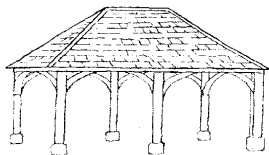


The Charlbury Chronicle



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As usual at this time of the year, the *Chronicle* reminds everyone that there is a late-night shopping date in December on the 14th. Please try and do at least some of your Christmas shopping locally, so as to encourage our local shopkeepers. (*Please note that the printed version of the Chronicle gave two wrong dates for the late shopping evening and December 14th will be the only date.*)

There are some interesting articles in this issue - including what must be a 'first' a letter from Davy, the Cat! There are articles about books, about Old Charlbury (always popular), and the sad story of Christmas trees at Halcyon farm. There is also an absolutely inspirational story about Mick Donegan whose unique charity does whatever it takes to help everyone with disabilities to have a better quality of life. He appeared in the *Independent's List of the 100 people who make the UK a better place*. Read all about him on page 12. The quiz fans amongst us will be glad to know that a splendid new quiz has been put together for the Christmas holiday -- do you remember the very successful one that Beechcroft residents produced a few years ago in aid of the Charlbury Community Centre Appeal (CCCA)? There's an even better one now available for the same good cause - check p 16 for further details. Finally, Robert Caston's Nine Acres Report yet again reminds dog owners to keep their dogs on the lead so that fouling does not become a hazard to children in the play area and those enjoying sport on Nine Acres.

Many thanks to all those who help with the production and distribution of the *Charlbury Chronicle*. Your editor is profoundly grateful that the *Chronicle* has managed to keep going for nearly sixteen years with so much help and good will from so many people, such as our Treasurer (Dawn Colvin), our advertising manager (Jack Potten), our contributors (especially Diana Potten with her interesting Day's Life) and many more. This support is very much appreciated.

Heartiest Christmas and New Year greetings to all our readers!

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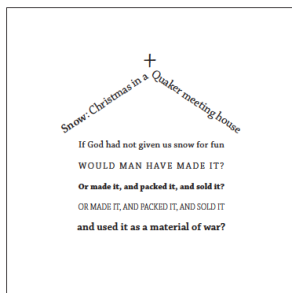
I once found myself on a long flight, sitting next to someone who was reading one of those books about how to become the next great business tycoon. With his yellow highlighter pen, he was highlighting literally each sentence as he read it, till eventually page after page was covered in fluorescent ink.

I was scornful. To me, it was a sure sign that my fellow passenger was devoid of prioritising skills or the ability for critical thinking across Kim Taplin's won't-I've softened my opinion. With want to absorb and treasure me, *Days Off in Oxfordshire* is Kim Taplin, who lives in used public transport to travel around Oxfordshire, including Forest. Nothing in the natural or and her clear-sighted observations are often a springboard for history, legend and life.



'Manietta Caught': woodcut by Rosie Fairfax-Cholmeley from *Something in the Woods*

For younger readers, maybe – but more, I think, for lovers of the printed book – *Something in the Woods* by Rosie Fairfax-Cholmeley is well worth hunting down. Here the local connection is that it was printed in Charlbury by the Senecio Press, and then hand-bound at the Flagstone Press in Duns Tew, in a limited edition of just 75 copies. Don't hold your breath for the Kin-day kill off the mass-produced help us appreciate the artistry beautifully produced book. Finally, I can't resist mention-brainchild of Walcot resident *with Words*. Many of you will music and poetry evenings at such event last summer that I his latest book, along with Lancini, who also did the designs.



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ing a new book which is the Rob Stepney: *A Funny Way* know Rob's work from the the Shed, and it was after one was invited to contribute to John Lanyon and Adrian wonderfully imaginative page

With regard to the title, Rob Stepney explains: "He's got a funny way with words" was my Auntie Lal's usual response when I said something she was unsure about. It left open the question of whether "funny" meant amusing or plain peculiar. That ambiguity lives on in this book. But at its heart is the love all four of us have for letting words go out to play. Carefully hand-crafted and locally sourced, it may contain verse.'

A Funny Way with Words – like Kim Taplin's *Days Off in Oxfordshire* – is published by the Wychwood Press, and is available from Evenlode Books and elsewhere.

Edward Fenton

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING GREAT RESULT!

The organisers, Liz and Bob Tait, would like everyone to know that the Macmillan Coffee Morning was a great success and raised over £1300 for this splendid cause. The new venue at the Friends' Meeting House was excellent and lots of people turned up for what proved to be a most enjoyable social occasion. There were lots of new faces, and there was an army of tireless helpers. So a really big thanks to all our supporters whether they came on September 28th to drink coffee, help with a stall, buy from a stall, provide wonderful raffle prizes or wash up, and tidy up at the end.

However, having run this occasion for several years Bob and I are going to "call it a day" as regards the Coffee Morning, says Liz in a postscript to her report. 'There were so many able and willing people who worked so hard, we feel sure that the event will be carried forward by somebody else. We will of course be supporting wonderful Macmillan in other ways. They apparently did brilliantly across the country and abroad. (I have a friend who always holds a morning in Tanzania on the same day !)

*Liz and Bob Tait. 01608 810150.
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Everyone continues to look forward to their special day out at the 'Club'. It is a time to meet old friends, catch up with any gossip, play some dominoes or listen to visiting speakers, have fun with some handicraft and have an excellent meal. One or two of our members have left us over the year, so we may have vacancies for anyone who would like to join us. If you would like to come and join us, or if you think you know of someone who would, please contact me.

Alas, it is not only the members who find that their birthdays occur too frequently, the age of the team of helpers is also increasing and some are retiring. We would love to have new volunteers to take their place and if you could spare a few hours a month assisting us perhaps by driving, helping in the Centre (Memorial Hall) or cooking you would be hugely welcome.

Finally an enormous thank you to everyone who came to our enjoyable and successful coffee morning in August - apart from physical help we do also need your financial support.

Bob Tait, 810150

Charlbury Meals on Wheels

We are pleased to be delivering a hot meal to 35 residents of Charlbury, Spelsbury, Chadlington, and Stonesfield every Tuesday at 12 noon.

We are completely staffed by volunteers who help in the kitchen and making deliveries. If you'd like to volunteer one morning per month to help, please ring Marjorie Glasgow on 01608 810 161 or Jan Griffiths on 01608 810 440.

If you'd like to receive a meal, please contact Marjorie at the number above.
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Friends of Charlbury Library:

Thank you to everyone who has offered help and support and who is waiting patiently for more news of the future of Charlbury Library.

There are two strands of development to be aware of. The first is the installation of self service technology in the county's libraries which is being phased in over an extended period of time. At this point there is also likely to be a training programme for volunteers who will support the work of the librarians. We hope to have more news about this at some time in 2013.

The second strand is the development of the new community centre which will house the library as one of its many facilities. The Thomas Gifford Trust has submitted a business case to Oxfordshire County Council and is awaiting the outcome (please see separate update.)

In the meantime many thanks to Lucy for continuing to be a professional and welcoming presence in our library. It was a great pleasure for me to join her on September 22nd to present medals and certificates to a number of young people who had succeeded in the summer reading challenge which she had organised.

Jill Judson, Chair of the Friends of Charlbury Library

COMMUNITY LIBRARIES COORDINATOR POST

This new post is being advertised by Oxfordshire's Library Service to develop and coordinate the network of Community Libraries across the county. Further details are available via the following link:

<http://jobs.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries-museums-archives-law-governance-community-libraries-co-ordinator/24501.job>

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Gifford Trust Update

The Trustees have submitted a business case to Oxfordshire County Council and are now awaiting the outcome. If it is approved by the committee, the OCC funding will be agreed, subject only to planning, and we will be able to move to the next phase of development. This will include more detailed design work for the various facilities we hope to provide within the community centre.

The business case was submitted with 25 letters of support from local organisations. We are very grateful to them and look forward to working with them as the new community centre becomes a reality. In the meantime the fund raising committee continues to provide an invaluable focus for community support for this project. Please contact Alan Hanks if you can help in any way.

The Thomas Gifford Trust's AGM will be held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday December 6th at 8pm. Please note that this is a change of date from the one originally published. We hope to have news from Oxfordshire County Council to share at that meeting so please come along and help us with the next stage in the development of Charlbury's community centre.

