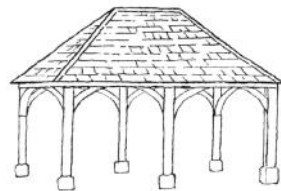


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From the Editor

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 14th December—see page 23, 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, Larcums have lots of cards and wrapping up paper, plus stamps, and the Deli some delicious grub! Also the Corner House will be selling warm drinks and there is the Community Carol Party in the Community Centre at 8pm—along with mince pies and mulled wine!

St Mary's Christmas Bazaar is taking place on Saturday 1 December and the Charlbury Christmas Fair, in aid of the Corner House & Memorial Hall will be on Sunday 2nd December, from 11am to 4pm.

Congratulations to Street Fair who raised at least £5,500 for the Corner House and Memorial Hall. If you would like to help at Street Fair 2019 please contact John Dora—see p4.

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.

Susanna Finch



**Please note the deadline for articles for the Spring issue is 1st February 2019
Please send all articles to editor.chronicle@outlook.com**



The Botany Spot

The world seems devoid of wild flowers at this cold and unwelcoming time of year but a few hardy plants can surprise us, even in such inhospitable conditions.

Most of the flowers seen in December, January and February are bedraggled leftovers from the autumn or tough indestructible weeds such as **Shepherd's Purse** *Capsella bursa-pastoris* or **Groundsel** *Senecio vulgaris*. There are also some other small inconspicuous flowers such as **Dog's Mercury** *Mercurialis perennis*.

But as early as February, a truly amazing sight is clumps of bold, yellow daisies borne on scaly stems without any leaves. These are **Colt's-foot** *Tussilago farfara*. The leaves appear much later in the season and seem ridiculously large for the small yellow daisies which flowered so much earlier – it took me some time to connect the two, when a plant suddenly appeared in my garden. Irritatingly, I dug it up 'roots and all' one summer and wondered where my little yellow daisies had gone next spring!

But perhaps the easiest plants to observe in the cold winter months are those that have left their fruits dangling from their stems or branches as a reminder of balmy summer and autumn days. Such is the **Spindle** *Euonymus europaeus*, mentioned in my autumn Botany Spot but still hanging onto its vivid pink capsules and bright orange seeds into the winter months. The deep red 'haws' of **Hawthorn** *Crataegus monogyna* also persist for a time until they are all eaten by birds. The **Snowberry** *Symphoricarpos albus*, found naturalised in woods and hedgerows around Charlbury, keeps some of its milky-white berries into the winter months, another source of food for birds.

The native **Field Maple** *Acer campestre* and **Sycamore** *Acer pseudoplatanus* (not a native but in Europe from the 1600s) have characteristic fruits with mini propeller-like wings. The fruits of the **Ash** *Fraxinus excelsior* are similar but hang down like 'keys' from the bare twigs.

Three seasonal plants retain not only some berries but leaves as well, they are of course the **Holly** *Ilex aquifolium*, **Ivy** *Hedera helix* and **Mistletoe** *Viscum album* (now recorded in Charlbury as a result of several readers' input after my request for sightings a couple of years ago!). Another plant common in the Evenlode valley, is the **Teasel** *Dipsacus fullonum*, with wonderful seed-heads lasting well into the winter and often sprayed silver or gold as a Christmas decoration.

In BSBI botanical surveys hereabouts I have observed several majestic evergreen trees which brighten the winter landscape - **Lawson's Cypress** *Chamaecyparis lawsoniana*, **Corsican Pine** *Pinus nigra* and the **Norway Spruce** *Picea abies*, the Trafalgar Square species of Christmas tree. I should also mention our splendid native **Yew** *Taxus baccata* with its beautiful deep green foliage and bright red berries. It is however very poisonous and is often found in churchyards, planted there by our ancestors, out of reach of grazing animals. In recent times, as with several other toxic plants, Yew has helped scientists discover new medicines. In the case of Yew, it has helped in the development of drugs to treat some cancers.

The catkins and pussy willows are another source of delight in late winter. **Goat Willow**, otherwise known as **Pussy Willow** *Salix caprea*, with its delicate fluffy flowers and **Hazel** *Corylus avellana* with its golden catkins which can be seen lying in wait ready for some slightly warmer weather, at the end of winter, to expand fully and really welcome in the spring.

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It has been a long time in the making but now, at last, the Plan is almost ready. The Charlbury Neighbourhood Development Plan (CNDP) will be a key document in considering all planning applications in Charlbury. It is detailed and has to comply with two important documents. Firstly, with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) published by the Government and not updated until July this year. This covers all aspects of development nationwide. Secondly, with the West Oxfordshire Local Plan which was only adopted in October this year and sets policies on a District-wide basis. These have been only published recently which is one reason why we were not able to finalise the CNDP sooner

The Plan will consist of a number of sections:

- Homes (Housing Policies Section)
- Economy, Transport and Movement
- Natural Environment, Green Spaces and Recreation
- Historic Environment

At present, the drafts of sections on Economy and Natural Environment have been sent to the Town Council for their comments and the Homes section will follow soon. The Historic Environment section is still being completed as there is a lot of data to consider. A steering group of volunteers has been preparing the Neighbourhood Plan, but the Town Council is the body responsible for it and so needs to agree the document and all its policies. However the Plan belongs to the whole community and the evidence we need for the plan is taken from your replies to the 2017 survey.

Once the Town Council has agreed the draft Plan, the next step will be a consultation for everyone to be able to see and comment on the Plan. This should take place in January. All comments will then be considered and the revised Plan then goes to West

Oxfordshire District Council who will carry out further consultation. They will then arrange for an Inspector to formally consider the Plan. If the Inspector agrees that the Plan is sound, it then will come back for a full referendum, which is open to all those in Charlbury who are registered to vote, before it is in place.

In the Plan it is proposed that any new housing will have to meet the needs of Charlbury as well as not detracting from the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. This means being affordable to people on local wages and building smaller and lower cost housing will be favoured rather than large expensive houses currently being built. To preserve the appearance of the Town, which is something that most people think is important, design guidelines specific to Charlbury are being proposed which will be applied to ensure new development fits in and does not detract from the character of the Town.

The beautiful landscape and environment of Charlbury is also a key concern, so, in addition to preventing new development from damaging the landscape, we also propose "green corridors" through the town which should be protected and enhanced to provide pleasant walking routes and to help wildlife.

The Plan will also make sure new development does not worsen parking and traffic problems and will aim to improve areas where road safety is poor, as identified in the Town Survey. Finally, there is concern over the loss of local shops and jobs and the Plan will aim to protect the town centre and support jobs, including retaining shops and other businesses which provide local employment, and supporting home-based working which is becoming much more common here.

We are most interested to know how well you think the draft Plan covers all these issues. Further information and updates are available on our website www.charlburyneighbourhoodforum.org.uk/ and will be put up on the notice board outside the Co-op.

Tony Merry and Claire Wilding



Street Fair 2018

This year's Street Fair was again enjoyable, and a fabulous time was had by everyone! The weather was fine and sunny which attracted lots of visitors on the day and to the Egg Throwing on the night before which went down really well. We managed to net around £5,500, which will go to the upkeep of the Corner House and War Memorial Hall. This is a great result even though we were unable to put on an Open Gardens event – we hope to do this and more in 2019.

Special 'thank you's' go to all who helped with sponsorship, prizes, manning and putting up the stalls and all the other things that go to make the fair happen. I'd like to thank especially Hannen Beith, who has been Secretary for two Fairs. Hannen has stepped down and we will need someone to step into his shoes.

For 2019 we are already organising stalls, helping with the Christmas Fair on 2nd December and are aiming to kick-off our preparations more formally in January. Do please watch out for

information on this on www.charlbury.info as indeed we could do with some more help as our organising committee seems to keep shrinking.

Next year's theme will be 'Time' - Larcum Kendal, famed clock and chronometer maker was born in Charlbury 21st September 1719 – and Street Fair Day in 2019 is his 300th Birthday!! We also have ideas to bring the Fair to all parts of the town – if your street would like to arrange a 'Time'- related display, decorations or other commemoration do please get in touch! 'Time' of course includes Doctor Who, H.G. Wells, clocks and watches and all sorts of creative ideas.

Concerning help; as well as a secretary, if you feel able to do so or if you'd like to volunteer, in any capacity, even just for a couple of hours on the fair day, please email me at csfchairman@charlburystreetfair.org.

A special plea is for helpers for the various events – Open Gardens is one, but also to help during the Quiz Night (near St Patrick's Day again!), and to erect and take down the stalls' ironwork on Fair day itself.

John Dora
Chair, Charlbury Street Fair Committee

vOx Chamber Choir in Charlbury on 1st December

vOx, Oxford's leading a cappella chamber choir will be returning to Charlbury on Saturday, 1st December 2018, for its summer concert. For those who missed us when we sang for you at the end of June this year, we shall offer you again J.S. Bach's motet *Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden* (Praise the Lord, all ye nations), BWV 230.

Accompanying that in the first half of the concert will be his even more ambitiously -crafted 8-part motet *Komm Jesu, komm* (Come Jesus, come) BWV 229. The choir will also perform a number of other

Baroque masterpieces by Praetorius, Scheidt, Hiller and Pachelbel (yes, Pachelbel *did* write something else apart from his Canon!).

The second half of the concert brings you Vivaldi's uplifting *Gloria* as well that all-time Handelian favourite, *Zadok the Priest*, which has been sung at every coronation on these shores since 1727. Further details, including how to buy tickets, can be found on the choir's website www.vox-choir-oxford.co.uk. 7.30 p.m., 1st December, St Mary's Church.

Leaves and other stuff - The Working Party

For those readers who are newly arrived in town or who are previously unaware, there is a volunteer group in Charlbury called The Working Party. This is a group of like-minded people who turn out at notified dates and times to clear areas of the town of leaves, overgrowth and general debris (in winter, this may include clearance of snow and ice).

We are all aware that, in the past, this work would have been done by our County and District councils. Most of you will know that these councils have been stripped of the finances to meet these duties. Children's Services and Care for the Elderly will always come before leaves, twigs, weeds and rubbish – quite rightly.

The work happens mostly in the autumn and winter when the pavements and kerbs become carpeted and clogged with leaves but does extend into the spring and summer when the hedges overgrow and the kerb weeds spring back.

The Working Party is supported by the Town Council which provides our insurance and by the District Council which collects our bulk bags of green waste and takes them to compost.

After three years of operation, we know that this is a sustainable community group. We work through email and through communication on the Charlbury website where our 'web-master', Richard has installed a 'Working Party' button at the top left of the main page. Everybody is invited to add messages and comment here.

If you use email, you can join a 'groupmail' which notifies where and when we will be working. Just give me your details on philmorgan717@hotmail.com to get notification.

The basic spirit of this is that we look after our own patch first and then we extend our effort to look after 'the public patch'.

Phil Morgan



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All walks are led by the Cotswolds Voluntary Wardens and as such are not "just a ramble in the countryside". The themed walks are a way of understanding and appreciating our Cotswold landscape.

More information can be found at www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk

Tuesday 11th December 10:00am

Burford Town Walk

1 miles – 1.25 hours

This gentle town walk is intended to be a general guide to this very interesting medieval town. Learn about its development and finish at coffee time.

The town has a variety of shops for some Christmas shopping after the walk.

Start: Burford Visitor Information Centre NB. Specialist tours are available from the Friends of the Tolsey Museum 01993 823188.

Wednesday 12th December 10:00am

All Hands to the Plough

6.5 miles – 3 hours

From Finstock to historic Wilcote Manor passing the Ladywell and down to the Evenlode. Then over Whitehill wood to Stonesfield back to Finstock on the Oxfordshire way down across the Evenlode then up Dark Lane for optional lunch at the Plough.

