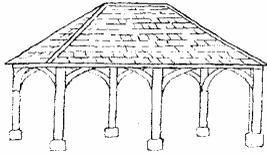


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Charlbury's shopkeepers want to thank everyone for their custom during the very cold winter days leading up to Christmas. Many people were glad to be able to get to their local shops and fulfil all their needs in the town around Christmas - so the lesson to be drawn is that if we want to be able to rely on our shops when the going gets tough, then we must make sure we support our shops throughout the year. Read Michael Wareing's very good Letter to the Editor on page 15 on this subject.

There is a plea for a volunteer to come forward to take over the Chairmanship of the Thomas Gifford Trust and hopefully take the Community Centre project forward to completion. There must surely be someone out of the 3,000+ inhabitants of Charlbury who is public-spirited enough to come forward and take their turn. Even if you can only make a commitment for a year or two that should be enough to keep things moving. Trevor Jones deserves all our gratitude for his sterling work over eleven difficult years with the Thomas Gifford Trust and the Community Centre - with any luck the end of the journey may be in sight and we will at last see something happening.

We are nothing if not up to date with the *Charlbury Chronicle* and we've even managed to get something on the Royal Wedding for this issue - see the Museum News on p 25.

Many congratulations to Rosalind & Roy Scott for their splendid **Save Charlbury Library** leaflet! It is a real eye-catcher and it is to be hoped that everyone will answer their call and join in the campaign to keep our beloved library going. There was a successful **Read In** at the Library on Saturday February 5th which was very well supported. **There is to be a Public Meeting held by Charlbury Town Council on Friday evening, March 25th in the Memorial Hall** (check noticeboards for exact time nearer the date). The speakers from County Hall will be County Councillor Judith Heathcot, the Cabinet member with responsibilities for libraries, and John Jackson, Director of Social & Community Services.

Hands up if you know the meaning of the word **Aquadigipsycharmonica** which appears somewhere in this issue!

Lynette Murphy

**Deadline for copy for the June Chronicle is
May 1st 2011**

COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

By the time you read this article, the snow and ice should be long gone, and we can look forward to Spring and Summer. Hopefully, most people kept safe during the trying winter & will continue to do so into 2011. The Responders would like to welcome a new team member, Jane Davies, who joined us in December. Jane is a very active member of the community in various ways and we look forward to working together, as Responders, to keep the community safe..... If anyone would like any more information on Community First Responders, please phone Carol Hughes (co-ordinator) on 01993 868710 or email carol846@btinternet.com - that call could help save someone's life!

All the best for 2011
Carol Hughes

ANNUAL RAINFALL REPORT

BY Nick Potter

The rainfall measured at Lees Rest (about a mile and a half due East of Charlbury and about 500ft above sea level) between 1 January and 31 December 2010 was 746mm(29.84ins).

The wettest month was August (155mm/6.2ins) and the driest was April (24mm/0.96ins).

August was the wettest since 1999 and despite the snow December was the driest since 1991.

Of course the rainfall in the centre of Charlbury may have been completely different.

ARTWEEKS Saturday 14 May – Sunday 22 May

Oxfordshire artweeks is a countywide opening of workshops and studios to the general public. It has been running since 1982 and now has nearly 500 sites. It runs for three weeks and divides into South 7-15th May, North 14-22nd and the City 21-30th May.

In Charlbury brochures and maps are available from the railway station, the post office, the library and Cotswold Frames. The maps and brochures are also at each of the 13 sites - easily identified by a flag outside the house.

Thirteen artists will be opening their studios in Charlbury - a great opportunity to talk to the artists and see them at work.

Our artists offer a diverse selection of skills including paintings, jewellery, bird and botanical watercolours, photography, stone carving, stained glass, mixed media, embroidery and textiles, silversmithing and pottery.

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FRIENDS OF CHARLBURY LIBRARY

The Friends of Charlbury Library was formed in November 1997 at a public meeting when the library was threatened with closure. In January 1998, Oxfordshire County Council decided not to close any libraries but to reduce the opening hours. We were delighted with this but then began to campaign for a larger library more appropriate for the fifth largest town in West Oxfordshire. The library is a third of the recommended size and efforts had been made to expand the facilities since the early 70's.

The Library Service agreed to do so provided we raised £10,000 towards new premises and options were examined, the conclusion being that it should be a multi-use room in the new Community Centre. We had raised this total by 2007. The devastating news in November that it was proposed to close the Library came as a shock as well as the earlier news that the OCC funding for the Community Centre was at risk.

By now you should have received our leaflet with The Leaflet at the end of January. Please act now if you have not already done so. The petition is in the hall of the Corner House, Evenlode Books and the Post Office. Please sign. Write to all those listed. The Town Council have agreed to hold a public meeting in the Memorial Hall on Friday evening, March 25th. Do please attend and show those making the decisions how much Charlbury values our Library even if it is too small. We do not wish to lose this cherished community facility which is used by all age groups and whose closure would affect our senior citizens, families with young children and the housebound disproportionately.

To join the Friends contact Rosalind Scott (810562) or email rosalind.scott@hotmail.co.uk or Amanda Epps (810573) email amandaepps@waitrose.com.

Patricia Huth Ellis wrote this poem especially for the **Read In** organised by the Friends of Charlbury Library on February 5th. She read it out on the steps of the Corner House where up to 150 people turned out to show their support of the protest against the proposal to close Charlbury Library:

Our Library

In a busy world our library
is a place of peace,
an ark of rest,
of silence, and of timelessness.
Well, of course: our friends the books
live here.

Our library is a place to learn, to think, to dream,
and here we find imaginable delights.
Just open a book, and there perhaps is Ratty,
or Mole, in their rowing boat,
paddling down the limpid stream.

Or we could spend the afternoon with Mr. Darcy,
or explore the woods
where the Gruffalo lurks,
open an atlas, discover the world,
let the wonder of books envelop us.

But if our library is shut,
we will have an empty room
with all those riches lost,
just to save a meagre sum
yet at such a grievous cost.

Patricia Huth Ellis

SPORTS PAVILION UPDATE

Although the very cold weather and the severe snow in December slowed progress on building the new pavilion, the roof is in place and the windows installed, which means the internal works can now continue unhindered by weather conditions.

On Saturday the 11th December 2010, a foundation stone was set in the wall of the building by Joe Newton-Grain, the youngest member of the Football Club and the Tennis Club, assisted by his friends from the Under 7s Football Team.

Since the last update in the *Chronicle* we have received funds from the Charlbury Beer Festival Committee for lockers and stands . This is their second contribution ,the first one being for tables and chairs. The Nine Acres Committee is extremely grateful for these generous contributions.

We will have another fund raising Coffee Morning on Saturday 9th April in the Corner House for we still need further monies to pay for the project and associated costs. Any contributions or ideas for raising additional funds would be appreciated by the committee.

Further information is available from Robert Caston (810240).

Charlbury Bowls Club, Ticknell Piece Road, Charlbury

Open Day – Saturday 16th April, 2pm : With spring on its way we are looking forward to getting back on the green for a season of fun, competitions, league and friendly matches. We are always looking for new members of all ages and would welcome you along to our Open Day where we will loan you all the equipment needed to have a go on the green. Whether you are an experienced bowler or having a go for the first time, our members will be there to offer you help and advice if needed.

Heather Hill

WITNEY FAIR TRADE MARKET

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HISTORY OF OLD CHARLBURY

THE TOWN HALL, CHARLBURY

The special display in Charlbury Museum from April to September 2011 will be based on 'Entertainment'. The Town Hall, Charlbury, played a large part in townspeople's entertainments between 1886 and 1960, first as a general hall and then as the Town Hall Cinema from 1939.

Chapter 1 1886 to 1914 The beginnings

In 1878 the Oxford Times announced 'certain proposals' in Charlbury for a public reading room, combined with a working men's club, temperance coffee room, lecture hall, etc. In 1879 there was a gala opening of the Royal Oak in Church Street as a temperance hotel, commercial and coffee house and public free reading room. At the opening a large star was set up to illuminate the premises in the evening. All this was the gift of Mr Arthur Albright, who came from a Charlbury Quaker family, was head of the firm of Albright & Wilson, phosphorus manufacturers in Birmingham, and was a major benefactor to the town. In his obituary in 1900 he was described as '*a prominent worker in the cause of the suppression of slavery and identified with philanthropic movements of widespread influence.*' In December 1880 the Oxford Times described the plans for a Club and Institute to open in January 1881 ('*the latter to include women and youths*'), for at least 120 members. Club membership for one penny per week would cover use of a spacious well-warmed and lighted hall, provided with papers and magazines, frequent lectures, readings, recitations, song meetings, and Saturday Free & Easy Night, with excellent coffee-house refreshments at extremely low prices. £20 was to be spent on adding to the library.