Jill Judson , Trustee

Ian Cox - Chair of The Gifford Trust

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Nick Potter (Branch President) on 810388;
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or Jane Parsons (Branch Secretary) on 810822.

You can also visit the website at **[www. Charlbury RBL.org.uk](http://www.CharlburyRBL.org.uk)**

Charlbury Christmas Trees

We started Charlbury Christmas Trees some 20 years ago. We had a paddock at the back of our house but did not really know what to do with it. So we decided to plant a few thousand Christmas trees, choosing three different sorts.

The trees grew quite quickly. After about 5 years I went to North Oxfordshire College to talk to Janet's business students about running your own business. I was discussing the Christmas trees enterprise when one bright lad said "Well, Mr Burroughs, it sounds good for a new business but how are you going to sell the trees?"

He had a point. I hadn't thought that they would grow so quickly. So I visited several local garden centres to see if they wanted trees. They said they would pay £2 - £3 per tree. But this meant that the enterprise would end up with a loss after all our hard work. And I wasn't prepared to do that. So we thought "Why don't we sell direct?" and decided to invite families up to choose a growing tree which we would then cut for them.

We set up a makeshift hut in the layby in front of our house, it looked pretty tatty. I remember that Dean the chemist was one of our first customers. I'm not sure that he was very impressed but he did buy a tree. Over the years, the enterprise has evolved and the customer base has multiplied. It has developed into a happy occasion for many families.

It has been an interesting experience. One young gentleman who shall remain nameless turned up with his own axe!! I almost died!! And very occasionally a few naughty customers have changed over the tree tags. But our forester friend, Stephen, who has been involved since the start now keeps a beady eye on the situation. And then there was the real wintery spell in 2010 when we had snow in December. It really strengthened our faith in human nature. Even when the blizzard was raging, customers made it to Halcyon to choose a tree. Some walked with sledges from as far

as Leaffield, Enstone and Stonesfield. But we now have a problem we had not anticipated. We have been too successful. This year, having reviewed the trees, we have realised that we do not have a sufficient selection of trees of the right height to give our customers the choice they have come to expect. So we have decided that we must give the trees a year off to allow them to grow higher and to provide the choice required. It is very disappointing and we are sad that we will not be opening this year, but taking into account the longer term prospects we have had no choice. We will open in 2013 and beyond and hope that our customers will come up and see us then.

Geoff Burroughs

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Jon Carpenter



Autumn Update:

Coffee Morning: Thanks to all who helped and supported the morning, and to the Charlbury Shops who gave so generously with the Prizes. We made over £200.

Family Quiz Night: Thanks go to Ed Fenton and Christine Elliot and the team for a superb family occasion, and to Fergus for the catering. A profit in excess of £600 was made. Those who attended have asked when is the next one? We hope to put on another early in the New Year.

Wilderness Festival: Thanks to the kind offices of the organizers and their website bookings over £600 was donated to our funds.

Other Income: St Theresa's have said they will be sending us a donation from their Bazaar, and we will shortly be receiving £300 from Waitrose as a result of their Monthly Community fundraising.

Charlbury's Readers' Evening: Was held on Friday 12th October 2012, with proceeds in excess of £800 coming to the CCCA funds. Thanks to all those involved and who made it such a successful evening.

Charlbury Quiz: Another fund raiser put on for the benefit of the CCCA is about to happen - watch for more information on the Charlbury website.

Burns Night Supper: On Friday 25th January 2013 (Burn's Night), we will be holding a traditional supper in the Memorial Hall. For those who do not like haggis an alternative will be available, so no excuses - all are welcome. We hope to have a piper for the evening. Keep your eyes open for ticket sales.





Proms Evening: It is planned to put this on in the Spring - look out for further notices.

Gifford Trust/CCCA Website: It is hoped to launch a new website before Christmas that will keep you up to date with all future plans and activities.

Local Help: If you or your Club or Organization would like to put on an event in aid of the Appeal, no matter how small or large, the Committee would be most interested to hear from you. We will be grateful for your help to enable us to provide Charlbury with a facility to suit all needs. We have an Events Crib Sheet to help with organizing any function.

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**Dr. Mick Donegan –
Founder and CEO of
‘SpecialEffect’**

Interviewed by Diana Potten

A DAY’S LIFE

I usually get up at around 5 o'clock or thereabouts and make myself a strong mug of tea (the best drink of the day!), then spend two or three hours dealing with any emails sent to my charity, SpecialEffect, that have been left over from the previous day.

We're a small, but rapidly growing, organisation, dedicated to helping disabled people of all ages to enjoy a better quality of life through the use of cutting edge computer technology. We support many local children and young people in organisations such as ROSY's, Springfield School, PHAB clubs, KEEN and Helen and Douglas House. We also get requests for help from individuals and organisations all over the UK such as Great Ormond Street Hospital, Stoke Mandeville Hospital and the Children's Trust in Tadworth.

If I'm not on my way to a commitment elsewhere, by 9 o'clock I'm in our office in Cornbury Park. We have a small, highly specialised, team working together on all aspects of the charity. Charities naturally have a significant amount of administration and paperwork to do so I usually start the day by having a meeting with our Administrator, Pam.

SpecialEffect not only aims to use computer technology to give opportunities for enjoyment and creative expression but to provide other benefits, too, such as therapy and rehabilitation. One example is a little local girl called Chloe, aged 5. She has to use a 'walker' to be able to move about but she is trying as hard as she can to learn to walk without one. We've selected games for her that require arm and leg movements to control what is happening on the screen. This not only enables her to play with family and friends but is also excellent physiotherapy, in that it encourages her to stand and move her body independently, building up the strength in her hips that she will need in order to be able to walk independently.

We are also collaborating with therapists to help aid the recovery of young people in rehabilitation centres and hospitals such as The Children's Trust, in Tadworth, which helps children whose physical difficulties have resulted from, for example, strokes, traumatic head injuries and brain tumours. Many of the children are hemiplegic and, by choosing their games and control devices carefully, we can provide motivating opportunities for them to recover their lost fine and gross motor skills through independent play. Another area of our work is to provide instant help for people who've suffered a traumatic injury or illness and, as a result, are unable to move or speak. Our 'StarGaze Project' was set up to respond to this challenge. Someone we are currently helping under the project is a student who was referred to us by Great Ormond Street Hospital. Martin has been paralysed due to a virus but, thanks to the loan of a gaze controlled computer under the project, he's been able to continue with his university course from his hospital bed in intensive care. In addition, he's using the gaze control system for email, web access and playing games, too! He needs regular visits, modifications and support to ensure that the gaze control computer we've loaned him fully meets his needs. However, the difference it's making to his life whilst he's in hospital makes it all completely worthwhile.

If I have lunch, it's usually my favourite fast food– a banana. It's cheap, can be eaten on the move and it comes in its own biodegradable wrapper! As well as the face to face support work with people like Martin and charity administration, there is also a significant amount of time spent in trying to generate funds for the charity. We receive no statutory

funding and, on principle, we don't charge for our services, so we're totally dependent on charitable support which is why we are so immensely grateful to our local supporters. Many local individuals, businesses, churches and sports groups have been utterly remarkable in their generous support for our work. If there IS such a thing as a Big Society then, in my view, it comes no bigger than in Charlbury. Right now, we're looking forward to the forthcoming 'Real Marathon' in December when a group of local people will be running the original Marathon course in Athens. We're hoping that the outcome is a little more positive than it was for Pheidippides!

I'm often asked how and why I started working with disabled people. It all goes back to when I was a young boy and had a disabled cousin who was a couple of years younger than me. I remember feeling such a strong sense of frustration on his behalf when he couldn't express himself through speech and when he couldn't keep up with the rest of us when the families were playing together outside. There were SO many things he wanted to do which were so difficult for him and the frustration I shared with him at that time has influenced everything I've done ever since. I was born in Nottingham and went to Henry Mellish Grammar. I then studied to be a teacher at Birmingham University and, since then, I've taken further qualifications in Special Needs Education and Information Technology, most recently a PhD in Assistive Technology.

