in the coming year are: 1<sup>st</sup> team, Tom Nash, 2nds Andy Glass, 3rds Stuart Duff, women's team, Vicky Strode.

The club also needs to fill some vacancies in our management committee, with Richard Ede stepping down as chairman of the youth section, as well as club secretary and umpire secretary.

Cricket continues throughout the winter with a team in the Banbury Indoor Cricket League and regular net sessions at Charlbury Community Centre starting in January.

*David Horne*

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The following walks are all a reasonable distance from our villages. The walks vary in distance and difficulty so you can choose something to suit your ability. Sorry but dogs are not allowed on walks with the Cotswolds Voluntary Wardens.

*Wednesday 4th December – 10:00am*

### **On the Edge and Beyond the Boundary**

5 miles 2.5 hours

*We walk part of Ditched Lane, which is a green lane that is part of the Eastern boundary of the Cotswold AONB. We also discover the Sibfords, largely stone built, & enjoy slopes and views.*

Start point – Wykham Arms for those taking lunch there, otherwise please park tidily in the village. OX15 5RX

*Thursday 2nd January - 10.00am*

### **Blenheim Estate: of Kings, Queens and Heroes**

4 miles – 2 hours

*This short walk around the Blenheim estate looks for traces of its historic past. From Henry II and his mistress, to Princess Elizabeth I, the Dukes of Marlborough and more recently Winston Churchill*

Start: Hensington Road Car Park

*Thursday 9th January 11:00am*

### **A Distillery Trio**

2.5 miles - 1.5 hours

*A leisurely walk on field paths and quiet lanes criss-crossing the three villages which straddle the Stour Valley. Enjoy this charming corner of Warwickshire in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Coffee before and lunch after available at The Cotswold Distillery.*

Cotswolds Distillery: Stourton, near Shipston on Stour CV 36 5HG

*Monday 20th January 10:00am*

### **Stonesfield and "Over the Wall"**

6.5 miles - 3.5 hours

*A Stonesfield circular walk involving a ladder over a wall. a lovely and varied walk in parkland, fields and riverside.*

Start: Stonesfield Village Hall OX29 8EF

*Wednesday 22nd January 10:00am*

### **A Car Crash, A Gardener and a Battle**

5 miles - 3 hours  
*The village of Radway has links to the Battle of Edge Hill, Sanderson Miller and possibly the first female car fatality. One steep ascent rewarded with great views.*

*Please bring a snack.*

Start: Radway Church CV35 0UE

*Sunday 26th January 9:30am*

### **A Shutford Circuit**

12 miles - 5.5 hours

*A walk to Epwell, Balscote and Broughton. Please bring a packed lunch.*

Start: Sibford Gower, please park carefully near the Primary School OX15 5RW

*Tuesday 18th February 10:00am*

### **Ancient Paths, a Roman Road and WW2 Airfield**

6miles 3 hours

*A walk along ancient tracks incorporating parts of the Roman Akeman Street and a wartime airfield.*

Start: The Bird in Hand on the B4022 between Witney and Charlbury.

*Thursday 20th February 10:00am*

### **Adelstrop and Chastleton**

4 miles – 2.5 hours

*From the poetic village of Adelstrop to the Iron Age Fort on Chastleton Hill and the Jacobean Manor House in Chastleton village. Great views over the Evenlode Valley to the Cotswold Escarpment and on a good day you can even see Broadway Tower. Lovely short amble with lots of history.*

Start: Adelstrop Village Hall GL56 0UN

## Museum News: The wagon is here!



Lifting the wagon over the railings into the museum garden.

The wagon is back! Thanks to Robert Hobill of Model Farm, Ditchley and a willing band of helpers from the Beer Festival, the wagon was brought into Charlbury in mid-October, lifted over the railings into the museum garden, and manhandled into the wagon room. It is an impressive sight, resplendent in its traditional red and yellow paint.

Michael Jones has worked skilfully and painstakingly over many years to restore it, and we are enormously grateful to Michael and to all who helped, especially in the initial stages of the work.

Our wagon is a typical Oxfordshire bow wagon with edge sections (out raves) which curve up and over the large rear wheels. These, along with ladders which could be attached at both ends, increased the load the wagon could carry. It was in regular use into the 1950s, then languished in a barn at Coldron Mill before being given to the museum.

The wagon was hand-made around 1880 by Longs of Aston, who ran a thriving business as wheelwrights, blacksmiths

and undertakers. Michael found that the longer he worked restoring it, the more respect he had for the skills of the craftsmen who made it. Their skilled use of tools and knowledge of different woods enabled them to shape all the parts of the wagon, reducing its weight, and making it stronger and more durable. They produced a wagon that was not only ideally suited to its purpose but elegantly designed and finished. It was a matter of pride to send a 'smart' vehicle out on the roads.

You can see the wagon when the museum opens for Late Night Shopping on 6th December from 6 - 7.45 pm, and there will be an Open Day on 4th April just before our season begins formally on Easter Saturday 11th April.

### **Stewarding**

Sadly a number of stewards have had to step down due to illness. We always welcome new volunteers to come and help steward the museum. If you are interested, please contact Janet Jeffs on 01608 810709.

*Judy Dod*

## Caring for someone living with dementia

On Saturday afternoon, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, Dementia Friendly Charlbury (DFC) ran an information session at the Community Centre for family and friends of people living with dementia. The session was aimed at to helping people to be more confident in providing care and support and was run by a local dementia care professional, Rikki Lorenti, who is kindly enabling DFC to benefit from his expertise.

A number of family carers – not only from Charlbury but from communities in quite a wide surrounding area - joined us to find out more about dementia care and to meet others in similar circumstances. The emphasis of the information session was on dealing with common questions and scenarios – “What should I do, if...”.

Staff from Dementia Oxfordshire, who support family carers in the Charlbury and Chipping Norton area, were also there with useful information.

The copy for this edition of the Chronicle had to be submitted before the event took place, so we cannot report in more detail than this. Judging from the very positive feedback we received from the first information session DFC ran in December 2018, carers will have found Rikki’s presentation and the information shared in discussion between participants very helpful. It is always good to know that there are others dealing with similar issues and to have dementia care “de-mystified” in conversation with someone with long-standing working experience.

If you missed the information session but would like to know more, contact Meryl Smith on 01608 810192 or email [charlburydf@gmail.com](mailto:charlburydf@gmail.com). Also have a look at our page in the Community section (Health and Wellbeing) of the Charlbury website.

### **Chipping Norton Theatre Relaxed Performances and Screenings**

Relaxed Performances and Screenings are open to everyone but are particularly suitable for people living with dementia and their carers and for people with learning disabilities.

#### *DAYS AND NIGHTS OUT: REMINISCENCE OBJECT HANDLING SESSION*

Tuesday 10th December, 10.30am - 11.30am

Taking place in The Theatre Bar.

The Theatre invites you to join them for a morning exploring objects from the *Marks and Spencer Archive Collection*. Using the theme *Days and Nights Out* the treasure trove of objects will stimulate conversations without the pressure to remember.

Complimentary Teas/ Coffee included. £3 per person, assisting carer free. Places are limited so booking is essential. Contact the Box Office on 01608 642350.

### **Ideas for activities available online**

The Alzheimer’s Society website has a section giving ideas for activities available online which are suitable for engaging people living with dementia. These include online puzzles, colouring websites, YouTube videos, online games such as Solitaire and music playlists. These can be seen here: [www.alzheimers.org.uk/blog/5-online-activity-ideas-people-living-dementia](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk/blog/5-online-activity-ideas-people-living-dementia)

### **Advice on all kinds of aspects of living with dementia and dementia**

The Alzheimers Society website ([www.alzheimers.org.uk](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk)) has a wealth of information and advice and a facility for connecting with an online community of people in similar circumstances. It is well worth having a browse.

Meryl Smith





## Charlbury Society

We are now into our new season of talks at the Charlbury Society, and our first one, on 11 October, was delivered by Lucy Hughes-Hallett, who spoke on her novel 'Peculiar Ground: A Wychwood Story'.

Lucy grew up at Ranger's Lodge, so Charlbury is a familiar place, with fond memories. She was especially pleased to meet Ron Prew at the meeting, who once worked for her father and who she knew well many years ago. Her talk was most interesting too, touching on much of the Cornbury Park, which we know from New Year's day rambles and other occasions.

October also marked the return to the Museum, after 18 years, of the Oxfordshire bow wagon, now fully restored and looking very smart in its traditional Oxfordshire colours. You can read all about this event elsewhere in the 'Chronicle' and we hope everyone will make a point of visiting the museum in 2020 to see it.

The Society's Museum sub-committee and many others have put huge efforts into the restoration of the wagon. It will be a feature of the town for many years to come.

Our lectures will continue through the winter. We have some very local topics planned. The 70 year history of the Society and the Museum is going to be covered, and that is likely to provoke some interesting memories of life in our town since the last war, as seen through the activities of the Society.

And those activities were certainly varied. We were the prime mover in getting street name signs erected, and many of the original cast signs from the 1950s are still to be seen around the town. The most central is that for Market Street on the wall of the Rose and Crown. The records reveal that they were cast at the Hub Ironworks in Chipping Norton at four shillings (20 pence) per letter.

Litter was an ongoing problem and the Society provided bins around the town, and recognised that other facilities were needed too. Some of the iron seats which are still to be seen were funded and maintained by us, and many trees were planted. The committee kept a close eye on planning applications, voicing concern at the new Spendlove School, which was going to spoil the views from the Playing Close over the Evenlode, and planned house building on Ticknell.

Our other lectures this season will include healthcare, medieval entertainments, the education of women, Anglo-Saxon Wychwood, Sir Henry Lee, and the story of a Charlbury miller. It promises to be an interesting programme and we look forward to welcoming you.

Details of meetings closer to the time will appear on notice boards around the town, and on our section of the Charlbury web site.

*Peter Bennett  
Chairman, The Charlbury Society*

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## 20 years on - MMXX

During the Autumn of 1999 a small group of people joined forces with the idea of putting together a party for the town to celebrate the arrival of the new Millennium. After many meetings we finalised plans for 'The Charlbury Millennium Celebration'.