The new Club Room became so popular that by 1886 more space was needed, and Mr Albright decided to build a new Town Hall, holding around 200 people, in the land behind the Royal Oak, with access up an alley from Park Street. The opening ceremony took place in November 1886, with a concert given by the Oxford Choral class. For 20 years the Royal Oak Coffee House was managed by Mr H M Cowley, but in April 1908 a new proprietor took over – Mr G J Jones, a prominent townsman, confectioner, Wesleyan, Parish Council Chairman, and later JP. Mr Jones was also lessee of the Town Hall. In 1889 the YMCA Hall and Reading Room (later Red Triangle Club) was opened in the same alley off Park Street - admission 2d including buns, coffee and lemonade. The Hall became a popular arena for concerts, club meetings, plays, campaigns, teas, suppers, dances, parties, political gatherings and exhibitions. The population (then approx. 1,500) enjoyed concerts with ventriloquial figures, the Cinematograph and Dissolving Views, and the Walford Family with their bells and Aquadigipsycharmonica. Find out more at Charlbury Museum from 2nd April.

Charlbury Museum has been presented with a collection of programmes for concerts and other events held in various venues in Charlbury between 1893 and 1901. This may be inspected in the Museum and was presented by the family of Mr C B Southall, who was a music teacher, church organist and an officer in the Church Lads' Brigade.

Janet Jeffs

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Police Report from PCSO Wesley Smith

Speeding: Speed checks are still being done regularly in the Charlbury area and one of the roads which appears to be very fast throughout the day is Forest Road by the train station and the children's nursery. On 18 January between 9am and 10am coming in to Charlbury, 26 out of 52 cars were speeding all of which were travelling in the high 30s up to 45mph. All the children at the nursery would like to say a big thank you to those drivers who were driving carefully and within the speed limit - and to those drivers who were exceeding the limit **please slow down before someone gets hurt.**

Cycling: Please can I remind people that the one way system on Market Street and Browns Lane applies to cyclists as well as vehicles, that also includes cycling the wrong way on the pavement. On a number of occasions Chipping Norton officers have had to stop people doing one if not both of these offences. So far advice has been given, however it is still occurring and we will have no option but to start handing out £30 fixed penalty tickets.

Remember if you wish to contact me to discuss any police issues please either call the non-emergency number on 0845 8 505 505 or email Wesley.smith@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS AT THE CORNER HOUSE

A reminder that HOT DRINKS & HOT SCONES are served every Friday morning between 10 and 11.30am at the Corner House. Come and meet your friends.

Proceeds for the upkeep of the Corner House and Memorial Hall

CHARLBURY MEALS ON WHEELS

Charlbury Meals on Wheels is serving 36 meals on Tuesdays to residents of Charlbury, Chadlington, Spelsbury, and Stonesfield.

We delivered a special holiday meal before Christmas that was kindly sponsored by a generous supporter. The meals are delivered at noon time and the price is £2 per meal. If you know of someone who'd enjoy receiving a meal, please let us know and we will add their name to the waiting list.

We are very fortunate to have a committed group of volunteers but we can always use more help. Please contact Marjorie Glasgow on 810161 or Jan Griffiths on 810440 if you'd like more information.

Marjorie Glasgow

CHRONICLE SMALL ADS

Hilltop Garden Centre: Spring is here at last. Time to get busy in the garden

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CHARLBURY TOWN COUNCIL REPORT, No. 58 By Councillor Helen Bessemer-Clark

Christmas Trees

The Council would like to thank everyone who put up Christmas trees and other decorations outside their houses and businesses, and are also grateful to Geoff Burroughs for yet again donating a tree for the Corner House (many will have noticed the more modest lighting for 2010!). Thanks also to all those involved in co-ordinating and organising the distribution of Christmas trees round the town, and to those shops and premises which gave us two enjoyable and useful late night shopping events.

Snow and Ice

This is, unfortunately, becoming a regular feature, and yet again Charlbury was not well served by County Highways, though our shops bravely kept us well supplied with all our necessities. Before next December, we hope to have finalised the positions of new salt/grit bins, and to have made arrangements for small spreaders to be available.

The Town Council Reception took place on February 9th in the Corner House

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 8.0 p.m. on Friday April 1st in the War Memorial Hall, and is an opportunity for all Charlbury residents to ask questions of your Council, and to make comments. It is hoped that the Saturday surgeries, which take place every other month, are helping with some of the queries, but there are always many live issues that may need clarification or explanation.

Surgeries The surgeries during 2011 will be on April 2nd, 4th June, August 6th and October 1st, and are held at the Corner House between 10.0 a.m. and 12. noon.

Annual Meeting of the Town Council

This will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25th in the Corner House, and will deal with the election of Chairman and Committee members for the following year. Details of this, and all other Council meetings (to which members of the public are most welcome) can be found on the Town Council notice boards, which are outside the Corner House, opposite FiveWays store, and next to the Enstone Road bus stop. Minutes of meetings can be seen in the library, and, together with other information, on the Council's own website, www.charlburytowncouncil.co.uk. Anybody wishing to address the Council at their monthly meetings should notify the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.

It should be remembered that next year, 2012, there will be fresh elections to the Town Council. All those who are interested in standing might find the above website a useful source of information, and indeed, would always be welcome to attend meetings if they wished to familiarise themselves with the activities and procedures.

Precept

The details of the Town Council Precept (budget) for 2011 can be obtained from the Town Clerk, but are as follows: The Town Council element of the Council Tax for the year 2011/2012 will be £76,341.00 (previous year £77,634). Band D will be £58.40, which represents a slight reduction from the 2010. Much of the expenditure is routine and

unavoidable, such as general maintenance, grass cutting, insurance and upkeep of buildings. Capital sums need to be put aside for the Community Centre, an initial maintenance grant for the Sports pavilion, and a loan for the cemetery extension, and grants to local organisations. Full details can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

Local government Election, May 5th

There is one seat to be contested for the Charlbury and Finstock Ward of West Oxfordshire District Council, currently held by Cllr Mike Breakell, (Lib. Dem). The Polling station is at the War Memorial Hall, and will be open from 7.0 a.m. to 10.0 p.m.

The Annual Boundary Walk will take place on Rogation Sunday (May 29th). It will start at 10.0a.m. at the Old Oak Tree on Forest Hill. There will be a break for picnic lunches at Model Farm, Ditchley, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Hobill. The Town Clerk would welcome any offers of help with stewarding and chauffeuring. As mentioned in the September report, we shall be looking in 2012 for a replacement for Tony Graeme, who has kindly led these walks for so long. Anyone willing to put themselves forward should contact the Town Clerk, or Tony himself (01608 810729) from whom they will receive an enthusiastic response!

Sports Pavilion

The building is now well under way. There was a small Foundation Stone laying ceremony on December 11th 2010, and there will be a Grand Opening in the summer!

Litter Pick

Gareth Miller and his volunteers braved an extremely cold day but achieved a successful haul. Next time we would like them to come away empty-handed, to show that there is no litter in Charlbury.

The next litter pick will be advertised on the notice boards.

Cornbury Park Licence Application

The Town Council have been informed that the revised application by Cornbury Park, has, with restrictions, now been approved by the West Oxfordshire District Council Licensing Panel. Anyone wishing to see final details of this premise licence should contact the Town Clerk. Meanwhile, conscious of the concerns of some residents about the noise level that occurs during some of the town activities, the Council has had presentations from Bill Oddy, Community Safety Officer, WODC; The President and the Licence holder of the Charlbury Cricket Club, and from Lady Rotherwick. Lady Rotherwick has also put a list of events scheduled to take place at Cornbury on the Cornbury website. It is hoped that a meeting will shortly take place between local residents and the Cricket Club officers.

To contact the Town Council, e.mail the Town Clerk, Roger Clarke, at charlburytc@btinternet.com or telephone 01608 810608 during normal working hours (weekdays 9.0 a.m. - 5.0 p.m. but NOT weekends or Bank Holidays)

THOMAS GIFFORD TRUST REPORT

We held the AGM and public meeting of the Charity in early December when I provided a report on the activities of the Charity and its annual accounts. I started by updating the position on the Charity's Spendlove site and its development.

Until July we were working on a development project with Cottsway and OCC. The three parties were negotiating legal agreements - these had been drafted and largely agreed. Meetings to finalise them had been arranged but then postponed by OCC who subsequently put a moratorium on capital expenditure.

Neil Owen and myself met with Sue Scane of OCC in September to express our concerns about the uncertainty surrounding the project and, in particular, our concern that the OCC share of the proceeds of the old primary school, which have been ring-fenced to date, would be lost to Charlbury. We were told that, given likely expenditure cuts it was unlikely that OCC funding would be available for the project in its current form. In particular, it was unlikely that there would be capital funding for libraries or adult education. A separate study on how to provide libraries in the future was in hand within OCC but it was unlikely that support for existing libraries could be maintained at its current level and in their current form.

OCC suggested that the trustees develop a proposal which could provide flexible facilities within the community scheme, incorporating the library in some form and with an educational element to them - the OCC proceeds plus interest could then be given as a grant to the community scheme. The trustees believed that this opportunity should be examined as it would enable these funds to be reinvested in Charlbury as always promised. OCC told us to wait until they were in a position to tell us their requirements for the library of the future and educational uses. In anticipation we said to OCC that the trustees could provide a flexible space that could be configured to include the basic requirements for adult learning and the library of the future. However, OCC then announced at the end of November that they are proposing to close Charlbury library. The trustees are still intending to put together a proposal which could provide space for adult learning and some form of library alongside other community activities in return for the promised funds, if the operating costs of the library can be funded.