Start: The Plough Inn Finstock OX7 3BY

Saturday 22nd December 10:00am

A Roman, A Bishop and A Saint

10 miles 5 hours

A figure of eight walk from Leafield to Ramsden and Finstock using ancient tracks and byways. A gentle Pre-Christmas walk to de-stress before the holiday.

Start: Leafield. Please park considerately near the Green.

Thursday 3rd January 10.30am

Bliss to start the New Year

3.5 miles 2 hours

An easy walk through Chipping Norton into the countryside beyond mostly on good tracks, may be some mud if an undue amount of rain,

Start point - Chipping Norton Town Hall
3.5 miles

Sunday 27th January 10:00am

All the W's - Walking, Woodstock & Wootton

11.5 miles 5 hours

A circular walk exploring parts of Blenheim Park and the surrounding area. please bring a packed lunch

Start The Green in Combe

Monday 4th February 10:00am

What a View!

2.5 miles – 1.5 hours

A walk on conjunction with the National Trust which explores the countryside towards Edge Hill. After the walk you can enjoy refreshments in the cafe and explore the house and gardens.

Start: Upton House Car Park OX15 6HT

Thursday 7th February 10:00am

On the Edge

6 miles – 3 hours

An undulating walk from Hook Norton, which is only just outside the AONB. With good tracks, quiet lanes and field paths this is a good winter walk in an area not so well known.

Optional lunch at the brewery after the walk.

Start: Hook Norton Brewery

Saturday 23rd February 10:00am

All Around the Crown

4.5 miles 2.5 hours

A lovely walk around Enstone and Heythrop Park.

Start: The Crown Inn Church Enstone

Rosemary Wilson



Charlbury's Own Cinema

ChOC News

ChOC's winter programme begins with **Paddington 2**, the **Family Matinee** screening in December. In January, **The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society**, is our film of the month, based on the best selling book by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. The 'ChOC Classic Cinema' presentation in February is, **"Some Like It Hot"**, Billy Wilder's acclaimed comedy starring Tony Curtis, Jack Lemmon and Marilyn Monroe.



Sunday 16th December at 3pm:
"Paddington 2" - The Family Matinee at Christmas Cert PG /

103mins.

A film for the whole family to enjoy together.

Following on from his adventures after his move to London, Paddington, now happily settled with the Brown family and a popular member of the local community, picks up a series of odd jobs to buy the perfect present for his Aunt Lucy's 100th birthday, only for the gift to be stolen.

Free popcorn for children and mince pies for adults.

Doors and licensed bar from 2.15pm

Admission: Family Ticket (2 adults and one or two children), £12 / Adults, £5 / U15s, £3.



Sunday 13th January at 7pm:
"The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society"

Cert.12A / 124mins.

London, 1946. Juliet (Lily James), a charismatic and free-spirited writer receives a letter from a member of a mysterious literary club started in Nazi-occupied Guernsey. Her curiosity piqued, Juliet decides to visit the island. There she meets the delightfully eccentric members of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, including Dawsey (Michiel Huisman), the rugged and intriguing farmer who wrote her the letter. As the secrets from their wartime

past unfold, Juliet's growing attachment to the island, the book club and her affection for Dawsey will change the course of her life forever.

Doors and licensed bar from 6.15pm.

Admission: Adults, £5 / U15s, £3.



Sunday 10th February at 7pm:
ChOC Classic Cinema presents,
"Some Like It Hot". Cert 12 /

116mins.

Last February, the first entry in our new ChOC Classic Cinema strand, *Brief Encounter*, attracted a large and very attentive audience, who braved a chilly winter's evening to reappraise one of the best British films ever made.

2019's **ChOC Classic** hails from the other side of the Atlantic. Made in 1959 by the legendary Billy Wilder, ***Some Like It Hot*** stars Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis as two down-at-heel Chicagoan jazz musicians who inadvertently witness the St Valentine's Day Massacre. They succeed in escaping the clutches of a vicious mob run by the sinister 'Spats' Colombo by securing jobs with a touring band of female musicians in the new guises of 'Josephine' and 'Daphne'. On a train to Miami, they make the acquaintance of the bewitching 'Sugar' Kane (Marilyn Monroe) and Josephine (Curtis) quickly falls in love with her, later pursuing her in Florida disguised as an oil magnate. Daphne catches the eye of wealthy playboy Osgood Fielding the Third and so, for a while, our heroes' major dilemma involves trying to extricate themselves from the romances that their enforced cross-dressing have embroiled them in. But when Colombo's mobsters arrive on the scene, Josephine and Daphne have to face up to the rather more pressing task of saving their own necks.

A genuine cinematic classic, *Some Like It Hot* is an hilarious comedy drama illuminated by superb performances from Lemmon, Curtis and Monroe. This is a film guaranteed to warm the cockles in the depths of winter so please join us to enjoy ChOC Classic Cinema Part 2. Doors & licensed bar from 6.15pm.

Admission: Adults, £5 / U15s £3.

All films are shown in the Memorial Hall, Charlbury. No need to book, just turn up & pay at the door.



Charlbury Bowls Club, sponsored by Charlbury Garage

As winter sets in and Christmas approaches a short reflection of our achievements and challenges in the hot summer of 2018 is a good indicator for the forthcoming year. Having been promoted to Division 2 of the Oxfordshire League, the Men's team finished a creditable fourth achieving the target of consolidation. A target has been set to achieve Division 1 by 2021. The Ladies combined with West Witney to enter a joint team in the West Oxon Ladies league that also finished fourth. In all the club competed in over 50 league and friendly fixtures, plus many other cup competitions.

The highlight was the Men's Summertown Cup when we reached finals day for the first time. The day-long competition at Banbury against mostly Division 1 teams saw success against top sides Watlington and Headington, but form could not be matched against some others. Overall a satisfying result leaving a taste for more success. Many individuals and individual pairs, triples and fours competed in County Competitions and a ladies' triple reached the quarter-finals.

A successful summer on the *Oxbrew Bowls Green*, was matched off it as improvements to the clubhouse were made and playing membership increased by almost a third. Special mention must be made of Toby and Ollie Ball (aged 11 and 13 when joining) who both showed

exceptional ability competing in several matches with great success. The Oxfordshire under-25 coach is watching them closely for the future.

Bowls does not come to a halt in Winter as we play indoor short-mat bowls. Two teams compete in the West Oxfordshire Division and individuals in County competitions.

Looking forward to 2019 we are extremely positive for the future and have entered more people and teams than before in the various county competitions for next summer.

Bowls really is a fun sport that anyone can play and beginners are always welcome.

As you scratch around to think of a meaningful New Year's resolution, why not make a note to come to one of our open days in late April/early May (dates in next *Charlbury Chronicle* or on our website) and give bowls a try! With over 200,000 participants over 18, Bowls is the ninth highest participation sport – more than cricket, rugby, hockey, netball, basketball, squash and tennis. For more information, or to try short-mat bowls, email enquiries@charlburybowls.co.uk

Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Shaun Morley

CHARLBURY MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels prepares and delivers meals on Tuesdays to residents of Charlbury, Spelsbury, Chadlington and Stonesfield. **Meals now cost £3 delivered.**

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: Are you new to Charlbury and looking for ways to become involved in the community? This is an important service and relies on local people to drive, or to cook, or to help in other ways. Please ring Marjorie Glasgow on 01608 819 253 or Susan Merry on 01608 811 022 if you can help. **We are also accepting names of new recipients.** Please ring Marjorie or Susan.



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Charlbury Christmas Fair

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News from Charlbury WI

Charlbury WI continues to flourish with new members and new activities. In addition to our speakers at our monthly meetings, we have craft workshops and theatre visits and are looking forward to seeing *Sister Act* in January. If you feel inspired to try new activities and make new friends then why not try Charlbury WI?

Unfortunately, Rosie Dennington's talk on Corsetry and Couture was cancelled due to ill health (September meeting) however a Beetle Drive was run instead and we all had great fun!

We are holding a coffee morning at the Corner House on Saturday 8 December, from 9.30am to 12 noon, so do all come and sample our cakes, mince pies etc. We are also having our Christmas Dinner at the Old Shed on 19 December.

In January we shall hear from Carol Anderson who will give us an insight into the *Wychwood Martyrs* and in February we will hear from Russell Cherry on *The Ridgeway Explored*.

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 Margaret Jowett at

charlburywi@gmail.com

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.

Susie Finch

Charlbury Ladies Luncheon Club



In November, we had a very enjoyable day visiting Windsor Castle and seeing Megan's wedding dress on show.

Our next lunch will be on Tuesday 11 December, our Christmas lunch. This will be the last time at Witney Lakes, because from January onwards we will be moving to the Cotswold Spa Hotel in Chipping Norton.

Our first meal there is on Tuesday 15th January and our speaker will be Louise Barnes on "How to keep fit during winter".

On 19th February, Neil Pakenham Walsh will come and speak about HIFA, Healthcare Information For All.

If you would like to join us please contact Gill Grason at gillgrason@btinternet.com (01608 810154) or Frances Canham at francescanham@hotmail.com (01608 811176)

NOT THE OFFICE PARTY

For those who don't have the luxury of a kiss in the stationery cupboard, join us at The Bell's Cornbury Rooms on

Thursday 13th December at 7.30pm
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Tell your friends and see you there

Ho Ho Ho!

For more info call Nicola on 07968 381335 or Luke at The Bell



Charlbury as I remember it from 1935 onwards

We moved into a tiny rented house in Sheep Street in 1935. Dad, Mum, Gran Archer (Mum's mum), Roy (aged 7), Me: Joan (aged 3) and Rosa (aged 1), plus a grey cat called Dusty. In those days, an office in front was that of the surveyors – Mr Bendel and Mr Harper, and their dogs, Botsy and Shot. Today it is home to a beauty salon. To reach our door, you went up the little lane to the left of the property a few yards. Opposite was Keyte's the grocer and to the side, Price's the shoe shop.

Dad was a signalman with GWR so he joined Alf Benbow and Bert Simpson in the Box at the station... and how proud he was. He stayed there until his retirement doing a very busy and responsible job on an important line.

Charlbury seemed huge to me as we had previously lived in a small hamlet near Moreton-in-Marsh. My pre-school memories are sketchy but I remember attending two parties at the Town Hall where we were given Commemorative mugs, presumably Edward VIII or George VI – how I wish I still had them!

In 1937 I started school – the "Grammar School" as it was then known. There were just two teachers; Miss Widdows, who shared my birthday, and Mrs Foster who was very strict. My sister Rosa cried as she was too young, but was generally allowed to stay anyway.

In Church Street, we passed Allbright House where two very old ladies always sat in the window. They wore Victorian clothes, always black and had velvet chokers round their whiskery chins... to keep their heads on I imagined! In all the years, I never once saw them outside their huge house – did anyone, I wonder?

Every Sunday, Rosa and I went to Sunday school at 10am; Gran joined us at 11am for Matins; Sunday school again at 2pm and Evensong at 6pm. How I hated Sundays!

Roy was in the choir and I very much

wanted to join but I was a girl and therefore the answer was a decisive NO! I was so persistent however, that Mr Wood, who replaced Canon Payne, agreed as long as I could find the Psalm in Roman numerals... no one asked if I could sing! So I became a chorister, unpaid and with no surplice, which led to a lifetime of choral work including singing with both the London Philharmonic and Bach Choirs, so thank you Mr Wood.

1939 was another landmark year with the railings in the churchyard removed; austerity and food rationing; evacuees... I remember Iris and Barbara Dixon, Pansy Bailey and many more who came and went.

I then went to the Primary School but, like others, straight into Standard 2, where we had a succession of staff. Miss Jones, who we loathed as she was strict, sadistic and unfair. She always wore a heavy silver thimble, walked around the class and anyone not paying attention would be dotted painfully on the head. I probably have dents in my skull to this day. She left and was replaced by Miss Early, of Witney origin. How different she was and how much happier we all were. Rounders on the playing field was a treat, though one day the air raid warning went off so we all clustered under a tree. With so many evacuees, the school was overwhelmed, so we spent Standard 3 in the Methodist Chapel rooms. No playground but we were allowed a few minutes in the street to let off steam.

