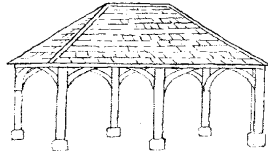


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There is a serious call for help on page 15 from the Street Fair people. They badly need new blood and a bigger team in order to keep Street Fair going. It is likely to have to pack up if more people cannot be found to join the team who produce this wonderful event every summer. Please read the article and if you can possibly give some time to helping Street Fair then get in touch and offer some help.

There is late-night shopping in Charlbury as usual as Christmas approaches. Please try and do as much local shopping as you can to ensure that we keep our shops thriving - it's no good moaning when they close down! Make a note in your diary - it's Friday, December 11th from 6-8pm.

Hearty thanks are due to the enormously generous gift to Charlbury of a grand piano by Daphne Clark - it looks very comfortable in the Memorial Hall Garden Room and we await its first performance with high hopes.

The Community Centre Appeal Committee would be delighted to find some new members to join them for the last phase of fund-raising as the project nears its completion. Do please get in touch if you think you can help. It would be very pleasing if we had people with school-age children - they will be the ones who will benefit from the wonderful facilities in the future.

As always at Christmas time I offer sincere thanks to the many people involved in keeping the Chronicle going - we've now completed 19 years and start our twentieth year with the March 2016 edition - phew!

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers.

Lynette Murphy, Editor



NEWS FROM THE CHARLBURY COMMUNITY CENTRE APPEAL

Firstly, I would like to congratulate and thank the people of Charlbury and surrounding villages. We reached a milestone in October – you have helped us raise over £200,000 towards the cost of building the Community Centre. This landmark achievement reflects the generosity of our community and great commitment from many people over a long time. However our job is far from over. The more we raise, the better kitted out the Community Centre will be and there will be on-going running costs, so please continue to support us!

On this note, we could use a couple more volunteers on our fundraising committee. If you could spare an hour a month for meetings and ad hoc help with events, we would love to hear from you. Please contact billandtanya@outlook.com to discuss what is involved. It's a good time to join us as we begin to see real progress on the long-awaited Community Centre.

Our popular 'Buy-a-Brick' scheme continues apace and has so far raised over £3,500. Please see separate Chronicle article (on opposite page) if you would like to donate this way and see your name printed on the list of benefactors inside the new Centre.

Our next fundraising event is the Burns Supper on 23 January 2016 in the Memorial Hall. This is always a fun event with haggis, neeps and tatties and some country dancing to a live band. I look forward to seeing you there.

Tanya Stevenson - Chair, Charlbury Community Centre Appeal Committee

The Charlbury Community Centre "Buy a Brick" Campaign Application to go on the List of Names - £25 per name

Name(s):

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..... *exactly as you want to have them printed - **please print clearly** and separate each name with a comma; we would hate to make any mistakes! You can list your family members individually for £25 each or put a family name, such as "The Jones Family" for one payment of £25.*

Contact telephone number.....

email:.....

Amount enclosed £..... if by cheque please make payable to '**Charlbury Community Centre Appeal**'

More money goes to the CCCA if you send a cheque or do a direct bank transfer than via Just Giving (as they take an administrative fee). You can mail or hand deliver this form and payment, including your Gift Aid Declaration [see below] to: Sarah Eaton, Brae Rise, Crawborough, Charlbury OX7 3TX or contact Sarah for bank details (sarah@sarahaeaton.com).

You can also use Paypal on the CCCA website:

www.charlburycommunitycentre.org.uk but a proportion of your donation will be kept by Just Giving and by Paypal.

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Gift Aid Declaration:

CHARLBURY COMMUNITY CENTRE Appeal

Please treat the enclosed gift of £ ___ as a Gift Aid donation.

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for the current tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs(CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for the current tax year.

I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.

Donor's details

Title ___ First name or initial(s) _____ Surname _____

Home address _____

Postcode _____

Date _____ Signature _____

View from Nine Acres



It's the final countdown to starting work in 2016 on our smart new community centre. We hope everyone will have a sense of connection with the project as the building takes shape in the heart of our vibrant town.

WINTER 2015 Q & A: Keep up to date with the latest developments

Q: What's the current building schedule? Planning permission was granted on 1 June 2015. ; Detailed building design & management planning is ongoing; Contractors being assessed & expressions of interests are underway; We plan to go to tender early December 2015; The aim is for construction to start in the first quarter 2016.

Q: How is the building being funded?: We are building on a fixed price basis. As such, significant work is put into the tender documents so that the actual building is less likely to incur cost overruns. This method is considered the most appropriate for charitable organisations.

TGT (Thomas Gifford Trust) has secured £1.3 million for the initial building phase, over half of which has come from the local community.