Meanwhile the trustees have taken the decision that we cannot afford to wait for OCC and are discussing with Cottsway the opportunity for a Phase 1 development which would consist of the proposed affordable housing alone. This housing is needed to generate funds for the community scheme. It would be part of an overall planning application including the community scheme.

We have made the Spendlove site available to Nine Acres for the construction period of the new pavilion.

I reported on the Charity's accounts for 2009/10. Our expenditure which covers primarily maintenance of the Playing Close, grass-cutting, public liability insurance for both sites, and administration costs exceeds our income. This year we will not have a Town Council grant towards grass cutting which will make the shortfall greater. Any assistance would therefore be appreciated.

The Charlbury Community Centre Appeal has marked time pending a project being taken to planning. The Appeal Accounts for the year ending March 31st 2010 showed a net income during the year of £3,203 with a total at the end of the year of £140,389. Further income since has raised this to over £142,000. I would like to thank Richard Neville as the Treasurer for taking good care of these funds for us.

The Playing Close railings are being repainted under the Community Payback Scheme. Participants in the scheme are working on each Thursday when the weather is suitable and have already completed the preparation of the railings.

Activities on the Playing Close this year include the Farmers' Markets (next one on Saturday, March 12th), the Scouts and Guides May Day Fair (on May 2nd), and the Fun Fair (which is provisionally open from July 7 to 10).

I am in my 11th year as Chairman of Trustees and told my fellow trustees a while ago it was time for me to retire which I am now doing at the end of March. We have an excellent group of trustees with a wide range of skills but they are very busy people and do not feel they can commit to the extra time that is needed by the Chair. My fellow trustees are therefore looking for a replacement for me. We are also looking for a new secretary as Helen Wright is standing down at the same time and another trustee. If you are interested in volunteering please contact me on trevor.jones@ophiopogon.com / 01608810644 or Helen on helen@micklemore.plus.com /01608811853.

Chipping Norton Music Festival 11th – 26th March 2011

Festival Highlights

Friday March 11th YOUTH JAZZ BAND CHALLENGE!

Chipping Norton School Hall 6pm

This event is in association with Chipping Norton Rotary Club and previous years have illustrated the wealth of talent our local youngsters have. Come and give them your support at this, the start of the 99th Festival. **Tickets:** £2.50 available on the door or from Jaffé & Neale 01608 641033.

Sunday March 13th CRAIG OGDEN

All Saints Church, Churchill 3:00pm

One of the world's finest classical guitarists, with a laid back effortless and naturally brilliant approach to playing the guitar. His debut solo album released in 2010 "The Guitar" went straight to No.1 in the Official Classic FM Chart. **Tickets:** £10.00 from Jaffé & Neale 01608 641033.

Sunday March 20th "BRASSED UP"

Chipping Norton Town Hall 5:00pm

Virtuoso James Stretton shows just how easy it all is playing a variety of brass instruments in a programme for all the family. **Tickets:** *In advance* Adults £8.00 [one FREE under 16 child ticket with each adult ticket], additional children £3.00. *On the door:* Adults £10.00, all under 16's £3.00, from Jaffé & Neale 01608 641033.

Saturday 26th March FESTIVAL CONCERT

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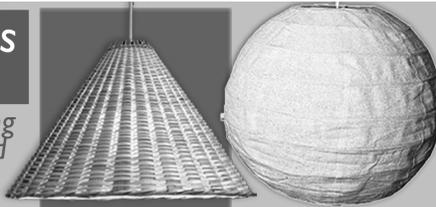
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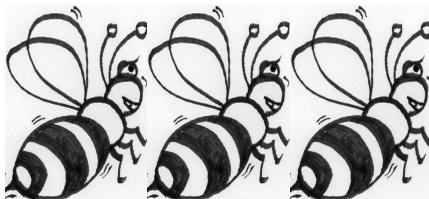


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March Farmer's Market;
on the Garden Society webpage on Charlbury website;
or phone Wendy Clifford: 01608 811006

The Annual Boundary Walk – your opportunity to go off Rights of Way!

Elsewhere in this edition you will find the Town Council notice of the Annual Parish Boundary Walk. The walk is on Rogation Sunday which this year falls on May 29th, the day before the late May Bank Holiday.

In addition to keeping up a centuries old tradition, the Boundary Walk is an opportunity to walk (with permission from the landowners) over some parts of the parish normally off limits to the casual walker. Why not join us? If you have limited time or feel unable to manage the whole 11 miles there are several opportunities to join or leave at different points – one of the benefits of a route that encircles the Town!

Start is at 10.00 am from the old oak tree just before the turning to Leafield on Forest Road. I'll look forward to seeing you there.

(You may remember that with my report in last September's Chronicle I gave notice that this will be my last Boundary Walk as leader. We are still in need of a volunteer to take over from 2012, so if you think the role would suit you, and would like to know more about what is involved, either Roger Clarke (810608) or I would be pleased to hear from you.)

Tony Graeme (810729)

Adult Learning Courses Spring 2011

We have lots of learning opportunities planned for Chipping Norton and the surrounding area for the summer term. Courses generally run for 5 – 10 weeks, but if you have less time to spare, we have lots of one-day workshops on offer.

Creative Courses:

Mosaics Workshop - Mondays, 10 - 12 at Chipping Norton Adult Learning. £40 for 5 weeks starting 28th Feb

Watercolour Painting Mixed Ability - Mondays, 2 - 4 at Chipping Norton Adult Learning. £40 for 5 weeks starting 28th Feb

Oil Painting Mixed Ability - Tuesdays, 1 – 3 at The New Beaconsfield Hall, Shipton under Wychwood £40 for 5 weeks starting 1st March

Malaysian Cooking for Beginners – Tuesdays, 7 – 9 at Chipping Norton Adult Learning. £45 for 5 weeks starting 1st March. Please note that there is an addition cost for ingredients each week

Back to Basics Cookery – Thursdays, 7 – 9 at Chipping Norton Adult Learning. £50 for 5 weeks starting 3rd March

Digital Photography – Thursdays, 4 – 6 at Chipping Norton Adult Learning. £40 for 5 weeks starting 31st March

Photoshop for Beginners – Thursdays, 7 – 9 at Chipping Norton Adult Learning. £40 for 5 weeks starting 31st March

Computing and Languages

Practice your Computer Skills - Tuesdays, 10.15 – 12.15 at the Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock £80 for 5 weeks starting 1st March

Italian Post Beginners - Tuesdays, 7 – 9 at Chipping Norton Adult Learning. £80 for 10 weeks starting 15th Feb

French Post Beginners – Tuesdays, 7 – 9 at Chipping Norton Adult Learning. £80 for 10 weeks starting 15th Feb

Computing for Beginners (Small Group Tuition) – Tuesdays, 9.30 – 11.30 at Charlbury Cricket Club. £160 for 10 weeks

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Letters to the Editor

From Mr Michael Waring

I hope that during the snow everyone took advantage of the excellent services provided by all the shops in the town. I for one bought many presents: books and book tokens (Evenlode Books), organic wine (News and Things), silver necklaces (Cotswold Frames), stocking fillers and violet chocolates (Good Food Shop) and had a thoroughly entertaining haircut (Peter's).

Most Christmas provisions for a visiting family of 15 were either delivered (by the Charlbury Dairy) to the doorstep or to the Good Food Shop (from Callow Farm). Why in any weather spend time, trouble and the expense of driving 15 miles for things which you can get down the road? Now that the Post Office is safely settled in should we not all campaign for better and stronger support for **all** town centre activities, including the Library, so as to keep them going?

And (an afterthought) if a few people can club together to buy and run the Good Food Shop for the benefit of the community cannot the good people of Charlbury provide the resources to keep the Library going if the County will not?

Grantchester House,
Thames Street, Charlbury

From Mrs Wendy Glading

My father was James George Bishop (often known as George), who ran a butcher's shop in Market Street. We are not quite sure how long he ran it for

but we have a sales ticket from the 1930s. He also was the drummer in a local band.

If anyone has any information (or even a photo of Market Street in those days) I would appreciate hearing about it.