Over the years, I've worked in mainstream and Special Schools, becoming increasingly specialised in using technology to help people with very complex disabilities. I became Deputy of an Assistive Technology Charity based at the Nuffield, and then, most recently, I worked as a Senior Research Fellow at a London University. SpecialEffect began in 2007. I started running the charity in my own time but, in 2010, due to the rapidly increasing demand for its services, I realised that it was time to work for the charity full time. The links I've maintained with academia are crucial to enable the charity to stay abreast of current developments so I've accepted roles as Adjunct Professor and Senior Research Fellow with two Universities (in Toronto and Dublin) which involves supporting Masters and PhD students in my own time. I also have a role as Adviser to a European Community funded project investigating the use of Brain Computer Interfaces for people who have severe disabilities, such as locked-in syndrome. This is a really exciting new area for me, offering hope for people who are completely locked-in and can't even move their eyes.

I often find myself working well into the evening but I really don't mind. In the course of each day I meet so many remarkable people and the energy and goodwill they generate charges me up for the whole day! Whether it's my colleagues, the people who fundraise for us, the people we support or their carers, it's a genuine privilege to collaborate with them all. Nonetheless, I really do look forward to those occasions when I DO get home at a reasonable time and perhaps cook a meal or go out for the evening with my wife. If so, we both enjoy going to see a play, a film or some music. If it happens to be in Oxford then we like nothing better than to go for a 'pre-theatre' meal at Pierre Victoire, the closest we can get to France without actually crossing the Channel.

When I go to bed at around 11:00pm my brain is usually still ticking as loudly as it was when I woke up so I need to read something that's familiar and tranquilising to slow down (the ticking for long enough to be able to fall asleep. As a result, I know the entire works of

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CHARLBURY TOWN COUNCIL REPORT, No. 65

by Councillor Jim Holah

This is the second report from the Council elected in May 2012. As well as getting to grips with the standard items that are the responsibility of the Council, we have been learning about the various initiatives and changes coming about because of the changes to the Planning system, along with the opportunities coming from the Localism agenda. We will provide information about these initiatives through the newsletter, or you may wish to come to the Town Council meetings to hear the discussions - all meetings are open to the public. If you have any questions, please see how to contact us at the end of the report.

Recycling facilities: as well as improved facilities recently installed at the Spendlove, at the July meeting the Town Council supported the West Oxfordshire D.C. proposal for a recycling centre at Greystones, Chipping Norton.

Train service improvements: on the 18th July, the Town Clerk represented us as a guest of First Great Western on a Class 180 Adelante special train from Charlbury to Evesham, marking the return of this service with a short ceremony at Moreton in Marsh.

Station Car Park: the extension opened for service on the 1st October and appears to be popular with rail users already, along with the relocated coffee stall, which will soon be within the main building based on a recent planning application.

Street Fair: we send our congratulations to the organisers of this successful and enjoyable day, raising in the region of £11,000 (subject to audit) that provides for the maintenance of the Corner House and War Memorial Hall and that otherwise would have to be raised through local Council tax.

Councillors open surgeries: the October surgery was again busy with a number of queries and suggestions from residents. As always, all issues are passed to the Town Clerk for action and all those attending receive a direct response. All issues are reported to the following Council meeting for information. The next Surgery is on the 1st December, in the Corner House from 10 am to noon.

Councillor surgeries for 2013: For next year, we are experimenting with venues other than the Corner House. Where would you suggest we hold surgeries that would make it easier for more residents to speak with Councillors? Use the contact details below to tell us.

Remembrance Day: Councillor Kathy Broughton laid the Council's wreath at the War Memorial in St Mary's Church on Remembrance Sunday, 11th November.

Snow & Ice: the winter weather will soon be upon us, and once again we ask you to be aware of the hazards of icy pavements and roads, but also to look out for your neighbours who may find it hard to get out in such weather. Could you look in on them or offer to assist them in any way? Any help would be appreciated.

The Permissive Paths on Wigwell Nature reserve and Nine Acres Recreation Ground will be closed all day on Wednesday 2nd January 2013. This is a legal requirement. Residents with gates opening on to Oxpens Allotments, Nine Acres Recreation Ground and Wigwell are reminded that this does not create a Right of Way.

Overhanging branches to pavements and weed growth: thank you to those who responded to our request in the last newsletter to cut back overhanging branches, making

pavements easier to use. Thanks also to those who tackled weeds outside their homes. We have also managed to remove some weeds through the Stewardship Scheme fund, targeting some of the worst areas identified.

Thomas Gifford Charity: Please see the report elsewhere in this newsletter outlining the developments and progress with the proposed Community Centre. Please note also that the annual meeting of the Charity is to be held on the 6th December in the War Memorial Hall.

How do we keep you in touch with Council activity and issues?: always a key topic of importance for residents and one we wish to get right. The Town Council has three dedicated Notice Boards, at the Corner House, next to the Enstone Road bus shelter and opposite Fiveways Store. We always publicise meeting dates, agendas and other important notices. We also make information available on the Town Council website and place minutes and other documents in the Library. Members of the public may address the Town Council for up to 5 minutes before a full Council meeting by arrangement with the Clerk.

Happy Christmas and New Year to one and all

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NEWS FOR QUIZ FANS

In 2004, some of the residents of the Beechcroft Playing Close prepared a Christmas Quiz in aid of the Charlbury Community Centre Appeal. A few of us are now preparing another quiz in aid of the current appeal, which we hope will raise at least as much as we did eight years ago

Copies of the Quiz will be on sale at Evenlode Books, Cotswold Frames, Charlbury Deli and Café and Charlbury Library from early December. We hope you will take part so that you can have fun with family and friends over the Festive Season, support our local appeal and perhaps also win a prize. Further details from Brian Farr on 01608 811699.

WODC EMERGENCY NUMBER

It's not new but it is a reminder that there is a number to allow residents to complain to WODC about issues they may have, such as floods, noisy animals/neighbours/ pubs/ Festivals etc, and other environmental issues, . The idea is that complaints are then on an official record to enable more informed judgements to be taken when licences come up for renewal/review or action needs to be taken (i.e. provides evidence).

There is a WODC contact number to enable residents to make complaints direct to the appropriate authority (**NOT** to the Charlbury Town Clerk).

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Record audiences at ChOC and a 100th birthday

ChOC is celebrating! 'Salmon Fishing in the Yemen' drew the third largest audience yet (104) in ChOC's seven-year life. Eduardo Niebla's flamenco guitar recital sold 114 tickets, making it the most popular event ChOC/live has staged so far, while Ensemble Ox's classical concert came in third with 93.

We're showing '**The Well Digger's Daughter**' (cert PG) on **Sunday December 9** (Memorial Hall, 7.30pm, bar from 6.45), starring and directed by Daniel Auteil who also starred in 'Jean de Florette' and 'Manon des Sources', the very popular adaptations of two other novels by Marcel Pagnol likewise set in a bucolic Provence. It's a warm film, well made and beautifully acted.

And on **Saturday December 15** we've **The Kismet Ceilidh Band** with Kath Lucas, Jackie Singer and Melissa Holding playing the tunes and calling the dances - jigs, hornpipes, reels, polkas... Come along for an evening of tremendous fun, celebrating the 100th event that ChOC has put on in Charlbury since the first film, 'Ladies in Lavender', was shown at The Bell in May 2005!

Our monthly film programme continues throughout next year, normally on the second Sunday of the month. On **January 13** we're likely to show the latest Woody Allen film, '**Midnight in Paris**', but do check posters and our website for up-to-date information.

The Charlbury Society applied for a donation from our raffle funds towards the cost of their local history research, and we've been pleased to contribute £100. We welcome applications from other local groups in need of funds.

ChOC/live entertainments resume in March: see the next Chronicle for more information as our bookings are confirmed for 2013.

And don't forget: everything you need to know about ChOC's films and live entertainment is at www.chocfilms.info

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL **The OCSC Roll of Honour for 2012 included the names of eight** **Charlbury Beavers who got the Chief Scout's Bronze Award**

Many congratulations to:

Johnny Swift-Soffe
Harry Bradbury
Luca Lawrence
Thomas Cox
Archie Nicholls
Luca Guyon
Robert Horsey
Joseph Goodwin

CLUBS, GROUPS, SOCIETIES

THE CHARLBURY SOCIETY: finding out more about Charlbury's history.

