

# Volume 18 Number 4 December 2014

At the end of 2014 it is most gratifying to be in a position to report that local societies and individuals have responded splendidly to the editorial in the March edition, so that the financial position of the Chronicle is now secure for the next few years. We give grateful thanks to The Beer Festival, the Bowls Club The Royal British Legion, CADs, the Charlbury Society, CHOC, The Garden Society, Green Hub, Long Hedge & Ticknell, Probus, the Street Fair, the Tennis Club, the WI, Mr G Strachan, Mrs M Coates and Mr. R. Coates for coming to our help in a time of need.

Readers may have noted that the September issue did not feature John Stanley and his weather reports, which have been a feature of the Chronicle for many, many years. I do thank John for providing such a professional weather report for so long, but quite understand that he now feels that he has done enough and will not produce any more reports.

The fairly recently started Charlbury Historical Society is providing some really interesting information of Old Charlbury - in this issue we have Charlbury Mill and 200 years of the Primary School, There's also the splendid news of our Museum's successful bid at an Oxford auction - read all about it!

Many thanks to all those who help in the production and running of the Charlbury Chronicle. I wish them all a happy and joyful Christmas and New Year.

Happy Christmas to all our readers!

Lynette Murphy, Editor

#### Late Night Christmas Shopping Friday December 12th 6-8pm

Please note: Deadline for copy for the March Chronicle is February 1st 2015





What do community cohesion, five-a-side football, a high-tech library, lots of hard work and a chip van have in common? Answer: they all received praise from the Prime Minister when he made a surprise appearance at a buffet luncheon on Friday, October 10th, organized by Margie and Dine Glasgow at their home. The Rt. Hon David Cameron took a couple of hours out of his busy international schedule for a milestone constituency matter - namely the fact that our proposed Charlbury Community Centre can now go ahead since funds have reached in excess of £1 million.

In his speech Mr Cameron paid tribute to the fundraising achievements of local organisations and individuals who have worked tirelessly to raise the necessary funds, "This is a clear demonstration of the 'big society' in local action - everyone working together to make things happen. And, as your MP, I'm delighted that you can now build this long-awaited centre for the benefit of everyone in the area."

The Prime Minister went on to note that additional funds will be required to fit the centre out and hoped that there will be cheque books at the ready to



support the Charlbury Community Centre Appeal's future fund-raising events. He highlighted the fact that local people will be able to participate as well as adults - cricket nets, five-a-side football, badminton, short tennis, yoga etc in indoor sports whereas previously they have had to travel further afield or not be involved at all. The sports facilities would be most welcome for children and teenagers.

Mr Cameron concluded on a high note: "The inclusion of a state-of-the-art library in the scheme will be a vital 21st century resource for all Charlbury residents and I understand that the new Community Centre will complement all existing Charlbury amenities rather than replace them. But what about the Spendlove fish'n'chip van that provides us with the occasional family supper which I collect on my way home from Witney?" Thankfully we were able to assure the Prime Minister that we hope to accommodate all the fast food vendors !

#### OTHER APPEAL NEWS:

Another hugely successful Scratch Messiah event was held in St Mary's church on Saturday 18th October. A choir and orchestra who had not performed together before were ably directed and rehearsed by Chris Davey during several sessions during the day, and in the evening were able to produce the joyful music that is Handel's Messiah. Supported by local businesses through advertising and a raffle, the event was partnered by the Grand Art Auction and has raised approximately £1840.

Earlier there was a very good and amusing Variety Show Evening at the Memorial Hall on Saturday October 11th when 14 different acts kept the audience entertained with singing, jokes, instrumental music, choirs etc showing what talent there is in Charlbury. The Memorial Hall was wonderfully decorated and the audience sat at tables and were served with drinks and pizzas during the interval. The Variety Evening made over £1100.

On October 17th ninety people attended a Luncheon at Ditchley Park, where the guests had an opportunity to see the general plans for the Community Centre and hear more about the future of the project. Some very generous pledges were made and in all the event made over £14,000.



#### 'Just Giving' an easy way to support the new Community Centre

Will you be using the new Community Centre? Its sports facilities for you and your children? The hightech library and IT suite? Maybe to meet friends for socialising? Or for a host of other things that the Centre will provide? If you feel that you'd like to be part of this exciting project, now or in the future, please read on!

As you're probably aware, Charlbury's eagerly anticipated Community Centre is set to become a reality since £1.2 million of funding has been secured to construct the building. Massive thanks to everyone who has stalwartly supported us, especially those of you who contributed to the £170,000 raised by the Charlbury Community Centre Appeal. Now it's time to turn our attention to fundraising for the all-important fixtures and equipment that will make the Centre a really outstanding facility for our town.

We need to kit out the Centre for various sports, a state-of-the-art library, other suites depending on local demand, a social meeting place, external landscaping, and much more. To raise this money we'll be applying for grants, holding more fundraising events - which you'll see advertised around the town and on our website. We're also seeking support from local companies and individuals – especially future users.

To make donating easy for you and your friends (please spread the word) we've set up a 'JustGiving' page on the CCCA website: http://www.charlburycommunitycentre.org.uk - follow the link if you wish to participate – perhaps a one-off gift, a monthly direct debit or maybe consider doing something worthy of sponsorship. However small – we welcome your

contribution. The more we raise, the better equipped the Centre will be for everyone to enjoy!

## CHARLBURY LIBRARY'S NEW MANAGER

I'd like to introduce myself as the newly appointed manager of Charlbury Library. My name is Sally-Ann Moore, and as a Senior Library Assistant at Chipping Norton Library I was thrilled to be offered the position. Since starting my new role on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October I have been working with the wonderful Charlbury volunteers; providing a service which we will endeavour to make better than ever.

So please come along and support us. If you haven't visited us for a while you may be surprised by what the library has to offer: You can use our computers to access Reference Online (Encyclopaedia Britannica, Ancestry Online, Oxford Dictionary of National Biography, Which and much, much more). We may be a small library but like the TARDIS we're much bigger on the inside too. Just imagine how many shelves you'd need to hold all of the information available on our computers! Why not try our online services where you can become a member in moments, or renew your books in just a few clicks, at home or in the library. Did you know that you can make online reservations from the whole Oxfordshire catalogue? That's not only books but also new DVD releases, eBooks and eAudio..... Or you can just walk through our doors for a good old fashioned browse.

I have seen how important the library is to so many in Charlbury and I'd like to thank the volunteers for their hard work and dedication. Also, huge thanks to the library regulars to who have made me feel so welcome in this lovely part of the world. If you have any views or ideas about the library then I would love to hear them. I really look forward to saying hello on your next visit to the library.

Here's to the future!

Sally-Ann Moore

#### Electrification being considered for Charlbury railway line

A new study published by Network Rail airs the possibility of electrifying the railway line from Oxford to Charlbury, and potentially running a train every half hour.

According to the document: "In the short term, increased service frequency at the Oxford end of the route may provide an efficient means of serving demand growth... If this option was to be achieved by the extension of services from London Paddington terminating at Oxford onto the Cotswold line, then the possible electrification of the route between Wolvercot Junction and Hanborough or Charlbury would need to be considered as the most efficient system solution." Network Rail forecasts that the current service will be sufficient until at least 2019, but notes: "Should local factors cause growth to exceed that forecast then interventions are expected to be limited to train lengthening or through the provision of additional peak services at the eastern end of the route, utilising the existing turn back capability at Charlbury and/or Moreton -in-Marsh. There is also the potential for an additional Hanborough/Charlbury starting service to economically serve rail passenger demand noting that this may drive the requirement for the extension of electrification from Oxford."

Network Rail does not envisage full redoubling at any point before 2043, but notes that redoubling between Wolvercote Junction and Hanborough would provide a more "robust" service.



## **Charlbury Pre School**

Charlbury Pre School is open from 9am to 1pm Monday to Friday and we also run afternoon sessions from 1 to 3.30pm. We are located in the Old Grammar school opposite Cornbury Park. Please do get in touch to arrange a visit and find out more.

In the run up to Christmas we were making Christmas decorations and selling them at the Charity Christmas market at the Memorial Hall on November 8th. You will also have another chance to support the Pre school at the Farmers' Market on December 13th where you can get a delicious bacon and egg sandwich, yummy cakes, tea and of course some fabulous Christmas tree decorations.