Please get in touch via email,

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A DAY'S LIFE

**Nick Way -
Director General
Historic Houses
Association**

I am usually up first at 6.30am and after a shower, I get cups of tea for Sue and myself. I encourage the boys to get moving for school and after a breakfast of Quaker Oats and milk, I go for the 7.26am train to London and my son comes with me. It is nice when Sue joins us when she is working in Reading. Our other son catches the bus to Burford school. I find the time in the train useful, as I can catch up with my e-mails and read reports. My work involves all aspects of the Historic Houses Association. There are 1500 members, who own listed houses and gardens. These buildings

affect the way they live. I say that if the house 'lives you', then you need to be in the HHA. Apart from house-owning members, we have 32000 Friends. We are not as big as the National Trust but there are more historic houses open to the public in the HHA than the National Trust and English Heritage combined. Friends of the HHA can visit houses free of charge and are able to go to houses that are not open to the general public on special tours. We have the Friends representative for the Thames and Chiltern group living in Charlbury - Margaret Jowett. Often when I get to London I will go straight to a meeting. The other day Edward Harley, elected President of the HHA, and I met Richard Benyon, the Minister for the Natural Environment and Fisheries, with responsibility for rural affairs. We wanted him to become aware of the contribution historic houses make to tourism and the local economy. HHA houses attract 14 million visitors a year. They also provide employment; for instance, Chatsworth is the biggest employer in its parliamentary constituency with 600 staff. Conservation of traditional farm buildings is also important to the countryside, and the Common Agricultural Policy is responsible for channelling money into heritage initiatives. After the meeting, I will go to my office, which is just behind the Queen's back garden. We have a staff of eight and a lot of our work is giving practical advice and support to our members.

This advice covers a wide variety of topics. Some people have never opened their houses to the public before, and we make suggestions about how they can make it more suitable and deal with matters of conservation. They are likely to get a wide range of visitors, with educational visits by schools and adult education students. Learning and outreach facilities are important with one fifth of our members providing them, so they will have to develop relations with the local education authority. Some offer their gardens for bespoke visits from groups as diverse as ex-prisoners, refugees from Iraq or Bangladeshi wives. People from residential care enjoy days out in these houses.

Property owners are often asked for the use of their houses for television or films. For example, many people will know that Downton Abbey is in real life Highclere Castle near Newbury. Owners of smaller houses need help with negotiating film contracts. We have experience of this and can advise them. Tax and insurance are areas where we are often asked for help. I also have to encourage the government to keep heritage tourism firmly in its sights. It is the reason tourists quote most often for coming to England. I have recently written to John Penrose, the Tourist and Heritage Minister about this and also about cutting the red tape that historic houses have to deal with. For instance, Knebworth House, which pioneered rock concerts and brought additional income to a semi-rural area, is being priced out of the large concert market because of the present system of licensing. It has to have a similar licence to the O2 but without the ability to share the cost over so many events per year.

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I think my education and early work prepared me well for this job. I was brought up in Solihull—(Sue and I went to the same primary school but we did not know each other then!) and from there I studied History and Economics at Cambridge University. In my first job at the Ministry of Agriculture, I was private secretary (a 'Bernard' in Yes Minister terms) to the Minister of Food and Trade, particularly export promotion. I worked in three different areas, dealing with matters connected to the Common Agricultural Policy, international trade and liaising with business people promoting British food abroad. I got to know Brussels rather well!. I was living in London and at this time met Sue. We met at a mutual friend's party, which was held on a pubship on the Thames called the "Tattersall Castle" . We married and continued to live in London. I changed jobs in 1989 and went to work for the Country Land and Business Association, better known as the CLA, which had ideas ahead of its time about paying farmers to look after the countryside. My job was to set up the CLA's lobbying in London and Brussels. In-house lobbying involves developing good and lasting relationships with people. Working with others I was pleased to persuade the government to open the way, through legislation, for new agricultural tenancies, which revitalised the tenancy sector. The CLA, in alliance with environmental organisations, also managed to persuade Gordon Brown in 2002 to put five hundred million pounds into paying land managers to look after the countryside by redirecting CAP food production support to landscape and habitat conservation.

It was when I was at the CLA that Sue and I moved in 1992 to Charlbury. The key was that Sue's job with National Power as an in-house lawyer was relocated to Swindon. Charlbury suited us both for travelling and also as there would be a good primary school within walking distance. Sue was then recruited to teach Business Law at the new Oxford Institute of Legal Practice. I became Director of Policy for the CLA but in 2005 after sixteen years with them, I felt the need for a change. I applied for my present post because it seemed to combine my interests in history, geography, economics – and people - with my previous experience.

My lunch is often a working one – for instance the other day I had sandwiches with a meeting of our successors' group. These are people who know they are going to take over a historic house and we help them prepare for it. They are given practical advice and also they get to meet each other. Martin Fiennes from Broughton Castle has just handed over to two owners of different properties, who are going to run a joint chairmanship. I also work with the Heritage Alliance, the umbrella group for heritage organisations giving them a single voice. Lloyd Grossman is a very effective chairman of this organisation. Later in the afternoon I spend more time on the letter to John Penrose, which is being produced with the National Trust, pointing out how important it is that organisations such as ours have a united voice. I usually catch a train home around 6.20 p.m. using the journey to check my computer. With luck I am home before eight o'clock for an evening meal. I also travel within the UK including to Scotland two or three times a year. Scotland is very important at the moment with the elections for the Scottish Parliament in May. We are putting together a manifesto for candidates explaining the importance of historic houses in Scotland. In some areas it is the only employer. Equally tourism is crucial to the Scottish economy. We are recruiting a new part-time organiser there and I was in Edinburgh doing that recently.

My weekdays are very full and evenings are for catching up with what is going on at home. Therefore weekends are sacrosanct for me as a time to spend with the family and relax. We might go to a film or local music night or I might take our lads to a football match. Our beloved Birmingham City are struggling in the Premier League but have just reached the final of the Carling Cup! One of our boys plays for Wychwood FC and I like to watch some of his matches too, which is much more enjoyable! Sue and I have a project to walk the Thames path. We have been doing it for four years and have got as far as Shiplake. We hope to make the Thames Barrier by the Olympics but might arrive a year late! We also enjoy visits home from our daughter, who is in her first year studying history at Sheffield and we are planning to go and see her in her Yorkshire habitat.

I enjoy my job. It is very rewarding to see an owner of a house getting enthusiastic about a project we have helped with, such as a new visitor centre or an educational project. It is also good to see an owner of perhaps not a very well known property breathing life back into it – a real labour of love. Recently in Markenfield Hall in North Yorkshire they restored the Great Hall. It had been used as a granary and then left idle for 200 years. Now it is used as a convertible sitting room and meeting room. There is a great atmosphere as it is lived in again. I am usually ready for bed by eleven o'clock. I like to read before I go to sleep. At present I am reading 'The Music Room' by William Fiennes, younger brother of Martin – a beautifully written and touching book. I am a member of a book and discussion group in Charlbury and am always behind on my reading for that! I sleep well and look forward to the next day.

Nick Way was interviewed by Diana Potten

CORNER HOUSE & MEMORIAL HALL

Regular hirers of the facilities are reminded to put in booking forms for the year as soon as possible, as some repeat bookings from several known clubs and societies do not seem to have come forward in January. Please also let the caretaker know of any contact or secretary changes from last year.

With immediate effect we are now able to offer the Kibble Room for hire, as the Adult Education Office is relocating to Chipping Norton. It is suitable for small gatherings, and can be viewed by arrangement with the caretaker.

Finally, a date for you diary:

The very popular Brize Singers will be returning for a concert at the Memorial Hall on 15th April at 7.30 pm. All proceeds for the benefit of the buildings.

Steve Andrews

CLUBS, GROUPS, SOCIETIES

CHARLBURY WI promises an exciting calendar of events this year with monthly talks that will appeal to women of all ages from Charlbury and beyond. Topics coming up range from the fascinating world of forensic science to knowing and wearing the right colours for you. We have gone from strength to strength in the past two years and we are now pleased to start hosting Saturday coffee mornings in the Corner House. Please come along to support us and meet some of our members (Saturday 12th March and 22nd October). This year we will also expand our calendar to include a range of social events for our members throughout the year, following the success of last year's theatre trip to see Calendar Girls in Oxford. We are always looking for new members and welcome visitors so please come along and receive a warm welcome at one of our regular meetings in the Morris Room in the Corner House at 7.30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. For any questions or queries please contact Pat Hill (secretary) 810714 or Clare Salter (president) 810422 or visit our page on the Charlbury website.

CHARLBURY CRICKET CLUB

English cricket is on a high with the World 20-20 championship, then the memorable historic Ashes win in Oz. Here at Charlbury we can't wait to get stuck in to the new 2011 season. Already we are preparing with indoor practice, continuing every Sunday until April 10th, 6-8pm at Burford School. And, throughout the winter, we have had two teams competing in the Banbury Indoor League. Our 2nd, Charlbury A, team narrowly missed out on promotion with five wins and two losses, while our 1st team was in the running for promotion to the top division after five wins

and just one loss.

Standards are high at Charlbury CC. At the end of last season the club won the RS Honey Cup for the most improved ground in the Oxfordshire Cricket Association (OCA), judged the second best ground out of over 60 clubs. And we still boast one of the best youth set-ups in the county, backed up by a good team of qualified coaches. The youth section continues to provide a stream of talented young players for our senior league teams. Among those receiving club awards for their achievements last season were Josh Hornsby, Tim Lowe, Jake Horwood and Sam Haselgrove, all products of our youth structure. The new season starts in mid-April with pre-season friendlies and there will be separate training evenings, on Wednesdays for adults, Thursday for women, and Fridays for youth.