The Society's new season of talks got under way with great success in October, with an excellent presentation on folk music in the Cotswolds. What made it so different, and compelling, was that Charles Mentieth brought music to listen to, as well as words to hear, so the standing-room-only audience is now well-versed in the nuances of hornpipes, jigs, polkas and the rest.

Keeping with the Cotswold theme, November's speaker – Georgina Halling from The National Trust – took us on a guided tour of Chastleton house, again bringing fresh insights into a property that many of us will have visited, but few know in such detail.

Looking ahead, our programme ranges far and wide: China, the Falklands and maps, as well as coming closer to home in the form of the Cotswold stone barns that remain such an important landscape feature. Our final talk for the year, on the OUP archives, promises to give a fascinating view of the history behind one of Oxford's great institutions. Please come along to the Society's meetings on the second Friday of each month – you will not be disappointed.

Since one of the Society's remits is "to compile and maintain Charlbury's historical record", we are now in the process of establishing an historical research group to delve into old documents from the town. The initial focus will be on probate records dating back to the 16th Century. Geoffrey Castle and Barbara Allison are holding the helm on this project, so please contact them if you would like to be a part of it – everyone is welcome to join in.

Simon Walker

CHARLBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We were delighted to have had a stall at the Street Fair and it was so successful we were sold out by 3.30pm. Our contribution to the Street Fair funds was £90 but at the same time it was fun to be part of this event. Our next fund raising event, when we will be raising money for the new Community Centre Appeal, will be on December 1st when we are holding a Coffee Morning at the Corner House. We continue to meet on the third Wednesday of the month in the Corner House at 7.30 pm at which visitors are most welcome to attend. We do not have a speaker for our December meeting but are having a social event when everyone will have an opportunity to chat over a glass of mulled wine. Our programme planning for next year is well in hand and should prove to be both varied and interesting. We would love to welcome both new members and visitors alike so if you require any further information do get in touch with either our President Pat Hill (810704) or our Secretary, Gill Pratt (810998 or gillpratt321@btinternet.com)

Charlbury Town Youth Football Club

All our teams are enjoying the new season and we have seen some changes to the club over the past few months, firstly we have now started 9v9 football for our Under 11 team and would like to thank the Beer Festival for their help with the new goals.

We are also pleased to announce that we have started up girls football again in Charlbury, these sessions run on a Sunday morning on Wychwood Paddocks and please check our website for details - www.charlburytownyouth.co.uk - we hope to keep this going with the aim to eventually start some new teams.

CLUBS, GROUPS, SOCIETIES

On a less positive note, we are having quite a few problems with dogs fouling the football pitches on Nine Acres. The club would like to appeal to all dog owners to please think about the children that use the pitches and clear up after your pets.

*Clive Brooks
Charlbury Town Youth FC*

CHARLBURY CRICKET CLUB

Aided by some pleasant late summer/early autumn weather, Charlbury improved their overall winning percentage in completed league and cup games from 22.2% in mid-July to 24.4% at season's end. As can be readily gleaned from these figures, 2012 was a less than vintage year on the field! One notable late-season highlight was a maiden century from first-year undergraduate Ben Geeson-Brown (101 for the Firsts in an away win at Garsington).

Player availability has once again been a big concern this season and our team captains have been severely handicapped by having an ever-dwindling pool of regular cricketers to draw upon. Fewer promising young players are emerging from the Youth Section than was the case a few years ago and had our Ladies Section not supplied four or five talented young women for the Second and Third Teams on a weekly basis then I think it is fair to say that a number of games would have had to be cancelled this season. This is not something that anyone at the Club wants to have to do and therefore we clearly need to attract new players if we are to continue to put out three competitive league teams every Saturday in 2013. So this is where I affix my Lord Kitchener-style handlebar moustache to my stiff upper lip and exclaim **"YOUR CRICKET CLUB NEEDS YOU!"**.

Anyone who enjoyed playing cricket at

school or at some other point in their younger days is warmly invited to contact our Club Chairman Colin Olliffe on 01993 704108 or 07909 9788863 to offer their services in time for the start of the 2013 season. You don't need to be highly adept at cricket to get your name onto a Charlbury C.C. team sheet - I am living proof of that - and there is a good mix of league matches and less serious social games to get stuck into. Oh, and bring the rest of the family along with you: all wives, girlfriends, partners, children and grandchildren can be catered for by the playing side of the Club, which offers cricket for both genders and for all ages from three upwards. For more information go to www.charlburycricketclub.co.uk to find out about the Club and do please get in touch if you are interested in joining us.

Derek Collett

Charlbury Tennis Club

Don't forget tennis is not just for the summer. Charlbury has four floodlit multi surface tennis courts available all year round so that you can play on those crisp winter evenings. Charlbury tennis club provides competitive tennis all through the winter with teams playing in local leagues at weekends and in the evening under floodlights. Social tennis takes place on Thursday evenings from 7pm, Sunday afternoons from 2pm and Monday afternoons from 1.30pm. We also have great facilities in our brand new clubhouse enabling everyone to warm up with a hot drink afterwards. We have the cheapest membership fees of any tennis club in the area and so come along and join us for a game. We look forward to meeting you.

For further details phone Mark Jarman on 01608 811692.

This article from the Charlbury Museum archives has been edited by Charles Tyzack and his comments are in *italics*:

About 60 years ago the Oxford Times sent a reporter to Charlbury, who described the town and its activities at some length. The copy we have of his/her article is undated, but was probably 1955, as the Spendlove School and the Memorial Hall were about to be built. These extracts give a good idea of what was going on in Charlbury at the time, and who were the movers and shakers in the community. One of his main informants was the vicar, the Rev. T.J.Wood:

'The main centre is the Corner House, where the Women's Institute hold their infant welfare and basketry classes, the Church holds its bazaars, Dr. Delmedge conducts his Choral Society, and the Conservative Association holds its meetings. The Charlbury Society have just had a debate there on the motion "Charlbury must modernise or perish". It is also the headquarters of the County Library.

'Old time dances are also held in it periodically, attended usually by 50 or 60. The British Legion are very strong, about 100. They run the Charlbury flower show, but they have no hut of their own. They have to use the Corner House. The Y.M.C.A. have a brick hut built in 1889. They are, I suppose, responsible for Charlbury's extraordinary fame as a chess-playing centre. They play Oxford City and Harwell and all sorts of other important teams. They also run the billiards.

'The strong Dramatic Society is putting on Ibsen's "A Doll's House" this month in the Scouts' Hut, there are ballet dancing classes in the White Hart, and the Bowls Club hold monthly dances in the same inn.'

Later, on his way round the town, the writer looked in at the Corner House and found a multitude of schoolchildren having their midday dinner in one room, and chairs set out in the hall upstairs for last night's debate. I read the list of charges for the hire of the hall. Wedding breakfasts cost £2, dinners £1/10s, and dances 15s., which sounds reasonable. *Another informant was Mr J.W.Shilson, of the Priory, who called himself 'the last of the wool-staplers'.* He took me out to see the wool being sorted and packed into bales in sheds that had once been the local brewery. I watched the men sorting. They can tell by a touch the quality of the fleece. 'How much of this is Cotswold wool?' I asked. 'One clip only,' said Mr Shilson. "The Oxford Downs and Cotswold have both gone off the market. It's all Welsh now – the small Clun and Kerry sheep. The great wool industry that made the Cotswolds so rich is a thing of the past.'

Mr Shilson was also an expert on the sporting activities of Charlbury: 'We run three football sides in the Witney League and two cricket sides, one of which is now allowed to play on Sunday. We have a flourishing tennis club of nearly 50 members who much appreciate the hard courts. There used to be a bathing place in the Mill Stream, but it is now silted up as there were no volunteers willing to open it up again. There's the usual darts in all the pubs, the rifle and bowling clubs and, of course, the chess which is surprisingly popular.'

F.P.Jeffs, Chairman of the Housing Committee, told me they had sold some 80 council houses at £530 or thereabouts and that the rent of the 96 post-war houses varied between 17s.6d and 27s. 'The population is going up,' he said. 'A year or two ago it was 1,275. It is nearer 1,500 today.'