Miss Gifford tolerated no nonsense but we were all contented. There was huge excitement one day, when a small German plane crashed on the Abattoir (how appropriate!). We all raced along but were disappointed when we weren't allowed to watch whilst the wreckage and the pilot's body were removed.

My grandmother was a founder member of the Evergreen Club – she really loved attending and I'm so sorry it has now closed. I'm pretty sure there was a Women's Institute too, but my mother was always too busy – she and Gran took in commissions for knitting and there were always new garments in complicated Fair Isle patterns on the go.

In 1943, I joined Roy at the Grammar School in Chipping Norton, proudly mounting the bus at 8am every morning with my satchel and a pack of marmite sandwiches for break.

Interesting People

Mr and Mrs Oliver Watney – Cornbury Park, of brewery fame.

He and his wife often attended St Mary's and they had their own pew behind the choir. In December, Mr Wood and the choir would walk up to their house and sing round the Hammond organ before enjoying mince pies and ginger beer.

Leonard and Marjorie Kilby – Enstone Road

They were always involved in church and the community; regularly held musical soirees and taught us a real love of music. Mrs Kilby was the granddaughter of Mrs Isabella Beeton and I still have the recipe book she gave me on my wedding day in 1960.

Mr and Mrs Harry Pickup – Opposite Killby's

He was something in the chemical world and one of his products; Harpic, is still widely available. They didn't feature greatly except to invite the choir to sing carols – they had a pipe organ –

and to host a party for the Brownies and Guides on their lawn in the summer. Our Guide Captain, Miss Harben, worked in his laboratory.

Mr and Mrs Frank Morris, and their corgis; Rags and Tatters – Lee Place

Always attended St Mary's. Mr Morris was completely bald... unusual then and known irreverently as Shino! During the summer of 1951, before going to college, I persuaded Mr Ashman (the head gardener) to take me on as under-gardener. I loved it and learned such a lot. Mrs Morris wasn't sure about my shorts but often came to discuss which fruit and veg were required. I helped pick peaches and cherries, to watch the indoor plants and to rake the gravel drive every Saturday morning. During the war, the Guides helped tie scraps of material on to vast lengths of rope covers stretched high in the stables. It was camouflage netting and very hard on the fingers, but the reward – a square of chocolate – was worth the blisters. After Mr Morris died and the stable bell tolled, Mrs Morris moved away and Lee Place was bought by the Duke of Marlborough for his son, Lord Blandford, and baby grandson (now the Duke). The baby was christened in St Mary's and I remember singing Away in a Manger round the font.

Joan Jay (nee Tidmarsh)



Charlbury Day Centre

We are sorry that our longstanding manager, who has been with us for over 12 years is unlikely to be able to return to us because of ill health, but The Day Centre has been transformed by our lovely "stand in" and likely to be permanent co coordinator Karen.

Our member numbers are up and everyone, members and volunteers alike, all look forward to the exciting things that now fill their Wednesdays.

We have also received recently an extraordinarily generous donation, which

will ensure that we can manage financially for at least another year.

Our Christmas "Open Morning" is on Wednesday 5th December from 10.00 until 11.45am.

Please come and join us for coffee and mince pies. As usual there will be a raffle and a cake stall. However you do not have to wait until then, as you are welcome to pop in any Wednesday for tea or coffee at 10.00am ish and see what we get up to.

Bob Tait



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News from Charlbury Garden Society

Report from the Chair, Nicola Morgan

As new Chair of the Charlbury Garden Society I am delighted to report that we again have a positive and active committee with big plans for next year. We had very successful shows and sales in 2018 and our aim is to encourage members and others to take part in our gardening activities.

Our talks kick off on 17th Jan with a discussion of No Dig Gardening. The first show is on April 6th, sharing with the Charlbury Art Society to make a beautiful event. This is followed by our superb plant sale on 11th May where you can put into practice the winter plans you've all been making. If you are interested in helping whether on or off the committee, speak to any committee member at any event. Look forward to seeing you all.

Tributes to two long standing Garden Society members

Geoff Clifford

Geoff Clifford, who sadly passed away in August, had been a member of the Garden Society Committee since the early 1970s when he arrived in Charlbury and in recent years was our stalwart Secretary.

He exhibited regularly and at one time swept the board at the Rose and Sweet Pea Show with his sweet peas. His other exhibits, particularly his vegetables, were a feature of most shows. Also well known as an artist and as an active member of Charlbury Art Society, he was instrumental in getting the Art Society and the Garden Society to hold their spring shows jointly. Whenever we wanted new designs for prize cards or for publicity material he was there with his fabulous writing hand.

He had a lively but gentle and humorous personality and his presence will be sadly missed.

Eileen Atkin

Eileen Atkin, who died recently, was a longstanding supporter of our shows. She had lived in Charlbury for 22 years and had always been a keen exhibitor to all our shows, despite ill health in recent months. She was noted for her wonderful flower arrangements. She will be sadly missed by all of us and her daughters Julia and Joan.

Upcoming talks

'No dig' gardening. Too good to be true?
Thursday 17 January

Julie Penny, a local horticulturalist working with nature and wildlife, will give an illustrated talk about no dig gardening and its benefits. Julie has worked with this method for the last few years and more recently when tackling a very overgrown and neglected garden of her own in Charlbury.

A rose, is a rose, is a rose. Nonsense!
Thursday 21 February

Let's revive an interest in our roses. Most of us have at least one rose somewhere in our garden even if we can't remember where it is. Perhaps now is the time to revive our respect for the humble rose. International rose expert, Andrew Hornung, lives in Church Enstone and has written widely, chiefly on horticulture in Italy where he lived for many years. He is interested primarily in the social history of horticulture.

All talks take place in the Memorial Hall with refreshments from 7.30 pm for an 8 pm start.

Free to members, non-members £3

To join Charlbury Garden Society email: membership@charlburygardensociety.org.uk

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.

A Day's Life: Holly McMullen –co-founder of The Basket Room

I had seen the signs for The Basket Room every time I walked down Sheep Street, and so I asked Holly about the company

My business partner Camilla Sutton and I set up The Basket Room in 2014. We had met at art college 6 years earlier - The Arts Institute in Bournemouth - where we studied BA (Hons) Fashion Studies. She knew of a basket weaving cooperative in Kenya who needed access to market, and so suggested we worked together. I had always wanted to set up my own business with an ethical supply chain, so I agreed. I left my full-time job, and got a part-time one in Indigo in Oxford while we set the business up.

Baskets with these unique patterns, produced by local weavers, were very new in the UK Interiors market at the time. To begin with, we set up a website to sell the baskets made by the weaving co-operatives in South Eastern Kenya, who were producing baskets to their own designs. It was very successful. We took their baskets to fairs in London in Christmas 2014, and had a feature in Ideal Home Magazine that winter. From there the business has grown so much. People loved the story behind them. This ethical underpinning to our business is very important to us: we work closely with the local collectives, agreeing on fair prices and paying a 50% deposit on all our orders. It is important to us to know who has made our baskets and have a transparent supply chain. After many wholesale requests we partnered with new groups in Kenya to train, using our own designs, through the Kenyan government's business programmes. We are now also working with weaving co-ops in Ghana, Tanzania, and Uganda.

Camilla is based in Kenya and manages the production side of the business, while I work in Charlbury managing the sales & marketing. We sell through our website and also through Etsy.com and Not On The High Street. Our wholesale business sees us supply over 150 shops in Europe, Japan, Australia and the USA. Our

marketing activities include social media channels, writing and sending out press releases, compiling newsletters and updating our website. At the moment, we employ four part-timers here to assist in the wholesale operation, processing orders and marketing.

At University, in my final year, I specialised in Ethical Fashion, and my final collection was made from more sustainable materials such as organic cotton, bamboo, and hemp combined with silk. I had some work experience with ethical designers. My family have connections with Africa: my Grandfather was born in Egypt and my Father in Zimbabwe. In 2006 I went on his 50th birthday trip with him, travelling from Johannesburg to Nairobi. It struck me that everyone there was wearing European clothes, there was little demand for traditional dress, but a thriving trade in second-hand clothes from Europe. Only 10% of donations to charity shops in the UK are actually sold here, the rest is sorted, graded & shipped to traders in Africa. In Nairobi, there is an enormous second-hand market, each trader specialises in selling a particular product, say, Converse trainers and shoes, or bedlinen etc. So for my dissertation, I looked at the Effects of Globalisation on the African garment and textile industry and explored how it can compete with the big players like China and India.

When I left University in 2008, I needed to work to repay my student debts, but I didn't want to move to London, so I worked in Oxford as a manager in a jewellery shop. When we moved to Charlbury, I worked for One Village, and then as the buyer and business development manager for the trading arm of an African charity. Now in my role with our company, I am very much computer based and can spend up to eight hours a day on my laptop. Sometimes I find this hard -sitting at a screen for eight hours a day, not designing nor using my hands anymore. I grew up in Watlington in South Oxfordshire, and as kids, we were encouraged to be creative, and to play outdoors (possibly the last analogue

generation!). Now, the only time I really get to use my design skills is when we produce new designs for the baskets every April/May. I have to take account of new interior trends – so for example, a popular colour combination at the moment is pink and orange within the Maximalism movement [*Ed: bother, I should have worn my orange gilet over my pink cardigan today!*]

I am not a morning person! We get up around 7 to 7.30 am, and usually my husband makes us coffee. Bill and I got married in August this year at the Quaker Meeting House in Charlbury. As soon as I get up, I have to feed the cat, to stop him meowing at me. Bill and I sit and drink our coffee by the window of our top-floor flat in Sandford Mount with its amazing view over Charlbury. I might grab something for breakfast, and then I walk to work anytime between 8.30 and 9am. I open up the office, set up my laptop, and answer emails (around 50 per day) from Camilla, customers, wholesalers, the press and so on, and print out the orders. Then I don't really have a set routine but could be working on an array of things, from updating the website to planning our promotional calendar to production planning to overseeing the production in Ghana.

We follow a yearly cycle (critical path) of designing, sampling, production and selling. We have two seasons - Spring/ Summer and Autumn/Winter-in line with the trade shows we attend. We meet new and existing retail buyers there. We prepare our new designs in the spring as I said, then get prototypes and samples made, and negotiate all details with our producers. Now we are about to enter our production period for our stock to sell in Spring 2019. Today I have to launch our Autumn-Winter collection on the website, for which I organised a photoshoot back in the summer. I need to create and send out a newsletter to customers on our mailing list, look after the temporary staff who are processing our recent shipment, and follow up all our press contacts who we sent our Xmas gift guide press release to. There is a whole list of things to do!

I do need a proper lunch break, and will either eat food I have brought with me or go to the Deli. I finish about 6 to 6.30pm, so the evenings can be our own. I used to spend some time on Saturdays doing social media posts, as so many people were on line at that time of the week, but now I use an app. This means I can schedule all our social media posts on Mondays, and the app sends them out at the right times during the week.

What are the trends in baskets now? For Interiors, it's something called 'Maximalism': The maximalist home is a celebration of print, texture, pattern, embroidery, plants, and *objects d'art*- all (seemingly) thrown together to achieve a treasure trove-like aesthetic.

Holly McMullen was talking to Barbara Allison



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News from the Charlbury Patient Participation Group

Open Morning

The Charlbury Patient Participation Group will have been up and running for one year in January and to celebrate this anniversary we are hosting an open morning on January 19th 10:00am-12:00 at the Health Centre. We shall have a discussion about what has been achieved and what we hope to achieve in the future. All patients registered at the Charlbury practice are very welcome. Coffee and biscuits will be provided. Come along at 10:00 am and give us your views.