Our 1st team, who won promotion last year, will be playing in the OCA league's top division, the 2nds continue in division four, while the 3rds, also promoted, are in division 9. In addition, the club runs a full list of Sunday friendly fixtures and many mid-week 20-20 games. There is also our very important women's team who this year will be playing in division 2 of the Midlands region after last year's promotion.

The club always welcomes new members, young or old, male or female. Just click on to the website, www.charlburycricketclub.com for further details and contact numbers. Even if you are not a player, there's always a welcome during the season to our fantastic new pavilion.

David Horne

CHARLBURY ART SOCIETY

The Art Society welcomes anyone who is interested in art, not only practising

CLUBS, GROUPS, SOCIETIES

artists. We get together on the second Wednesday of the month for lively talks and demonstrations from September to November, and January to May, in the evening, 7.30pm, usually in the Quaker Meeting House in Market Street. These meetings are free to members; visitors are welcome for £3 each time.

Coming events include coach trips to the Pallant Gallery and the Cathedral in Chichester, and in the Autumn to the Degas exhibition in London; talks on Garden Art, and Geometry in Art, a workshop with Kieran Stiles, and demonstrations in watercolour and acrylics. Members are also entitled to discounts on Framing and Materials at several establishments, and to exhibit work at the Spring and Street Fair exhibitions. From time to time Workshops, Portrait, Life and Outdoor Painting groups are arranged. Membership, only £10 a year, runs from 1st September to 31st August. If you would like to join, please ring Roy Coates 810116. You can also go to www.charburyarts.co.uk and click on Contact for the email address. (NB At the Spring Exhibition on 8/9th April the Subscription reduces to £5 for the remaining months.)

Marion Coates – Honorary Secretary

CHARLBURY CANOE CLUB

The canoe club traditionally recommences its activities after Easter each year. However, as Easter is so late this year, it is possible that there might be the occasional spring day that will make me think it would be pleasant to be back on the water. If you find such an occasion, do give me a ring and see if we can arrange a mutually convenient time.

Although we have always called it the Canoe Club, we actually paddle single

seater kayaks using double paddles. If you fancy having a paddle on the delightful Evenlode, do come along to the clubhouse on Watery Lane on any Sunday afternoon after Easter at 2.30 pm. Families particularly welcome. There is no age limit, but everyone needs to be able to swim a minimum of 50 metres as a matter of having competence in water

If you used to paddle and have an old canoe in your garden or your garage, we would be pleased to put it to good use. We would also welcome you to come and take up your interest once again. There cannot be many places where you can get an afternoon's entertainment for £2 per head.

Hugh Belshaw 810130

CHARLBURY TENNIS CLUB

The new season begins at the start of April, and once again the club will be offering tennis opportunities for all ages and abilities at Nine Acres recreation ground. With the completion of the new sports pavilion in prospect, the facilities for tennis at Nine Acres will be better than ever. Courts 1 and 2 are newly-resurfaced, and all four courts have floodlights. The club is affiliated to the Lawn Tennis Association, which brings access to the competitions run by the LTA, membership of British Tennis, and the opportunity to enter the ballot for the club's allocation of Wimbledon tickets.

Club sessions of social tennis take place throughout the year, on Sundays from 2pm-5pm (4pm in winter), Mondays from 1.30pm to 3pm, and Thursdays from 7pm to 9pm. On Sundays and Thursdays there is a committee member present at the start

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CHARLBURY'S OWN CINEMA (ChoC)

Greetings from ChOC, and especially to newcomers to Charlbury finding their feet in this vibrant and often exciting community, and wondering just what will happen next!

Well, ChOC (Charlbury's Own Cinema) happens once a month, and occasionally twice. If you've lived here a while, you'll know that we put on a top and usually recent film every month, often something you will have heard of already and be wanting to see, but sometimes a film the committee has winkled out and watched - something that didn't reach the multiplexes (as very few films do) but is nonetheless very much worth watching.

If you came to one of our films maybe six months or a year ago and found the picture didn't come up to expectations, we can reassure you on one point: the projector we use has been overhauled and the picture now exceeds all expectations. So forget any past disappointments: we've moved on. We've also raised money to buy our own sound equipment, and would welcome advice from local audio professionals who could help us tailor a quality sound system to give best results in the Memorial Hall. If that might include you, please get in touch on 238242 (evenings) or 819117 (daytime).

All films are shown in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm, with the wine/beer bar open from 6.45. Tickets are available on the door, price £4.50. Our films for March and April are listed below: May has yet to be decided. You can keep up-to-date with our programme, read reviews and watch trailers at our website www.chocfilms.info

Sunday March 13

Another Year (2010) cert 12A, 129mins

Although it narrowly missed out on the Palme d'Or at the 2010 Cannes Film Festival, Mike Leigh's film is acclaimed as one of his finest. It is a typically dry slice of British social-realist cinema with a host of richly formed characters and sharp dialogue from a seasoned cast on top form.

The story drops us into each season of a year in the life of an everyday couple played by Jim Broadbent (*The Damned United*) and Ruth Sheen (*Vera Drake*). Through family tragedy, friends' breakdowns and new arrivals, Leigh keeps a light grip on the film, letting the conversation flow with quintessential British wit as emotions are gradually stripped bare in a series of seemingly inconsequential events.

Number one on the list of films ChOC members wanted us to show this season, Another Year is a reflection on how we live the later years of life.

'Another Year is the first Leigh film that only an older man could have devised; it speaks eloquently of narrowing options and fading hopes in life's later years. Yet, for all its bleak moments, Gerri and Tom represent a good way of negotiating life – with kindness and good cheer.' (Daily Telegraph)

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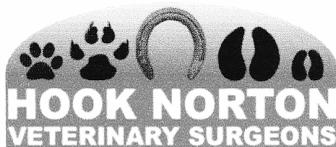


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CHARLBURY MUSEUM NEWS

(In April this year we will celebrate the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton. The last time an eldest son of a Prince of Wales was married was in 1893, with the wedding of Prince George (the future George V) and Princess May of Teck. It might be interesting to see how Charlbury marked that occasion.)

The Royal Wedding – The Charlbury celebrations (from the *Oxford Times*)

'The Royal Wedding on Thursday July 6th was marked in Charlbury when at 2 pm 400 children assembled on the Playing Close, and were conveyed in six wagons, gaily decorated with flags and evergreens, to Cornbury Park, accompanied by the Town Band. The Vicar, Mr Morris, Mr Kay and Mr Richards helped to seat the children comfortably in the waggons. Upon arrival at the park games were indulged in till tea, and afterwards until the time to return home.

Also, during the afternoon the new bathing-place was opened. The opening ceremony was performed by Miss Edith Maisey in the presence of upwards of 200 visitors. Some aquatic sports were arranged by Mr Jones and prizes competed for. A free tea was provided at the river, by Mr Jones's kindness, and a club tea and dance took place. In the town a number of flags were displayed from various residences, and the Union Jack was hoisted on the church tower. The church bells also rang a merry peal.'

(From the archives of Charlbury Museum 6th July 1893)

The Charlbury Museum

The Museum will be reopening after the winter on Saturday April 2nd, from 10-12 a.m. It will be open as usual from then on until the end of September, on Saturdays from 10-12, and Sundays and Bank Holidays from 2.30-4.30. This year there will be a special exhibition on the topic of public entertainments in Charlbury over the years. Part of this will be based on a full scrapbook of advertisements and programmes kept by Mr C.B.Southall during the years 1893-1901, which has been kindly donated to the Museum. The Museum cannot open without the help of its volunteer steward,. If you would like to become a steward, please contact Janet Jeffs on 810709.

Other dates for your diary: there will be a coffee morning in aid of the Museum in the Corner House on May 28th, and the annual Museum plant sale will be held in the Museum garden on June 4th.

Charles Tyzack

CHARLBURY FARMERS' MARKET 2011

Charlbury Farmers' Market will be held on the Playing Close, Charlbury, by kind permission of Thomas Gifford's Charity, between 9am and 1pm on Saturday, 12th March 2011

Charlbury Farmers' Market has proved successful in bringing shoppers into Charlbury, as well as being a popular local event with residents who appreciate meeting the producers with fresh local produce.

Charlbury Farmers' Market is administered by Thames Valley Farmers' Market Co-operative Ltd. The Market is organised by Nick Potter, Roger Watts and Geoff Burroughs. The contact address is: Lancut House, Lyneham Road, Milton-u-Wychwood, OX7 6LW. Tel 0784 328 7091

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – CHARLBURY BRANCH

The Poppy Appeal for 2010 raised £5,195. 34 in Charlbury and the surrounding area (Finstock, Fowler, Chilson, Shorthampton and Cornbury with Wychwood); yet another record! We would like to thank all those who helped to raise this sum, both donors and collectors. and particularly those who gave so generously.

If you would like to help with the 2011 Poppy Appeal in any way please contact the Poppy Appeal Organiser, Mick Charlesworth on 01993 869283 (Finstock).

The Charlbury British Legion Darts Cup for the Open Pairs was held at Ye Olde Three Horseshoes and won by Manu Castellani with Matt Wilsdon.