> Charlbury Pre School: 01608 811200

> > Liz Gupta

**Cotswold Decorative and Fine Arts Society** will present their Christmas lecture on December 10th. Entitled "Have you seen my hobby horse? by Anna Hallett, it is a magical mystery tour of Britain's ancient customs. Join us after the lecture for a mince pie.

On January 14, 2015, the lecture will be by Dr Laura de Beden on "The influence of the arts on the making of gardens". The February 11th lecture is "The painted church: seeing and understanding medieval wall paintings" by Roger Rosewell.

Lectures take place at Bradwell Village Hall, Burford OX18 4XF, and begin at 11.00am with complimentary coffee and tea from 10.15-10.45. Non-members are very welcome, no need to book (suggested donation £8). For more information please see our website <u>www.cotswolddfas.org.uk</u>.

#### **CHARLBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

Autumn may have arrived but Charlbury WI can look back over a jampacked (excuse the pun) summer of activities. We took craft workshops at the Wilderness Festival at Cornbury over a busy August weekend, had a successful afternoon selling our baked goods at the Street Fair, started up Charlbury's new Yack & Yarn group that meet monthly in the pub to chat and enjoy craft work over a drink AND fitted in an outing to Aston Pottery. Add to that our September and October meetings when we had a sugar craft demonstration and learnt about the origin and history of nursery rhymes and we're certainly keeping busy. There's more to come before the year end - social historian and local author. Jane Robinson. will be giving a talk at an open meeting in the Memorial Hall on 30 October entitled 'A Force To Be Reckoned With: A History of the Women's Institute', we'll be learning about the Mitford sisters at our monthly meeting in November and will be busy baking again (including our popular mince pies), ready for the WI Christmas coffee morning at the Corner House on 29<sup>th</sup> November.

As we go to press the committee are hard at work planning next year's programme of meetings and incorporating a celebratory touch as 2015 marks the WI's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday! We're putting together a collection of talks, presentations and 'hands-on' craft that reflects the diversity of the modern WI in its centenary year - we'll be hearing about the life of a bomb disposal expert, learning about the world of auctions and having our own 'Antiques Roadshow', making rag wreaths for Christmas and meeting Christine Wallace, quarter finalist on the Great British Bake Off series. Our first meeting of the year on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January is a 'warm' talk about wool, weaving and spinning by Susan Vickery-Smith. Look out for the copies of our 2015 programme around Charlbury in the New Year for a full list of meetings or keep an eye on the 'Events' page on the Charlbury website where details are always posted.

Charlbury WI meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month in the Cornbury Suite behind The Bell at 7.30pm. Details of forthcoming WI meetings and Yack & Yarn sessions (first Tuesday of the month in the bar at The Bell) can be found on the Charlbury website or contact Pat Hill (President) on 810714 or Louise Cashman (Secretary) on 676995.

Trish Cavell



#### THOUGHTS ON FRIDAY COFFE MORNINGS AT THE CORNER HOUSE

Every Friday morning in the Corner House we meet, To have a cup of coffee with new friends we love to greet So why not come and join us, we'd love to say hello, Your face will be familiar but your name we will not know. How many times we meet you, the smiles will be the same. We have to smile a lot because we can't recall your name.

Stella Walters

## REPORT FROM THE DAY CENTRE

Bob Tait, Chairman

We are surviving the renovations in the Memorial Hall, but the cooks, who are currently using the kitchen in the Corner House while the building work is on and have to transport the food from the Corner House to the Hall, have been lucky with the weather to date.

Sadly, we have sadly lost a few members recently, so we now have vacancies for anyone who would like to join us on Wednesdays. We also still need volunteer drivers to help transport members from home to the Hall in the mornings and back in the afternoons. We would really appreciate it if you could help out.

Christmas is not far away now and we have an Open Morning from 10.30-12.00 on the morning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> December. This an opportunity to meet our members and volunteers, share a cup of coffee or a glass of wine , have your first mince pie of the season and partake in the exciting raffle. There will also be some home baking to buy.

If you would like to help or know someone who would like to join , either contact me Bob Tait on 810150 or by e-mail <u>taitsofbrice@tiscali.co.uk</u> or Carolyn Connolly on 819001.

## Findings from the Charlbury Historical Research Group

#### CHARLBURY MILL: by John Fielding

If you go down to the weir today, just before you pass through the gate onto the water meadows, which constitute the old mill ham (the land belonging to the mill), on your right in the wall is a worn mill stone. This is the site of the Charlbury Mill which provided flour for the community for over 700 years. The building was still working as a mill in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and a map of 1881 shows exactly where it was.

The Research Group has been trying to trace its history. We know that towards the end of Elizabeth I's reign a benefactor gave money to Lincoln College with which they 'unwisely', according to a recent college historian, bought a lease of Charlbury mill at a rent of £3 a year, which the college then sub-let to a series of millers. The tenant in 1780 was still paying rent to Lincoln. So the purchase can't have been so unwise.

Lincoln's archive has a fairly comprehensive list of tenants for the fifteen and early sixteen hundreds. However, in 1686 Robert Gladwin, the then miller, died intestate and without issue. His widow, Mary, had an inventory prepared which valued his property at £107, a not insubstantial sum. Though Robert had no children he had a brother and nephews in Gloucestershire. According to the law at the time they would inherit equal shares with the widow. She was clearly not happy with this and made a number of attempts to have the estate revalued – that is undervalued – so that her late husband's relatives would proportionally inherit less. In the records of the Oxford Consistory Court, at which the brother-in-law must have made objections, the crossings-out and attempts at altering the valuations are remarkably clear. Most of the dealings there are in Latin – medieval lawyers' Latin – and in one of the documents the widow replies to a sequence of questions that this is true or not true, but we don't yet know what the questions were. It seems that Mary remarried and her new husband became the new miller. An intriguing story; there is much more to investigate.

#### CHARLBURY BAKER: by Linda Mowat

John Penn, baker of Charlbury, died in 1695, leaving his worldly goods to his widow Ellenor. He did not list these items in his will, but the inventory subsequently made of his possessions offers us a rare insight into the life of a seventeenth-century tradesman in the town. John's premises included a bakehouse and a boulting chamber with a boulting mill for sieving flour. He owned a furnace, two kneading troughs, two kevers (tubs for rising dough), four moulding boards (for forming loaves), six peeles (staves for moving loaves in and out of the oven) one pair of scales, a cake pricker (possibly for marking baked goods for individual customers) and a pair of panniers (perhaps for deliveries). While none of these items had much monetary value, John also had a growing crop of wheat, barley and peas worth £20, sacks of meal worth £8.13s. 4d, 4000 faggots (fuel for the bakehouse) worth £20 and a 'hovell' to protect the faggots worth £4. He owned animals worth £12 and lease land worth £23. His whole estate came to £120, out of which his widow was to pay his debts of £38. John Penn therefore appears to have been successful baker with a going concern, growing his own ingredients which were probably ground into flour at Charlbury mill. It is tempting to surmise that his house and fields were close to the mill, but unfortunately we have been left no clue as to where in the town he lived and worked.

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#### CHARLBURY FARMERS' MARKET 2014 On the Playing Close between 9am and 1pm on Saturday, December 13th

Charlbury Farmers' Market is administered by Thames Valley Farmers' Market Co-operative Ltd. The Market is organised by Nick Potter, Roger Watts and Geoff Burroughs. The contact address is: Lancut House, Lyneham Road, Milton-under-Wychwood, OX7 6LW tel: 0784 328 7091; email rogerw@bfocus.co.uk



Once again it's Christmas time The year it seems to fly At Cotswold Frames your one stop shop For all your gifts to buy

There's cufflinks and pens for the man in your life And beautiful scarves for girlfriends or wife Stunning new jewellery to suit every purse Far too much choice to put into verse

Candles and incense, hand cream & soaps And funny dog doorstops a hit with the blokes Wonderful scratch maps you can see where you've been And animal tea towels that help you to clean

There are wonderful toys that kids will adore And beautiful prints to hang on their wall Colouring books to fill in with care And super new tool pens for school if you dare

Shinny glass baubles to adorn any tree Beautiful crackers your guest will envy Carved wooden Santas, angels and doves Everything to make it a Christmas you'll love

But please still remember we're framers at heart The place where you come to and bring all your art Debugging, reglaze or framing from scratch We cater for all taste with prices to match

So why not this year standout & be different As shops that are local are just as efficient Forget all about that internet shopping We're right on your doorstep so please do just pop in.