Making an appointment

At our last open morning in the summer one of the top concerns expressed was the appointments system. Following discussion with the Practice Manager, information which aims to help patients get the best out of various arrangements for booking an appointment with a GP or Practice Nurse is now available for download at the Charlbury Medical Centre website, (www.thecharlburymedicalcentre.nhs.uk) – click on the Have Your Say tab on the Home page and then go to PPG General Information, or click on Patient Participation Group (PPG) on the bulleted list at the bottom of the Home page. Printed copies are also available on the leaflet table in the waiting room or by asking at Reception.

Making the most of your ten minute appointment

One of the concerns many of us share when attending a doctor's appointment is how to make the most of the ten minutes allocated. Below are some guidelines which might help.

- Write down your symptoms. Make a note of when they started, how long you have had them and what makes them better or worse.
- Bring a list of any medications you may be taking.

- Dress suitably; eg if you need to have your blood pressure taken make sure you can roll up your sleeves easily, if you have an abdominal problem make sure you can undo your trousers or skirt easily.
- Don't leave the most important symptom for the last minute of your time.
- If you have more than one problem to discuss, outline them quickly at the beginning of your appointment so that the doctor can decide which is the most important. It may be that the symptoms have a bearing on each other.
- Write down what the doctor tells you – or take a friend or relative with you to take notes.
- Leave the appointment with a clear plan as to what happens next.
- If possible see the same doctor for the same condition.

On Line: Please consider enrolling for on-line services at the Practice. This would enable you to book appointments (avoiding long telephone waits), and see your test results and medical history. Application forms can be picked up at Reception.

Repeat Prescriptions

Many of us have received promotional literature about Pharmacy 2U

Please note the following information from The National Pharmacy Association:

- Pharmacy 2U has **nothing** to do with the Charlbury Pharmacy.
- Pharmacy 2U is a distance selling (internet only) pharmacy based on an industrial estate.
- You cannot have any face—to—face contact with Pharmacy2U.
- Prescriptions are delivered by Royal Mail unlike your medications being handed to you in the pharmacy or personally delivered by the pharmacy driver.
- In October 2015 Pharmacy 2U was fined £130,000 for selling its patients'

details to marketing companies including the Australian Lottery. The Information Commissioner's Office subsequently found that this data was used to target elderly and vulnerable patients.

- Over Christmas 2015 Pharmacy 2U failed to send out prescriptions for three weeks leaving thousands of patients stranded without their essential medicines.

In February 2017 the Care Quality Commission inspected Pharmacy2U and found that it was not safe, effective or well led.

We suggest that in the light of the above information about Pharmacy 2U, you should consider the value of supporting local businesses by continuing to obtain your prescribed medications from the Charlbury Pharmacy or the Medical Centre. They can give you on-the-spot personal expert service. Moreover the Charlbury Pharmacy has a delivery service, so that medications can be delivered to your door, subject to someone being in to receive the prescription in person. For details contact Pharmacy, tel. 01608 810315.

Remember to order your repeat prescriptions well before Christmas. Christmas Hours: The Surgery and Pharmacy will be shut on Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th December and Tuesday 1st January.

If you urgently need medical help or advice but it is not life-threatening dial 111, or for life-threatening emergencies dial 999.

News from Oxford University Hospitals: John Radcliffe, Horton, Nuffield and Churchill Hospitals

All hospitals will now have open visiting (10:00am -10:00pm) except Critical Care and High Dependency Units.

Contact us at:
patientgroup.charlbury@nhs.net

STAY WELL THIS WINTER

(from your local pharmacy, on behalf of the NHS)

For those over 65 years of age and people with underlying health conditions, cold weather can be seriously bad for your health. That's why it's important to look after yourself, especially during the winter. With GP's and hospitals under extra strain during winter, you can help the NHS by doing the following;

If you start to feel unwell, even if it's a cough or a cold, don't wait until it gets more serious. You can seek advice from your pharmacist. We will help you treat yourself, and help you decide if you need to see your GP.

Stay warm – being cold increases your risk of heart attack, stroke, flu, pneumonia and can make dementia and depression worse. Heat your house to at least 18C.

Drink enough fluids to avoid feeling thirsty.

Get a flu jab. You are eligible for the free flu vaccine if you are aged 65 years or over, have a long-term health condition, are pregnant or are a carer.

Use tissues to trap germs when you cough or sneeze; wash your hands often with warm water and soap, and bin used tissues as quickly as possible.

Catch it. Bin it. Kill it.

Ben Sherwood





Charlbury Museum

The Museum closed at the end of September after a very successful season featuring the history of the Wychwood Forest. Our display of memorabilia from the last year of the First World War also commemorated how the last year of the war affected the lives of our small Cotswold town and brought tragedy to some families.

Over the winter we are embarking on a major reorganisation of the museum to accommodate the restored Oxfordshire wagon which we are hoping will be ready to go on display next year. The wagon was found in the 1990s in a field near Spelsbury in a state of great disrepair. Michael Jones, helped by willing volunteers from the town, has led the painstaking restoration of the wagon over many years and the work is now nearing completion. The more he has worked on the wagon, the more Michael has come to respect the craftsmanship which went into building it. It will be a splendid and eye-catching addition to the room which was specially built on to the museum to accommodate it.

The museum is very pleased to be taking part in the Charlbury Arts Festival next June. Plans are at an early stage but so far we are planning two events. In the run up to the festival, there will be a talk focusing on prominent townspeople, their stories and the houses they lived in. Then in June there will be a local and family history session to help you use our resources to explore your family history and the town's past. Keep an eye out for details nearer the time.

Judy Dod



Corner House News

The AGM of the Corner House & Memorial Hall was held on 8 October at which Richard Cocks was duly elected as Chairman and Roy Scott as vice Chair. Thanks were given to Ron Prew, for his time as chair and to all he had done for the Corner House including manning the Community Shop. This will stop running in the New Year but has raised over £4935 towards the upkeep of the building. Well done Ron!

Regarding fundraising the Corner House & Memorial Hall committee would also like to thank Street Fair for raising £5,500 this year—thanks to all the volunteers. Thanks also go to the Community Bookshop, which has raised in total over £9000.

Both a Heritage Survey and Structural Survey have been carried out on the Corner House with damp-proofing and dry rot treatments being carried out and the roof light has now been repaired. Once the current work in the dumb waiter room has been completed, and the new heaters installed, both the Morris Room and Garden Room will have the carpets cleaned.

You may have noticed that the Memorial Hall floor has been re-surfaced and we would ask you all to please wipe your feet upon entering the hall to prolong the life of the flooring. Thank you for this.

Just a reminder that the **Charlbury Christmas Fair** is on 2nd December, from 11am to 4pm. Gifts, raffle etc etc.

Also the Corner House will be selling warm drinks and mince pies on the 14 December—late night shopping.

Thank you all for supporting the Corner House & Memorial Hall—it really is appreciated.

Susie Finch



Charlbury Festival 2019

Charlbury Festival will be back again next summer. The Festival is organised by the Art Society and we aim to involve as many local organisations, artists and performers as possible, including, ChOC, CADS, musicians, artists and writers. There will be concerts, theatre, film, literature events, creative workshops, heritage walks and much more.

Charlbury Festival is generously supported by the Charlbury Beer Festival, Charlbury Town Council and West Oxfordshire District Council. This support, together with several fundraising events to be held over the next few months, will enable many of the festival activities to be free, so do come along and join in.

Back by popular demand, Colin Bellamy will be driving his 1929 Wallis and Stevens road roller over from Witney at four miles an hour to make some giant prints behind The Bell Hotel.

So as you think about your plans for 2019, make sure you are not away between 7th and 16th June. More details in the Chronicle over the coming months as the programme develops.

Tony Lloyd

CHARLBURY FARMERS' MARKET on the Playing Close between 9am and 1pm on Saturday, Dec 8th

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

Email: burroughs871@btinternet.com
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St. Mary's Church

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



**Saturday 1st December
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in aid of St Mary's Church

Join us for Coffee/Tea and Hot Sausage Butties - Raffle - Books - Bottle Stall - Cakes - Plants - White Elephants - Gifts - Toiletries - Jewellery - Toys - Christmas Decorations and Cards. Enquiries: Sarah Potter (01608 810388/sarahpotter@btinternet.com) or Paddy and Rachel Gallagher (01608 811568/paddygallagher@hotmail.co.uk).



Charlbury Late Night Christmas Shopping 14th December

The shops will be open until 8pm—so come and order your Christmas Food and Drink from the

Deli—buy your Christmas gifts from Cotswold Frames—don't forget your Christmas cards from Larcums and sample the cured bacon, sourdough bread and other goodies at the Curiosities Company. The Corner House will be also serving warm drinks after which the Community Christmas Carol party led by Charlbury Primary School will take place in the Community Centre, with mulled wine and mince pies



Whatever happened to Rainbows, Brownies & Guides in Charlbury?

Once upon a time there were thriving Girl Guides, Brownies and Rainbow units in Charlbury. Over time the units closed mostly due to leaders moving away when no new leaders could be found to keep the units open.

GirlguidingUK is "The leading UK Charity for girls and young women"

We have launched a completely new programme for the 21st Century, new activities, new badges, designed with input from the girls, keeping the best of the old whilst updating the programme to be relevant for today's girls and issues.

Wouldn't it be great if we could re open the units in Charlbury so that girls in the town don't miss out on the fantastic opportunities on offer.

We had a stall at Charlbury Street Fair in September that confirmed what we thought that there are enough girls living in Charlbury interested in joining units.

What happens next? We need to find adults willing to volunteer their precious time in order to make it possible to reopen the units.

To find out more go to:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/what-adults-do-in-guiding/>

We are looking for adult volunteers to come forward to reopen the units.

Each unit team consists of a minimum of

a Leader and Assistant Leader. Other roles can include unit treasurer, admin support, parent rota coordinator and unit helper.

You can volunteer as little as one hour per week; how much time you give is entirely up to you and your circumstances.

GirlguidingUK is really good at supporting it's adult volunteers, providing all the training and support you could possibly need plus lots of online resources.

Register to volunteer here:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/register-your-interest/>

As soon as we have a team of adult volunteers in place we can reregister the units; once this is done people can register their daughters to join the units. Rainbows age 5-7, Brownies, age 7- 11th birthday, Guides age 10-15th birthday.

For more information, contact Charlbury District Commissioners:

Clair Saxby: clairesaxby1@tiscali.co.uk
or Jane Digby: janedigby@btopenworld.com
Tel: 01993 878585, text:07779 637486.

You can also find more information on the Charlbury town website.

Jane Digby

CORNER HOUSE AND MEMORIAL HALL

Office: 01608 810879

Office hours: Mon 9.30am - 11.30am; Wed & Sat: 9am to 12 noon
(closed first Saturday of every month)

Emergency Contact: Richard Cocks (01608 810032)

CHARLBURY TOWN FOOTBALL AND SPORTS CLUB - a new social space for Charlbury

Most readers of the Chronicle will know about the clubhouse which is going to be built next year as an extension to the existing Sports Pavilion and the new Community Centre.

For those who do not know the history; here is a quick thumbnail sketch: an original 'Sports and Social Club' existed for a number of years in a building which was left standing after the Spendlove Secondary School was demolished. This club continued on a rent-free, 'grace and favour' basis until the Thomas Gifford Charity (the landlord) reclaimed the land in order to build the Community Centre which we have today.

A new club was then formed: the **Charlbury Town Football and Sports Club**. The Club has worked for the past three years to raise money for a clubhouse for the benefit of all users of the Nine Acres playing areas.

The Club has succeeded in getting most of the money together since planning permission was given by WODC in October 2017. The Town Council approved a grant of £70,000 following a Parish Poll where 74% of voters

supported the bid. The District Council then granted £50,000 from its Communities Fund.