This increase caused a serious problem for the School on the Playing Close, as the Vicar explained: 'The present school, with its 350 boys and girls, was originally the British School founded in 1815. It carries on under great difficulties in totally inadequate buildings. We are at last to have a new school next year.'

The previous year the writer had visited the school to see a performance of 'The Knight of the Burning Pestle' – A most ambitious play for any school. Mr H.H.Osborne, the Headmaster, took me over the two acre school garden on which the new school is to be built, and the finely equipped woodwork shop with its lathes and 11 benches. 'We hold the evening classes,' he said, 'in the school. The woodwork attracts about 30, the needlework, and the sketching and art classes, about a dozen each. Most of the children leave us at 15. When we get the new building they'll stay on. Those who stay go into banks and laboratories. One of my pupils is chief photographer in the Ashmolean.'

Close by, on the Playing Close, lived Charles Hughes, who is Charlbury's live wire. He is interested in every social activity and he showed me the plans of the new Town Hall [now the Memorial Hall]. 'Not as big as some people wanted,' he said, 'and not as small as some people think. The point is that it's going up at once.'

He told me of the activities of the Fire Brigade, the St.John Ambulance Brigade, the A.T.C., the Mothers' Union and the Charlbury Society, which keeps an eye on all the local amenities, but he was most excited about the Evergreen Club. 'I founded the Evergreen club for the over 60s three years ago,' he said. 'We've got over 100 members and we have meetings with games and refreshments every first and third Thursday in the month. We have summer outings and visit the pantomime at the New Theatre and we go round visiting other Evergreens. All in all, we old 'uns have a pretty gay time.'

Charles Hughes is the oldest glove manufacturer in Charlbury. 'My firm has been in existence over 100 years,' he told me. 'I have 60 employees working in the factory. The men do the cutting and the women the stitching, some of them in their own homes. There's a six-year apprenticeship for the cutters. It's a highly skilled job.'

Later the reporter visited Dents' glove factory: I was struck by the quietness, lightness and equable temperature of the rooms, in which some 40 men and girls were at work. I watched men pulling and cutting out the leather, punching out the shapes, three pairs at a time, cutting out fleece linings and ironing the finished gloves. I watched girls with sewing machines stitching up the fingers and putting on the buttons. Glovemaking is very much a craftsman's job. It is all done by hand.

Letter to the Editor

From Mr Robert Hunter:

My Mother, Dorothy Hunter (formerly of Sandford Rise), had her hundredth birthday on August the 20th. Although she now lives in Freeland House Nursing Home, she was active in the Charlbury community for many years with Meals on Wheels, Evening classes etc. Please would it be possible to mention her in the Chronicle?

Robert Hunter (01608 810102; 07779783163 or by email.)

Volunteers needed for Oxfordshire Dentistry Survey

The Oxfordshire LINK is recruiting volunteers to carry out a survey of information provided for patients by NHS Dental Practices. The survey will be looking at information on the range of services offered, the charges relating to those services, and about entitlement to receive certain services on the NHS. LINK volunteers who conduct the survey will find out if the information is clear and helpful to patients and highlight areas of good practice. If you want to help with the survey please contact the LINK:

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Oxfordshire LINK: Your voice on health and social care in Oxfordshire

As a member of the public you have a right to be involved in decisions about health and social care services in Oxfordshire. You can influence the way services are run by sharing experiences and ideas with your Local Involvement Network (LINK). The LINK finds out what people like and dislike about their services and feeds this information back to health and social care providers, helping them to plan and deliver better services which reflect the wishes of local people. The more people who get involved in the LINK, the stronger and more influential we are. Please contact the LINK for more information.

Oxfordshire LINK carries out survey on post-natal maternity services

The Oxfordshire LINK has teamed up with Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to carry out a survey of

post-natal maternity services in Oxfordshire. Post-natal services are those services used after birth including breast feeding clinics, the Newborn Screening Programme, Neonatal Unit, Special Care Baby Unit, Birth Afterthoughts, and Health Visitors. If you have any comments about these services please contact the LINK office. If you have any spare time and would like to be part of the project group to help with research please contact the LINK office.

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CHARLBURY CHRISTMAS TREES

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to increased demand over the past couple of years we find we do not currently have sufficient trees ready to enable us to offer you the real choice that our customers have come to expect. Therefore, unfortunately, we will NOT be opening this Christmas (2012). Our aim is to ensure that there will be a good choice of trees next year. We are disappointed and would like to apologise, but we hope that you will understand and we

look forward to seeing you in

December 2013

Read Geoff Burrough's article on p8

THE CHARLBURY SOCIETY'S HISTORICAL RESEARCH GROUP

What was Charlbury like in the 17th century? Was it a very rural community or very urban, or a mixture of both? How big were people's houses? How did they furnish them? What did they do to earn a living? How big were their families?

The answers to these questions may be contained in the wills and inventories left by the people of that time, and which have never been fully researched.

The Charlbury Society is forming a group to transcribe these documents, which will start in the New Year with classes to learn how to read the old handwriting.

If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Geoffrey Castle on 01608 811122 or email get.castle@btinternet.com or Barbara Allison on 01608 811262 or email b.a.allison@btinternet.com

CHARLBURY MUSEUM -

The Museum is now closed until next spring, but it will be open on the late-night shopping evening on Friday December 14th, from 6 to 8 p.m. As usual entry will be free on this evening.

A range of possible stocking fillers will be on sale - for example cards, tea towels, books and pencils.

*Charles Tyzack
Charlbury Museum*

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BEREAVED FATHER RUNS MARATHON FOR HIS BABY DAUGHTER

On Sunday 21st October local father Matthew Berry ran the Birmingham Bupa Half Marathon in memory of his daughter Evelyn, smashing his target to raise £1500 for Oxfordshire Sands. Matt completed the gruelling 13.1 mile course in 1hr 58 min for his daughter Evie who died just after she was born. The money raised will be donated to Oxfordshire Sands, part of the national charity, which supports anyone affected by the death of a baby and promotes research to reduce the loss of babies' lives. Evelyn was born on October 27th 2011 and Matt overcame several running injuries to run almost to the day of her first birthday. The aim was to raise £1500 for the charity and so far the total stands at £1700 and donations still keep pouring in.

Matt said, "I'm overwhelmed by the fantastic level of support my family and I have received for me running the half marathon. It's been the worst year of our lives and running for Oxfordshire Sands has given me such a positive focus. The work of Oxfordshire Sands is vital to families like ourselves who are devastated when their baby dies. Connecting with others who have survived similar tragedies really helps you know you are not alone. Without funding this crucial support wouldn't continue so please continue to donate to a very worthy cause."

Matt was supported on the day by his wife Lydia and his family and friends. To donate go to: www.justgiving.com/run4evie For support if you or someone you know has been affected by the death of a baby go to: www.oxfordshiresands.org.uk

Eitor's note: Matthew Berry was born in Charlbury and now lives in Chipping Norton.



The Editor thanks George Ogier for his contributions to Totbits over the last year or so and extends a warm welcome to our new TotBits correspondent, Rebecca

Charlbury Pre-School

Charlbury Pre-School, open to all families in our community, continues to thrive and is currently rated "good with outstanding features" by Ofsted. It takes children from 2½ to 5 years and is open Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 1.00pm, and to 3.30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, during term time only.

Children explore a range of activities each day based on the six areas of learning outlined in the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. If children opt to stay for lunch, they bring a packed lunch and eat alongside staff in small groups. Alternatively, children may be collected before lunch at 12 noon. Each session costs £3.10 per hour, and government vouchers for the over 3's are accepted.

Highlights from this term

Thanks to a grant from the Charlbury Beer Festival Committee, the pre-school is soon to have a new cooker and kitchen equipment to extend the cooking activities available to the children;

Christmas festivities will include a trip to Charlbury School to see a Pantomime, alongside children from The Railway Children and Little Monkeys nurseries;

A big congratulations to Pre-School Leader, Jan Stubberfield, who passed

her Foundation Degree in Early Years from Oxford Brookes University.

The pre-school relies on fundraising and grants to keep fees low, pay for equipment, buildings maintenance, trips and so on. The next fundraising event will be at the December Farmer's Market on The Playing Close, when hot tea, coffee and bacon butties will be for sale.