> Merry Christmas ©Tim Widdows 2014

#### **BEING A DEMENTIA FRIEND**

Dementia is caused by diseases of the brain and can affect anyone. As the brain shuts down a person gradually loses the ability to do the things many of us take for granted from enjoying conversations with family and friends or to eating and dressing without help. But, for a person with dementia these can be every day challenges. Symptoms of dementia include loss of memory, confusion and problems with speech and understanding.

There will be 850,000 people with dementia in the UK by 2015 and this number is forecast to increase to more than one million by 2025 (Dementia UK: Second edition, 2014).

One third of people with dementia live in a care home and two thirds of people with dementia live in the community. We can help people to live well with dementia by being aware of the condition. You can learn about the condition and become a **Dementia Friend** at one of Alzheimer's Society's 45-minute interactive sessions. Dementia Friends is about giving more people an understanding of dementia and the small things that could make a difference to people living in their community. Or you can embrace a Dementia Friendly Community to enable people to live well with dementia in your area and improve the inclusionand quality of life for people living with dementia.

We all have moments when we feel the need to escape, get away from it all, exercise and enjoy the fresh air. People with dementia may also feel the need to enjoy being outside or walking for another purpose that they need to fulfil. Some people become concerned as to how to offer support to someone who has become lost. Many people with dementia have a fragile sense of self-worth and treating them with courtesy and privacy is key no matter how advanced their dementia is.

Kindness and tone of voice should be reassuring to the person without talking down to them. Whatever the detail of what they are saying, the person is usually trying to communicate how they feel. Each person with dementia is unique and reacts to the experience of dementia in their own way and it helps if we respond flexibly and sensitively.

Getting to know who the person is and where they live may be difficult with a person who finds these basic things difficult to remember. Listening and showing the person that you are there for them and offering to do things with the person rather than for them should provide reassurance and a friendly smile goes a long way to putting people at ease. People should be patient and communicate clearly, using gestures and props to help, or find a quiet place to go where appropriate. Be guided by the person and don't make assumptions about what someone may want or need.

There may be someone who is out looking for the person with dementia or it may be that someone else may need to be contacted in order for the person with dementia to be able to return home. Being a **Dementia Friend** and talking about dementia helps in supporting those affected by dementia and we hope that, gradually, stigma will be reduced.

#### For more information contact Sue Smith 07833 952514

## **CHARLBURY MUSEUM NEWS**

Christmas Coffee Morning Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December The Corner House 9,30 - 12

Charlbury Museum invites you to a Christmas Coffee Morning Delicious Cakes ~ Raffle Prizes ~ Festive Treats

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**Auction Success for Charlbury Museum** ~ on the 12<sup>th</sup> September at Mallams salerooms in Oxford, the contents of Albright House, Church Street, Charlbury were auctioned. A unique collection of 15 silhouettes of the Albright family (early 19<sup>th</sup> century), and a needlework map sampler (1817) by Mary Albright, caught the attention of the museum's curator. Despite the competitive bidding, both lots were secured for Charlbury Museum.

The Albright family were Quakers who settled in Charlbury in 1767; the family of William Albright (born 1745) and his wife, Rachel (born 1741) are featured in the miniature silhouette portraits. Amongst the group are two signed silhouettes, of John Marshall Albright and Mary Albright; research has revealed the signature 'Betts' to be that of Mr. & Mrs Betts of Shipston-on-Stour who were well known silhouette artists. The Albright family intertwines the history of Charlbury during the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries: they revived the gloving industry, creating employment in the town; promoted education and the development of schools; brought drinking water into the town. Memorials to the Albrights can be seen in the Friends Meeting House burial ground, and the National Archives hold extensive records for the family.

The silhouettes and sampler will be displayed in Charlbury Museum next year, open to visitors from Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 10am.

(The Museum is grateful to Charlbury Town Council for its generous support towards these new acquisitions).

Sue Rangeley

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#### **CHARLBURY TOWN COUNCIL REPORT, No. 73**

by Councillor Peter Kenrick

As another year draws to a close we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year. The Town Council continues to work on your behalf to further the interests of Charlbury and to address your concerns whenever we can. All Town Council meetings are open to the public so you are welcome to attend to hear the debate and reports from your Town, District and County Councillors. If you have an issue of concern, you can send a note to the Town Clerk for discussion at the next council meeting or you can arrange to address a meeting briefly yourself if you wish by prior arrangement with the Town Clerk.

**WW1 Events**: A number of events have been held around the town to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the outbreak of World War 1 from "Lights Out" to poppy displays – real and artistic!, from coffee mornings and afternoon teas to bell ringing and many more. We send our thanks and congratulations to all of the organisers and to everyone, of all ages, who took part. Special thanks are due to Andrew Lawson and all involved with the service of commemoration at the station in August with wartime poetry readings and songs as well as a magnificent display of commemorative poppies along the platform. Many thanks also to Charlbury Museum for the "Charlbury in 1914" exhibition and to the Charlbury Branch of the Royal British Legion for providing refreshments for visitors. Thank you everyone.

**FGW Farewell to Teresa Ceesay.** Cllr Kathy Broughton represented the town council at a presentation by First Great Western to Teresa Ceesay on the occasion of her retirement as Station Manager for the North Cotswolds. We send our thanks to Teresa for the support that she has given to the rail users and the community of Charlbury and wish her a long and happy retirement.

**Charlbury Street Fair 2014.** The council sends congratulations to the organisers and all involved with Street Fair following another successful and well received event in September. The Street Fair Committee expects to hand over £11,000 to the Corner House and War Memorial Hall Management Committee; monies raised by Street Fair and other events in 2014. See a separate report elsewhere in this edition for more information.

**<u>Remembrance Sunday.</u>** Cllr Ron Prew laid the Council's wreath at the War rial is St Mary's Church on Remembrance Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> November.

**WODC Waste and Recycling Collection Calendar 2014/15**. (1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015). Although the calendar has not been distributed to individual homes, copies can be requested by telephoning WODC on 01993 861000 or can be collected from the WODC Town Centre Shop in Welch Way, Witney or from The Guildhall, Chipping Norton. You can also download a copy from <u>www.westoxon.gov.uk/waste</u>.

<u>Cardboard Recycling</u>. Cardboard can be recycled in your black boxes but ONLY if you break it down to fit inside the box – this is due to the configuration of the vehicles used for collection. If you need additional boxes, these can be requested online at

www.westoxon.gov.uk/waste or by telephoning WODC on 01993 861000. You can take larger pieces of cardboard to the recycling facility in the Spendlove Car Park but PLEASE break this down to fit into the bins there – please don't leave items lying around to become an eyesore and a hazard to all – many thanks!

<u>Councillor Surgeries</u>. Your opportunity to come and discuss your ideas and concerns with your Town Councillors. The surgeries are generally held in the Corner House from 10am to 12noon on the first Saturday of alternate months. The next dates are 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2014, 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015 and 4<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

<u>The Permissive Paths</u> through Wigwell Nature Reserve and Nine Acres Recreation Ground will be closed all day on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015. This is a legal requirement. Residents with gates opening onto to Oxpens Allotments, Nine Acres Recreation Ground and Wigwell are also reminded that these do not create a Right of Way.

**Overhanging Branches and Fallen Leaves.** 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.

**Dog Fouling.** A reminder to all dog owners to "Scoop it, Bag it, Bin it"! Also, 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.

**Snow and Ice.** As winter approaches we ask you to be aware of the hazards of icy pavements and roads. Also please look out for any of your neighbours who may find it difficult to get out and about in such weather. The salt bins are now full and the town council does also have a further supply of salt available so if you become aware of bins becoming empty during severe weather, please contact the Town Clerk for replenishments. Please remember that this salt is only for use on the public highways and pavements.

**Neighbourhood Forum**. Please see a report elsewhere in this edition (p21) for details of the new Neighbourhood Forum that has been established to further the work of the Community Led Plan group. We thank those involved in this important initiative and encourage you all to get involved and help to shape future of our vibrant town.

To contact the Town Council, email the Town Clerk (Roger Clarke) at <u>charlburytc@btinternet.com</u> or telephone 01608 810608 9am to 5pm (not weekends or Bank Holidays) Further information can be found at <u>www.charlburytowncouncil.co.uk</u>

#### We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year!

#### NEWS FROM THE CORNBURY PARK TEAM

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 are leads , are not allowed in the park as they upset the deer.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy 2015.