To quote the souvenir programme "we wanted an event that would be open to everyone in Charlbury, old or young, rich or poor. It needed to be easily accessible so no one would have to drive. We wanted parents with young children to feel they could bring them – and have a break themselves! We wanted entertainment that would appeal to all ages and we wanted to keep the ticket price as low as possible so no one would be excluded".

What we actually achieved was all of the above, whilst welcoming the new Millennium in. But we hadn't anticipated the most wonderful sense of togetherness that was apparent throughout.

In a massive marquee on the top pitch of Nine Acres, the celebrations began with an Old Time Music Sing-a-long, followed by live music from King B; a disco; TV's showing live celebrations from Big Ben at midnight; more live music by Watershed and friends, with the bar closing at 3am and the party finishing at 8am!!



Parents were able to take advantage of a crèche provided in the Memorial Hall and the bar was closed for half an hour at 11.45pm so that all the volunteers could enjoy the festivities along with everyone else.

I was on the organising committee along with Simon Hall, Dave Oates, Clare & Matthew Summers and Chris Wray.

Sadly Simon is no longer with us, but he was key in organising many aspects of this event with military precision. There were many other volunteers who helped to make this such a successful event, including crèche and bar staff, first aiders, musicians and sponsors of the event.

If you were there, and you have any photos, we would be really keen to see them, so we can collate the memories of that night for all to share, as we approach the 20 year anniversary.

Please send them to me at [lgorton66@outlook.com](mailto:lgorton66@outlook.com) (little known fact – Clare and I were both two months pregnant at the time!)

*Lynn Gorton*



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# Charlbury Green Hub

## The Answer is Simple, but Not Exactly Easy

At last the climate emergency has been recognised and the very aged elephant in the room is finally being talked about at all levels. People are now asking what can they do, and looking at other communities to share ideas. Quite simply, all aspects of our everyday lives contribute to climate change so any changes we make but some actions are difficult to achieve on our own, and some will have more impact than others.

We know the obvious biggies – planes, cars, fast fashion, fast food, but the heavy advertising surrounding all these really undermines us trying to live a climate friendlier life. Human nature doesn't help either, while we might want to change our future behaviour and even pledge to do so, when it comes to it, we find old habits die hard. We don't live in isolation, we are part of a society made up of family and friends and we do things together, so it is difficult to behave differently, we risk alienation.

For example, how do you respond to your friends buying lots of new clothes or talking about their weekend flights abroad. Last year, more people flew internationally on British passports than any other nationality, but an increasing number of people are feeling awkward about flying. The CEO of Ryan Air said that last year there was an 11% increase in passenger numbers but the company had to drop air fares by 5% to get that increase, so cheap flights clearly undermine our good intentions. In Sweden, the Greta effect has reduced air passenger numbers by 5% and increased rail by 8%.

So we need to talk about our concerns for the future with our family and friends and agree together about our activities and aspirations. Many

children are taking the lead and begging their families to have different holidays, change their diets and cut their carbon emissions. Things also need to be made easy and cheap enough for us to make the better choices—so we need legislation to help, after all it successfully made us wear seatbelts, stop drinking and driving, stop smoking and drastically reduce single-use plastic bags.

Changing our electricity supplier to a renewable energy tariff is a good step to take, but it is also important to reduce the power we use, so insulating the house and reducing draughts will help. Reducing the thermostat temperature in winter is a simple step but it'll need the cooperation of the rest of the family to agree to wear warmer clothes.

Christmas is just around the corner - the time when we traditionally max out on spending and overindulge in comforting sweet foods. Not surprisingly, the District Council finds this is the peak time of the year for household waste, but also for things being put in the wrong bins meaning that recyclable stuff gets burnt and the Council has to spend more.

It's particularly important to separate out food waste, but even better to reduce the amount of food that gets wasted. Maybe we could find a different way to enjoy our family time together without spending so much money and creating so much expensive waste?

Many changes that help the planet, such as improving our diets, eating less processed food, being less sedentary and more active in our daily lives, using cars less would also improve our health and the health of our family. Being in a rural town makes it harder to manage without personal transport but we have good bus and rail services and facilities in Charlbury are all within walking distance. The healthier we are, the fewer demands there are on the NHS and consequently fewer carbon emissions

*Christine Elliott  
Charlbury Green Hub*

Charlbury WI continues to flourish with new members and new activities. In addition to our speakers at our monthly meetings, we have craft workshops, theatre visits, walks, and visits to places of interest. If you feel inspired to try new activities and make new friends, then why not try Charlbury WI? We have a book group that meets every 6 weeks and a crafting Saturday morning will run every month starting in the new year and group walks around the local area and much more.

This year we have enjoyed talks about the farming, uses and history of Chillies with Ian Paxton Chilli Farmer; Helen Plumb gave us a sparkling insight into the wonder of Gemstones, and Lorna Gray introduced us to the mysteries of Bookbinding with a demonstration and talk on Mystery writing in September. In October Richard Anderson kept us guessing with a Quiz of Antiques.

November saw us crafting something sparkling for Christmas and on 10<sup>th</sup> December we will be singing Carols and eating mince pies at our Carol service in St Mary's, all are welcome to join us at 7pm. In January we will be hearing about the sweet life and buzz of Bees with Geoff Burroughs; February will see us being Drunk and Riotous as Shaun Morley tells us of the Local Friendly Societies

Just a reminder that the Yack and Yarn group of WI and non-WI members meets in The Bell, Church Street, Charlbury on the first Tuesday of the month, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. All are welcome, just turn up.

You are welcome to come along to the WI as a visitor to have a chat and see what we do, before deciding whether to join. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Details of forthcoming events are on the Charlbury website or contact Miriam Evans at [charlburywi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk](mailto:charlburywi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk)



## News from our PCSO

The UK has entered peak burglary season when opportunistic thieves will strike in their thousands under the cover of darkness.

A third of all break-ins occur between the months of November and February.

Just one in four homes has an alarm fitted to warn off intruders while just 16% have something as simple as a solid lock on their gate. Alarmingly, one in seven even admit they have no security measures in place at all.

Ways to safeguard your home from burglars:

- Fit an alarm
- Security lights
- Get some timed lights inside your property, make it look like someone is home even when you're not.
- Keep valuables out of view
- Fit deadlocks to your doors
- Keep car keys out of sight away from windows and front and back doors
- Don't advertise on social media you're on holiday for a few weeks
- Install CCTV

*Wesley Smith*

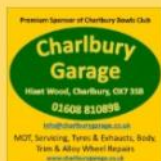
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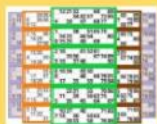


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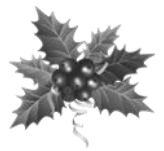
Join us on Tuesday evenings in the Scout Hut, Nine Acres Lane, Charlbury 8-9pm for practice and you will soon be ready to dance out at the fetes, fairs and festivals in 2020.

For further information contact Teresa Duester 07881 963328

*Teresa Duester*



*Wychwayz Border Morris*



## Charlbury Pre-School News

Autumn is always such a busy time at Charlbury Pre-School; welcoming new families, fundraising and preparing for the crafting extravaganza that is Christmas time! In line with our plastic smart action plan, there will be no glitter in sight this Christmas. We have lots of ideas for exciting sustainable alternatives and welcome your ideas or suggestions too.

Despite the cold weather, the staff and children always wrap up warm in their hats and scarfs and play outside as much as possible. They've harvested loads of lovely veg that they have grown in our garden and have been making some hearty autumnal soups to enjoy at snack time.

During the autumn term, the children have been working together, gathering leaves and sawing up bamboo to construct a bug hotel. Hopefully the guests will want to stay and the children will be able to monitor their activity over time.

Committee member and parent, Andrew Wright, has fitted a speaker in the back room which is linked to a computer so the children can now enjoy a wider range of music and audio. In the classroom we've been focusing on listening to sounds (environmental sounds, body percussion etc.) and learning about rhythm and rhyme all term. Activities have also been based around the story of The Gingerbread Man.

Towards the end of term, the anticipation of the upcoming Christmas holidays knows no bounds! There is so much to look forward to — enjoying the festivities, a visit to the Charlbury Primary School Christmas play and of course the Pre-School Christmas party; a chance to sing and dance, enjoy some party food together and maybe, just maybe, meet Father Christmas.

(There always seems to be something very familiar about him...).

Charlbury Pre-School is a charity and it relies on fundraising to keep running and keep improving. Thank you to everybody who has contributed to our charity and attended our fundraising events this term. We had a great time at our spooky fancy dress Halloween disco.

A huge thank you to Chloe Horner (@chloecookednext) who organised a family supper club at the Memorial Hall in September. Chloe cooked a fabulous feast for the children including fruit and vegetable animals and a buffet of delicious homemade curries for the adults. The sold-out event raised loads of money and we were really impressed by how many children of different ages were able to eat together and play together so harmoniously! Chloe runs a brilliant supper club in Charlbury with a changing seasonal menu, so do keep an eye out for future dates.

Also watch out for details about our upcoming Bandeoke on 18th January. Back by popular demand!

As well as events, we are always on the look-out for grants to fund specific activities for the children. Please do get in touch in you know of any opportunities that could be suitable. We also really appreciate the small donations received at the request of sellers/advertisers on the Charlbury website.

If you would like to get involved in fundraising or helping out in any way, joining our committee or simply joining our mailing list, please contact us.

Registrations for 2020 are now open. Please contact us [admin@charlburypreschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@charlburypreschool.org.uk) 01608 811200 if you would like to arrange a visit. There is also lots of information on our website [www.charlburypreschool.org.uk](http://www.charlburypreschool.org.uk)



## CHARLBURY Community Centre

Below is a list of the things you can join in with at Charlbury Community Centre. This information is in our regularly updated "What's On" leaflet available at the Centre. More information about all these activities can also be found on our website: [www.charlburycommunitycentre.org.uk](http://www.charlburycommunitycentre.org.uk). Unless a contact is given below, please contact the Community Centre for further information or to book – 01608 811878.