Since then the Club has gained Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) status with HMRC which means that it will pay less VAT and that it can benefit from 'gift aid' (25%) on fund-raising and donations.

The bottom line is that the Club is short of about £40,000 to bridge the gap between public funding and the projected construction cost. This cost includes equipping the kitchen for proper catering and providing good furniture for the clubroom to make it attractive to users.

A lot of Club members are prepared to offer trade skills and labour to the project. Nevertheless, bridging the financial 'gap' is our priority now if we are to start the planned construction in March 2019.

So, the Club is looking for a little bit more support. Any reader of the Chronicle who feels that they might be able to donate something or support our new social amenity in another way is invited to contact me on 01608 811367 or by email on philmorgan717@hotmail.com

Phil Morgan



Charlbury Art Society

Our annual series of monthly talks and presentations continues:

Wednesday 12th December **at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Conversation Evening** "Desert Island Discs" format with guests discussing their art selection.

Wednesday 9th January **Jill Colchester** will lead a participation evening on **Sketching the Figure**. drawing that

will be fun, liberating and experimental. 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

Wednesday 13th February **Dr Emily Crane** will take us on a virtual tour and talk about her **Workshops Round the World**. 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

Wednesday 13th March **Martin Andrews** will introduce Allen W. Seaby and his fabulous colour woodcut printing. 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

Contacts:

Secretary@charlburyarts.co.uk
membership@charlburyarts.co.uk

What's On in Charlbury

If you would like to include your event in this list, please contact me at editor.chronicle@outlook.com just stating your organisation, time of the event, and place of the event.

December

- 1—Town Council Surgery, 10-12pm, Corner House
- 1—St Mary's Church Bazaar, 10.15am—12pm, Memorial Hall
- 1—vOx Chamber Concert, 7.30pm, St Mary's
- 2—Charlbury Christmas Fair, 11-4pm, Memorial Hall
- 4—Yack & Yarn, 7.30pm, The Bell
- 5—Day Centre Open Morning, 10-11.45am, The Garden Room
- 8—Charlbury WI Coffee Morning, 9.30-12pm, The Corner House
- 8—Charlbury Farmers Market, 9-1pm, The Playing Close
- 12—Art Society, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 12—Charlbury Community Centre Quiz, 7.30pm (for 8pm start), Community Centre
- 13—Not The Office Party, 7.30pm, The Bell
- 14—Late Night Shopping throughout Charlbury
- 14—Carol Singing and Christmas refreshments, Community Centre
- 15—Chipping Norton Choral Society, 7.30pm, St Mary's, Banbury
- 16—Messy Church and No Rehearsal Nativity, 9am, St Mary's
- 16—ChOC "Paddington 2", 3pm, Memorial Hall
- 16—Advent Carol Service, 3pm, St Teresa's
- 17—Christmas Bingo, 7pm, The Bowls Club, Ticknell Piece Road
- 24—Carols by Candlelight, 5.30pm, St Mary's
- 24—Mass of Christmas Night with Carols, 8.30pm, St Teresa's
- 24—Midnight Eucharist, 11.30pm, St Mary's
- 25—Holy Communion, 8am, St Mary's
- 25—Christmas Day Mass, 9.15am, St Teresa's
- 25—Family Worship & Communion, 10am, the Baptist Church
- 25—St Mary's Christmas Morning Holy Communion, 10.30am, St Mary's

January

- 6—Messy Church, 9am, St Mary's
- 6—CRAG Concert, 3pm, Memorial Hall
- 8—Yack & Yarn, 7.30pm, The Bell
- 9—Art Society, 7.30p, Memorial Hall
- 10—Art Classes with Juliet Heslewood, 3-5pm, Community Centre
- 11—Charlbury Society, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 12—CRAG Bring & Buy, 9.30-12pm, Memorial Hall
- 13—ChOC, *The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society*, 7pm, Memorial Hall
- 15—Ladies Luncheon Club, see p. 13
- 16—Charlbury WI, *Wychwood Martyrs*, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 16—Local Author talk by Veronica Stallwood, 7.30pm, Community Centre
- 17—Art Classes with Juliet Heslewood, 3-5pm, Community Centre
- 17—Garden Society, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 19—CPPG Open Morning, 10-12pm, Charlbury Surgery
- 23—Charlbury Community Centre Quiz, 7.30pm (for 8pm start), Community Centre
- 24—Art Classes with Juliet Heslewood, 3-5pm, Community Centre
- 31—Art Classes with Juliet Heslewood, 3-5pm, Community Centre

What's On (contd)

February

2—Town Council Surgery, 10-12pm, The Corner House
 5—Yack & Yarn, 7.30pm, The Bell
 8—Charlbury Society, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
 10—Messy Church, 9am, St Mary's
 10—ChOC, *Some Like It Hot*, 7pm, Memorial Hall
 13—Art Society, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
 16—RBL Coffee Morning, 9.30-12pm, Corner House
 17—CRAG Concert, 3pm, Memorial Hall
 19—Ladies Luncheon Club, see p. 13
 20—Charlbury WI, *The Ridgeway Explored*, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
 21—Garden Society, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
 27—Charlbury Community Centre Quiz, 7.30pm (for 8pm start), Community Centre

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To speak to a Victims First Officer about any of the services and to receive support please call **0300 1234 148** or go to www.victims-first.org.uk

Weekly events

Monday

9.30am—Toddlers Group, Memorial Hall
 1.30-3pm—Tennis Club
 2.30pm—Strength & Balance, Community Centre
 7-8.30pm—Scouts, Scout Hut

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

9-10am—LeanGym, Community Centre
 10-11am, 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
 2.30-4pm—Walking Football, Community Centre
 6-7pm Hatha Yoga, Community Centre
 7.45pm—Bell Ringing, St Mary's

Thursday

10-12pm—Font Café, St Mary's
 11.45-12.45am Hatha Yoga, Community Centre
 4-5pm—Junior Sports Club for 8-11 year olds, Community Centre
 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

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



Charlbury Amateur Dramatic Society News

CADS are pleased to announce that the society has conformed to recent legislation on personal data handling on-line and revised its membership lists. This may seem a rather prosaic note on which to start, but we're sure there are many readers who have been engaged in the daunting (especially for amateur organisations) challenge in meeting the new regulations aimed at greater privacy and security, which is essentially a good thing.

News

In the spring of this year CADS experimented by presenting an interactive piece based on the works of Bertolt Brecht. *"Shen-Teh Gets A Visit"* was presented as a reading in St Mary's Church followed by a discussion involving audience and performers. Brecht's work as a dramatist and poet is characterised by its focus on politics, society and issues of morality. CADS' performers/producers were very impressed by the exceptionally lively and positive engagement of the audience's response to the piece. CADS are indebted to Rev Dr Sally Welch and her team of colleagues and helpers from St Mary's Church for enabling this very successful event. See below for more on our plans for the spring/summer, in collaboration with St Mary's Church and Charlbury Arts Society.

Unfortunately our autumn '18 production has been delayed due to rehearsal schedule problems. We hope to stage **"Quartet"** by Ronald Harwood in the New Year. As for **panto** - those of you who may be interested in directing panto in Autumn 2019 are warmly invited to put forward ideas.

CADS have been invited by Charlbury Arts Society to contribute to their next Arts Festival in June 2019. We plan to stage a selection of **Mystery/Miracle plays**: medieval dramatisations of biblical stories performed before the folk

of English towns and cities, many of whom had very little access to books of any kind. Staged on carts and paraded through the streets, performances were given at various locations so that everyone would have a chance of seeing the whole cycle. We shall not be staging a whole cycle, or parading around Charlbury on carts (though that might be quite fun), but we shall be performing Noah's Ark and The Shepherds' Play, both full of robustly earthy humour, but also remarkably moving. The plays are quite short, we hope to stage three or four plays and performers could be in several.

This venture is a new opportunity for CADS members and those, young and old, who would like to be part of a bit of traditional knock-about comedy with strong historical and cultural significance. We're very excited about the project and look forward to seeing you in the audiences and/or on stage!

Some sad news came with the death this autumn of Betty Stokes and Geoff Clifford, two long time CADS members. We send our condolences to the family and friends of two people who brought, and bring, much joy in the memory of many.

Contact CADS:
charlbury.drama@gmail.com

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

If you would like to be included in this list, or need to update entries, please contact the Editor at editor.chronicle@outlook.com or by telephone on 07879 693733.

Charlbury Society

The Society's 2018/2019 series of winter lectures commenced on 12th October, with talks by Alan Larkman and Camilla Lambrick on the changes to Oxfordshire animal, bird and plant life over the last fifty years. They brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Memorial Hall. We all went away reflecting on the losses that the countryside has suffered over the years, but at the same time with ideas on how each of us can make a small difference to the future.

In November we were given a talk on the campaign for women's suffrage in Oxfordshire, which was highly topical in this anniversary year. Also on account of the group of Charlbury women who did their bit to advance the cause. They were led by Lucy, daughter of Frank Bowly of the Corner House. In 1914 she started a branch of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies in Charlbury, with 26 members.

Our lectures organiser, Lisa Barber, has put together a program full of interest for the season. Others to look forward to will cover Oxfordshire's military heritage, maps, our own River Evenlode and the history of milestones, among other topics. It promises to be a very

interesting series of talks. The monthly talks are advertised on notice boards around the town, and the programme for the full season can be seen on our own board on the wall of the chemist in Market Street.

The Society is approaching its own milestone too. At the end of this season we will celebrate 70 years since a meeting at Charlbury School in May 1949 led to the formation of the Charlbury Society. Since then we have had a continuous series of lectures and outings, and the foundation of the museum, so there is much that Society members past and present can be proud of. We will be reflecting on this anniversary at our meetings in the months ahead.

Membership of the Society of £8.50 brings the benefit of free admission to our lectures, as well as supporting the museum and joining us for our annual outing. Non-members are more than welcome at our meetings for a donation of £3.00.

We look forward to welcoming members new and old at the Memorial Hall, usually on the second Friday of the month.

*Peter Bennett
Treasurer, The Charlbury Society*

Concert announcement:

Chipping Norton Choral Society, with the Cheltenham Chamber Orchestra, will be performing Elgar's *The Music Makers* and Vaughan Williams's *Dona Nobis Pacem* at St Mary's Church, Banbury OX16 0AA, on Saturday 15 December at 7.30pm, conducted by Peter Hunt. Tickets are £15 – from tickets@cncs.org.uk, Jaffe & Neale Bookshop Chipping Norton (nearer to the concert date), or on the door. (Under-16s free). More information about Chipping Norton Choral Society can be found at www.cncs.org.uk

If you would like any more information from us about the concert please do let me know.

*Julia Hall
Chipping Norton Choral Society Volunteer*



Royal British Legion

Branch Coffee Morning

Will be held on Saturday 16 February 2019 at The Corner House from 9.30am to noon.

Trip to the National Army Museum

We are planning a trip to this Museum in Spring 2019- expressions of interest to Jane Parsons 01608 810822 by 28 February 2019

Developing the whole child

We had a strong start to the academic year on 5 September, with many classes full and a total of 196 children through our doors.

Early in the first term, we conducted class information evenings for all parents informing them of their child's curriculum for the year. We also held various curriculum workshops from early phonics, to grammar, punctuation and spelling and ways to understand the teaching of mathematics at all levels. These events really help the school and parents work together for the benefit of the children.

In addition to the normal classroom activities, Year 6 went on their much-anticipated Yenworthy visit – a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn outside the classroom and have unique experiences in the great outdoors of Exmoor. The foundation stage and year 1 children walked all the way up to Banbury Hill Farm and back carrying their own lunches in rucksacks. The weather was wonderful and the children were very well behaved all day. Whilst there they went on a woodland scavenger hunt, looked at the farm animals and played on the lovely play equipment. Pupils in Years 3 and 4 were "evacuated" to the Steam Museum in Swindon. They left school dressed in 1940s style clothing with their gas mask boxes and identity labels. They took part in various war time activities and ate their grease-proof paper wrapped sandwiches!