Follow us on Twitter @CornburyPark and at Facebook.com/CornburyPark, or get in touch by emailing us at: <u>estate@cpark.co.uk</u>, phoning on 01608 811 276, or signing up for alerts at <u>www.cornburypark.co.uk</u> Relax, unwind, read the papers, catch up with friends and colleagues and enjoy some delicious home-made cake along with a steaming cup of Fair Trade tea or coffee at the

#### Font Cafe St. Mary's Church, Charlbury 10am to 12 noon Every Thursday

For smaller children we provide a play area with toys. There is also a **Traidcraft** stall selling a range of fairly traded foods, crafts and cards

#### Dear Edítor,

In October I had the good fortune to attain my eightieth birthday. Lots of cards, presents and celebrations - and I think I may safely say that a very good time was had by all – especially me.

However the icing on the cake, as it were, was the news that a grateful nation was to reward me for sixty one years of paying tax, as I still am, by raising my State Pension. I have been informed that this raise is to be – 25 pence a week! I can hardly contain my excitement, what am I going to spend it on? If I save up for 5 or more months I could buy fish and chips one Friday night at the stall – or if I saved for four months I could by some flowers from the Co-Op. Any suggestions would be welcome. A reward of a chocolate to the best suggestion.

Stella Walters



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#### Friends of Charlbury Library

A big thank you to the 23 volunteers who are helping to keep Charlbury Library up and running. The scheme has been 'live' now since mid-August and we are all trying very hard to provide a good service and not to make too many mistakes! Thank you to all the library's many users for their patience with us as we learn.

The AGM of the Friends of Charlbury Library was held on October 30<sup>th</sup> at the Corner House and provided a useful opportunity to review the volunteering experience and to welcome our new Library Manager, Sally Moore.

Anyone interested in becoming a Library Volunteer is asked to give their details to Sally at the library and/or contact Rosalind Scott, Secretary of the Friends of Charlbury Library at <u>rosalind.scott@hotmail.co.uk</u> Planning for the new library in the new

Community Centre is underway and we will be liaising closely with the Thomas Gifford Trust over the coming months.

Jill Judson,

Chair of the Friends of Charlbury Library

#### Report on Macmillan Coffee Morning

We had a really happy morning at the Quaker Meeting House participating in the **Macmillan Coffee Morning** which always takes place on the last Friday in September, around the UK, and indeed abroad. We know there were other events in Charlbury as well around that date too.

With 18 people helping, we were still hard pressed to keep the coffee and cake going, not to mention the interesting bric-a-brac circulating and raffle tickets passed over. Thanks to the generous donation of a week's rental in a lovely Norfolk cottage we were amazed to raise well over £2,000. Everybody was so generous with their time, money and skills. We have decided ( definitely this time) to pass this event over, and happily have had kind offers from supporters to ensure the continuity of the morning next year.

Thank you to everyone and thanks too from Macmillan.

#### Liz and Bob Tait

# **CLUBS, GROUPS, SOCIETIES**

**CHARLBURY CRICKET CLUB** It has been a mixed year for the club with some notable performances, but trophy honours still elude us. Congratulations, though, to some outstanding individual achievements, including centuries for Rob Knight, Charlie Sinton, John Florey and Caitie Burton, and a seven wicket haul in one game for 1st team opening bowler Ollie Hollings.

The 2014 summer season was barely finished when the club looked forward to next year. Andrea Mayho, who in particular has championed girls' cricket for the past two years as chairman, has stepped down and Paul Jenkins takes over the lead role. In the senior section, Josh Hornsby and Vicky Strode remain captains of the league 1st and 3rd teams, while Barry Nutt takes over as 2nd team skipper. Vicky is also heading up the women's team and Ellie Norton is captain of the midweek side which plays the shorter limited overs game.

Cricket continues throughout the winter and Charlbury has two teams playing in the Tuesday evening Banbury Indoor League. Both are now in the same division and are due to meet on January 20th. We are repeating our indoor pre-season training at Burford School, end of January to end of March, with seasons for both youth and senior players. Details should, in due course, be appearing on the club website.

The club caters for a wide variety of teams, three in the Oxfordshire Cricket Association's leagues and cups, women's teams in the ECB Midlands League and Oxfordshire Mid-week league, Ernie Clark midweek knockout competition and midweek evening friendlies, plus youth games for under-11s, U13 and 125 boys and girls teams. The future of Sunday friendly cricket, however, remains a problem, not just for us but probably for the majority of clubs throughout the country, Times have changed and maybe different formats will breathe new life into it.

David Horne, Vice Chairman

**PROBUS CLUB OF CHARLBURY** Probus Club of Charlbury provides a forum for retired men, from a wide range of backgrounds and interests, to meet socially, once a month over lunch. At each lunch we have a different speaker covering a wide range of topics. The subjects explored this last quarter were "Photography in the Digital Age"; "The Work of a Magistrate" and "The Forbidden Kingdom of Mustang". We also arrange trips through the year. Earlier this year we went to The Watermill

Theatre near Newbury for lunch and a matinee performance of Calamity Jane. In October we enjoyed a splendid trip to Kelmscott Manor, the home of William Morris, where we saw "a unique and important collection of the Morris family's furniture and furnishings." We also enjoyed an excellent lunch. Then to complete the day, we walked to the Thames and indulged ourselves with a cream tea whilst taking a two hour boat cruise to Lechlade where we were picked up by our coach. What lovely autumnal weather we enjoyed (and we saw a kingfisher!)

What is on our programme to the end of the year? We have talks from The Air Ambulance and one on "Family History" to look forward to. In mid November there was a fully booked outing to the Birmingham Symphony Hall for performances of Tchaikovsky's Romeo and Juliet and Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 3. To complete our year, on the

# **CLUBS, GROUPS, SOCIETIES**

15<sup>th</sup> of January, we hold our black tie Annual Dinner. We have plenty to look forward to. We are always pleased to welcome new members and invite applications from retired men from a wide range of backgrounds and interests living in Charlbury and neighbouring villages. New members may be introduced by existing members or can apply in writing through the Secretary. Before you commit yourself you are always welcome as a guest to your first meeting to see what we are like.

Steve Cavell, Flat 6 ,Wychwood House, Enstone Rd, Charlbury, OX7 3QR

#### GAMES EVENING AT THE BELL

Under new management, The Bell would like to invite all those interested in having a fun games evening. We would welcome your feedback as to whether you would like to take part. The plan is to hold our games evening on Thursday evenings from 8pm onwards. Games we are suggesting include Backgammon, Chess and/or Scrabble. Other ideas welcome. Please indicate your interest by calling Colm, The Bell Hotel (810278) as soon as possible, so that we can get our teams in action. Hope you will join us.

#### **CHARLBURY BRIDGE CLUB**

We are a small friendly club and would welcome new members. We meet on Tuesday evenings from 7pm-10pm in the Corner House.

For further details contact Monica Wilkinson (810560

# THE CHARLBURY SOCIETY

#### Blazing into the new season

The 2014-15 season of Charlbury Society talks got under way in cracking – or maybe that should be 'crackling' – style in October with Caroline Shenton's enthralling description of the fire that devastated the Houses of Parliament in 1834. What might at first have been a comedy of errors deteriorated into the major conflagration that was captured spectacularly by illustrators and artists of the time, including Turner.

Following a musical interlude in November, December's talk focuses on the diaries of Sister Edith Appleton, a nurse who served on the Western Front throughout the First World War. Her great-nephew, Dick Robinson, has researched her time there, and illustrates his talk with excerpts from these personal records of what life was like there.

Turning to the Charlbury Society's other activities, our constitution requires us "to promote local amenities, and to foster a general pride and interest in the character and appearance of the town". As is being widely discussed at the moment, a number of schemes are being proposed that could have an impact on Charlbury and its setting in the surrounding countryside. Rest assured that the Society's

# **CLUBS, GROUPS, SOCIETIES**

committee is monitoring these proposals, and that the Society will comment appropriately should they reach the planning stage. *Simon Walker, Chairman* 

#### **CHARLBURY BEER & WINE CIRCLE 2015**

The **New Year** starts off with a January Cards Evening (whist) - fun but nothing serious. **February's** meeting will be a tasting, led by Graham, and will compare wines from the same grape but from different countries. In **March** our tasting will be led by Neil Phillips (also known as Monty) who has a page in The Oxford Times Limited Edition each month. We look forward to his usual knowledgeable and entertaining talk. Our Safari Supper will be the subject of the **April** meeting - each course at a different house. In **May** we will have our Annual Dinner at a local pub and we hope that **June** will be sunny and dry for our annual BBQ. **July & August** meetings are held at the houses of members - hopefully in the garden if the weather is kind. The mem-

bers of the Beer & Wine Circle are not experts - just enthusiastic amateurs who enjoy meeting each month. For further details and a programme ring 810700.