The pre-school is available for hire when not in use, for example for children's birthday parties, at a cost of £35 per 4 hours. For further information or to arrange a visit, telephone 01608 811200.

Baby and Toddler Group

September ushered in the new school year with a sense of new beginnings, not least in the Charlbury Baby and Toddler Group where we'd said a fond farewell and a big thank you to long-time organiser George at the end of the summer term. His little girl has now graduated to the pre-school, alongside a number of her peers who used to come along to the Baby and Toddler Group. Fortunately we have some lovely new baby faces to keep the fun ticking along, and more are always welcome! Doors open at 9.30am for mums-to-be, babies and pre-school children along with their parents or carers. Generally, children first in are guaranteed a go on the ride-on purple car, a perennial favourite. However, people tend to drift in over the first half hour or so in time for a play and chat before story-time, with juice or water and biscuits for little ones, and tea or coffee for grown-ups at around 10.15am. The books for story time come from Charlbury Library, or are sometimes favourites brought from home. Some toddlers (especially mine) are



pleased that story time is held adjacent to the toy train tracks for multi-tasking purposes.

We are fortunate to have a wonderful array of toys available, including ride-on cars, tractors and tricycles, a kitchen, a garage, dollies and pushchairs, a slide, tent and tunnels, puzzles and books. We also have a craft table, and sometimes a music session with instruments or a go with the parachute. There is a baby area in a nice carpeted corner with soft mats and chunky toys.

Tidy-up time and close is at 11.30am. Venue is the Memorial Hall, cost is £2.50 per family. Feel free to come along any Monday morning during term-time.

Rhythm Time

Every other Thursday at 10.00am in Charlbury Memorial Hall is a brilliant music class for babies and toddlers. It consists of 30 minutes of music followed by drinks and biscuits for carers and children. The class varies each week, as Caroline, the teacher, tailors it to suit the ages of those who turn up to class, but generally includes opportunities to sing into the microphone, bang on a big bass drum and see Rat-A-Tat, the rabbit in the hat. For more information and dates, see www.rhythmtime.net.

If you need to get in touch with Rebecca, please telephone her on 819102

CHARLBURY FARMERS' MARKET

Playing Close, Charlbury on
Saturday December 8th
from 9am to 1pm

Author Salley Vickers visits Charlbury

Acclaimed author Salley Vickers renewed her long standing connection with Charlbury as guest author at a well attended Charlbury Readers' Evening in the Memorial Hall on Friday 12th October. Ms Vickers, author of books such as 'Mr Golightly's Holiday', 'The Other Side of You' and 'Aphrodite's Hat', delighted fans of her best selling novel 'Miss Garnet's Angel', which is dedicated to Grace Fredericks and set in Venice, by recalling her first visit there when a teenager, and her revision of her youthful prejudices as she fell in love with it.

Interviewed by Cicely Havelly, Oxford based author and academic, Ms Vickers was generous in her replies to questions from Ms Havelly and from the attentive audience as she shared aspects of her autobiography, her ambitions for her novels and the literary devices that she employs in order to realize them. She introduced her latest novel 'The Cleaner of Chartres' and read passages from the first two chapters as an illustration of her use once again of the parallel timeline. A tale of the redemptive powers of art and love and set in the present day it is the story of Agnes Morel, a foundingling with a tragic past who cleans the beautiful and ancient cathedral of Chartres. A fragrant and delicious supper preceded a vigorous debate led by Ms Havelly which probed the subjects and strategies of this popular author.

It was a stimulating and enjoyable evening that also raised more than £700 for the Community Centre Appeal.

Clare Carswell



Silent Witness Star Draws Crowds.....

....To The New Look Street Fair!

2012 saw the return of a celebrity to open Street Fair and Tom Ward certainly proved a hit, drawing a really good crowd to this year's Street Fair which had a new look and promoted 'Britain at its Best', with many new stallholders offering products from our own shores. The Fair also spread its wings a bit with stalls stretching into The Bell car-park and a Classic & Vintage Car Show in the Priory grounds.

Tina's Dance Troupe again provided a very enjoyable routine and the live auction of some excellent lots was masterfully performed by Charles Arkell. Finally, the day was rounded off by three excellent bands, including the Stonesfield Village Idiots who really closed the day in style.

But Street Fair is more than just a Saturday afternoon in September and started with a very successful **Quiz Night** held in the Memorial Hall in March. This was Quizmaster Martin Winstone's last one and all his hard work over the past few years is much appreciated.

With this year being the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the traditional Jazz Lunch which normally precedes the **Open Gardens** was replaced by the town's Big Lunch and the Street Fair Committee were very pleased to have been a part of the organisation. In addition to various gardens being opened up, it was great to see the floral displays in the churches and a Town Trail organised by the Charlbury Museum.

The now traditional **Egg Throwing Competition** which kicked off Street Fair Weekend was won by Rod Densham and Adam Gillkicker on the Friday evening and the weekend concluded with the **10K & 5K Runs and Walk**.

Thanks must go to everyone involved with the organisation of all these various events, to everyone that donated and contributed to the success of Street Fair and not least to everyone who put their hands in their pockets to support the various events. Although final figures are yet to be confirmed we expect to have raised around £11,000 for the Corner House and Memorial Hall in 2012.

We hope you enjoyed Street Fair 2012 and will support us again in 2013. Perhaps you have some suggestions to make the event even better? If you enjoyed Street Fair, why not be part of it – we are always open to new ideas and are delighted to welcome new members to the team. Please come and talk to us or get in touch at fo@charlburystreetfair.org

NEWS FROM CORNBURY from the Cornbury Park team

We are proud to announce that Wilderness has been named Best Festival (under 15,000 capacity) at the Live UK Music Business Awards. Wilderness, A Celebration of the Arts and Outdoors takes place in Cornbury Park in August. Early bird tickets for next year's festival (9-11 August 2013) are now sold out, but the organisers will be offering a substantial discount to OX7 residents as in previous years.

As part of the ongoing conservation programme on the Cornbury Estate, we are tree planting again in late autumn, concentrating on the Ranger's Lodge area. There are as usual around 200 trees being planted this year, mainly English Oak and Beech; we aim to plant further shrub trees at the beginning of next year. A number of more mature oak trees are being planted in the area of the renovated wall which runs along the Charlbury / Burford road near the Chadlington / Ranger's Lodge crossroads.

Some major restoration work on the roof of the house at Cornbury is now complete. Over the summer, repair work to the main bridge was undertaken and will be ongoing over the coming years.

Now that Bushcraft have packed up for the winter, deer culling has started again in the forest. Cornbury Park venison is available as 'Wychwood Forest Venison' at the Farmers' Market.

The residents of Charlbury are welcome to walk in the Deer Park at Cornbury on New Year's Day between 9am and 4pm. Access is via the main North Lodge entrance. Walkers are requested not to park on the drive at North Lodge and to remain within the boundaries of the Park. Sorry, but dogs, even those on leads are not allowed in the deer park as they upset the deer.

Regretfully anyone bringing a dog into the deer park will be asked to leave.

A gentle reminder - whilst you are welcome to walk along the permissive footpaths around Cornbury, do be aware of wildlife hazards at all times. Please stick to the official footpaths and keep well away from the river and the grazing stock - for your safety and theirs.

Finally, may we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very happy 2013.

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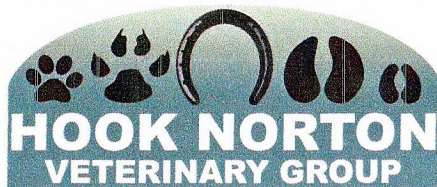
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CHARITABLE DONATIONS MEAN A TRANSFORMATION AT CHARLBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Pupils at Charlbury Primary School were delighted to start the new academic year in a transformed school. Thanks to some heroic fundraising, the school has been able to refurbish two key resource areas and renew some of the toilets and cloakrooms.