The school continues to expand its range of well-attended after-school clubs. In total there are 12 different activities on offer, from sports activities to languages to cooking and singing. You may have enjoyed seeing Tina's Dancers perform 'The Wizard of Oz' at this year's Street Fair. This is just one example of the positive impact of our Extended Schools provision, which ensures there is always a happy atmosphere in school whatever the time of day.

The school was delighted with last year's academic results across all the year groups, which continue to reflect the school's increased standards for above average achievement.

The children love to be part of Charlbury and our wider community. In October, the school choir performed for Charlbury residents at the Memorial Hall.

The whole school took part in fundraising efforts in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and 'Wear it Pink' campaign for breast cancer research – both events raised money for truly worthy causes. Our charity event in November saw us raise money for Children In Need, a day that is always popular in school.

We also have lots more community-focused events planned for later this year including a visit from Radio Oxford to record the whole school singing Christmas songs and a Christmas pantomime where we will welcome children from all of Charlbury's pre-school settings.

A final note for prospective parents with children starting school in September 2019: if you missed our open mornings this term but would like to see the school in action, please call us on 01608 810354 and I will happily show you around Charlbury School.

Jane Holt, Headteacher.



Charlbury School Choir



Coffee break page

Compiled by Pat Court

Answers on p. 50

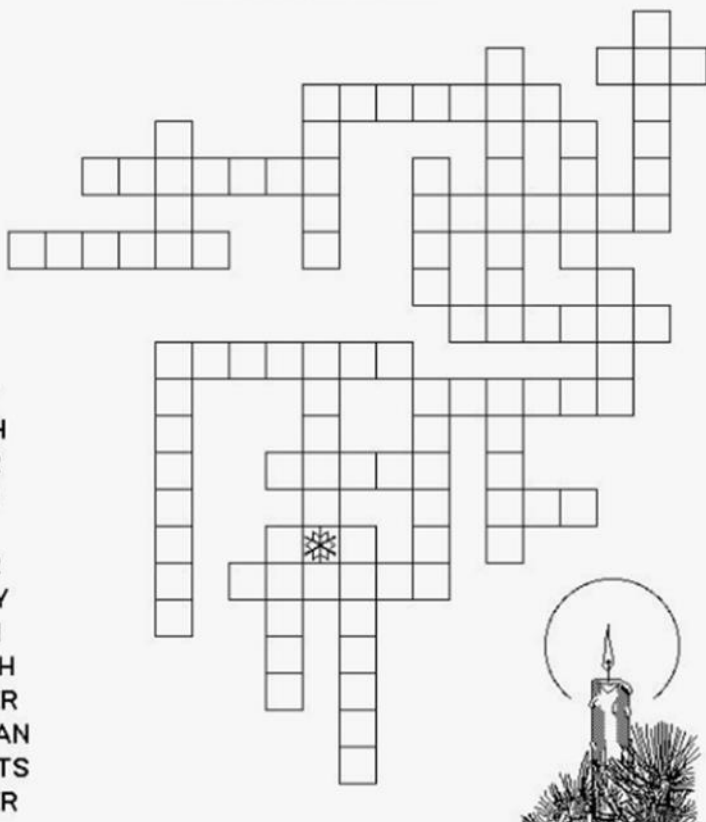
CAN YOU UNSCRAMBLE THE LETTERS TO REVEAL A FILM WITH A CHRISTMAS CONNECTION
(No. in brackets = No. of words)

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2.	TEXAS HELPS ROPER (3)	
3.	CAVE LOUT ALLY (2)	
4.	ARID HED (2)	
5.	MINGLERS (1)	
6.	PLASTIC GARDEN (2)	
7.	ON THE APE WALL (2)	
8.	CHER THING (2)	

Christmas Crossword

Make all the words fit into this crossword.
Each word is only used once.

ELF
TOY
GIFT
BELL
TREE
STAR
SANTA
COMET
CUPID
VIXEN
CANDY
FROSTY
WREATH
DASHER
DONNER
SLEIGH
DANCER
CHIMNEY
BLITZEN
RUDOLPH
PRANCER
SNOWMAN
PRESENTS
REINDEER





All Together In Charlbury – a local helping hand

Celebrating our first year

By the time most local residents will open this edition of The Chronicle, All Together In Charlbury (ATIC) will have had its first Annual General Meeting on 29 November. This was an opportunity to review what ATIC has been doing to help local Charlbury residents since it began its services in September 2017 and to look forward to meeting local needs in the coming 12 months.

Between them, the members of our small dedicated team of local volunteers are driving people to medical or other care appointments or providing transport for other purposes such as to get to the shops, to take part in a local activity or club or to visit someone. They are helping with shopping and occasional gardening or calling in for a chat or to read to someone.

In our first 12 months running from September 2017 we have helped at least 34 different people on a total of at least 250 occasions – that's the equivalent of a helping hand for someone on every weekday during that period.

We are pleased to make this particular contribution to Charlbury's already rich pattern of informal good-neighbourliness which goes on unseen day by day all around the town.

Don't be afraid to call on us – we are here to help

It is clear that awareness of ATIC has been increasing, as we are getting new "clients" on a regular basis. We use the word "clients" because we can't think of another more appropriate word. However, we regard the users of our service as our friends and neighbours and we hope that this feeling is mutual!

Requests for ATIC help can be made by ringing 01993 776277. The friendly staff

of Volunteer Link-Up, who are acting as our call centre, will answer on our behalf.

Feedback from clients about our services is very positive. And, in return, by being a volunteer you certainly get the opportunity to meet people from parts of the town you may not have known or visited before and to have some fascinating conversations along the way. You learn a lot about our community.

And don't be afraid to volunteer for us, please! As our client numbers are increasing, we need to increase our band of helpers as well.

By volunteering for ATIC you will not be tied to specific days or times (unless you choose this). You can help in the way(s) that you want and when it suits you and your life. You can choose the tasks that you offer to help with depending on your interests and strengths and then on your availability.

We do not expect our volunteers to be out of pocket as a result of giving help. For example, if you provide transport, your passenger will pay 45p per mile to cover expenses. Experience shows that service users are happy to pay what is a relatively modest amount and this puts helper and helped on an even footing.

To find out more about volunteering for ATIC call 07487 413892 or email: charlburyalltogether@gmail.com.

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Charlbury Pre-School News

We always get excited at this time of year when the children can learn all about autumn and we begin to welcome a colourful array of wonderful woolly hats and scarfs adorning our pre-schoolers! The weather has been so glorious that we have been able to make full use of our outdoor space with the children observing the changing temperatures and colours of the leaves. Our mud kitchen has been particularly popular with lots of potions being created. We have even had snack time outside.

We've been on some lovely walks, made soup and some of the children made an impressive mini golf course using drainpipes and pots! Some new families have joined us who are all settling in and we hope they enjoyed the buzz of Halloween and Bonfire Night and looking forward to Christmas.

We have been trialling 'French on a Friday' which is a fun introduction to French songs and sounds, explaining why my son flung the door open last week and shouted "BONJOUR!". The children seem to be really enjoying it and we hope to continue this alongside our other additional adult led activities: Little Dancers music and movement, Tennis and a chance to go to the brilliant Little Wild Things forest school.

We always welcome parents and other members of the community to come in and share a skill or lead an activity so do get in touch if you'd like to get involved.

With the winter term comes even more excitement in the run up to Christmas. We gradually begin to introduce seasonal stories at circle time where the older children are able to develop their phonics and the younger ones can enjoy story, song and gain confidence in the routine.

The majority of the work we do is led by the child. We foster and encourage child-initiated learning and make sure a wide range of interesting resources are available for the children to choose from. It's fairly common that in the winter months these resources will include lots of glitter, craft, music and baking in the build-up to our end of term Christmas party!

Fundraising:

Please come and support us at the December Farmers' Market where we will be selling cakes homemade by our parents, bacon sandwiches and tea and coffee to warm you up!

We're excited about our upcoming winter fundraiser which will be held in our garden in the New Year. There will be crackling firepits, wonderful music and delicious food to enjoy. Watch out for announcements of the date and how to get your tickets. Charlbury Pre-School is a charity so we rely on fundraising to pay for our adult-led activities and enrich the learning experience.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped in every way in 2018. We are lucky to have such great support from parents, brilliant staff and our community. Thank you!

Do get in touch if you would like to come and visit us. We have a few spaces available.

There is also lots of information available on our website
www.charlburypreschool.org.uk.
(01608) 811200;
admin@charlburypreschool.org.uk.

Jackie Daish

Living well with dementia – a personal experience

It took quite a while for me to realise something was “not right”. It was only when my partner commented that I had done a few “odd things” (such as putting the teapot in the fridge; buying something that I had just bought; forgetting meetings) that I decided to find out more.

I went to see my GP about having a flu jab and mentioned these events to her. She arranged for me to have a brain scan and some blood tests. It took a few months to get an appointment for a scan and then a few more weeks to get invited for a consultation.

I was shown my scan and could see where there was some damage. This damage was the result of a “mini-stroke”. My husband was also consulted and three weeks later I received my diagnosis – the early stages of dementia.

After much consultation and discussion (and much thought by me) the conclusion was that my dementia is possibly linked to the fact that I have Raynaud's Disease.

With *Raynaud's disease*, smaller arteries that supply blood to your skin narrow, limiting blood circulation to affected areas. Raynaud's syndrome can be a symptom of an underlying health problem. The 'link' to vascular dementia is most likely due to chronic cardiovascular (circulatory) problems that cause impaired blood flow. I have been conscious of this potential link, as my mother and most of her sisters all had the same problem and developed dementia in their late 60s/early 70s.

After my diagnosis I was referred by my GP to the Warneford Hospital, where I and my husband spent a day as part of the European Prevention of Alzheimer's Dementia research project (EPAD)*. This was very interesting and helpful. The consultant spoke to me about what

to expect after my diagnosis and he also spoke separately to my husband about how he was feeling.

I have joined the Dementia Friendly Charlbury (DFC) group to which I can contribute my personal experience of dementia and pick up information from other members with experience and knowledge to share. I enjoyed the SMILE sessions provided by Clare Carswell and Rhonda Riachi.

I am still cooking, cleaning and gardening and looking after my allotment. I try to do as much as I can and keep active.

I have neighbours who also have memory and thinking problems and we get together and have a laugh. I am also very lucky to have supportive friends from church and the Charlbury community.

I think it is better to tell people I am having a “senior moment”, if I forget them. It's better to be open and I am happy to contribute whenever I can.

Now I have had my diagnosis, at least I know what is happening and can organise my life to make the best of what the future holds for me. I and my husband also now know where we can get help and support – both medical and practical. I am glad I “took the plunge”.

Written by a DFC member

*EPAD is an inter-disciplinary research project involving public and private sector organisations across Europe. Together they are working towards understanding more about Alzheimer's Dementia and what can be done to prevent and treat it.

DFC Notes:

Sources of support for people with dementia and their carers

Dementia Oxfordshire – Helpline 01865 410210, www.dementiaoxfordshire.org.uk.

Carers Oxfordshire – Helpline 0345 050 7666, www.carersoxfordshire.org.uk

Dementia UK – Helpline 0800 888 6788, www.dementiauk.org

Alzheimer's Society – Helpline 0300 222 1122, www.alzheimers.org.uk

Meryl Smith



Sometimes it's good news!

CRAG (Charlbury Refugee Action Group) is proud to have hit the ground running after a short summer break.

The tea concerts are back

Our fundraising tea concerts

organised by Val and a dedicated team of helpers have resumed with the first of the season contributing over £1250 towards £1500 we sent in October to Refugee Community Kitchen.