John Moore (Secretary)

If you wish to submit entries for this section please contact Julia Caston (810240)

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#### A Neighbourhood Plan for Charlbury's future – A call for volunteers

Regular Chronicle readers will be familiar with Community Led Plan (CLP) proposals from Jim Holah's reports in past editions. A Neighbourhood Forum has now been set up with the support of the Town Council to develop the CLP project into a Neighbourhood Plan.

#### What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan is a new type of plan created as part of the government's 'Localism' policy, which allows communities to create their own planning policies at a very local scale which reflect local character, circumstances and priorities. The plan has to agree generally with the district council's plan and national planning guidance, but it would mean that we, as a town, could specify where and how development happens, and effectively give planning permission for certain developments. Charlbury's Neighbourhood Plan would carry significant weight in deciding planning applications in the town. A neighbourhood plan would be developed in consultation with the town and with other partners such as West Oxfordshire District Council and Oxfordshire County Council, who are responsible for roads. The plan can put forward ideas for improving streets such as The Slade, which from an outsider's point of view might be seen simply a thoroughfare (or even a "rat-run"). However, from the perspective of many Charlbury residents, The Slade is a part of the town that pedestrians cross frequently, often with children. Much work has already been done to canvas the views of Charlbury residents and the Neighbourhood Forum is setting up a website in December as part of its commitment to making all discussions public as possible.

#### Call for volunteers

The outcome will only be as good as the participation of the people of Charlbury. The Neighbourhood Forum needs the involvement of as many people as possible from all of Charlbury's communities from every part of the town. The Forum would particularly welcome younger members who represent the views of those growing up in Charlbury, as these views have been under-represented in the comments and suggestions we have received so far.

**Please look out for the Charlbury Neighbourhood Forum contacts** to be published soon via the Charlbury Web-site and notices at the Corner House and elsewhere. Please get in touch if you can help occasionally or more often (either with developing the plan or with other tasks such as delivering leaflets), or if you would just like to receive email updates. We hope you can help us prepare a plan which will serve the town for many years to come.

Submitted on behalf of Charlbury Neighbourhood Forum by John Hole, Joint Chair of the Forum Committee.

# Street Fair needs you – Come and be part of it!

We hope you enjoyed Street Fair this year and, like us, you want to see this great sixty year tradition continue as a centrepiece of the Charlbury calendar well into the future.

If you do, then please come and be part of it! Street Fair doesn't happen by magic and we are always on the lookout for more people to join the team. There are so many ways you can help (just as much as you feel able to do) and what better way could there be to support this amazing community of ours and to have fun too! At the end of this year, some long-serving members of the team are standing down so we need you more than ever right now!

So if you can help, please get in touch by emailing <u>csfchairman@charlburystreetfair.org</u> or by calling me on 01608 811021. I look forward to hearing from you.

The Team all wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Year holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in 2015.

Peter Kenrick - Chairman

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## FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS AT THE CORNER HOUSE

A reminder that HOT DRINKS & HOT SCONES are served every Friday morning between 10 and 11.30am at the Corner House in aid of its upkeep

Come and meet your friends!

Proceeds for the upkeep of the Corner House and Memorial Hall

#### Spitfire Flypast brings a buzz to Street Fair!

At 15:37 precisely on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September - Street Fair Day, Squadron Leader Andy "Milli" Millikin piloted a Spitfire of the RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight in three circuits low over Charlbury to the delight of everyone. The distinctive sound and sight of this iconic aircraft, which played such an important role in the defence of Britain during World War Two, brought a tingle to young and old alike and we send our profound thanks to Milli and the BBMF for honouring us with this great spectacle.

We were delighted to welcome Teresa Ceesay to open Street Fair for us this year. Teresa, who recently retired as First Great Western's Station Manager for the North Cotswolds, is well known to all regular Charlbury rail users and her efforts in support of our town, our commuters and also for Street Fair are very much appreciated. Thank you Teresa and we wish you a long and happy retirement.

This year's theme was **Flying Heroes** in honour of the spitfire flypast and the children of Charlbury excelled themselves with their artwork and fancy dress costumes reflecting the theme. **Tina's Primary School Dancers** were again star attractions of the afternoon entertainment, keeping an enthusiastic audience enthralled.

Teas & Cakes were served from a marquee in the Corner House Garden this year due to the ongoing improvements to the Memorial Hall kitchen, and many people chose to enjoy their refreshments in this lovely space which, alas, has been one of Charlbury's best kept secrets! Others took their tea to the Memorial Hall which was buzzing with visitors to the exhibitions of artwork by **Charlbury Art Society** featuring their own work and the children's art competition entries. Another popular attraction was a wonderful display of photos from past Street Fairs in the Corner House – many thanks to the **Museum, Ron Prew and Christine Elliot** for this. The **Museum** also featured their great exhibition of "**Charlbury in 1914**". Elsewhere all the usual attractions were in evidence to keep everyone entertained, well fed and spending their money! In the evening, a packed street enjoyed brilliant performances from Charlbury's own acclaimed singer songwriter **Jess Goyder** and, back for a third successive year by popular demand, the **Village Idiots** from Stonesfield.

The weekend started as usual with the ever popular **Egg Throwing Competition** on Friday evening this year ably assisted by **Chicken Pickard** and friends to ensure there was no *fowl* play! The weekend was rounded off on Sunday by the **10k & 5k Runs and Walk** through Cornbury Park, with kind permission of Lord and Lady Rotherwick.

Adding in our **Quiz Night** in March and the well supported **Open Gardens** event in early June we have had another very successful year and I am delighted to announce that we have raised a sum in the region of **£11,000** for the Corner House and Memorial Hall. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make this possible and to make the events so enjoyable: to the Street Fair team and everyone who gave of their time to help with the organisation and running of the events, and also to everyone who supported Street Fair financially or in so many other ways.

Peter Kenrick

#### THE 200 YEARS of CHARLBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL: an overview by the Charlbury History Group

We are making good progress with our researches into the school's history, and are starting to find the ways in which the school has changed over the years since it opened in 1815. Here are some of those changes. It started life as *Charlbury British School* in a newly-built schoolroom on the Playing Close, funded by local people (as well as by some who lived far away) who gave donations and annual subscriptions. Over 180 people subscribed to the school between 1815 and 1839. In 1888, it became *Charlbury Board School*, when local ratepayers became responsible for its funding and teaching. Then in 1903, education became the responsibility of the county councils, and so Oxfordshire County Council took over. Since then, the school has been known by a variety of names, including the *Mixed School*, the *Council School*, and even in a reference from 1931, the *Central School*.

And of course, grants from central government, which began in 1852 with £2 5s  $4\frac{1}{2}$  d for books and maps, became more and more important in financing the school's expenditure. For example, by 1877, the grant had increased to £59 6s 9d, which was just under half of the school's total income of £130. Some of the grants were for building work, others were based on the number of pupils the school had, and some on how well those pupils did in their 'examinations' by the government's inspectors.

Money also came from the pupils' pence. Parents had to pay a penny a week for each child to go to the British School, and this continued until 1838. But in August that year, the committee running the British School tried to raise the fee to 2 pence per child, as it was so short of money. This increase discouraged parents from sending their children and so the numbers in the school fell. We haven't found out if the amount was reduced back to a penny (see the plea in the last paragraph here) but by 1888, school 'fees' were more variable. The amount depended on the parents' occupations: labourers' children paid 1 penny, while 'tradesmen, farmers and artisans' paid 2 pence for their children. There were some reductions for large families. School fees were an important source of funding – in 1877, the school pence amounted to £37 14s 2d, almost 30% of the total income. School pence however was abolished in an education Act of 1891.

Many readers will remember the school buildings along the south side of the Playing Close. At their heart was the original schoolroom built in 1815, for which the building plans still survive in the Oxfordshire History Centre. Jesse Clifford, who was master from 1842-84, made a large model of the school building, which was used as the School Pence box for many years, and it is now in Charlbury Museum. This building was much altered and extended over the years, including another building for an Infants School in 1863, and a headmaster's house in 1906. The whole complex was still in use until 1987, when the school moved to a new site at the top of Crawborough. So there was over 170 years of teaching and learning in the same building on the same site.