The Annual Band Concert: The Band Concert was given by the Accidentals, another wonderful evening - note in your diary now for Charlbury's "gig of the year" on 11 November 2011. During the evening Poppy Appeal collector awards were presented to Mrs Jane Parsons for 35 years and Mr Cyril Kerry for 25 years. After the event a 35 year award was delivered to Mrs Joan Madeley. A Branch Certificate was presented to Mrs Leah Fowler in recognition of her help and support at Branch events.

Wreaths were laid at the War Memorial in St Mary's Church on Remembrance Sunday for the Charlbury Branch by Lt Gen. Sir Scott Grant, Thames Valley Police, and for Charlbury Town Council by Cllr Valou Pakenham-Walsh. The Kohima Epitaph was read by Mr Cyril Giles. The wreaths remain at the Memorial until Candlemas when they are removed and the Branch wreath is relocated to the War Memorial Hall.

The Branch Website www.Charlbury.rbl.org.uk has full details of the Branch including minutes of the meetings.

Branch Coffee Mornings will be held on Saturday 5 March and Saturday 7 May in the Corner House. For information please telephone 810822.

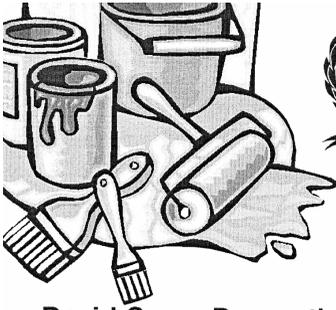
Branch Treasurer The Branch is urgently seeking a volunteer to take on the role of Branch Treasurer. Anyone interested is asked to contact Branch Chairman Derek Fowler on 811706 or Branch President Nick Potter on 810388 for more information.

Assistance For further information about the work of the Legion, how to join or how to obtain assistance, please contact Nick Potter [Branch President] on 810388 or Derek Fowler [Branch Chairman] on 811706.

The Cotswold Decorative and Fine Arts Society

The March lecture and AGM will be on Wednesday, March 9th. Please note the earlier start time of 1.30. Shirley Turner will lecture on **Bruges, the city and its painters**. This lecture gives an account of the turbulent history of the mediaeval city of Bruges under the Dukes of Burgundy, as seen through its buildings. The Belfry, Cloth Hall, Town Hall and others are described and illustrated with paintings by Jan van Eyck, Memling, Van der Weyden and Petrus Christus. Shirley Turner lived in Paris, Brussels and The Hague and worked for King Leopold of the Belgians and for the Dutch Home and Foreign Ministries.

Non-members are very welcome to attend (suggested donation £8). The venue is the Bradwell Village Hall Burford, on the A361 two miles south of Burford. For further information please see our website www.cotswolddfas.org or contact the Membership Secretary on 01869 345332 01869 345332.



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Sunday April 10

Africa United (2010) cert 12A, 88mins

The extraordinary story of three Rwandan kids who walk 3000 miles to the Soccer World Cup in South Africa through the endless horizons of Africa in pursuit of an unlikely dream.

As they walk they gather a tribe – a ragamuffin team – of broken and brilliant characters who help them negotiate a way through a series of glorious, dangerous, hilarious and often bizarre situations. Through these kids, we encounter an Africa few people ever get to see; we experience the hard reality of an epic walk through seven countries as well as the joy, laughter and hope – ‘the ubuntu’ – that comes from making an incredible journey together.

The writer, Rhidian Brook, has structured the story of orphan Dudu, his younger sister Beatrice (Sanyu Joanita Kintu) and middle-class soccer fanatic Fabrice (Roger Nsengiyumva) as a road movie. It begins in a village in Rwanda, where Fabrice’s “silky skills” catch the attention of a FIFA talent scout, who invites him to audition for the World Cup opening ceremony. Before you can say Cesc Fabregas, Dudu has bundled his “team” onto a bus for the trip that becomes a gruelling 3,000 mile trek to Johannesburg’s Soccer City.

The feature debut of director Debs Gardner-Paterson, *Africa United* is a UK/ South Africa/Rwanda co-production, shot in three countries and with the emphasis squarely on the experience of young black Africans. *'Director Debs Gardner-Paterson gets disarming performances from her young leads and the soundtrack is terrific.'* (Total Film)

Check www.chocfilms.info for more information about our coming films.

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St Mary's C of E Church



Full details of all services in Church porch
or see *The Leaflet*

The Rev'd Judy French, The Vicarage, Church Lane,
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Friends' Meeting House, Market Street



Meeting for Worship at the Friends Meeting House

For further details contact Angela Kyte (01993 880368)

Methodist Chapel, Fishers Lane



Sunday services at 10.30am

First Monday in every month
10.30 - 12.00 At Home (tea, coffee and talk)

Further information from Gill Grason (810154)

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



Maundy Thursday (21st April) - Mass of the Lord's Supper:
7.30pm, with Watching at the Altar of Repose until 9pm.
Good Friday - Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3pm, and
Stations of the Cross: 7.30pm.
Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil: 8pm.
Easter Sunday (24th April) - Mass: 9am, (St Kenelm's CofE,
Church Enstone); 11am (St Teresa's)

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHARLBURY have several shared activities, including the Bible Study Fellowship.
For further information contact Rosalind Scott - rosalind.scott@hotmail.co.uk or ring 810562

Sacred Words: 400 years of translations of the Bible

400 years ago this year the most celebrated book in the English speaking world, the King James or Authorised Version of the Bible, was published. Charlbury has a special link with the King James Bible through Ralph Hutchinson, Vicar of Charlbury, who was one of the panel of Oxford scholars appointed to oversee the revision of earlier English translations. Churches Together in Charlbury is marking the anniversary with a series of events on Thursday evenings in Lent in Charlbury Parish Church:

17 March – ‘The Bible in Voice and Verse’ – a professional trio with a celebration of the King James Version in readings and music

24 March – Nicholas King SJ, Tutor in Biblical Studies at Campion Hall, Oxford, on ‘Translating the Bible today’

31 March – Alister McGrath, Professor of Theology and Head of the Centre for Religion, Theology and Culture at King’s College, London, on ‘In the beginning: the story of the King James Bible’

7 April – Julian Reid, archivist at Merton College, Oxford, and curator of a forth-coming exhibition at the Bodleian library, on ‘Oxford and the King James Bible’

14 April – Sue Hufton, calligrapher and one of a team working on a new illuminated Bible for Saint John’s Abbey and University, Minnesota, on ‘A calligraphy Bible for the 21st century’

All events start at 8 pm – doors open from 7.30 pm. Admission is free but donations towards expenses will be very welcome.

More information from Rosalind Scott, Secretary to Churches Together in Charlbury, 01608 810562 Email rosalind.scott@hotmail.co.uk

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of each session, to ensure that everyone gets a game. The club enters teams at all levels in the local leagues, ranging from the Men’s and Women’s Wilson Thames Valley Leagues, to the Banbury and Wychwood Leagues. These offer a variety of formats and schedules, so there is competitive tennis at weekends, or midweek evenings, over twelve months, against opponents ranging across Oxfordshire and the fringes of neighbouring counties. Winter league fixtures are currently being played.

Junior sessions are scheduled for Monday evenings during the school term in summer. Further details will be circulated at the start of the season. The club also organizes occasional social events. If you haven’t played or a while, or would like to take up tennis, why not come along to a club session at Nine Acres - all you need is suitable footwear and a racket! Or for further details contact charlburytennis@hotmail.co.uk

Mark Curthoys

*(See also **Bowls Club** notice on p4)*

For articles in the Clubs & Societies section please contact Julia Caston (810240)

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Report from District Councillor Glena Chadwick (810555) *chadwick@glena.plus.com*

The threat to the Library, the state of the roads and the so-called 'noise problem' seem to be the dominant Charlbury issues at the moment. The first two are OCC matters but we are all able to lobby, write and ring up as much as possible. The third is of WODC concern so I will address it here, though things may have changed by the time you read this.

The character and structure of a community is very delicate; it has developed almost organically, created by the efforts of its inhabitants or by chance. Some things get discarded and are no longer needed: others disappear and are much missed; many are retained and become cherished traditions. In ordering the life of a community no-one can please everyone all the time; the most one can do is to try to please most people most of the time.

The application by Cornbury for a premises license initially caused some alarm because it seemed so wide-ranging. However, WODC Licensing Panel considered it carefully with much deliberation and finally granted the application but with many alterations and amendments. Most of the objectors were reassured and felt that this was a sensible compromise but, at the time of writing, an appeal has been lodged against this decision. This appeal has put the existence of the Music Festival, much enjoyed by many and enabling a great deal of money to be raised for local schools, in jeopardy. People are worried as to how far this hard-line approach will threaten well loved events like the Beer Festival or Riverside. Let us hope that the unique character of Charlbury as a beautiful, quiet Cotswold town but one which is also lively and vibrant, will survive and the spirit of compromise triumph.

**Report from District Councillor Mike Breakell (01993 868201)
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The past winter months have been difficult due to inclement weather affecting a new, and in general much appreciated, waste collection service. And now we are dealing with financial cutbacks on many fronts too. The local train and bus services have operated reasonably well, and the new dual track Cotswold Line that is currently under construction should have advantages too, especially if the increased parking possibilities envisaged at Charlbury station can be financed. These will be really important if less funding is available for bus services.