That's a team of volunteers who have worked tirelessly for three years providing hot meals for refugees stranded in the woods and ditches of northern France. A second concert in November will have raised a similar amount.

Here are two more concerts for your diary. On **Sunday January 6** there is an evocative **Twelfth Night with Brian Boothby**. He will read poems and stories, play his guitar and pipes, and sing original songs of vision, loss, land and farewell. A true midwinter celebration, ending as the light fades.

And on **Sunday February 17** Alastair Ross returns with harpsichord to play **Bach's Goldberg Variations**, some say the greatest music of its kind ever written. The recital is dedicated to the memory of Maurice Cochrane and Roger Pensom, the latter a Finstock resident who regularly came to our concerts and to whom Bach meant the world.

All concerts start at 3pm, last about an hour and are followed by (free!) tea and cake. Booking is advisable: check details on the Charlbury website or our posters, and email us to reserve a ticket. And we could do with more helpers at each concert, particularly taking care of the tables and chairs: please offer now if you can.

Talks and meetings

In September Frances introduced a discussion about the criminalisation of the rescue of refugees from life-threatening situations, such as drowning in sinking boats. Many governments, we learnt, would rather people die than are able to claim asylum, and actually prevent rescue boats from reaching them.

A month later, and with help from several other members, Angela and Sally organised an event in Witney to bring the six refugee families together with the many people from Witney, Charlbury and elsewhere who helped furnish their houses and continue to act as translators, English language teachers and befrienders. It was a lovely event with music, dancing, a poem by one of the refugee women, and delicious Syrian food which the Syrian women cooked.

The celebrated Bring and Buy

Fran and Gene's **January Bring and Buy** has become an annual success story, with an emphasis on those not-quite-right Christmas presents and other treasures from cupboard and wardrobe. It's on **Saturday January 12** in the Quaker Meeting House, Market Street from 9.30am to 12pm. Please bring donations between 7pm and 9pm the previous evening, or email now to make an alternative arrangement.

Collections of clothing and other necessities

CRAG is also reviving our **collections of clothing, tents and sleeping bags** to be taken mainly to refugees sleeping rough in northern France. We will publicise these as we arrange them. But can you help? Above all we need somewhere we can store and sort the donations (your garage, or a large shed?), and if you have a van and fancy the occasional trip to Calais, that's an essential too.

Contact us at charlburyrefugee@gmail.com and follow us on Facebook, where we post more information about the refugee situation and what other support groups are doing.

Jon Carpenter

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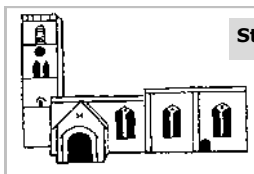
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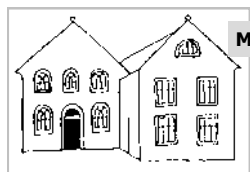


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Further information from Gill Grason (01608 810154)



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.

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Parish Priest. Fr Tony Joyce, Holy Trinity, Chipping Norton (01608 642703). Charlbury Catholic Parish

Council joint chairs: . Clare Carswell and Mike Flanagan
(chair.stteresaschurchcharlbury@gmail.com)

Website: <https://stteresaschurch-charlbury.com/>

Churches Together in Charlbury

Churches Together in Charlbury has completed another year and Stella Bristow from the Methodist Church has handed over the chair to Rachel Gallagher from St Mary's. In the past year we have served lunches, arranged talks, collected for charity, helped run the summer holiday club, organised a Street Fair stall, shared in church services and prayed together.

Although fundraising is not our main objective, we have been able to send Christian Aid £4062 during the year, mainly for work with refugees, and a further £777 to several charities including Charlbury Refugee Action Group and Asylum Welcome in Oxford. In addition £280 was raised for the Corner House and Memorial Hall at the Street Fair and all the churches have been collecting donations for local foodbanks.

The service for One World Week, held before our AGM in October, was on the theme 'The world is changing – how about us?' This focused on the beauty of the earth but also on the limitations to natural resources and the need for people to make far more modest demands on the environment. To provide the same level of consumption the average person enjoys in the UK to everyone in the world

would take the equivalent of three planets.

We are taking the recent report of the UN Intergovernmental Report on Climate Change very seriously. In words from a national newspaper "The overriding message located between the lines of the IPCC report is that we must lead our lives within the planet's means. In all conscience, we are currently locked into a process that will inevitably result in passing on a dying planet to our children and their successors."

As Christians we believe we have a duty to protect the world we live in and the welfare of people both now and in the future. We hope to work with other concerned groups and individuals to see what we can do personally to save resources and to convince politicians and business people that we want action to end the burning of fossil fuels and the destruction of forests. We must have faith and hope that love for our world and for all living things will give us strength to change the way we live and focus on things that give joy without costing the earth.

*Rosalind Scott
Secretary to Churches Together in
Charlbury*

St Mary's Services

Sunday 16th December 9am St Mary's Church – Messy Church and No-Rehearsal Nativity. Join us for breakfast, craft and a fun nativity play!

Sunday 16th December
3pm Shorthampton – Traditional Carol service

Christmas Eve—5.30pm St Mary's Church – Carols by Candlelight

11.30pm St Mary's Church
Midnight Eucharist

Christmas Day

8am St Mary's Church – Holy Communion

9am Shorthampton – Holy Communion

10.30am St Mary's Christmas Morning Holy Communion

Sunday 6th January

9am St Mary's Church – Messy Church

Sunday 10th February

9am St Mary's Church – Messy Church



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Volleyball in Charlbury

Do you fancy playing volleyball at Charlbury Community Centre? Then a regular session on Wednesdays from 8pm-10pm is your chance.

Indoor volleyball is a great way to get some exercise and have fun without worrying about the weather. It's one of the best and most popular sports in the world, and we're 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.

Anyone can join in and enjoy volleyball. It's not all about athleticism and being tall, and in our case it's not about swimwear and beaches either (that's beach volleyball; this is the indoor six-a-side version). Indoor volleyball 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.

Interested? Please just turn up on a Wednesday evening and stay as long as you want. The cost is just £5 for a two-hour session, 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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Charlbury Town Council report

Infrastructure Delivery Plan

The Town Council has formally adopted its first Infrastructure Delivery Plan. This is a 'wish-list' of improvements we would like to see around the town which could be eligible for public or developer funding. The intention is that the plan is available to West Oxfordshire District Council's planning officers, who are then able to allocate development funding to Charlbury more effectively.

The projects in the plan are selected from those suggested by Charlbury residents in responses to the recent Town Survey. We will be revising the plan every year to make sure it keeps pace with Charlbury residents' aspirations.

You can view the Plan online on the Charlbury Town Council website (www.charlburytowncouncil.co.uk) or on www.charlbury.info.

Station car park extension

We understand that Great Western Railway is currently not progressing plans for a car park extension, following high cost estimates for an additional level on the sunken area, and concerns about the impact of a low-level car park facing the river. The current GWR franchise lasts until March 2020 and could be extended to 2022: it is, of course, possible that GWR (or their successors) may seek to revive the plans after 2020.

The platform extensions are still going ahead. There will be no through trains to Worcester between 17 and 25 November. Around New Year, services to Oxford and London will be affected – details have not yet been published but will be on charlbury.info nearer the time.

Separately, there will be no significant changes to the rail timetable in December, as had originally been proposed. May 2019 will be the next major timetable change.

Permissive Paths

The permissive path across Nine Acres Recreation Ground will be closed all day on Thursday 3rd January 2017. We understand that the Wychwood Project will be closing the permissive paths across the Wigwell Nature Reserve on the same day.

Streets and paths

As the autumn draws to a close, please take a few moments to check your boundaries and cut back overhanging branches and excessive growth so that the pavements are kept clear for pedestrians. It would also be a great help if you could sweep up fallen leaves outside your homes as wet leaves can become a major hazard, particularly to those who are older or infirm.

Then as winter approaches, be aware of the hazards of icy pavements and roads. 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 full and the Town Council can supply further salt, so if you become aware of bins becoming empty during severe weather, please contact the Town Clerk for replenishments. (This salt is, of course, only for use on the public highways and pavements.)

As at all times of the year, we remind dog owners to "scoop it, bag it, bin it"; and in the interests of the health of all, especially children, please respect the notices prohibiting dogs from the Playing Close, and keep them on a lead in public spaces such as Nine Acres. Thank you.

Town centre post-box

The Town Council has made representations to Royal Mail that, following the removal of the post-box on Market Street outside the former post office, a post-box should be maintained in the historic town centre. Royal Mail has said its preferred site would be outside the Co-op. We will continue to press the case.

Town Council elections

The next elections for Charlbury Town Council will be held in 2020. Please do think about standing! It's important for the Town Council to represent all ages,

backgrounds and viewpoints in Charlbury. The time commitment is typically two evening meetings a month, though councillors can also volunteer to represent the Town Council on other bodies and committees. If you are interested, any current town councillor will be happy to explain what's involved, or you might want to come along to one of our meetings as an observer.

In brief

- The Town Council has revised its privacy policies to comply with the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). A new Privacy Notice can be read on the Town Council website.
- We are pleased to hear of progress with the Nine Acres pavilion extension (the new premises for the Football & Sports Club) and hope that Charlbury residents will be able to support the F&SC as it seeks to raise the remaining funds needed.
- Congratulations and thanks to all those involved with organising and staging this year's Street Fair. (See elsewhere in the Chronicle for a full Street Fair report.)
- Cllr Vince Hill laid the Town Council's wreath at the War Memorial in St Mary's Church on Remembrance Sunday, 11th November.
- And, of course, Charlbury Town Council wishes everyone in the town a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Contacting your Town Council

Full council meetings will be held in the Corner House at 7.30pm on Wednesday 28th November and 19th December, with planning meetings two days before (8pm unless there is a speaker). The precept-setting meeting will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 12th December. The next open 'surgeries' will be in the Corner House from 10am-12pm on Saturday 1st December, 2nd February (tbc) and 6th April (tbc).

You can email Roger Clarke, the Town Clerk, at charlburytc@btinternet.com or phone 01608 810608 (9am-5pm weekdays, not weekends or bank holidays).

Richard Fairhurst



News from our PCSO Wesley Smith

With the darker nights fast approaching, we would like to remind residents of some simple security measures to help deter criminals and prevent crime.

- Leave a light on at night if you are out of the house. Timer switches are great.
- Check that any security lighting you have is working.
- Make sure your windows and doors are secure when you are at home **and** out of the house.
- Securely lock sheds and garages.
- **Don't** leave valuables in cars & vans, even if you have tried to hide them out of sight. Always make sure your vehicle is locked. When you go to bed, ensure your car keys are hidden.

Sadly, over the last two months we have seen an increase in crime and anti-social behaviour in Charlbury. Criminal damage to cars, buildings and walls. Telephone scams have also increased in the area. In the surrounding rural areas, a number of quad bikes have also been stolen.

There is lots of useful information and more crime prevention advice on the Thames Valley Police website, visit: www.thamesvalley.police.uk

**In an emergency always call 999.
To report a non-emergency crime or
to speak to someone from your local
Neighbourhood Police team call 101.**

Wesley Smith

From County & District Councillor Liz Leffman

01608 810153 liz.leffman@westoxon.gov.uk

As you will undoubtedly have noticed, Oxfordshire Highways has been quite busy in the centre of Charlbury recently. The crossroads in the town centre has received a much needed- makeover, and the road surface is now in much better shape. Work is now scheduled for Park Street and Sheep Street, both of which are in urgent need of resurfacing. I expect these to be done early in the New Year, weather permitting. All this is coming about thanks to the £10 million of extra money that the Cabinet has allocated to roads this year. From next year on we will see other major improvements as the £120 million borrowing comes into effect. A few weeks ago I was invited to attend an event at the Highways Department where we were shown a new machine, the Multi-Hog, that will make it easier for roads to be resurfaced and patched. The Multi-Hog is the successor to the Dragon Patcher. The Dragon Patcher is really only useable on roads where there are no houses or parked cars, but the Multi-Hog can be used in towns and villages as it throws up less debris.