Head Teacher Jane Holt said: 'At the end of last term we were lucky enough to be presented with two big cheques - £9,000 from Charlbury Beer Festival and £9,000 from the Charlbury School Association (CSA). This meant we could go ahead with some much needed refurbishment plans. We are thrilled to have been able to renew these resource areas where the pupils can spill out of the classrooms to do everything from art and design technology including cookery, to one-to-one learning sessions; alongside the new toilets and cloakrooms they have really transformed the school. The staff and pupils would like to say a huge thank you to the fantastic Beer Festival and the wonderful CSA (who raised most of the funds by running a tea tent at last year's Wilderness Festival in Cornbury Park). Since the annual government grant for capital projects like these in schools has been slashed by 80% we are almost totally reliant upon charitable donations such as these if we are to keep up with the demands placed on our busy and growing school. We feel very lucky to have such a supportive community here in Charlbury.'

*Vicky Buser
Parent Governor
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**Davy's
Christmas
Newsletter**
(dictated to Ni-
colette Lethbridge)

Hi folks! The Editor has kindly given me some space to wish all my friends a very happy Christmas and to

thank them for all their kindnesses to me in the past especially during the long, cold, wet winters.

All that is behind me now and I live with my new owners and their little dog with free range to their house and access to a lower garden through a hole in the door. (I am not allowed into the upper garden yet in case I climb over the wall and disappear - this means I cannot get back to Browns Lane to see you all). However, life is good now. I enjoy sitting by real fires and on laps. I have decided not to sleep in the many cat beds and certainly not in the dog's beds: my owners' beds I find the most comfortable. After I got a nasty fur ball, I have agreed to allow myself to be brushed and my fur is beautifully silky. I miss street life but I can sit on the dressing room window sill, watch the world go by, and keep an eye on the builders across the road. The garden is rather overgrown and full of mice, frogs and birds so it is quite fun to be in especially as I can nip back into the house if it starts to rain.

I am looking forward to Christmas this year as there is to be smoked salmon and then turkey for lunch and on Boxing Day roast beef! Above all it will be warm and cosy. I hope your Christmas will be just as good.

All best wishes,

Davy

The Cotswold Decorative and Fine Arts Society

announces their Christmas lecture on December 12th by Daniel Snowman entitled "The Gilded Stage: A Social and Cultural History of Opera." Author and broadcaster, Daniel Snowman is also a long-time member of the London Philharmonic Choir.

On January 9th Dr Gillian White will speak on "The Elizabethan Country House". This talk examines one of the most lively and creative periods of English country houses.

And on February 13th our lecture is on "The Bruges of van Eyck and Memling" by Dr Paula Nuttall. This lecture evokes the city during its late-medieval heyday, when it was the richest and most vibrant city in northern Europe.

The lectures take place at Bradwell Village Hall, Burford OX18 4XF, beginning at 11.00 am. Non-members are very welcome (suggested donation £8). For more information please see our website www.cotswolddfas.org.

CORNER HOUSE & MEMORIAL HALL NEWS

Plans have been submitted to WODC for an extended kitchen, new storage and changing area for the Memorial Hall. If agreed and assuming matching funding is available the work will take place in summer 2013. We would like to hear from a suitably experienced person that could act as project manager.

There are still plenty of dates available in 2013 for Saturday Coffee Mornings.

Chairman, Stephen Andrews 811212

Nine Acres Management Committee Report

The new pavilion, which has been open for around eighteen months, has been well received and well used by the senior and youth football clubs and the Charlbury tennis club. Therefore the committee believes now is the time to focus on improving the children's play area by providing some new equipment and refurbishing existing play items.

In 2011 we ran a survey of parents and children which informed us which play equipment they would like to see on the Nine Acres, also drawing attention to other play areas in the district which were superior and more innovative than ours. After visits to these play areas and taking into account the comments from the survey, a scheme has been produced by a playground developer. This scheme we will have to finance with grants, donations and fundraising. We will be approaching local people and organizations for financial help to bring the project to fruition and ask that people are as generous this time as they were before, when they made contributions to the new pavilion.

The committee would also like to raise two further matters. The first is the increasing level of litter left on the Nine Acres Recreation Ground, especially after major local events. We rely on one local volunteer to clear the field who does an excellent job but ask that everyone using the recreation ground, particularly the children's play area, picks up any litter left lying around and place it in the bins provided. This would be such a help to us and reduce the negative impact litter has on this attractive playing field.

The second matter is the number of complaints we receive about dogs fouling the football pitches, the play area and on

some occasions the tennis courts and hard surface area. There are signs requesting owners to keep dogs on a lead and to clear up after their dog. We now have visits from a community warden to monitor the extent of the problem and to talk to dog owners. Dog fouling is a potential health problem for children and people playing sport and we do ask everyone with a dog to help us resolve this problem.

Robert Caston

Oxfordshire Craft Guild Christmas Exhibition

The pre-Christmas season will see the launch of two major exhibitions by the Oxfordshire Craft Guild. The exhibition at the Oxfordshire Museum in Woodstock opens on 17 November and runs for 6 weeks. The exhibition in the gallery of the exciting new arts centre at the Old Fire Station in Oxford runs for three weeks starting on the 4th of December. If you admire skillfully crafted and designed work or are looking for unique gifts for Christmas, you will find a wealth of beautiful objects to choose from at these two venues :

The Oxfordshire Museum Exhibition in Woodstock: 17 November – 2 January. 10 -4:45 Tuesday to Saturday and 2 - 4:45 on Sundays www.tomocc.org.uk ; ox-on.museum@oxfordshire.gov.uk
Old Fire Station Gallery: 4-22 December. 10 to 6 Tuesday to Saturday; Sunday 12- www.oldfirestation.org.uk

For images or further information, please contact:

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Church Services in Charlbury

Charlbury Baptist Church



CHRISTMAS SERVICES: 'Cafe Carols' 10.30 a.m. Sunday 9th December; Carol Service 2 pm Tuesday, 11th December 6 pm Sunday 23rd December at Methodist Church - Evening Carol Service
No service on Christmas Day - sharing at Methodist Church
Church Contact:: Helen Wright, Community Link 0770 208 7802
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St Mary's C of E Church



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Methodist Chapel, Fishers Lane



Sunday services at 10.30am

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Further information from Gill Grason (810154)

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



Carol Service Sunday Dec 16th @ 3.30pm

Thursday Dec 20: 7.30pm Penitential Service with visiting priests

Christmas Eve: 8 pm Night Mass with Lessons & Carols

Christmas Day: Mass 9am St Kenelm's Enstone and 11am St Teresa's

Fr Aldo Tapparo, 5 Enstone Road, Charlbury OX7 3QR (810576)
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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHARLBURY have several shared activities, Including the Bible Study Fellowship.
For further information contact Rosalind Scott - rosalind.scott@hotmail.co.uk or ring 810562

Churches Together in Charlbury

As we prepare for Christmas, one of the great festivals of the Christian Church, each of the five churches in Charlbury will be planning their own distinctive way of celebrating the birth of Jesus. Visitors are always welcome at any of our church services and a full list of what is planned will be found in the Leaflet that goes to every house.

Why are there five churches in Charlbury and what is special about each of them? To try to answer these questions, Churches Together in Charlbury are planning a series of talks in Lent 2013 to explore the development of Christian faith in this town and what we can learn about Christian thought and practice from each of the traditions represented here.

Each church in Charlbury is inviting a speaker to tell us something of the history and background to their church's understanding of the Christian story and response to it. We are delighted that for the fourth year of organising a Lent series, a group of eminent speakers with a wealth of academic and practical experience has agreed to come to Charlbury and share their knowledge and ideas with us.

The series will be held on Tuesday evenings from 19 February to 19 March at 8 pm in St Mary's Parish Church. Please look out for more details nearer the time.

*Rosalind Scott – Secretary
Churches Together in Charlbury
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- Consider fitting security lighting and a burglar alarm
- Keep valuables out of sight
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Report any suspicious persons or vehicles on 101 or 999

As the darker nights draw in, we would like to remind elderly and vulnerable people to be vigilant and check the identity of callers before they let them in and, if they are in doubt, to keep them out. Neighbourhood officers will be patrolling in your neighbourhood. You can contact officers and ask for further crime prevention advice

Wes Smith PCSO c9837
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Report from District Councillor Hywel Davies (01993 868004) (mobile: 07917 055120)

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It seems to be a year that has flown past so quickly, punctuated by the Jubilee celebrations and the two Olympic Games. A very memorable year for us all, a year that we can all look back on with pride and pleasure.