### **Sports and Well-being:**

**Badminton** – Mondays 8-10pm, contact: [rafaelalarcon1963@hotmail.com](mailto:rafaelalarcon1963@hotmail.com)

**Barre Fit Class** – Tuesdays 7-8pm, contact Michele: 07817 890787 or [charlbury.pilates@gmail.com](mailto:charlbury.pilates@gmail.com)

**Circuit Training** – Thursdays 6.30-7.30pm and Sundays 10-11am, £7.

**Community Gym** – Weekdays: 8.30am-1pm, weekends and bank holidays: 9am-1pm, £22 per month.

**Feldenkrais Classes** – Wednesdays: 12.30pm, contact [ed@senseofmovement.com](mailto:ed@senseofmovement.com)

**Lean Gym** (a gym-based exercise class) – Wednesdays, 9-10am, £7.

**Line Dancing** – Tuesdays 12.15-1pm, £5/£3 over 65s.

**Netball Club** – Tuesdays 7-9pm, contact: [witneynetball@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:witneynetball@hotmail.co.uk)

**One Fit Mama** – Mondays 1.15-2.15pm, contact Carlene:

[oxfordshire@onefitmama.co.uk](mailto:oxfordshire@onefitmama.co.uk) or 07834 188672

**Pickleball** – Mondays 9.30am-12.30pm, Thursdays 10am-12pm (other sessions available ad hoc). Contact Vijay: 01993 891043 or [vijaysmobile@gmail.com](mailto:vijaysmobile@gmail.com)

**Pilates with Michele** – Mondays 7-8pm and 8-9pm, Thursdays 1.30-2.30pm and 7.30-8.30pm. Contact Michele: 07817 890787 or [charlbury.pilates@gmail.com](mailto:charlbury.pilates@gmail.com)

**Pilates with Hayley** – Mondays 9.30-10.30am and 10.45-11.45am. Contact Hayley: 07557 040609 or [bodyspacepilates@gmail.com](mailto:bodyspacepilates@gmail.com)

**Strength & Balance** – Mondays 1.15-2.15 and 2.30-3.30pm, £4. Contact Louise: 07879 685579 or [123dancercise@gmail.com](mailto:123dancercise@gmail.com)

**Volleyball** – Wednesdays 8-10pm, contact Steven: 07879 063934 or [stevenfairhurstjones@gmail.com](mailto:stevenfairhurstjones@gmail.com)

**Walking Football** – Wednesdays 3-4.30pm and Thursdays 8-9pm. Contact: [clarried@aol.com](mailto:clarried@aol.com)

**Yoga** – Mondays 6-7pm (Accessible Yoga) and Wednesdays 6-7pm (Hatha Yoga), contact Phil: 07482 581882 or [info@philevansyoga.co.uk](mailto:info@philevansyoga.co.uk)

### **Social & Self-Help for Adults:**

**TG's Café Coffee Club** – Fridays 10-12am, free.

**Grief Encounters (Bereavement Group)** – Last Tuesday of every month 2pm, a free informal meeting in the café. Contact Jan Fielden: 07986 606548, [jan@stmaryscharlbury.co.uk](mailto:jan@stmaryscharlbury.co.uk), or just turn up.

**Age UK Film Club** – Fourth Wednesday of every month 2pm, free.

**Quiz Night** – Fourth Wednesday of every month, 7.30pm, £5.

**Scrabble Sessions** – Second Tuesday of each month, 2.30-5pm, £2.

### **For Babies and Toddlers:**

**Bump-to-Two** – Tuesdays 10-12am, £2.

**Well-Baby Clinic** – Tuesdays 11-12am.

**Stay & Play** – Wednesdays 9.30-11am, £3.

**Toddler Gym** – Wednesdays 11.15-12am, £3.





**Rhymetime** in the library – Wednesdays 2.15-2.45pm, (term-time only), free.  
**Kids' Runarounds** (see below).

**For School Children:**

**Football training** – Mondays 4-5pm, Under-6's and Under-7's coached sessions (term-time only), £3.

**Kids' Runarounds** – Thursdays 3.15-4.45pm, £2 and Sundays 11am-12, £1. Unsupervised sessions; parents must stay and be responsible for their children's safety (term-time only).

**School Holiday Activities.** In the holidays we usually offer sessions for primary school-aged children and toddlers. Please check our website and [www.charlbury.info](http://www.charlbury.info) for information.

**For Teenagers (11+):**

**Youth Club** – Fridays 7-9pm, £1.

**Youth Basketball Club** – Thursdays 5-6pm, (term-time only), £3.

**Sunday Circuits** – 10-11am. Many teenagers and children join the adults for this session. Under-11's must be accompanied by an adult.

**Junior rate for court hire** – young people can hire a court to play badminton, pickleball or table tennis for £6 an hour. This offer cannot be pre-booked.

***Can't see what you want?***

We are keen to get people more active, both physically and socially, in ways that suit you, so any suggestions are always welcome, especially if you can run a session or know someone who can. Things change rapidly as new classes are offered, so please keep an eye on the website for the latest information.

The winter season gets busy, especially in the sports hall, as the cricket nets and football training move indoors, but there are still slots available if you want a game of badminton, table tennis, pickleball or whatever you fancy. The café area is often buzzing with people of all age groups and is a lovely place to come for a coffee and a chat, a warming baked potato, or even a glass of wine if you feel so inclined!

***Happy Christmas!***

This year some of the children who come to the Community Centre regularly have made decorations for a Christmas tree for St Mary's Church Christmas Tree Festival (5<sup>th</sup>—8<sup>th</sup> December). After the festival the tree will come back to decorate our reception area. Thanks to our young helpers and to Philippa Phelan.

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December we will be welcoming Charlbury School Choir as the final stop on their **Carol Singing evening**. They will reach the Community Centre at about 7.45pm. Please join us to sing some carols followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

**Christmas opening hours:** We will be open on 24<sup>th</sup> December and from 27<sup>th</sup> until 31<sup>st</sup> December from 10am-4pm, so do pop in to play games, use the gym, do some sport or meet people for a coffee. The centre will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

*Tanya Stevenson - Thomas Gifford Trustee*

## **A Days Life: Mary Brown, a legal executive assistant from Canada**

*Charlbury has welcomed many Canadian students over the years. I first met Mary, one of these students, in 2007 and was looking forward to meeting her again. I asked her what she had been doing since then.*

During his time as a student at Cambridge University, William Wordsworth took a trip to France. Even at the time, he recognized the trip was significant, and would shape his life and worldview in the future. I first discovered the works of Wordsworth, when I too, at the age of 19, travelled abroad from Canada, arriving in January of 2007 in the small town of Charlbury on an exchange programme at Oxford University. I came to study history and English, but even at the time I felt an affinity with Wordsworth, as I sensed that this experience would shape my broader life and worldview as well.

And so it has done. 12 years later, I am sitting on a quiet airplane, writing this article at 12:40 in the morning, heading to Portugal to visit Madeleine, who served as the exchange program's fearless coordinator. Then I'm heading to England, to the beautiful, quiet town of Charlbury to reconnect again with my hosts Vic and Barbara, and Kay, the wife of one of our professors. My relationship with Charlbury has spanned more than a decade, and the people I met there have stayed close to my heart, even when distance, busy-ness and the hustle and bustle of life have kept us further apart than I would have liked.

My first experience of moving away from home came when I was 17, and left the west coast of Canada to head to its heartland of Ontario for college. Though my older sister was at the same college, bringing a little bit of home with me, it truly felt like a foreign land. I attended a small Christian university, where many students came from relatively small towns in Ontario. Coming from a large urban metropolis on Canada's far more

liberal west coast, I often felt a bit out of place. However, I also formed truly deep friendships, and faced challenges to my own worldview—all that one can hope to gain from a college education.

In my third year I was given an opportunity to study abroad for a semester through a program run by Atlantic Baptist University in New Brunswick, in conjunction with my own college. Having long been fascinated with the British Isles, I jumped at the chance to head even further abroad. Arriving in England, I found a country in which I felt more naturally at home than I had in my adopted province of Ontario. I found a temperate climate that more matched the one I had grown up with on Canada's west coast, and a green and verdant land, the kind that had always made me feel at peace at home. I also found a town filled with interesting people (no doubt in part due to its proximity to Oxford, an ancient centre of learning that greatly appealed to my historian's sensibilities). Though it would be a lie to say I never had bad days in England, even the worst days always felt a bit better, knowing I was living in a special, but all too brief, moment.

As students at Oxford, we had a chance to experience a kind of education we never had before, coming from a country that was officially established in 1887, a mere 120 years before. When we studied art history, we were sent to galleries to see the ACTUAL paintings we had talked about in class, an impossibility in Canada. When we studied 18th century landscape poetry, we travelled to the ACTUAL places that had inspired those words; places like Tintern Abbey and Stourhead, where we, to our great delight, took photographs in the exact folly Kiera Knightly had stood in, in the new *Pride and Prejudice* film. It was a hands on education I cherish to this day. I came home from the program with a broadened mind, and a deeper appreciation for the wide variety to be found in the world.

However, life does continue to move forward. After college, I spent two years

working in a criminal defence law firm. Here, my eyes were opened to the wide variety of people who end up in such a place and the many complicated events that often led them to such a time in their life. It increased my compassion for those who have made mistakes, or acted out in the heat of the moment, for it is not just that moment they have to live with, but the consequences they will continue to face long after the heat of the moment has gone cold. It grew my sense of justice, and the need and importance, within an adversarial judicial system, for due process and for the need for advocates to act for an accused.

Through those two years, I debated whether to carry on my education in graduate school or law school. While I loved the practice of criminal law, and the important role it played in society, I didn't want a life of 80 hour working weeks and the intense stress that comes along with it. So instead, I headed back to Ontario for graduate school to pursue a Masters degree in medieval history. At graduate school I studied the cultural intersections that occurred between the various Christian and Muslim groups that interacted during the Second and Third Crusade in the Middle East. I wrestled with the ways in which religious convictions were challenged by the daily realities of life, as well as by trade, politics and class distinctions. It was work that opened me up to a far more nuanced version of the past, and so an inherently more complicated view of the present.