The Draft Core Strategy for West Oxfordshire is out for consultation until March 11th. This draft plan will then be finalised before submission to an independent Inspector later in the year. However the system is forever changing and in theory at least the Localism Bill will devolve greater powers to local councils and neighbourhoods, and establish new rights for communities which could give them more control, for example, over local housing decisions. In West Oxfordshire major new housing developments are proposed for Witney and Carterton but should they go to the west, the east, or the north of each settlement. There are no other major plans for housing expansion in the current plan, but even locating fifteen affordable homes to meet present needs in Charlbury is not an easy decision.

The Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) is a multi-agency problem-solving group working with the police to tackle neighbourhood priorities identified by the community. A survey conducted last autumn by the neighbourhood team to identify these priorities for 2011 made for interesting, yet encouraging reading: **No. 1 priority: No issues (!)**; No. 2: Anti-social behaviour; No. 3: Speeding; No. 4: Parking

CRIME: The results of this survey are echoed by recent Charlbury crime figures for July-September 2010, compared to the same period last year: **All crimes: -25%** (Chipping Norton -38%); **Anti-social behaviour: -17%** (Chipping Norton -51%). Over the Christmas period, Charlbury (like other local towns and villages) was described by the neighbourhood police team as a 'tumbleweed town'. The only blot on this quiet picture was a spat of burglaries in the wider local area. The majority of these took place in houses whose doors or windows were left open/unlocked, or where ladders were left unsecured and subsequently used by burglars. The police advice is clear: You should **lock your front and back doors, and make sure that burglars can't use your ladders to get into your house.**

DOG FOULING: There seems to be a minority of recalcitrant dog owners who regrettably do not clear up after their dogs.. Dog fouling on the pavements is the most offensive type of litter on our streets, and it can also be dangerous. The sight of a toddler visibly shaken after slipping on dog dirt in Browns Lane recently is not one that I want to see again in a hurry. So **PLEASE CLEAR UP AFTER YOUR DOG (S)!** It is the responsibility of the dog owner or the person in charge of the dog to clear up any dog foul left by their dog.

*Valou Pakenham-Walsh
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Chipping Norton Neighbourhood Action Group
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Does the thought of your next heating bill leave you cold?

As the price of fuel increases, energy bills can become unmanageable. To help combat this, a **free phone** helpline has been set up to advise residents in Oxfordshire how to cut their fuel bills. The service is offered by the United Sustainable Energy Agency in partnership with Oxfordshire County Council, the five district councils, and the Primary Care Trust.

Anyone who is struggling with their fuel bills can call 0800 107 00 44 for free, impartial advice on:

Improving the efficiency of your property through cavity wall and loft insulation including the grants available

Local authority grants

Switching energy suppliers to find the best deal

Social tariffs provided by the energy companies for vulnerable customers

Advice on fuel debt

Home Improvement Agencies who undertake minor repairs for vulnerable home owners

Improving your energy efficiency to cut your energy bills

United Sustainable Energy Agency is a not for profit company providing services to the Public Sector, Business, and individuals to help them reduce carbon, adapt to climate change and tackle fuel poverty.

Report from County Councillor Neil Owen (01993 8308751)

The appalling state of the Enstone Road is about to get worse. It would not look out of place in Haiti! The road is scheduled for a complete resurface but before that can happen, Southern Gas will be laying new mains between the 7th March and 8th April. This will, of course, cause immense inconvenience to the residents of Charlbury. When this work is completed Highways can get on with the long overdue repairs to the road.

The proposed closure of the Charlbury Library has activated the community. The Friends of the Library, the Town Council and local councillors are getting together to fight this move and keep the lights on in the Library. I am sure that during the consultation period a Town Meeting will be arranged where a representative from OCC will come and answer questions and, more importantly, listen to what we have to say.

NEWS FROM CORNBURY *from the Cornbury Park team*

We're very pleased to have been given some space in the *Charlbury Chronicle* to keep you up to date with what's happening at Cornbury Park. In the coming months we'll remind you about the walks, runs and other events we host at Cornbury and tell you a few things you perhaps didn't know about the activities we have here! As many will know, Cornbury Park is a family-run working estate that has diversified with the times. Our business can now be broadly broken down in to the following areas: agriculture; rental of offices converted from traditional farm buildings; residential lettings; events; deer stalking; bushcraft courses and forestry. We have a diverse array of local businesses based here at Cornbury – 25 at present, all providing local employment, goods and services. On our residential side, we have some fantastic tenants, many of whom have been here for many years. Most of our events here at Cornbury are charitable and this year they include the Ribbon Walk in May and the NSPCC Hack in September. In May we welcome a car rally show (www.therallyshow.org) and we are planning to host a music festival again this summer, The Wilderness Festival. Details of all our events can be found on our website www.cornburypark.co.uk together with any breaking news, available office space and further information about Cornbury.

In addition to the agricultural activity on our land, we have recently been exploring ways in which we can harness renewable energy. First we looked at the possibility of wind turbines and hydroelectric power and more recently solar energy. The latter is looking the most promising and we are hoping to put in a planning application, in conjunction with our partners Alectron, for a solar farm. Sustainable Charlbury have been involved in this project from the outset and are very enthusiastic about its potential.

Date for your diary: Palm Sunday Walk. On Sunday 17 April we welcome you to walk through the Wychwood Forest on a specially devised walk on the Estate. The walk starts at Fiveash Bottom, Hatching Lane outside Leafield – further details on the Cornbury Park website.

We are always happy to answer any questions that you might have about Cornbury - please get in touch by emailing us at estate@cpark.co.uk or phoning on 01608 811 276.

NEWS FROM CHARLBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

The theme of this edition's column is what goes on at school during a typical lunch break. Whilst many children choose to bring a packed lunch, we are lucky enough to have a fully-equipped kitchen serving a good-quality cooked meal for those who would like one. This term the school is delighted to welcome Charlbury's Louis Buy to the post of Catering Manager. Louis, who has been working as a professional chef for the last seventeen years, is doing a terrific job of providing nutritious, tasty food to the children - sometimes nearly 100 of them! Louis started cooking at the age of five with his Nanny Sal, who was herself a trained chef. It was Nanny Sal who inspired his passion for good food and home cooking, and she is the reason Louis decided to become a chef himself. He trained at Keble College in Oxford and has worked in the kitchens of a variety of colleges and restaurants, including The Bell in Charlbury.

Getting his hands dirty growing, digging and scrubbing vegetables with Nanny Sal taught Louis the value of understanding where food comes from and the importance of 'living off the land', a message he is keen to share with the next generation. He believes it is crucial to make sure that children eat good food, because a healthy diet leads to a healthy life. He tries to cook from scratch as much as possible, and plans to use the produce grown in the school grounds to supplement the local fresh food supplied by the County Council's catering service, which includes meat from nearby Callow Farm. The children are very enthusiastic about Louis's home-cooked dishes and when asked about their favourites, there are cries of, amongst others, "pizza, savoury rice, vegetable lasagne, yorkshire puddings and carrot cake!"

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Lunch is usually served 'family style' with tables of mixed year groups including two children who serve the food to the others on their table. The children are also encouraged to help themselves to extra vegetables from the serving dishes on the table, and to pass the dishes to those who want them. This creates a very congenial atmosphere.

After lunch it's time to play! In addition to the existing variety of outdoor activities, we noticed how much children of all ages are enjoying the new climbing frame which was purchased recently with money generated by fundraising activities. The school would like to thank everyone in the community for supporting our fundraising events and making it possible to provide the children with such an excellent facility. Photos of it can be found on our website at <http://www.charlbury.oxon.sch.uk/our-facilities.html>.

Developing a healthy food culture and providing opportunities for physical activity is part of the school's 'Healthy School' status, a government initiative to promote the importance of good health for wellbeing (see www.healthyschools.gov.uk/ for details).

Finally, if there are school-related topics you would like to see covered in future columns please contact the School Office with suggestions office.2100@charlbury.oxon.sch.uk or telephone 810354.

Vicky Buser and Susan Hoile Parent governors

TOT BITS

Now that my son is at Charlbury Primary School, the time has come for me to hand over the writing of TotBits so this is a farewell from me! Thank you for reading my entries and I hope that they have been of interest. I am pleased to confirm that George Ogier will be taking over from me in the next issue so watch this space!

Carina Loweth

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Looking for a stimulating and caring environment for your child to play in? Would you like to meet other local parents and carers of preschool children and babies? Then why not give us a try! The Baby and Toddler Group meets every Monday during term time from 9:30 to 11:30 am at the Memorial Hall and welcomes mums-to-be, babies and pre-school children with their parents or carers. Alongside a baby play area, there are a variety of activities to choose from which change regularly. Children especially enjoy having lots of space for physical play on the slide, tunnels and ride on toys. Sessions include a craft activity, story time with juice and a biscuit, singing with musical instruments and sometimes parachute play. Providing you with a chance to relax, have a tea or coffee and enjoy some friendly conversation! (£2.50 per family).