The year on the the Council has been slightly less dramatic but with some important highlights. Council tax levels have remained frozen, real progress has been made on the replacement of Dean Pit with a much improved recycling waste facility at Greystones.

The Council is launching its Local Plan; the consultation period began in November which outlines the proposals for the total infrastructure development in our District up to 2026.

There are plans for developments in Witney and Carterton but our area will be unaffected by any significant increase in housing apart from very modest levels to meet social housing needs for people who have strong local and family links to the area.

There are grants available to sports clubs in the area for the development of skills for individuals involved in playing, coaching and training. If you wish to apply go to

www.westoxon.gov.uk for further details.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year and thank you for your continued support. If there are any issues causing you concern please contact me on Hywel.davies@westoxon.gov.uk or on 01993 868004

Hywel Davies

Report from County Councillor Neil Owen (01993 8308751)

By this time last year OCC Highways had completed their preparations for a severe winter - more plant, gritters, etc and mountains of salt. With typical British perversity, the severe winter did not materialise. However, it might not be the same this year and OCC Highways will remain on alert.

The County Council's financial position remains stable and cuts to some services appear to have been accepted by the general public. As I write, the budget process for 2013/2014 is under way. Our calculations will be largely influenced by the size of the Government grant we receive.

The rural bus service review has been carried out and it would appear that we have escaped the worst that could happen. However, last October one local bus company collapsed overnight and, to their great credit, OCC responded immediately and provided new transport for schools and local people who depend so heavily on the service.

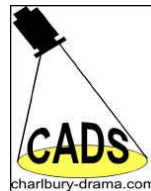
In May 2013 County Council elections will be held. A new set of heroes and villains will emerge and the number of councillors for Oxfordshire will be cut from 94 to 64. This is due to the changes made by the Boundary Commission which reflects the changing levels of population in the County.

Finally, the new recycling centre at Greystones is becoming a reality. The credit for this should go to the officers and councillors of WODC, especially Councillor David Harvey. Local Councillors, such as myself, have supported this initiative and are delighted with the outcome.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Neil Owen

CHARLBURY AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY



DECEMBER ALREADY? What a year! Can't believe it's nearly Christmas !

PANTOMIME DICK WHITTINGTON.

Our seasoned director, **Glena Chadwick**, decided to bring her considerable experience to bear on her first pantomime and was ably assisted by producer **Madeleine Wheare**. Finding someone willing to direct and arrange the music is always a challenge in Charlbury, and we have been very grateful to **Sue Holiday** for stepping up to the plate and putting in the hours orchestrating the music and creating sound tracks for the actors to sing along to. Using a **script by Martin Evans** and some original **lyrics by Steve Webber**, our production team worked hard to adapt the pantomime for a Charlbury audience. One way or another, Glena, Mad and Sue have been hard at work since May creating a framework for the show, rehearsing the actors and assembling the back stage crew. Many thanks to **Charlbury Art Society member Lee Belcher** for her stylish set design and her colleagues for bringing it to life on stage. Also thanks to seasoned CADS members handling wardrobe, lighting and props.

Thanks to the last issue of the *CHARLBURY CHRONICLE*, we are delighted that three new adult members came forward to audition and got parts in the cast and back stage. Nine children under 12 joined as well, to form bands of roving cats and mice. It has been some time since CADS has had as many young people on stage. Complying with the rather stringent new regulations for Child Protection and Safeguarding has been a necessary (if tedious and byzantine) process but CADS are now very much up to speed with all these aspects.

PERFORMANCE DATES FOR THE PANTOMIME 22-24 November and at the time of writing tickets are selling fast. Oh Yes they are!

LOOKING FORWARD

The Annual CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE will be held on Saturday 8 December at the Chipping Norton Golf Club. CADS members, friends and relations are all most welcome.

SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL

CADS next production will be **SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL** by Sheridan and directed by Sue Haffenden in May 2013. Auditions will be in January 2013.

CADS is an adult theatre group serving Charlbury and its many surrounding villages. Always ACTIVELY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS please contact the Chairman or any member to find out more. Check out our facebook page and the town website for up to the minute news.

Madeleine Wheare - Chairman

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From our Chronicle Weather Man, John Stanley

August 2012 continued the trend of below average temperatures. We did achieve a high of 82° on 19th, but with a daytime low of only 60° on 29th, the average was 69.71°. The August 23 year average is 71.40°. At night, temperatures ranged from 61° on 19th/20th down to 40° on 30th/31st. It was the eighth consecutive August to record below average temperature.

Summer 2012 (June to August) revealed a similar story. The average daytime maximum temperature was 67.55°, compared with the 23 year average of 71.26°. This was the coldest summer recorded, beating the previous lowest (2011) by 1.36°. It was also the sixth consecutive summer to record below average temperatures – the last above average one was way back in 2006.

September 2012 was no improvement. Temperatures ranged from 74° on 9th down to 50° on 23rd. This equalled the coldest September daytime record. Overall, the average was 63.43° - just below the 23 year average of 64.93°. At night, temperatures were in the range 57° on 9th/10th, to 39° on 21st/22nd.

There was no respite from the cold weather in **October 2012**. During this month, the highest temperature was only 62°, on 1st, and did not reach 60° again after 2nd. Temperatures were mainly in the mid to low 50s, but only reached 44° on 27th. At 53.48° the month was well below the average of 56.82° and it was the coldest October since 1992. At night, we had our first air frost of the winter - 31° – on 26th/27th. The warmest night was 53° on 30th September/1st October.

As at the end of October, the average daytime temperature so far in 2012 stood at 57.95°. The 23 year average for the year as a whole is only just below this at 57.47°. Therefore, with November and December usually averaging only around 45°, it seems certain that 2012 will have been a colder year than normal. Unless we see a dramatic change in the trend, it looks like 2012 could turn out to be one of the coldest years on record.

A Day's Life - continued from page 13)

Conan Doyle, Wodehouse and Jerome. K. Jerome more or less by heart now and, for me, have evolved from literature into lullabies. For the future I simply hope that the charity will have the opportunity to go on to help more and more people with severe disabilities to get more out of life through the services my charity can offer. Our recent move to slightly larger, more accessible premises on the Cornbury Estate will enable us to have groups of disabled people visiting us and we're particularly looking forward to having the opportunity to work more closely with the children supported by the another local charity, ROSY, whose meetings take place close to our new offices. Exciting times!

Mick Donegan was featured in this year's Independent Newspaper's "Happy List" of a 100 people who make the UK a better place.

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Report from District Councillor (LibDem) Liz Leffman, 01608 810153 / 07741 073 088

Many local residents, including me, enjoyed the Wilderness Festival in August. Wilderness not only had great music, it also had excellent food, and a wide variety of side shows apart from the acts on the main stage. People of all ages from Charlbury and beyond had a great time, many local charities and the primary school benefited from being there, and the festival has recently won an award. The organisers have done an excellent job of insulating sound from the main stage. It's a great shame therefore that on the Sunday night, people were disturbed by loud music from one of the bars until 2am and beyond, and I received a number of complaints. These have been passed on to the council, which is currently compiling a report. Lord and Lady Rotherwick recently set up a meeting between representatives from the town and district councils and the organisers, which I attended. The organisers were extremely helpful and have promised that next year all loud music will cease at midnight on Sunday., and I look forward to next year's festival.

As we approach the New Year, we can all look forward to the new Greystones recycling centre, which should be up and running by the spring. As I write, the plans are before the Uplands planning committee. Many people have told me how pleased they are that at last we will have a replacement for Dean Pit which is very much missed one year since its closure.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in Charlbury for the support that you have given me this year, and I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION AT THE MARLBOROUGH SCHOOL, WOODSTOCK

We have been asked to include this information about community classes available at the Marlborough School at Woodstock. We understand that people from Charlbury speak very highly of the programme of the many different courses which are available. There is not space to display all the options available but, for example, from January 2013 there will be classes on Calligraphy, Creative Writing, Pilates, Yoga, Flower Arranging, Italian, Spanish, Watercolour Painting, Computing and many more.

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