My plan after graduating was to find work teaching, but with few such positions available, I turned back to law once again, an area in which I possessed skills, even if I didn't intend to remain there for long. I found a position as a legal assistant in a Law Society, the organization that regulates lawyers provincially. For three and a half years I worked assisting staff lawyers investigating complaints about lawyers. It was always interesting to see the balance the investigators sought between protecting the public, and working with lawyers to improve their

work when they had fallen short of best practice, or, when necessary, sending them to a disciplinary committee to face disciplinary action when required. Last year I took a new position as the Executive Assistant to the Chief Legal Officer. This has proven to be an interesting and challenging role, which has allowed me to step above individual complaints and their investigation, and to look more broadly at the overarching picture of how the profession is regulated. Here, I can use those research and analytical thinking skills that I learned in grad school.

Which brings us back to the present, where the sun has now risen over the ocean, and the plane is slowly awaking. Within a few hours I will be back on European soil, and within a week, heading back to a little town nestled in the Cotswolds that remains close to my heart.

*Mary Brown was talking with Barbara Allison*



## **Charlbury Beer & Wine Circle**

Now a couple of months into our year, we have enjoyed two tastings and are looking forward to a Christmas Dinner.

In the New Year we have more tastings arranged and a number of social events, which are an opportunity to get together and enjoy your favourite tittle.

Meetings are the third Monday of the month in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm, new members welcome. Subscriptions for the year are just £10 and subsidise the tastings.

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## News from Charlbury Library

Christmas is nearly here! From the beginning of December, we will have our Children's Christmas Collection on the Children's book trolley, with books ranging from baby board books through to older junior fiction titles, all with a Christmas theme. Many will be new to our library, so come and check them out!

Over the Christmas period, the Library will be open in line with the opening hours of the Community Centre and customers will be able to browse the shelves as usual. Library staffing will be limited during this period but customers will be able to borrow and return items using the self-service machine. Please remember your library card when borrowing items and collecting reservations as the self-service machine will not be able to access your library account without your card.

Has someone treated you to a smart phone for Christmas but you're now bewildered by the lack of instructions? Or perhaps you're thinking of buying yourself a phone, tablet or laptop in the sales but worry whether you'll understand how to get the most out of it? Maybe you just need to feel more confident when completing on-line forms and navigating websites and emails. We have a Digital Helper in the library who is with us once a month on Monday mornings and can give you some free one-to-one advice and practical help with your digital queries. If a Monday morning proves difficult, we may be able to accommodate appointments at the library at other times during the week. Please call the library for more information and to check the next session time.

Our drop-in Rhymetime sessions on Wednesday afternoons, from 2.15-2.45pm, will run through until 18<sup>th</sup> December and then resume again on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Our regular pre-schoolers and their carers always look forward to joining in with "Singing Sue". Sue brings her beautiful singing voice, a huge repertoire of nursery rhymes and lots of instruments and props for the children to have fun with. It's free, it's very interactive (babies can enjoy the music too) and it's a great way to meet other parents and carers. Come and give it go!

We are always on the lookout for people who have a few hours to spare each month to volunteer at Charlbury Library. Like so many of Oxfordshire's smaller libraries, we run with a mixture of paid staff and willing volunteers and we could always do with extra volunteers to add to our rota. Duties could include shelving books, unpacking deliveries, assisting customers with their enquiries, arranging our book displays, and generally helping to keep the library tidy, welcoming and accessible for our customers.

Volunteers always work either with staff, or with other volunteers, so no one is expected to work alone, and you can always stop for an excellent cup of coffee at the Community Centre's café in your tea break!

If you want to find out more, please pop into the Library or leave your contact details by phone or email (see information below).

*Julie Ward  
Manager, Charlbury Library  
01608 811104*

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Relax, unwind, read the papers, catch up with friends and colleagues and enjoy some delicious home-made cake along with a steaming cup of Fair Trade tea or coffee at the

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**St. Mary's Church, Charlbury  
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## Charlbury Community Speedwatch

Many local residents find the speed and noise of vehicles rushing by them in narrow streets intimidating; making walking, cycling and crossing the road harder and frankly dangerous – for young and old alike. As in all other places in the country, Charlbury now has far more cars than 20 years ago. These aren't only residents' cars, but the usual mix of delivery vehicles, construction traffic and commuters. This is made worse by the town's position at a crossing point of the routes between Witney, Chipping Norton, Burford & Enstone/the A44.

Charlbury Community Speedwatch was set up just over two years ago to challenge the problems of speeding in the town. This was a subject of discussions on the Charlbury Forum and was raised in questionnaires and surveys and with the Town Council and Police. The problem was noted on almost all roads; particularly The Slade and at Enstone Crossroads.

The challenge for the Speedwatch team is to convince drivers to reduce their speed when entering or driving through the town, to respect residents, and at the same time reduce their impact on the environment through less noise and lower vehicle emissions. We do this by placing signs at the roadside warning that drivers are entering a monitored area and by using both discreet and overt equipment that captures drivers' speeds.

Thames Valley Police (TVP) posted a request for residents to join what is a national scheme which is supported locally by police teams with advice, training and equipment. A proposal for funding was accepted by The Town

Council, which enabled the purchase of approved equipment to replace that on loan to us from TVP.

After training and the selection of sites, we started monitoring traffic speeds, recording and providing data to the local authorities and the police and, importantly, providing details of speeding vehicles for follow up by the police. We are not told the names and addresses of speeding motorists but TVP confirm that many of the people we report live in Charlbury and nearby.

During our sessions we are often approached by residents who are pleased to see the activity going on to improve traffic speeds in Charlbury. Many drivers are supportive too; reporting how they are tailgated by speeding drivers or overtaken dangerously when they are sticking to the limit.

We are convinced that our presence at the roadside, and the follow up contact by TVP, creates a deterrent, albeit one that can quickly be forgotten when drivers are in a hurry. It's dispiriting to note that when our equipment is removed after a session, vehicle speeds rise – often alarmingly so.

We have kept up a steady presence in various locations, monitoring 7,663 vehicles over 48 sessions in this period, reporting 419 for follow up by TVP. The table shows a summary of the data from 2019, compared with data from 2018.

The reduction in the percentage of speeding drivers recorded during sessions is, we believe, partly due to new equipment purchased by the Town Council earlier in 2019. The Speed Indicator Device (SID) relays back to the driver their actual speed rather than a



simple warning that they are driving too fast, as with the flashing signs on The Slade, Woodstock Road and Spelsbury Road. SID records speeds in both directions and is monitored with a handheld device, meaning that we can record drivers speeding in either direction.

The CSW team is also working to support the proposed implementation of a 20 mph speed limit in Charlbury (hopefully you responded to the consultation?) and will be monitoring the changes if they are implemented. We hope that the 20 limit will be approved, just as it was in Chipping Norton recently. If we can achieve this it will be a definite improvement for the town.

We're also aware that there is to be a temporary weight restriction on the river bridge in Burford while OCC monitors

heavy vehicles. That new limit will surely result in additional heavy goods vehicles coming through Charlbury via Witney, Hailey & Finstock to the A44. The effect here will also be monitored by OCC (and our local Councillor, Liz Leffman) during the temporary restriction – and by the Speedwatch team as well.

We will continue our monitoring and reporting activities to make Charlbury a better place in which to live, and are always looking for new volunteers to join the team. All of us are concerned about speeding traffic so if you are too, please do join us. There is no need for a regular commitment and a few hours of your time each month will make a big difference. Please contact us at [charlburycsw@gmail.com](mailto:charlburycsw@gmail.com) and we will be in touch.

Location	No. sessions held at each location	% of speeding drivers from Jan -Sept 2019	% of speeding drivers in 2018
The Slade	15	9	27
Enstone Road	7	12	32
Woodstock Road	9	34	43
Forest Road	9	18	38
Spelsbury Road	1	1	-
Grammar School Hill	4	10	24
Overall	45	14	28





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By  
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Please keep your glass bottles and jars separate in your recycling box.

**Extra food waste**

We collect your food waste every week. We'll even take leftover sprouts and turkey bones. Simply put your kitchen caddy out for collection too if your food waste bin is full. If you need a food waste bin or caddy, please get in touch.

**Christmas & New Year collections**

Normal collection:	Revised date:
Tue 24 December	No change
Wed 25 December	Fri 27 December
Thu 26 December	Sat 28 December
Fri 27 December	Mon 30 December
Mon 30 December	Tue 31 December
Tue 31 December	Thu 2 January
Wed 1 January	Fri 3 January
Thu 2 January	Sat 4 January
Fri 3 January	Mon 6 January
Mon 6 January	Tue 7 January
Tue 7 January	Wed 8 January
Wed 8 January	Thu 9 January
Thu 9 January	Fri 10 January
Fri 10 January	Sat 11 January

Normal collection resumes Mon 13 January.

No garden waste collections  
Monday 23rd December to  
Monday 6th January.



**Is your rubbish bin full?**

Most of you waste can be recycled in these bins...

**Recycling bin**

(Items should be loose, not in bags)



**Glass recycling**

(Bottles and jars only)



**Garden waste recycling**

(£30 per bin, per year)



**Food waste recycling**

(Collected every week)

Plastic bags can be used to line your food waste caddy or bin.



**Rubbish bin**

Plastic / carrier bags.

Bubble wrap, plastic film, cling film, cellophane etc.

Crisp packets, sweet/chocolate wrappers.

Baby, cat and dog food pouches.





# Coffee break page

Compiled by Pat Court

**IDENTIFY THE FOLLOWING SONGS FROM THEIR INITIALS.  
THEY WERE ALL HITS IN DECEMBER OF THE YEAR STATED**

- |                      |                        |                          |
|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. 1990 – SD by CR   | 2. 1991 – BR by Q      | 3. 1992 – IWALY by WH    |
| 4. 1993 – MB by MB   | 5. 1994 – SAD by ES    | 6. 1995 – ES by MJ       |
| 7. 1996 – KOHD by D  | 8. 1997 – TM by TSG    | 9. 1998 – G by TSG       |
| 10. 1999 – IHAD by W | 11. 2000 – CWFI by BTB | 12. 2001 – SS by RW & NK |

**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE – DECEMBER AGAIN!**

13. Who, in December 1995, was arrested for refusing to give up her seat to a white man in Montgomery, Alabama?
14. Who became Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England in December 1653?
15. Which "royal" fast food chain opened its first restaurant in Miami in December 1954?
16. Who was killed by Mark David Chapman in New York in December 1980?
17. Which female author died in December 1848 at the age of 30?
18. Which geologist and naturalist set sail on HMS Beagle in December 1831?