Attendance at school was not compulsory until 1880. So the early records are full of the problems of educating children whose attendance was erratic. Children were often excluded (the word used then was 'dismissed') from school because they didn't come regularly enough. This problem continued throughout the century. The British

School even had the following printed on the front of its pupils' exercise books: 'Parents are respectfully requested, as they value their Children's education, to send them regularly and punctually to School, as progress without perseverance is impossible'! We're not sure, but feel that attendance was not enforced until after 1903, when the County took over, attendance officers were more active, and parents hauled before magistrates because of their children's non-attendance.

Many teachers have been employed by the school over these 200 years. The very first 'teacher' was a woman, E Seagar (we are trying to find out more about her), who was called the 'governess' in the records. She was expected to teach the whole of the school, about 120 pupils, with the help of the older children! She stayed for about 7 years. Some of the masters who followed stayed for only a short while – one was dismissed after only a few months because

'Our children have not well liked the master, prejudice again[st] him seemed to commence at his first beginning' and 'The children do not like him, he is apt to correct them and inflict blows when he is angry'

But others stayed much longer and became well respected. Jesse Clifford was master of the British school for 42 years, from 1842 to 1884; while John Barton was head of the Mixed School for almost as long, from 1904 to 1939.

The records also show the development of teacher training over this period, from the early teachers who had almost no training, to the system of monitors, pupil teachers, and assistant teachers, who were all at various stages of their training, and fully trained, certificated teachers. Jesse Clifford illustrates this nicely. He took over the British School in 1842 as a young, inexperienced (we think), man of 26 years old, but went to get trained as a teacher in the 1860s, becoming certificated. He probably had to do this in order for the school to get more funding from central government.

And lastly: a plea. We have found a lot of original records made by the school and people involved with it, covering almost the whole of its life. But there is one exception: 1842-1888, when Jesse Clifford was master. We would dearly like to be able to see and study the school logs books, committee minute books, cash books and so on from that period. If you can help us find any of these, please do contact Celia on 810656 or Barbara on 811262.

Barbara Allison, Diana Bennett, Judy Dod, Celia Faulkner, and Selina Thomas Charlbury History Group

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#### **ChOC's Winter Film Programme**

ChOC has had further changes to the committee since the last issue. Hannen Beith decided not to continue as chair and committee member and Jon Carpenter and Angela Gwatkin also decided to leave after many years service on the committee. We thank them all for their valuable contribution. Richard Cocks is back in the chair and we welcome Sharon Whittaker to the committee. If you would like to be part of ChOC please do contact us on mailto:secretary.chocfilms.@gmail.com ; we are always looking for new people with different ideas who can contribute to keeping ChOC lively and forward-looking. Meanwhile here is our programme for the next three months. All films are shown in the Memorial Hall, tickets are £5 on the door and £3 for under 15s where the age limit allows. Doors and our welcoming bar open 45 minutes before the film is shown. Details are subject to change so please do check posters and http://www.charlbury.info nearer the time.

**Friday 5th December ChOClive presents: The Chamber Music Company** performing a concert of piano trios: Mozart's E Major Trio, Beethoven's Ghost Trio and Jadassohn's Trio in E Major. Doors and Bar open at 7pm and concert begins at 7.45pm. Tickets, £10 / Students & U16s £6, on sale at Charlbury Post Office.

Sunday 14th December 3.00pm The Lion King (1994) (Cert U 1hr 29min) Calling all families! We have secured the sing-along version of this classic film and as you can see we are showing it as a matinee. We are also offering free popcorn to all the under 15s so please bring the whole family and join in to make it a fun pre -Christmas afternoon out. Starring the voices of Jeremy Irons, Whoopi Goldberg and many others, the film is the story of a young lion prince born in Africa, thus making his uncle Scar the second in line to the throne. Scar plots with the hyenas to kill King Mufasa and Prince Simba, thus making himself King. The King is killed and Simba is led to believe by Scar that it was his fault, and so flees the kingdom in shame. After years in exile he is persuaded to return home to overthrow the usurper and claim the kingdom as his own thus completing the "Circle of Life". Come and sing along!

Sunday 11th January 7.30pm Belle (2013) (Cert PG 1hr 44min) Here is another great film for the post-Christmas period. Starring a local actress, Gugu Mbatha-Raw, born in Oxford and raised in Witney attending Henry Box School, Emily Watson and Tom Wilkinson, the film is inspired by the true story of Dido Elizabeth Belle , the illegitimate mixed race daughter of a Royal Navy Captain. Raised by her aristocratic great-uncle Lord Mansfield and his wife, Belle's lineage affords her certain privileges, yet the colour of her skin prevents her from fully participating in the traditions of her social standing. Left to wonder if she will ever find love, Belle falls for an idealistic young vicar's son bent on change who, with her help, shapes Lord Mansfield's role as Lord Chief Justice to end slavery in England. Do come and see what a great talent Gugu has become!

**Sunday 8th February 7.30pm The Grand Budapest Hotel** (2014) (Cert 15 1hr 40min) This lovely comedy, starring Ralph Fiennes, Tony Revolori and Jude Law among others, recounts the adventures of Gustave H, a legendary concierge at a famous European hotel between the wars, and Zero Moustafa, the lobby boy who becomes his most trusted friend. The story involves the theft and recovery of a priceless Renaissance painting and the battle for an enormous family fortune -- all against the back-drop of a suddenly and dramatically changing Continent. This film has had some wonderful reviews and audiences loved it even more!

Richard Cocks, Chairman



## CHARLBURY AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY (CADS)

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Well, despite not having a spring production this year due to the Memorial Hall works CADS members have been quite active in others ways, both myself and Madeleine Wheare have been heading up a small subcommittee on behalf of the Corner House & Memorial Hall committee in organising new Front of House curtains and tracking for the Memorial Hall and these have now been pencilled in to be installed early in the New Year.

Also we have held coffee mornings, a treasure hunt, BBQs and skittle evenings with more to come in the future.

## A Midsummer Night's Dream

Charlbury Amateur Dramatic Society presents 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at Charlbury Memorial Hall, 27th-29th November, 7:45pm. 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' is an enchanting (in every sense of the word) comedy. In the wood fairies rule but they themselves are quarrelling. Lovers flee there to escape from the restrictions of Athens and workmen come to get some peace to rehearse their play. When the fairy king tries to help sort out the lovers' emotional problems everything goes horribly and hilariously wrong. The workmen also get involved in the fairy world and undergo experiences that they could only ever have dreamed of. In the end harmony is restored, true love triumphs and the workmen present their play to the court at the wedding celebrations that it is rather rough and shambolic and only adds to the enjoyment. This will be a fast moving physical comedy and is suitable for everyone .

Tickets: £9/£7 concessions. Tickets from <u>www.wegottickets.com</u> or Box office on (01608) 811805. Tickets available in Charlbury from Cotswold Frames, News & Things and the Charlbury Post Office.

# Looking forward

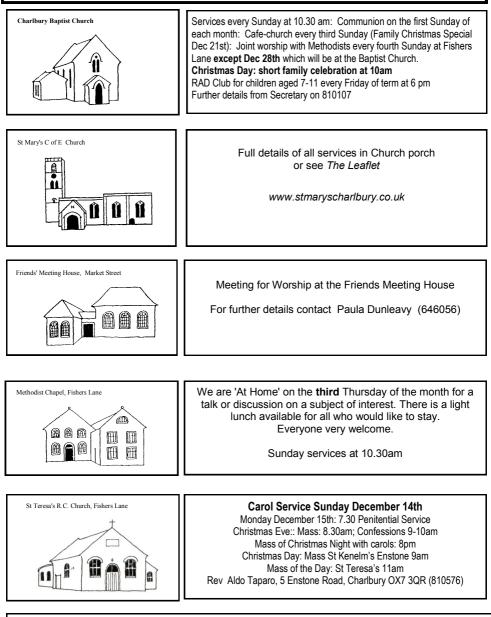
**The Annual Christmas Dinner Dance** will be held on Saturday 6th December at the Cotswolds Club, Chipping Norton. CADS members, friends and relations, are all most welcome.