The County Council has recently undergone some significant change, with the merging of the County and Cherwell District Council. Cherwell was previously in a partnership with South Northamptonshire, but as you may have read, Northamptonshire has had some major financial difficulties and has been

turned into two unitary authorities. Cherwell was no longer able to function on its own financially, hence the merger. This offers some interesting opportunities for the two councils to work more cooperatively, which hopefully will improve services to local residents. I am on a working group that will be monitoring this.

At the same time, Oxfordshire is mounting a digital strategy that aims to improve access to services. The County currently has over 900 different phone numbers! The aim is to reduce that number to make it easier for people to get to the department they need, and to provide more information online. However, we must ensure that in doing this we do not make it harder for people who don't have a computer.

Recently a local resident contacted me to say that the library service will soon be stopping notification by letter to borrowers and will only communicate by e mail in future. That could disadvantage a lot of older people and anyone who does not have a computer at home, so I am working to make sure that doesn't happen.

I would like to wish everyone in Charlbury a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year, and to thank you all for your ongoing support.

Liz Leffman

Geoff Clifford

Wendy and the family would like to thank everyone for their wonderful messages, tributes and support following Geoff's death. We really appreciated the wonderful attendance at the Thanksgiving Service – we wanted it to celebrate his life and we think it did. I apologise if I did not manage to talk to you after the service, but we were delighted that so many people recorded memories of Geoff in the Memory Book. (We are still collecting memories if you

have one you wish to share!) Thank you also for your magnificent donations. We were able to share almost £900 between the National Blood Bikes Association and Charlbury Day Centre. Next Spring the Art Society will be holding an exhibition of Geoff's work, details of which will be posted nearer the time.

Thank you again
Wendy Clifford



CHARLBURY CRICKET CLUB

At its annual meeting in late October, the club reflected on the 2018 season and began plans for 2019. A major initiative is the addition of a fourth league team on Saturdays, giving us three sides in the Cherwell League and one in the Oxfordshire Cricket Association.

This should provide more opportunity for some of the older boys and girls from our youth section to enter into the senior game. Part of the preparation is to hold Pathway Coaching sessions in January at the Charlbury Community Centre, where we will also be continuing with youth and senior training during the winter.

Two of our teams brought honours to the club in 2018, the 2nd team winning division 8 of the Cherwell League and our women's team becoming champions of division one in the Midlands East League. Ironically, the same league has decided – without proper consultation – to eject Charlbury women for 2019, a move which we are naturally contesting most fiercely.

Captains were elected to take us forward next year: 1st team, Josh Hornsby; 2nds, Andy Glass; 3rds, Paul Jenkins; 4th, Stuart Duff; Ladies, Vicky Strode.

An expanded cricket committee also includes Charlie Sinton, David Horne, Bimalka Liyanarachchi, and David Rump to help ensure a smooth and ambitious playing season.

A good deal of work has gone into the renewal of our Clubmark status, overseen by trustee Michael Geeson-Brown.

This clearly sets out our objectives as a well-run club, providing opportunities and continuing enjoyment of the game at all levels for both sexes, as well as plans to improve and develop facilities and players.

David Horne, vice chairman



Christmas at St. Teresa's

Advent Carol Service for Gaudete Sunday

¹⁶ December, 3pm

Mass of Christmas Night with Carols

²⁴ December, 8.30pm

Christmas Day Mass

²⁵ December, 9.15am

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There's so much we don't realise . . .

Extreme changes to our world's climate could be avoided but we are running out of time. The IPCC's latest report in October warns that we need to make changes from the bottom up i.e. we all need to change our lifestyles rather than wait for governments and "technology" to get the world out of this fix. But what can we do? We need to realise that nearly every decision we make has consequences for the climate and life on our planet, so the answer is simple, each time we make a decision we must consider the carbon footprint of that decision.

Unfortunately, things we buy and actions we take don't have labels attached telling us the affect on the environment. In fact the exact opposite is occurring, we are swamped with media images showing lifestyles carrying on as normal, buying clothes, cars, fast food, furniture and foreign holidays. Will we be saved by the upcoming generation of young people caring more about their future? I doubt it. In October, Jonathan Dimbleby posed a question to the audience of under 26 year olds at the special 70th anniversary edition of Radio 4's Any Questions. Referring to the IPCC report saying we need to walk more and use buses and trains rather than planes, he asked the audience for a show of hands if they travel by plane and think nothing of it nowadays when they have a bit of a break – the answer was that most of the audience put their hand up.

Apparently, the fashion industry is the second biggest polluter of the planet after oil and coal. In October, I watched the programme Fashion's Dirty Secrets on BBC2 which revealed that irrigation for cotton growing in Uzbekistan has caused the Aral Sea to shrink to 10% of

its original size – it used to be the 4th largest lake in the world. This region is the 8th biggest producer of cotton in the world. Cotton has a huge environmental footprint, not just the water and pesticides used for growing it, but also the dyeing industry that severely pollutes rivers, and the energy required to fuel all the processes involved. All this to produce clothing, which many people find exciting to buy, but in reality might be only worn once or even never worn at all before being thrown away. So maybe the answer is to get the buying buzz from hunting down pre-loved clothes in charity shops and online - and to wear a few clothes a lot, rather than have loads of clothes hoarded away.

Clothing is one example of the carbon footprint of a product far outweighing the packaging you buy it in. Food is another, enormous energy and resources go into producing food which is bought cheap and easily wasted. The long distances and time involved in bringing food to supermarkets means it needs packaging to keep fresh and undamaged. Plastic stops food drying out and keeps food fresher for longer – you will see more supermarkets using vacuum packs for meat which means it will last longer in the store and at home. However, it is plastic packaging that is incensing public outrage and the unintended consequence of this is that alternative non oil-based packaging can have a far greater consequence for the climate than plastic. Compostable bio-plastic isn't the answer either, because it needs a high temperature to break down, temperatures that aren't found naturally in the wild either, so if discarded as litter, it still poses as much a problem to wildlife as conventional plastic. Currently in Oxfordshire, compostable plastics can't be recycled with other plastics and can't be composted either with garden waste or food waste because the temperatures of the processes aren't high enough, so compostable plastic has to be disposed of in the light grey bin for incineration to create electricity.

The carbon footprint of meat production is another controversial subject with

many younger people becoming vegans. Traditionally cattle have grazed grass on permanent pastureland in areas not suitable for growing other crops. In the UK, our famous beef breeds originated in the wetter and hillier western parts of the country converting that lush grass to high quality protein.

This is a world apart from the American model of keeping cattle enclosed in huge pens without a blade of grass in sight and feeding them grain - which they are not evolved to eat and digest. In Europe much beef comes from cattle fed on animal feed containing soya from South America grown in areas once rain forest. So there is meat, and there is meat, if you look hard enough you will find meat labelled "Pasture-fed for life" which means the animals have lived their whole lives eating grass. The IPCC recommend reducing the amount of meat we eat and **buying better meat.**

*Christine Elliott
Charlbury Green Hub*

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What's On at Charlbury Community Centre

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Badminton – Mondays 8-10pm, contact Rafael: rafaelalarcon1963@hotmail.com

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

Community Gym – Daily 9am-1pm, £18 per month

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

Netball Club – Tuesdays 7-9pm, contact: witneynetball@hotmail.co.uk

Osteopathy Sessions – Tuesdays 5-7pm by appointment. Contact Laura Humphreys: charlburyosteopaths@hotmail.co.uk or 07811 103450

Pickleball – Mondays 11am-1pm, Thursdays 10-12am and Fridays, 8-10pm. Contact Vijay: vijaysmobile@gmail.com or 01993 891043

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

Pilates with Hayley – Mondays 9.30-10.30am and 10.45-11.45am. Contact Hayley: 07557 040609 or bodyspacepilates@gmail.com

Volleyball – Wednesdays 8-10pm, contact Steven: 07879 063934 stevenfairhurstjones@gmail.com

Walking Football – Wednesdays 2.30-4pm and Thursdays 8-9pm

Yoga – Wednesdays 6-7pm (Hatha Yoga) and Thursdays 11.45am-12.45pm (Accessible Yoga), contact Phil: 07482581882 or info@philevansyoga.co.uk. More classes coming soon.

For Babies and Toddlers

Bump-to-Two – Tuesdays 10-11am, cost £2

Well-Baby Clinic – Tuesdays 11-12am

Stay and Play – Wednesdays 9.30-11am, £3

Toddler Gym – Wednesdays 11.15-12am, £3

Rhymetime in library – Wednesdays 2.15-2.45pm, free

For School Children

Football training – Mondays 4-5pm. Contact jenny@charlburycommunitycentre.org.uk, £3

Sports Activity Club – Thursdays 4-5pm, cost £3 (age 8-11)

Multi-sports activity sessions in school holidays

For Teenagers (11+)

Youth Club – Fridays 7-9pm, cost £1

Youth Basketball Club – Thursdays 5-6pm, cost £3

For Retired People (but all welcome!)

Strength & Balance – Mondays 2.30-3.30pm, £4

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

Film Club (see website and notices for details)

See our website for more information about all of the above:

www.charlburycommunitycentre.org.uk

TG's café is now also serving baked potatoes at lunchtimes and is open every day of the week

We will be open between Christmas and New Year 10am-4pm



CHARLBURY
Community Centre



News from Charlbury Library

Autumn is well and truly here, so darker evenings are a great excuse to snuggle up with a good book!

The Summer Reading Challenge seems a long time ago now, but we had a brilliant response from local children signing up and reading through the summer holidays. Also, one of our local customers was pleased to win some cinema tickets after entering our Adult Oxfordshire Reads event, so make sure you enter when the event happens again next year.

We've held two very successful Stories & Craft sessions in the Library recently, one in the summer holidays and one (Brilliant Bugs) in the recent half term break. Lots of families came to listen to stories and had fun making ladybirds, spiders and all sorts of creepy critters. There won't be a Stories & Craft session over the Christmas holidays, but there is usually one during the other school holidays, so look out for the posters nearer the time!

Our Wednesday Rhymetime sessions for Under 5's (term-time only, 2.15-2.45pm) continues to be popular and I suspect they will get even busier with the weather turning colder. Sheila does a great job of livening up nursery rhymes with puppets, instruments and of course her lovely singing voice!

Don't forget that we have a volunteer Digital Helper who runs a session approximately once a month on a Monday morning, 10-11.30am. If you're struggling to get the most out of your phone, or you could do with help accessing emails, documents, photos or printing, our Digital Helper can give you some one to one practical advice. The next session will be Monday 10th December so pop in or phone the Library to sign up.

All Libraries get a Christmas Collection to display in December, so our younger customers might like to check out our range of Christmas-related books and DVDs to borrow once we get nearer to the festive season.

The hours for the Library will alter somewhat during the period between Christmas and New Year, but will be in line with the Community Centre opening hours. The timings of staffed hours therefore may also change, but these will be clearly displayed in the library. However, the self-service machine will always be available for borrowing or returning books, as long as the Community Centre itself is open.

Merry Christmas from Charlbury Library.

Julie Ward
Manager, Charlbury Library
01608 811104
charlbury.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Friends of Charlbury Library

It has been really encouraging to see the increase in library membership and usage since we settled into our new accommodation and I hope that trend will continue as we move into 2019. It is a particular pleasure to see so many young readers and pre-readers enjoying what the library has to offer. Thank you, as always, to all the volunteers who contribute so much to the running of Charlbury Library, and to Rosalind Scott who coordinates the rota. A very Happy Christmas to all our readers, and all good wishes for a healthy, peaceful and book-filled 2019!

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