**FOR THE YOUNGER READERS**

19. Can kangaroos walk backwards ?
20. Which Superhero gets changed in a phone box?
21. What are the four suits in a deck of cards?
22. What number do the opposite sides of a dice add up to?
23. What is the only number that has the same amount of letters as its value?
24. Which South American country does Paddington Bear come from?
25. What long legged bird eats with its head upside down?
26. What sort of creature is a dingo?
27. What are the names of Harry Potters parents?
28. Which tree produces acorns?
29. How many sides does a hexagon have?
30. In which country is the Taj Mahal?

**WE ALL EAT FAR TOO MANY OF THEM AT CHRISTMAS BUT CAN YOU FIND THE POPULAR  
CHOCOLATES AND CONFECTIONARY FROM THE CLUES BELOW**

31. Mother's hostelry
32. Cow juice container
33. The 'E' is missing from this pet food
34. Sshhh, talk quietly
35. This chap's fruit has gone brown
36. No, actually it's all yellow
37. Gentle wave action
38. Up for discussion
39. Like toast or autumn leaves
40. Passenger carrying vehicle

*Answers on page 46*





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# What's On in Charlbury

## November

- 27—Age UK Film showing, 2pm, Charlbury Community Centre
- 27—Quiz Night, 7.15pm (for 7.45pm start), Charlbury Community Centre

## December

- 3—Yack & Yarn, 7.30pm, The Bell
- 4—Day Centre Open Day, Garden Room
- 5—8, St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival
- 6—School Concert for St Mary's Tree Festival, 2.30pm, St Mary's
- 6—Opening Party for St Mary's Tree Festival, 6-8pm, St Mary's
- 7—Christmas Market, 10-3pm, St Mary's
- 7—Oxford Concert Party, 7.30pm, St Mary's
- 7—Councillor Surgery, 10-12 noon, Morris Room
- 7—Ramsden Christmas Market, 1-5pm
- 8—CRAG Concert, 3pm, Memorial Hall
- 10—Scrabble at the Community Centre, 2.30-5pm
- 10—WI Carol Service, 7pm, St Mary's
- 11—Art Society, "Desert Island Art"
- 12—General Election, Memorial Hall
- 13—Carol Singing, 7.45pm, at the Community Centre, with the school choir
- 14—Farmers Market, 9-1pm, Playing Close
- 14—CADS "Christmas Through the Ages", 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 15—ChOC "Arthur Christmas", 3pm, Memorial Hall
- 16—Bowls Club Christmas Bingo, 7pm, Bowls Club
- 16—Beer & Wine Circle, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 18—Charlbury WI Meeting, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 20—Christmas Coffee Morning, 10am-12pm, at Charlbury Community Centre



## January

- 7—Yack & Yarn, 7.30pm, The Bell
- 12—CRAG Concert, 3pm, Memorial Hall
- 14 - 2.30-5pm - Scrabble at the Community Centre
- 15—Charlbury WI, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 16—Garden Society, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 20—Beer & Wine Circle, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 22—2pm - Age UK Film showing, Charlbury Community Centre
- 22—Quiz Night, 7.15pm (for 7.45pm start), Charlbury Community Centre
- 23-25—CADS "Treasure Island", 7.30pm, Memorial Hall

## February

- 1—Councillor Surgery, 10-12 noon, Morris Room
- 4—Yack & Yarn, 7.30pm, The Bell
- 11—Scrabble, 2.30-5pm, at the Community Centre
- 16—CRAG Concert, 3pm, Memorial Hall
- 17—Beer & Wine Circle, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 19—Charlbury WI, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 20—Garden Society, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 26—Age UK Film showing, 2pm, Charlbury Community Centre
- 26—Quiz Night, 7.15pm (for 7.45pm start), Charlbury Community Centre

## Weekly events

### Monday

9.30am—Toddlers Group, Memorial Hall  
1.30-3pm—Tennis Club  
1.15—2.15pm —Strength & Balance,  
Community Centre  
1.15—2pm—OneFitMama (exercise class  
for mums and babies), Community Centre  
2.30—3.30pm—Strength & Balance,  
Community Centre  
7-8.30pm—Scouts, Scout Hut

### Tuesday

10-11am—Bump to Two, Community  
Centre  
11-12pm—Well Baby Clinic, Community  
Centre  
12.15-1pm - Line Dancing, Community  
Centre  
6pm—Bowls Club  
8pm—Wychwayz Border Morris, Scout Hut

### Wednesday

9-10am—LeanGym, Community Centre  
9.30-11am, Stay & Play, Community  
Centre  
10—11.30 am - Yang style Tai Chi,  
Methodist Hall  
11.15-12pm, Toddler Gym, Community  
Centre  
11.45—12.45pm - Qigong and tai chi  
principles, Methodist Hall  
2.15-2.45pm - Rhymetime, Charlbury  
Library  
3—4.30pm—Walking Football, Community  
Centre  
6-7pm Hatha Yoga, Community Centre  
7.45pm—Bell Ringing, St Mary's  
8-10pm—Volleyball, Community Centre

### Thursday

10-12pm—Font Café, St Mary's  
5—6pm, Basketball for age 11+,  
Community Centre  
5-6.15—Beavers, Scout Hut  
6.30—8pm—Cubs, Scout Hut  
6.30-7.30pm—Circuit Training, Community  
Centre  
7-9pm—Tennis Club  
8-9pm—Walking Football, Community  
Centre

### Friday

9.30am—Exercise for 50+, Memorial Hall  
10-12pm—TG's Coffee Club, Community  
Centre  
2-5pm—Tennis Club  
7pm—Choir Practice—St Mary's  
7-9pm—Youth Club, Community Centre

### Sunday

10-11am, Circuit Training, Community  
Centre



**Christmas at St Teresa's**  
**Advent Carol Service**  
**For Gaudete Sunday**  
**15<sup>th</sup> December, 3pm**

**Mass of Christmas Night**  
**With Carols**  
**24<sup>th</sup> December, 8.30pm**

**Christmas Day Mass**  
**25<sup>th</sup> December, 9.15am**

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## Yoga benefits during the winter months

With Autumn already here and winter months approaching, the air is getting thinner and colder, affecting our energy levels, mood and ability to breathe properly. Yoga practises are ideal resources to help us maintain good health through the winter months.

Yoga means 'balance' and its ultimate aim is to bring the mind, body and breathing back to their natural state of health and well-being.

Yoga breathing practise help to open the chest and expand the lungs which often shrink in colder weather. This improves respiration and therefore oxygen levels helping to bring more energy into the body.

The postures help to align the body, particularly the spine which is the central structure. An aligned posture is a relaxed posture as it actually takes up energy to hold a misaligned position. Yoga postures are called 'asanas' and they help to create more space inside joints to improve flexibility and more space inside and around organs so they are less cramped and can function more effectively. Yoga movements and sequences help to ease tension and

stiffness in aching joints and muscles. They improve circulation, strength, stability and encourage better coordination. The relaxation and simple meditation practises help to settle busy thoughts, bringing a calmer and clearer state of mind.

Modern research now shows that Yoga is scientifically proven to help ease stress on the mind and the body. The practises have been used for thousands of years and continue to be increasingly popular today to help us manage stress, pain and many other life challenges in order to improve our day to day quality of life.

There are many classes around ranging from new fit yoga (high intensity modern style) to traditional Hatha yoga and gentle therapeutic yoga . Choose a class carefully just as you would choose the right foods to suit your current health needs. If you prefer high intensity exercise then 'fit flow' may suit you better but if you have a specific long term health condition, you would be best advised to seek a therapeutic or restorative class.

For more details contact Nikki Jackson who has taught yoga for nearly 30 years and is a national teacher trainer in Yoga Therapy for chronic health conditions.

*Nikki Jackson*



### Charlbury YOGA classes

**THURSDAYS** – The Green Room, Charlbury Memorial Hall

9.15am – 10.45am – Traditional Hatha Yoga

11am – 12.15am – Therapeutic Yoga

Contact

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**St Mary's Church Charlbury  
Christmas Tree Festival  
Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup> to  
Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> 2019**

The St Mary's Church Christmas Tree Festival is aiming to bring people, local organisations, charities and schools together – each decorating their own Christmas tree in the church. The trees will be displayed collectively at St Mary's from Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>.

As well as the display of trees (and the regular café), there are to be a number of other additional events – including an opening party, a school choir concert, a festive concert, a Christmas Market and a Songs of Praise service. It will be a marvellous way to support the St Mary's roof fund appeal, and provide publicity for organisations in the town.

A Christmas Tree Festival is a wonderful way of bringing a community together to share the joy of Christmas, to raise money for a good cause and to have lots of fun on the way! Our objectives are to encourage the local people to support this wonderful church (as they have done for centuries) and to keep St Mary's in the heart of the community by either coming to the event, or by offering to help in some way, or both.

Ways of helping include

- Buying a tree to be decorated by your organisation, school or charity
- Providing catering or stewarding support for the Festival, for the Christmas Market and for musical events
- Providing sponsorship for the festival

Please get in touch with Hilli Waller via the St Mary's Church Office or by phone or email. We would love to hear from you if you would like to be involved in any way!

*Hilli Waller*

[hilli.waller@gmail.com](mailto:hilli.waller@gmail.com) /01608 811204

## **Come and play volleyball in Charlbury**

Do you want to try out volleyball at Charlbury Community Centre? Then a regular session on Wednesdays from 8pm-10pm is your chance. We have been playing every week for over two years now, including some outdoor games on Nine Acres for the first time last summer. We always welcome new players, with or without experience.