We have now secured a Director for the upcoming spring production which will be on Thursday  $23^{rd}$ , Friday  $24^{th}$  & Saturday  $25^{th}$  April. Both the show's title and audition dates will be announced early in the New year , so do keep a lookout on the Charlbury.info website

If you would like more information about CADS visit www.charlbury-drama.com

Tim Widdows CADS Chairman Tel: 01608 811805

# **Christmas Church Services**



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**

The focus of activity for Churches Together in Charlbury during the past year was raising £5000 for the Afghan Women's Education Centre in Afghanistan. This year our working together will have a very different emphasis. An ecumenical pilgrimage has been planned for August 2015, taking members of the local churches to Durham, Jarrow, Hexham and Lindisfarne. We will be learning about the early days of Christianity in Northumbria, about the Celtic and Saxon saints, about Bede's 'History of the English church and people' completed in 731A.D. and about our shared heritage from a time before the churches developed their separate traditions.

The series of talks we are planning for Lent 2015 is linked with the pilgrimage as it will focus on some of the people who have had a lasting influence on Christianity in Britain. Under the title 'Spiritual heroes', there will be 5 talks each telling us about major figures in the history of Christianity in these islands. St Cuthbert and Julian of Norwich are two of our 'heroes', people whose life and teaching have resonance for us in spite of the huge difference between their world and ours. There will be talks about more recent spiritual heroes too.

However we will be doing more than reflecting on the past and its significance for us today. During the year we will organise Lent lunches providing a community meeting place and raising money for people in need. We will continue to donate food for local food banks, some of which is needed by people here in Charlbury. We had a stall at the Street Fair raising money for the Corner House and Memorial Hall. And whatever we do, we will not forget the people of Afghanistan, especially the women and children and hope that the work of Afghan Women's Education Centre will continue in spite of the changes taking place in their country.

Rosalind Scott – Secretary of Churches Together in Charlbury Contact: <u>rosalind.scott@hotmail.co.uk</u>

#### SPUD LUNCH

We are holding a Spud Lunch at the Methodist Church on Saturday 29 November, from 12.00 - 2.00. There will be jacket potatoes with different fillings and a side-salad. There will also be a stall with gifts, books and second-hand Jewellery.

Come along to enjoy lunch together and maybe find a Christmas gift as well!

Celia Faulkner

#### ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

#### St Teresa's Church, Fisher's Lane

#### Sunday December 14th

#### at 3 pm

A service of Advent Carols and Readings followed by Mulled wine and mince pies

AND

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#### **Raffle Draw**

for more details: contact Madeleine Wheare 810092

#### Report from District Councillor Liz Leffman 01608 810153 liz.leffman@westoxon.gov.uk

At last, there is a glimmer of hope regarding waste recycling. West Oxfordshire District Council has finally recognised that there may be a fly-tipping problem in the area. Ever since the closure of Dean Pit, Chipping Norton has been plagued with significant volumes of extra waste left at their bring site in New Street. In spite of photographic evidence showing TVs, mattresses, furniture etc. piled up by the bins, the Council has denied that this is fly-tipping, and have classified it as "side waste". This means that West Oxfordshire has been telling the County Council that we don't have a fly-tipping problem, which in turn means that the County can claim that there is no need for a replacement for Dean Pit.

Now all that has changed, and in October, a survey was conducted to see why people are leaving extra waste at the bring sites. This was originally planned for Chipping Norton, Witney and Carterton but knowing that we have a problem of our own, I asked officers if we could conduct the same survey in Charlbury. I put up an online survey and at the time of writing have had over 50 replies. I'm very grateful to everyone that took the time to complete the survey. Not surprisingly, the vast majority of respondents, when asked what the Council could do to improve recycling, answered that a replacement for Dean Pit was needed. Not a huge surprise, you might say, but it is a step in the right direction.

Meanwhile, several people have asked me recently why, when we are asked to sort our recycling into separate boxes, it is sometimes flung into one container at the kerbside. The reason is that sometimes, lorries take the recycling to a depot where it is sorted by a machine called an MRF. Although it is likely that all our recycling may eventually be done this way, for the moment the majority of collections are hand sorted, so we still need to sort it ourselves.

#### Cllr Rodney Rose, Deputy Leader of Oxfordshire County Council 01865 810419 (07919298277)

On Oct 12 I was very pleased to be a guest at the lunch at Ditchley Park House to celebrate the next steps in the journey to building the new Community Centre at the Spendlove site. The saying about free lunches proved to be totally accurate - David Cameron was unable to attend, and it fell to me to say a few words. I was able to announce that the Funding Agreement with the County Council would be in place by the end of October (lawyers willing), but more importantly was able to give a vote of thanks to the Trustees of the Thomas Gifford Trust and all involved in fundraising.

#### Personal use of Charlbury Station car park:

There have been a couple of times in recent weeks that I am getting increasingly worried about its capacity. With Frideswide Square being reconstructed in January I fear that there will be more people who hope to travel to Oxford by train, thereby putting more pressure on the car park.

I am having long discussions with First Great Western to see what can be done.

# Report from District Councillor Hywel Davies (01993 868004) 07917 055120 (or *hywel.davies7@btinternet.com*)

At the full Council meeting at the end of October, I proposed a motion expressing deep concern about the recent cases of severe child sexual exploitation and abuse. The motion exhorted Thames Valley Police to investigate all reports of such abuse to ensure perpetrators are brought to justice and Oxfordshire Social Services to prioritise all allegations of child abuse and to ensure everything is done to prevent such abuse happening in future. You will be pleased to hear that this motion was carried unanimously with significant and vocal support by all Councillors.

The publication of the Rix report into the cases in Rotherham highlighted the extent of the problem – over 1400 children abused. The report said 'There was a vast amount of truly horrific material. I was taken aback' writes Professor Rix 'how callous, how violent the operations were. These were girls of 11 and 12. They were children'.

Of course we all know that the first case to be prosecuted through the courts occurred in Oxford, just last year. But this has proved to be just the tip of a very large but until recently, a rather hidden iceberg. There are active investigations in Northamptonshire, Hampshire and many other towns and cities.

At present there are no active investigations under way In West Oxfordshire – at present. But is this an issue that need concern us in Charlbury? I say yes.

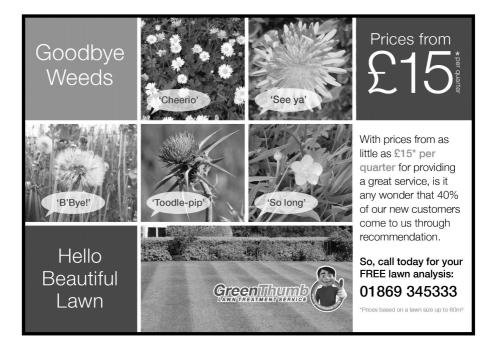
Oxford is a handful of miles away where many young people shop, study and socialise. There are cases emerging in Banbury and Aylesbury. We need to ensure these horrific crimes are revealed and dealt with by the relevant authorities without let or favour.

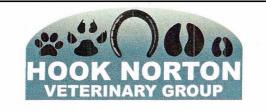
This is a very depressing and dispiriting message to be writing about at the season of the year when families and friends gather to celebrate an optimistic and wholesome belief in the essential goodness of us all. I make no apology for that, but do wish you all a very happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

## Local seasonal food - a new delivery hub in Charlbury

**Cultivate** is a community-owned co-operative bringing local produce direct from farmers to consumers in and around Oxford. **Cultivate** also grows fruit and vegetables without artificial pesticides and fertilisers on 10 acres of land just outside Oxford at Little Wittenham. Since starting in 2012, they have sold fresh produce from their VegVan - a mobile greengrocery - at regular spots around the city, but now to cover more rural areas they have launched an on-line ordering system. I have agreed to provide a delivery hub in Charlbury from my home opposite the school in Crawborough. A wide range of items will be available including ethically produced meat, dairy, eggs, bread, chutneys, and any foreign imported fruit will not be air freighted. Delivery to Charlbury will be either on a Thursday or Friday for orders placed up to Wednesday. See **www.cultivateoxford.org** for more information or phone me on 01608 811057.

Christine Elliott





The Spendlove Centre **Enstone Road CHARLBURY** Tel: 01608 811250

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#### NEWS FROM CHARLBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

In the spring edition of the Chronicle I wrote about the possibility of the school installing solar panels as part of its commitment to protecting the environment. Happily everything went to plan, and the Low Carbon Hub (a social enterprise based in Oxford) installed the panels over the summer. The 12 panels on the school roof will save 10 tonnes of CO2 per year. Pupils are using a special website set up by the Low Carbon Hub to monitor the panels and become more aware of energy costs and how to save electricity.