Sophie is returning to work after Easter and is hoping to find a few volunteers to help continue the group. If you are able to help with setting up in the morning or with organising the rota or craft activity, please call her on 01608 819059 or email her at sophiegsavage@btinternet.com Many thanks.

CHARLBURY PRE-SCHOOL

Charlbury Pre-school is a thriving, voluntary-run organisation that seeks to provide education through play for children from 2 1/2 to 5 years, and is open to every family in the community. It is led by a dedicated group of play leaders and their assistants with a maximum of 24 children per session providing a high adult to child ratio. The sessions run during school term time only, Monday to Friday - 9am to 1pm, so children will need to bring a packed lunch. Alternatively, you can choose to pick your child up at noon to cover free Voucher Sessions only. Enrolment can be from as little as one morning a week to the full five day depending on your requirements. Pre-School premises can be hired either on Saturdays from 2pm or all day Sundays or in the afternoons during the week. Please contact us for further information or to arrange a visit 01608 811200.

Please send all future TotBits information to George at george.ogier@gmail.com or 07747592620, including ideas for any topics you would like to see covered in future TotBits.

Note from the Editor:

I would like to express my thanks to Carina for her two-year stint doing the TotBits column for the Chronicle. I am grateful to Carina for finding her replacement too, and I offer a warm welcome to George Ogier, our first TotBits Dad, and look forward to his contribution in future issues.

WINTER WEATHER REPORT

November 2010 was a month when records tumbled – one after another! The month started rather warm, with a maximum temperature of 59° on 5th, but then began to fall. Nevertheless, by around mid month, they were still averaging about normal. The second half of the month was cold, especially the last seven days when daytime temperatures were in the 30s. The coldest day was 30° on 28th, but temperatures remained at or below freezing during the final three days of the month. This broke the previous November day low temperature of 32°, recorded in 1993. Overall, November 2010 averaged 44.43° (21 year average 48.96°) and was the second coldest, with only 1993, at 44.10° being colder. At night, it was also a shock to the system, with temperatures ranging from 55° on 4th/5th down to a record low of 20° on 28th/29th. Actually, the previous low record of 24° was equaled on 26th/27th, broken on 27th/28th (22°) and then again the following night.

Autumn 2010 was below average in each month (September, October & November). Overall it was 54.27 (average 56.88).

If November came as a shock, then **December 2010** turned out to be a bigger one. The 21 year average daytime maximum temperature for December is 43.38°. In 2010, we only reached this figure on one day - 44° on 11th. Every other day was below average. The month started with another three days where the temperature stayed at or below freezing. During the month, this happened on no less than thirteen days, with the lowest being 27° on Christmas Day. Needless to say, December 2010 turned out to be by far the coldest in the last 22 years with an average of 35.06°. The previous coldest December was in 1995 (38.19°). With daytime temperatures being so low, it will not come as a surprise that some nights were bone-chillingly cold! We had an air frost on 25 of the 31 nights, and this must be a record. The coldest temperature was on 19th/20th at 10° (*about minus 12.2°C*), the previous December record low was 15° in 1991 and we got lower than that on four nights in 2010. The highest night temperature was 38° on 10th/11th. Although I do not have easily accessible records for night time low temperatures over the 22 years, I did decide to calculate the average low for December 2010. This came out at 26.74° and I suspect that it is the first time during this period that any month has produced an average below freezing. To add to this, if we take the average maximum day and minimum night temperatures during the month the result is a mean temperature below freezing, at 30.90°, which must also be a record low.

Remaining on the subject of records being broken, **2010 as a whole** was the coldest in the last 22 years, the previous record being 55.53° in 1996. The average maximum daytime temperature was 55.22°, which is well below the 57.58° for the previous 21 years, with only three months (April, June and July) being above average.

January 2011 was also a colder than usual month, but nothing compared with December. Daytime maximum temperatures ranged from 53° on 13th down to 33° on 29th. The average was 41.81° which was somewhat below the average for 1989-2010 of 43.86°. At night, an air frost was recorded on 14 occasions, with the lowest 24° on 30th/31st. The warmest night during the month was 49° on 13th/14th and 14th/15th.



CHARLBURY STREET FAIR 2011

SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

Yes, it's that time again when we are starting to organise this year's **STREET FAIR**. For those of you new to Charlbury, this event is run to raise funds for the upkeep of the Corner House & Memorial Hall, which as you will know is constantly in use by members of the Charlbury community and really does need support in this way.

This year's Street Fair will be held on **Saturday 17th September**, and we will have all the usual stalls, together with the evening parade and dancing in the street until 10pm. It always is a great day, so put this date in your diary and make sure you don't miss it.

Friday March 4th - Street Fair Quiz

Following on from last year's very successful quiz, this time it will be held on Friday 4th March at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. There is a maximum of 20 teams, so if you would like to make up a team (no more than 6 in a team) please contact Martin Winstone at m.winstone@btopenworld.com. Bangers and mash at half time!!

Jazz Lunch and Open Gardens – June 5th – Calling All Gardeners:

This will be the 13th Open Gardens Day held as part of the Street Fair and it has been an enormous success from the start. Spring is here and like nature we are emerging from hibernation to plan this year's event! We are looking for volunteers to offer to open their gardens - of any type – large or small, formal or informal, established or new. Would you be willing to show your garden?

The atmosphere at Open Gardens has always been friendly and lots of tips and information are given and received. The gardeners put in a tremendous amount of effort but I think they would all say it is rewarding on the Sunday afternoon when so many people wander round genuinely interested in what has been achieved.

The gardens will be open from 2pm to 6pm. Tickets and route map available on the day from outside the Corner House from 1.30pm. Teas and plants will be on sale in the Memorial Hall and Garden Room. If you would like to open your garden, please contact Vic Allison on 01608 811262. Tickets for the Jazz Lunch are also available from Vic - but are restricted to only 60 - so book early to avoid disappointment!

HELP !!

However, these events cannot be run without the full commitment of the whole community of Charlbury. We are always on the lookout for new helpers to join our Team. We need new ideas and energy to help achieve the same amount as we did last year. Please contact Susie Finch at susanna_finch@hotmail.com or 07879 693733 if you would like to help in any capacity, We would be delighted to hear from you.

Finally, will residents of Church Street and Park Street please note that we will be applying to WODC for road closure permission for the 17th September.

Susie Finch

Charlbury Beer Festival To Support An Overseas Project

Members of the Charlbury Beer Festival committee have decided to give a small share of the overall proceeds of the annual Beer Festival to an overseas project. This idea has been brewing for a while, and reflects the committee's vision of connecting Charlbury with communities far less advantaged than our own, and ensuring that the funds raised from the Beer Festival are allocated fairly and responsibly across a spectrum of community projects.

The plan is to identify a project working with disadvantaged children in a poor country. The project would have to qualify for our help in the same way a project here does – i.e. to be a recognised charity, with audited accounts and with a need for a small amount of funds for a specific piece of equipment or for an event. The project should have some connection with Charlbury, and at least one member of the committee will be expected to be personally familiar with the project before any funding is given. With the agreement of Mrs Jane Holt, the Head of Charlbury Primary School, we are also hoping that that the recipients will be interested in establishing and maintaining links with the school, to give local children an opportunity to share photos and experiences with children in developing countries.

We have identified Zimbabwe as a priority country for assistance, given the stresses that charities there are under and the many needs of poor children in that country, but our first project may well be for a solar water heater for an orphanage in India.

Jo Elliott

****For local community groups seeking funding from the Charlbury Beer Festival, please note that the next deadline for grant applications is 31 March. The 2011 Charlbury Beer Festival will take place on Saturday 9 July at the Cricket Club.**

Real Accountability – making a real difference

Since April 2010, all Primary Care Trusts have a duty to report on consultations on commissioning decisions undertaken during the financial year. 'Real Accountability' shows how consultation and engagement have helped to shape and inform health services in Oxfordshire. From end of life care, improvements to patients experience in community hospitals to the enhanced medical services offered by some GPs such as dermatology clinics, we have asked people what they think, what we could do to improve and develop services. We have used that feedback to improve patient experience and develop services that really meet the needs of their users.

The examples in 'Real Accountability' also show the range of methods we have used to consult people, including online surveys, focus groups, public meetings, attending existing community groups and one to one interviews. As part of the consultation process we engage with different people, groups and organisations to make sure we reach as many relevant people as possible.

To find out more, read the report on the Talking Health section of the NHS Oxfordshire website: <https://consult.oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk/consult.ti/realaccountability/listdocuments>. Or, if you would like a paper copy please contact the communications and engagement team at NHS Oxfordshire email: admin.comm/ppi@oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk or phone: 01865 334641.

CHARLBURY COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

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POLICE
OFFICER**

**Our Police Community
Support Officer
is C9837 Wesley Smith**
who works out
of the Charlbury Police Office
at the
Spendlove Centre.

This office is open for
general enquiries, lost property and
the production of documents etc,
Mondays 12 noon - 3pm
and Fridays 9am - 12 noon.
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each month

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