Indoor volleyball is a truly international sport, easy to learn, and a great way to get some exercise and have fun without worrying about the weather. We are very lucky to have a fantastic, full-size indoor court right here in the middle of Charlbury. Even if you've never played before and want to give it a go, or you haven't played since you were at school or on holiday, this session gives you the opportunity to come and try. You really don't have to be super fit or athletic to take part.

Anyone can join in and enjoy volleyball. It can be played by all ages and abilities, and is one of the few sports where men and women routinely play together. Our friendly, fun sessions focus on helping everyone to learn, improve and join in and we have already welcomed new players from age 17 to 70 and of a dozen or so different nationalities.

Interested? Please just turn up on a Wednesday evening and stay as long as you want.

The cost is just £6 for a two-hour session if you pay for a block, but...

**YOUR FIRST SESSION IS FREE!**

There's no special equipment needed, but please bring clean trainers and water to drink.

For further information, check out our Charlbury Volleyball page on Facebook or email

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*Steven Jones*

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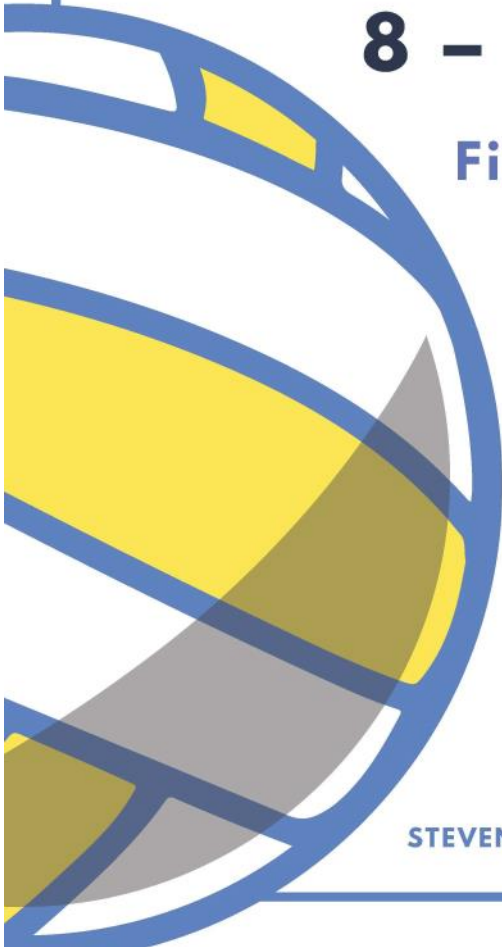
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# Charlbury Church Services



## Charlbury Baptist Church, Dyer's Hill

Contact: Secretary (01608 810107)

**Sundays** Service at 10.30 am. Fourth of each month with Methodists in Fishers Lane

**Thursdays** 7.30 pm at the church for midweek study/discussion

Round the table Carol Service:

Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm. Refreshments of course!!

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## St Mary's C of E Church, Church Street

St Mary's Church, Charlbury and All Saints Shorthampton

Full details of all church services are available in the Leaflet or in the Church porch or on p. 39

Vicar – Revd Dr Sally Welch Parish Office (01608 810230)

[www.stmaryscharlbury.co.uk](http://www.stmaryscharlbury.co.uk)



## Friends' Meeting House, Market Street

Meeting for Worship at the Friends Meeting House

Sunday mornings 10.30am

For further details contact Sue Terry (01608 811033)

email: [sueeterry@btinternet.com](mailto:sueeterry@btinternet.com)



## Methodist Chapel, Fishers Lane

Sunday services at 10.30am

Further information from Gill Grason (01608 810154)



## St Teresa's R.C. Church, Fishers Lane

Sunday Mass. 9.15am every Sunday at St Teresa's.

9.00am on second Sunday of each month at St Kenelm's Enstone.

Weekday Mass. 9.30am on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at St Teresa's.

Parish Priest. Fr Tony Joyce, Holy Trinity, Chipping Norton (01608 642703). Charlbury Catholic Parish Council joint chairs: . Clare Carswell and Mike Flanagan

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## Churches Together in Charlbury

A new year has started for Churches Together in Charlbury and Louise Littledale from St Teresa's Church has taken over the chair from Rachel Gallagher. We are now looking forward to a busy month before Christmas, with special services in all the churches. We are taking part in the Christmas Tree Festival in St Mary's, decorating a tree and sharing in the other activities that are planned. We are sending a Christmas card to every house in Charlbury with details of the services nearest to Christmas. And we are organising a Reverse Advent Calendar, collecting food and essential articles like soap and washing powder for homeless people coming to The Porch in Oxford.

At the same time we are planning for next year. We start 2020 with a united service on Sunday 19 January in St Mary's and on Friday 6 March there will be a World Day of Prayer service, prepared by women in Zimbabwe, also in St Mary's. These are important opportunities for members of all the Charlbury churches to come together, to hear the same message and share in the same experience of worship, making friends, encouraging one another and giving us a broader understanding of our faith.

In Lent we will be offering bread and soup lunches in one of the churches each Friday and on Tuesday evenings from 3 to 31 March we will be holding a series of talks in St Mary's. The theme in 2020 is science and faith and we are inviting theologians and scientists to talk to us. We are fortunate that there are people around Oxford who have trained both in science and theology and who are willing to come and share their experience with us in Charlbury.

During the year we have raised over £5500 for Christian Aid, focussing on work to tackle the effects of climate change among people living in poverty and to improve maternal health. We have also raised nearly £1000 for other charities including CRAG and Asylum

Welcome and through our stall at the Street Fair for the Corner House and Memorial Hall. We are very grateful to everyone who has donated so generously.

No doubt the news in the weeks before Christmas will be dominated by the election and its outcome. The Christmas message of peace and goodwill may seem idealistic or irrelevant when politicians and their supporters are shouting their point of view and running down their opponents. But goodwill is what we desperately need to heal our divided society and rebuild respect for our institutions.

Collins Dictionary defines goodwill as 'a friendly or helpful attitude towards other people, countries or organisations' and 'the goodwill of a business is something such as its good reputation which increases the value of the business'. Goodwill and respect for one another and the world we live in – what could be a better Christmas present?

*Rosalind Scott*

### **Christmas Services at St Mary's and All Saints, Shorthampton**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 6pm Advent Evensong at Shorthampton

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 6pm Christmas Tree Festival Songs of Praise service, St Mary's Church

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 9am Messy Church and No-rehearsal Nativity, St Mary's Church

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 3pm Traditional Carol Service at All Saints, Shorthampton

#### *Christmas Eve*

5.30pm Carols by Candlelight, St Mary's Church

11.30pm Midnight Communion, St Mary's Church

#### *Christmas Day*

8am Holy Communion

9am Holy Communion at All Saints, Shorthampton

10.30am Christmas morning Parish Communion



## CADS News

Rehearsals are now in full swing for the CADS Pantomime: "Treasure Island". There will be three evening performances and one matinee in the Memorial Hall, Charlbury, on Thursday 23-Saturday 25th January 2020 at 7.30pm. The matinee will be at 2.30pm on Saturday 25th January.

Tickets Adults £10; Concessions £8 and for children's matinee only £5 for children. Tickets can be obtained from Cotswold Frames or [www.wegotickets.com/cads](http://www.wegotickets.com/cads) or Box Office 01606 676 642.

There will also be a matinee and evening performance in Chadlington Memorial Hall on Saturday February 1st at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Box office 01608 676 642.

The pantomime is based on the classic pirate adventure with the "goodies" Jim Hawkins, his mother Ma Hawkins, Squire Trelawney and daughter Felicity, trying to outwit the "baddies", Long John Silver and his band of dastardly pirates. Plenty of opportunity for audience participation in a truly traditional pantomime with a twist at the end!

We have been pleased to welcome new members who have entered into the

pantomime spirit with gusto and there will be many faces among the cast familiar to Charlbury and Chadlington audiences. Directed by Sue Haffenden with choreography by Olive Woods.

An important date for your diary: Saturday, 14th December at 7.30pm in Charlbury Memorial Hall. CADS presents "Christmas through the ages", a series of dramatic readings, poems and songs of a light-hearted nature, with mulled wine and nibbles. All welcome. Adults: £5 on the door. £3 children.

The annual CADS Christmas Dinner will be held on Friday, 6th December for members, family and friends only. Please apply to our Secretary Helen Wright if you have not already booked a place.

If anybody is interested in helping with scenery design or set building, make up or wardrobe for the pantomime please get in touch with Sue Haffenden 01608 676 642. We also need help with front of house and running the bar. All offers of help from members old and new will be most welcome. We are a fun group to join!

*Sue Haffenden (Chairman CADS)*

### **CHARLBURY FARMERS' MARKET on the Playing Close between 9am and 1pm on Saturday, December 14th**

Charlbury Farmers' Market is administered by Thames Valley Farmers' Market Co-operative Ltd. and organised by Geoff & Janet Burroughs.

Any queries, please contact Geoff or Janet on the contact details below.

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## News from the Charlbury Participation Group (CPPG)

**What We Do:** The CPPG Steering Group (comprising 8 volunteers) meets monthly with the Charlbury Medical Practice Manager. Minutes of these meetings are sent out to all members. For further information or to join, e-mail [patientgroup.charlbury@nhs.net](mailto:patientgroup.charlbury@nhs.net).

Members of the steering group attend meetings with neighbouring patient and GP groups to gain information about forthcoming changes in the provision of Primary Care and feed this back to patients.

The CPPG produces quarterly Newsletters. October edition gave information on Child Health and Immunisation as well as an update on the changes in provision of care by general practice (Primary Care Networks).

The next edition will contain information for Carers together with information on Pressure Sores and Leg Ulcers. The Newsletter is available on-line via the Charlbury Town or Medical Centre websites and hard copies are available in the Health Centre, Charlbury Pharmacy, The Corner House, Stonesfield and Finstock.

Information is also available on the CPPG website and the CPPG notice board in the Practice on the following topics:

- How to make an appointment with the Practice
- Making the most of your 10 minute appointment
- Making your house number/ sign visible from the street for the ambulance service
- Healthy eating for children

The CPPG runs two open evenings a year. All patients at Charlbury Medical Centre are welcome to attend to give

feedback, raise concerns and meet the Practice Manager and members of the Steering Group. The next meeting will be in April 2020.