Thanks to money donated by the Charlbury Beer Festival, the school was also able to build an outdoor canopy in the playground during the summer holidays. The canopy creates an 'outdoor classroom' so that children can play and learn outside no matter what the weather, all year round. Many thanks to the Beer Festival for supporting this project. Since government funding cuts several years ago, the school hasn't been able to invest in building or IT projects nearly as much as it used to. Regular generous donations from the Beer Festival have allowed the school to provide many new facilities for pupils in the last few years that wouldn't have been possible otherwise.

The SAT results (national assessment tests) in the summer show that pupils are still doing very well academically. The results are well above national average in all areas of learning - reading, writing and maths. The staff and governors continue to focus on ensuring that each child, whatever their ability, achieves the maximum progress they can during their time at the school. Of course, the school is also keen to provide a balanced education and extend pupil's horizons beyond the core curriculum wherever possible. If you're new to Charlbury and would like to join our 'Knowledge Well' project and contribute your area of expertise, skill or experience to school life, please contact the school office. More details about the school can be found on the school website at <a href="http://www.charlbury.cxon.sch.uk/">http://www.charlbury.cxon.sch.uk/</a>.

Finally, no doubt many of you will have thoroughly enjoyed another of Tina's dancers' joyful productions at this year's Street Fair. Well over half the children in school take part in Tina Piotrtowsky's weekly after-school dance clubs preparing for these productions, which are also shown in school. These clubs have been running for many years now, and many of our children have had the benefit of participating in them. Tina also regularly helps out with creating the dance routines and with hair, make-up and costumes at other events in school including the midsummer dancing and annual class plays. The school is so lucky to benefit from her enthusiasm and talent.

Vicky Buser

# THE BELL INN UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

The Bell Inn now has a new couple running it. Colm and Tracy Reilly (who have six children and two grandchildren and are from Shropshire) are committed to restoring The Bell's rather tarnished reputation. Everyone will be welcome and they are hoping to do Cheese & Wine evenings, Live Jazz evenings and Guest Chef Fine Dining evenings. They feel that good service will be the most important key to the success of The Bell. Opening hours are 10.30am to 11pm. Coffee will be served from 10.30 to 12: lunch from 12 to 3pm and dinner from 6-9pm There are also 12 letting rooms.

#### **NEWS & THINGS**

News & Things would like to thank their customers for their support over the past year.

We have a new supplier, The Meat Joint, who you may well know from the Farmers' Market. They will be offering a selection of their products, together with samples, at the late-night shopping evening on Friday, December 12th 6-8pm. Do please come and have a festive treat together with a cup of tea or coffee with our compliments.

This year we are stocking a large range of charity, boxed and individual cards, calendars, wrapping paper (2 rolls for  $\pounds 2.50$ ) and luxury crackers.

Present this Chronicle when you visit us and you will be entitled to 25% off one visit to the café in January

## A Dementia Friendly Charlbury

We are a group of volunteers who want to ensure that Charlbury is a friendly and welcoming place for everyone to live in, especially people with memory and thinking problems. We have carried out a quick survey via key locations in the town inviting people with memory problems and/ or people who are caring for them to help us find out what is needed.

We have had a limited response – most people are satisfied with the facilities and help available but somewhere to meet people in similar circumstances would be appreciated. There may be other views of which we need to be aware and we are keen to get wider feedback – you can contact us via Sue Smith on 07833 952514,

susan.smith@alzheimers.org.uk.

For further information about the Dementia Friendly Charlbury Group contact Meryl Smith. We will have a page on the Charlbury website: <u>www.charlbury.info</u> or contact Sue Smith on 07833 952514.

> Meryl Smith (01608 810192) merylsmith192@btinternet.com

NB See also article on dementia on page 12

## **AIRPORT TRANSFERS**

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#### And they say people don't want apples . . .

..... that's what they say in other communities, but it's definitely not true in Charlbury! Enormous thanks to everyone who offered their surplus fruit this year for picking and redistribution rather than see it be wasted. In August and early September, 250lb of plums, greengages and damsons were given away to about 80 people (the big red plums were Belle de Louvain). From September, over 1 tonne of apples and pears were given away at five Big Apple Take-Aways on the Playing Close, as well as quince, medlars and grapes - about 100 people coming each time and clearing everything there! 30 gallons of cider have been made from another 600lb of windfall apples for next year's Beer Festival, Riverside, and Wychwood Fair, with more windfalls and the residue pulp going to local farm animals.

2014 has been the 7th year of Charlbury Sharecroppers, and while it was a good year for plums and pears with most trees producing fruit, it was **not** a great year for apples. There was a late frost on 3 May when many apples were in blossom, several varieties didn't produce, there were hardly any Worcesters or Bramleys, and lots of apples rotted on the trees and dropped off. The picking season also started and finished earlier than normal.

# This year apple varieties have included the following (listed in order of season for eating at their best, and information about their recorded origins):



Beauty of Bath (1864, Bath); George Cave (1923, Essex - chance seedling); Discovery (1949, Essex - Worcester Permain x Beauty of Bath); Grenadier (cooker, 1862, Kent); Laxton Epicure (1909, Bedford - Wealthy x Cox's Orange Pippin); Worcester Permain (1874, Worcester - seedling from Devonshire Quarrenden); Reverend W Wilks (cooker, 1904, Chelsea - Peasgood Nonsuch x Ribston Pippin); James Grieve (1893, Edinburgh - seedling from Pott's Seedling or Cox's Orange Pippin); Ellison's Orange (1904, Lincolnshire - Cox's Orange Pippin x Calville Blanc); Greensleeves (1966, East Malling - James Grieve x Golden Delicious); Jester (1966, East Malling); Egremont Russet (1872, England); Charles Ross (cooker/eater, 1890, Derbyshire - Peasgood Nonsuch x Cox's Orange Pippin); Lord Derby (cooker, 1862, Cheshire)

Allington Pippin (1884, Lincolnshire); Sunset (1933, Kent - seedling from Cox's Orange Pippin); Golden Noble (cooker, 1820, Norfolk); Gascoyne's Scarlet (1871, Kent); Laxton Superb (1897, Bedford - Wyken Pippin x Cox's Orange Pippin); Cox's Orange Pippin (1825, Slough - seedling from Ribston Pippin); Howgate Wonder (cooker/eater, 1915, Isle of Wight); Blenheim Orange (cooker/eater, 1740, Woodstock); Orleans Reinette (1776, France); Jupiter (1966, East Malling - Cox's Orange Pippin x Starking); Mère de Ménage (cooker, late 1700s, Europe); Newton Wonder (cooker, 1887, Derbyshire - Dumelow's Seedling x Blenheim Orange); Bramley's Seedling (cooker, 1809 but introduced 1876, Nottinghamshire); Holstein (1918, Germany - seedling from Cox's Orange Pippin); Lord Hindlip (1896, Hereford); Lane's Prince Albert (cooker, 1840, Berkhamsted - Russet Nonpareil x Dumelow's Seedling); Tydeman's Late Orange (1930, East Malling - Laxton Superb x Cox's Orange Pippin); D'Arcy Spice (1785, Colchester); Winston (1920, Berkshire - Cox's Orange Pippin x Worcester Permain)

**Pear varieties have included:** Conference/Durondeau/Brockworth Park/Josephine de Malines/Glou Morceau

Christine Elliott, email: sharecroppers@charlburygreenhub.org.uk



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## Corner House & Memorial Hall

Many thanks for the continued patience and flexibility of users that are accommodating the work on the Memorial Hall – as I write the roof is about to go on, so hopefully the end is in sight! As far as the Corner House is concerned, please note that we still have availability for Saturday morning coffee mornings in 2015.

Stephen Andrews 811212'

## CHARLBURY MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels prepares and delivers meals on Tuesdays to residents of Charlbury, Chadlington and Stonesfield Meals cost £2.50p delivered

#### VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Please ring Marjorie Glasgow on 01608 810161 or Jan Griffiths on 01608 810440 if you can help.

We are also accepting names for new recipients for our waiting list. Please ring Marjorie .



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# Facilities in Charlbury available for hire created from the outcomes of the Community Led Plan facilities forum.

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