### News from the Practice:

Dr. Nikki Jones joined the practice on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

### GP weekly rota

Dr. Brookes-White: Monday: Thursday, Friday

Dr. Maroni: Monday, Tuesday, every other Wednesday afternoon

Dr. K McIntyre: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Dr. N. Jones Monday: Tuesday, Wednesday, alternate Thursday mornings

**Try and see the same GP for the same condition**

### Avoid A&E Unless Absolutely Essential

*Other sources of medical advice and help* **Charlbury Pharmacy** will give advice on minor wounds and illnesses including infected eyes, sore throat and blood pressure monitoring.

**First Aid Unit Chipping Norton** (does not have X-ray Facility), has recently moved from Community Hospital to Chipping Norton Health Centre. Delivers first aid service to any member of the public and is provided by clinicians from the NHS Ambulance Service. **Open Monday to Friday 5pm to 9pm.** (No appointment necessary)

**Minor Injuries Unit Witney Community Hospital.** (has X-ray facility) for injuries such as deep cuts, broken bones, sprains, head and eye injuries. **Open every day from 10:00am to 10:30pm** including 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, December and 1<sup>st</sup> January. (No appointment necessary)

**NHS 111: 24 hour service.** Call 111 if you have an urgent concern or need urgent advice on medical treatment.

**A&E 999.** Use A&E only in case of serious or life threatening injury or illness.

**Charlbury Surgery and Pharmacy are closed 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> December and 1<sup>st</sup> January**

[Patientgroup.charlbury@nhs.net](mailto:Patientgroup.charlbury@nhs.net)



## Charlbury Town Council News

### *Town Council declares a Climate Emergency*

Charlbury Town Council has declared a state of Climate Emergency following a petition brought to the council in September by Charlbury residents. The motion passed on 23rd October states:

- Charlbury Town Council declares a state of Climate Emergency in recognition that climate change threatens life in Charlbury and across the world;
- We undertake to set up an Environment Working Group, comprising town councillors and other Charlbury residents, to identify and recommend actions to reduce carbon emissions in the town and become carbon-neutral;
- In advance of any recommendations made by the Environment Working Group, the Town Council commits to taking carbon footprint and environmental impact into account when considering planning applications and when setting the Town Council's budget and spending priorities for the year

As early priorities, we ask the Environment Working Group to organise a public meeting to discuss how Charlbury can act on the Climate Emergency, and how residents and the Town Council can work together; and to provide feedback to the emerging Neighbourhood Plan.

*Elections – Make sure you are registered and USE YOUR VOTE!*

It will not have escaped your notice that a General Election will take place on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. Although this may be a busy time during the run up to the festive season, democracy is important so we urge you to exercise

your democratic right and vote.

This will not be your only opportunity to cast your vote during the coming year so please make sure that you are registered. Other significant polls for Charlbury residents during 2020 will include the election in May of all 12 members of this Town Council, one district councillor and the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner. In addition, there will be a referendum at some point seeking approval for Charlbury's emerging Neighbourhood Plan 2031 (see below).

So: *Are you registered to vote?* If you are not included on the electoral register you will not be able to cast your vote for any of the above but it is not too late! You can register online via the West Oxfordshire District Council website at <http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/> by clicking on "Register to vote". Alternatively, call WODC on 01993 861000 during office hours and ask for Electoral Services. You can also apply for a postal vote in the same way.

*Town Council Election 2020 - Could you make a difference?*

If you care about your town and community and want to help shape the future, then please consider standing for election to the Town Council to be held in May 2020. Our "grass roots" level of local government has an increasingly important role to play, whether in influencing planning policy through a neighbourhood plan, working with county highways to address road safety issues, addressing climate emergency issues at a local level and in association with WODC, OCC and others; or supporting the volunteers who make our community the lively and supportive place that it is. The council needs members representing all parts of the community and you could be part of it.

You can find out more about what is involved from the Town Clerk or just have a chat with any of the current councillors. There is a list on the Town Council website at [www.charlburytowncouncil.co.uk/](http://www.charlburytowncouncil.co.uk/).

### *Charlbury Neighbourhood Plan 2031*

A 6-week public consultation on the draft Charlbury Neighbourhood Plan 2031 was held during the autumn with exhibition/ drop-in sessions at Street Fair and in the Corner House and displays in the Charlbury Community Centre. Thank you to everyone who engaged with the consultation and sent in their comments. See a separate report elsewhere in this edition of the Chronicle for more information on the remaining stages to get the plan adopted.

### *20mph Zone for Charlbury*

A public consultation on the proposed 20mph zone within Charlbury has been held and responses are being considered by OCC. Thanks to everyone who took part in the consultation. We eagerly await the results of the deliberation and confidently look forward to the introduction of the scheme very soon.

### *Charlbury Honoured Citizen Award*

Following the presentation of the inaugural Charlbury Honoured Citizen Award to Ken and Margaret Taylor in January this year, the town council is now inviting nominations for presentation during 2020. For details and a nomination form, please contact Roger Clarke, the town clerk at [charlburytc@btinternet.com](mailto:charlburytc@btinternet.com) or on 01608 810608 (9am to 5pm weekdays only). Nominations for the 2020 award should be received by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

### *Other Matters:*

*Permissive Paths* through Nine Acres Recreation Ground will be closed all day on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020** in accordance with recommended practice to ensure that the access retains its permissive status. We believe that

similar closures of permissive paths through Wigwell and between Hundley Way and Widdows Wood will occur on the same day by order of the Wychwood Project and HDH Wills 1965 Charitable Trust respectively. Residents with gates opening onto to Oxpens Allotments, Nine Acres Recreation Ground and Wigwell are also reminded that these do not create a Right of Way.

### *Wilderness Consultation Meeting*

The Wilderness Festival team will be in Charlbury for a consultation meeting with local residents on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020 from 7:30pm in the Thomas Gifford Room in the Charlbury Community Centre. All welcome.

### *Remembrance Sunday.*

Cllr Vince Hill laid the Council's wreath at the War Memorial at St Mary's Church on Remembrance Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November.

### *Overhanging Branches. Encroaching hedges etc.*

These matters can be a real nuisance to people using our pavements, paths and public spaces, particularly those with push chairs, mobility scooters etc. So please be considerate to others by cutting back branches that overhang pavements and trimming back hedges that are difficult to pass. Thank you.

### *Snow and Ice.*

As winter approaches, please be aware of the hazards of icy pavements and roads. Also please look out for any of your neighbours who may find it difficult to get out and about in such weather. The salt bins are now full but if you become aware of bins becoming empty during severe weather, please contact the Town Clerk. Please remember that this salt is only for use on the public highways and pavements.

Finally, the members and clerk of Charlbury Town Council wish you all a *Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.*

## Contacting your town council

All town council meetings are open to the public as observers. Ten minutes are also available at the start of each full council meeting for representations from members of the public by prior arrangement with the town clerk. Full Council meetings will be held in the Corner House (normally the Morris Room) at 7:30pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 29<sup>th</sup> January and 26<sup>th</sup> February. Planning applications relating to Charlbury will be considered at separate meetings on the Monday preceding each full council meeting at

8pm (7:30pm if there is a speaker) in the Ann Downer Room.

Councillor surgeries are scheduled for Saturdays 7<sup>th</sup> December and 1<sup>st</sup> February from 10am to noon in the Morris Room.

You can also contact Roger Clarke, the Town Clerk by email at [charlburytc@btinternet.com](mailto:charlburytc@btinternet.com) or telephone 01608 810608 9am to 5pm (not weekends or Bank Holidays).

Further information can be found at [www.charlburytowncouncil.co.uk](http://www.charlburytowncouncil.co.uk).

*Peter Kenrick*



## Charlbury Street Fair 2019

Our 2019 Street Fair was blessed by some really fine weather on 21<sup>st</sup> September—a nice day for Larcum Kendall's 300<sup>th</sup> Birthday—and the last of the good days of Summer. Anyone who was there on the day I am sure would agree with me that we had a really good 'buzz' from all the people—local and visitors alike.

### Planning for 2020

January will see us start our planning for 2020; 19<sup>th</sup> September is the Street Fair day—a date for your diary.

Do please watch out for information on this on [www.charlbury.info](http://www.charlbury.info) and on posters around the town. We seriously do need more help, for example with coordinating Stalls and with Publicity, as these are key vacancies and the former one is vital to the success on the day. We are also seeing some of our committee stepping down in the next year. Having "new faces" early will really help to ease handover, learning from our experienced team. So if you'd like to know more, or to volunteer in any capacity, even just for a couple of hours on the Fair day, either contact me at [csfchairman@charlburystreetfair.org](mailto:csfchairman@charlburystreetfair.org) or come along to our January meeting.

### Finances

Street Fair managed to net around

£8,000; more than last year and in part due to being able to run Open Gardens with help from Charlbury Garden Society. The money raised is donated for the upkeep of the Corner House and War Memorial Hall. Let's build on this in 2020!

### Thank You

Big "Thank You's" go to all who helped with all the things that go to make the Fair happen on the day - you know who you are.

We are grateful to Tina Piotrowsky who managed to arrange the Dance Spectacular at somewhat short notice, and who has 'hung up' her Street Fair dancing shoes for the last time, and Dave Oates who did such a splendid job as our 'MC'. A lot goes together under the Street Fair 'Banner' and this includes the "Quiz Nite" in March for which we thank Wendy Bailey and Jackie Hague and their helpers. I must also mention Catherine Goyder who volunteered to arrange Open Gardens, and not forgetting Steve Jones who picked up the reins as our Secretary—and anyone else who helped during 2019! I'd like to offer especial thanks to Jean Adams who coordinated the Stalls in trying circumstances.

### 2020 again!

Lastly, as I mentioned above, please do have a think about joining our team and contact me, or come along to our first 2020 meeting in January.

*John Dora*  
*Chair, Charlbury Street Fair Committee*

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## From County & District Councillor Liz Leffman

01608 810153 [liz.leffman@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:liz.leffman@westoxon.gov.uk)

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I was very disappointed to learn in October that the planned road repairs in Sheep Street and Park Street are to be postponed until March. This is because there will be gas works happening in Charlbury in January and if the roads had been repaired in November as planned, they would have had to be dug up again just a couple of months later. I am assured that the repairs will definitely be done in March.

However, this postponement could have been avoided if Oxfordshire had been using the permit system for managing utility roadworks that other councils have been using for years. Unlike most other councils, up to now Oxfordshire has been allowing the utility companies to dictate when they want to conduct works that require digging up the road. This has meant no co-ordination of work, resulting in unnecessary disruption to residents and poor-quality roads with lots of filled-in trenches.

At last, in November the council introduced a permit system, which means that utilities will have to apply for permission to dig up the road in future and the council will be able to require utilities to group their programmes and work together. Sadly, this has come just too late for Charlbury, but at least in future things should be better co-ordinated.

Both West Oxfordshire District Council and Oxfordshire County Council have recently declared a Climate Emergency. Unfortunately, however, this has not been backed up with much in the way of action. At West Oxfordshire, the proposed Citizens' Assembly has not happened, and instead of getting on with the job by forming a working party to look at things we can do immediately to mitigate the emergency, WODC has delayed meeting until a Climate Change Officer has been appointed. So much for the emergency!

The Cabinet member at the County Council presented a paper to the November council meeting which praised OCC for its waste and recycling record. I pointed out that for those of us who live in Charlbury and the surrounding villages, recycling means travelling 40 minutes to Stanton Harcourt. If we genuinely believe that we need to improve recycling and re-use, and cut the emissions from car travel, then the only sensible solution is to open a recycling and re-use centre near here – something I have been campaigning on for years. I haven't given up yet and will continue to demand that we replace Dean Pit.

I would like to wish everyone in Charlbury a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

*Liz Leffman*

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The pre-submission consultation of the draft neighbourhood plan held during the autumn is now closed and we are reviewing the responses. Many thanks to everyone who read the draft plan and took part in the consultation. The level of response was encouraging and will help us to make the plan even better.

When we have carefully considered all of the consultation responses and other representations, we will recommend changes to the draft plan and these will be scrutinised in detail by the town council and amended as necessary. Once the town council has approved a revised draft, at a full council meeting, the new version will be formally submitted to West Oxfordshire District Council, who will then be responsible for the further progress of the plan.

Consultation responses and proposed changes will be documented in a separate consultation statement which will be submitted along with the revised plan. We expect this process to be

completed during the early months of 2020.

Because the draft plan text will have been amended, WODC will carry out a further 6-week consultation on the revised text of the plan – another chance for you to have your say. After that, WODC will arrange an independent examination of the plan to ensure that it is legally sound and not vulnerable to challenge. Further changes to the plan text may be enforced at this stage.

Finally, if the plan is deemed to be sound, a referendum of all registered voters within the parish of Charlbury will be held to seek approval for the adoption of the plan. If a simple majority of those voting approve the plan, WODC will adopt it and it will become a part of legal planning framework for applications within the parish. WODC, as the planning authority, will then be obliged to take account of the policies within the “made” plan when deciding applications within Charlbury.

## Chronicle Quiz Answers

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| 19. No                              | 1. Saviour's Day - Cliff Richard                       |
| 20. Superman                        | 2. Bohemian Rhapsody – Queen                           |
| 21. Hearts, Clubs, Diamonds, Spades | 3. I Will Always Love You – Whitney Houston            |
| 22. 7                               | 4. Mr Blobby – Mr Blobby                               |
| 23. 4                               | 5. Stay Another Day – East 17                          |
| 24. Peru                            | 6. Earth Song – Michael Jackson                        |
| 25. Flamingo                        | 7. Knockin' On Heaven's Door – Dunblane                |
| 26. Wild dog                        | 8. Too Much – Spice Girls                              |
| 27. James and Lily                  | 9. Goodbye – Spice Girls                               |
| 28. Oak                             | 10. I Have a Dream – Westlife                          |
| 29. 6                               | 11. Can We Fix It – Bob the Builder                    |
| 30. India                           | 12. Somethin' Stupid – Robbie Williams & Nicole Kidman |
| 31. Mars Bar                        | 13. Rosa Parks   |
| 32. Milk Tray                       | 14. Oliver Cromwell                                    |
| 33. Kit Kat                         | 15. Burger King  |
| 34. Wispa                           | 16. John Lennon  |
| 35. Terry's Chocolate Orange        | 17. Emily Bronte                                       |
| 36. Terry's All Gold                | 18. Charles Darwin                                     |
| 37. Ripple                          |  |
| 38. Topic                           |  |
| 39. Crunchie                        |  |
| 40. Double Decker                   |  |



## News from Charlbury Garden Society

### **Report and winter gardening tips from the Chair, Nicola Morgan**

'Another successful year for the Garden Society has shot by, with two wonderful Shows bringing out the best in gardeners, craftspeople and bakers to compete at a very high level. Next year we hope to increase the involvement of children through the School and Pre-School.

We have a very strong committee with some more help being offered, and gratefully received. We are still looking for people to do small jobs, help at events, etc.

If you'd like to get involved please email [chairman@charlburygardensociety.org.uk](mailto:chairman@charlburygardensociety.org.uk)

For 2020, we already have a programme of speakers and trips, and dates for our Shows are now set. We are encouraging other societies to join with us to establish a network to support each other. We continue to develop schemes to provide seeds and plants for the community.'

### **GARDENING IN WINTER**

'Every magazine has a feature on winter gardening usually involving cornus and grasses. If you have a more established, smaller garden you may not have space to indulge in this type of display.

A way round this is to plant up tubs for winter colour. You can get very good value bulbs, though the bigger the bulb the better the bloom generally. There are lots of unusual varieties around in garden centres and even supermarkets. It's lovely to plant them now and forget about them, and have a nice surprise in the spring. Check the flowering dates and the heights so you can plan a good display.

Over the top of the bulbs it's a good idea to put some winter bedding, pansies,

ivies and primulas do well. I've always found that the little cyclamen, though very attractive suffer in the wet, so unless it's a very sheltered spot, I don't bother with them.

In the garden generally, don't get too tidy. Leave anything that's upright or structural and just pull away dead leaves and stalks. There is more understanding of how untidy gardens protect our wildlife and anything with seeds or fruit is very useful. While no one wants their garden to look too dead, it can be attractive to have some structure left. It's a good chance to apply mulch to improve the state of the soil and clean greenhouses and sheds. Doing this will mean you're spring ready; a way of passing the winter until we can get back out there again.'

### **WHAT'S ON?**

The first talk of the year on Thursday 16 January will be given by Tim Miles, Head Gardener from Cotswold Wildlife Park. Not just a wildlife reserve where planting schemes are designed with animals in mind, these magnificent gardens with their exotic plants were recently featured on BBC Gardeners' World.

On Thursday 20 February we invite members and their guests to bring along their horticultural queries to the ever popular Gardener's Question Time. There will be a panel of experienced local gardeners to answer your questions.

Doors open at 7.30 pm for tea and chat and talks begin at 8 pm.

To join Charlbury Garden Society email: [membership@charlburygardensociety.org.uk](mailto:membership@charlburygardensociety.org.uk)

You can also join at any of our events. Annual membership costs £5 (£8 joint) and gives free entry to our evening talks, advance notice of our outings and events by email newsletter, and a 10% discount at several local garden centres when you present your membership card.



## Charlbury Refugee Action Group in action

### Our ongoing concert programme

#### **CRAG has three stunning and varied Sunday Tea Concerts for you in the next three months.**

On December 8 Somerville College Choir will perform a collection of seasonal music, some well known and others less so, with opportunities for audience participation too. On January 12 Rachel Beckett (flute and recorder) and Alastair Ross (harpsichord) return to play works by CPE Bach, Telemann, Handel, Vivaldi and Couperin. Alastair will once again be playing the wonderful harpsichord donated and tuned by Simon Neal. And on February 16 jazz pianist Dorian Ford reprises Keith Jarrett's famous improvisation, the Köln Concert, the like of which has rarely if ever been heard in Charlbury.

*Each concert begins at 3pm, doors open at 2.30pm, tickets are £12 on the door (under 15s £5) and include tea and cake (!), and full details are on the Charlbury website.*

#### **Bring and buy**

**Save those unwanted Christmas presents!** CRAG's annual Bring & Buy sale is on 11 January at 10am in the Friends Meeting House, Market Street. You can phone Fran on 01608 811402 to arrange collection, or just bring them along to the Meeting House at around 9.30 on the day. It's an ideal opportunity to get rid of unwanted gifts and other treasures, to pick up bargains, and to sample our renowned coffee and home-made cakes.

#### **A year of fundraising**

**In 2018/2019 you helped raise a total for the year of £11,756.** Of this, an amazing £6,800 came from the concerts. Thousands of refugees and asylum seekers mainly in northern France

and Greece have had their lives made a little easier by what you have raised, along with the sleeping bags, blankets and warm clothing you have also contributed. *Thank you so much.*

We've recently been supporting an organisation called Attika on the Greek island of Lesbos. This is the main distribution point for relief to refugee camps in Greece, where 33,447 asylum seekers are now on the Greek islands alone, 14,272 of them in Moria camp (official capacity 3000). About 2000 are babies under two.

Our donations to Attika so far total over £1200. If you would like to contribute to this, and add Gift Aid, let us know at [charlburyrefugee@gmail.com](mailto:charlburyrefugee@gmail.com)

#### **Gift Aid**

We are now registered for Gift Aid. This means CRAG can claim an additional 25% on all donations we have received from taxpayers since 2015 (but sadly it does not include concert tickets or café purchases). We are in the process of tracking down eligible donors and you may have heard from us already. There's just a very simple form to complete, we do the rest, and the refugees benefit. All at no cost to you. That's what we call win-win.

Of course, this means that you are now able to make further donations to CRAG, whether regular or one-off, and HMRC will refund to us the tax you've already paid. Email [charlburyrefugee@gmail.com](mailto:charlburyrefugee@gmail.com) if you'd like to make a Gift Aid donation. (You have to be a UK income taxpayer, of course.)

#### **'The Full Mezza'**

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