TGT is applying for further funding from: Sport England ; WREN (a community action fund) ; Charlbury Town Council ; Charlbury Beer Festival ; WODC (West Oxfordshire District Council) ; Other charitable sources .

Q: What about the Sports and Social Club?; TGT paid for and secured planning permission for an area at the end of the Sports Hall to house a new Sports and Social Club provided the Club funds the building. In the meantime, TGT has met regularly with the Club to help arrange alternative temporary facilities and to assist in fundraising. The Town Council has also met with the Club to assist in fundraising.

Q: How will the building be managed?; The new Community Centre will be managed by a full-time professional with a graduate assistant, part-time staff and volunteers. It offers additional and complementary facilities to those already in Charlbury and we will work with the managers of our existing buildings to ensure good coordination of activities.

Q: What facilities does the current plan include? A large indoor hall suitable for community events, private hire, and a variety of sports – indoor football, cricket, badminton, junior soft ball ,tennis etc; multi use studio/yoga/activity room; a state-of-the-art library and community café with full disability access. Appropriate parking facilities are part of the scheme and possibly a sports bar.

Q: Who will be using the new building?; Probably just about everyone of you reading this! And especially those of you who have the vision to play a part in further fundraising or contributing constructive suggestions for the Centre.

Q: Want to get involved right now? ; To make a donation please email [Margie Glasgow](mailto:mglasgow@theridgegroup.com) (Chair of the Thomas Gifford Trust) mglasgow@theridgegroup.com or contact [Tanya Stevenson](mailto:fundraising@charlburycommunitycentre.org.uk) (Chair of the CCC Appeal) fundraising@charlburycommunitycentre.org.uk with your fundraising ideas and specific event proposals. **The CCCA Appeal has already raised £200,000+.**

**Many thanks to all our loyal local contributors and
thank you in anticipation of your future support!**

CHARLBURY COMMUNITY CENTRE APPEAL

Do you want thermal images of your house?

Charlbury Green Hub will be borrowing the WODC thermal imaging camera during January to take photos of local houses to help identify heat loss. Please contact info@charlburygreenhub.org.uk if you would like your house photographed. The camera is also useful to check the quality of insulation after building work has been completed.

Do you feel powerless at the prospect of climate change?

'In Time for Tomorrow?' is the new book published for use in Carbon Conversation groups to help you make changes in your own life to reduce your impact on the world. If you would like to take part in a small local Carbon Conversation group which helps you make the first steps in six structured sessions, then please contact info@charlburygreenhub.org.uk to find out more.

CHARLBURY MUSEUM NEWS 2015

The School exhibition has been much enjoyed, and the 2016 exhibition will feature Bessie Marchant, local author, and the history of Charlbury's many sports clubs. If you have local sporting souvenirs or photos, please do get in touch!

Over 500 adults and children have visited the museum this year, including special openings for groups such as Chadlington WI. We also lent items and photographs to Charlbury WI for their centenary meeting. The museum stewards as always have made all our visitors feel welcome.

During 2015 there were two special days in June and July when the Charlbury School Association worked with the Museum to encourage school-age children and young parents to visit the Museum for a day of handicrafts and games followed by tea and delicious home-made cake. On one of the days Debbie from the Wychwood Project came along to try out her special School Box of items to do with the Forest. Both days proved sunny enough for the lovely museum garden to be enjoyed for games of hoop-la and quoits, and boys and girls alike made beautiful peg dolls and embroidered their initials with the help of Celia Faulkner and Sue Rangeley. We very much appreciated everyone's help, and we enjoyed seeing so many children in the Museum.

We are lucky to have such a lovely garden outside the Museum. This is beautifully cared for by one of our volunteers, Vi Welbourn, and the lawn is usually cut by Ian Parsons but during his recovery from surgery, Paul Faulkner has kindly taken over. Thank you all for your hard labours.

Michael Jones continues with his painstaking work on the Wagon, as he described during his talk to the Charlbury Society in May. The quality of his work can be seen in the two wheels which have already returned to the Museum, and he is keeping us informed, so that we have time to empty the Wagon Room in readiness for its return. Who would like to buy a large reception desk?

Andrew Lawson and Judy Dod have kindly donated to the Museum a filing cabinet which has helped us to cope with the ever-growing collection of documents and photographs. Discussions are continuing with the Corner House Sub-Committee on the future use of the Corner House: we have made a case for more storage space and, if possible, public display space, but there are of course many other demands from other organisations.

There have been many generous donations of items to the Museum, ranging from a WWII air-raid warden's helmet, to a large book of research about the Holloway family who lived at Lee Place in the 18th and 19th centuries, to a 19th century carpenter's Day Book from Ditchley Park, not to mention many interesting photographs which are being scanned so that they may be displayed digitally. A gas lamp, originally from Charlbury Station, is also to be donated and placed in the Museum Garden as soon as the WODC planners agree.

Janet Jeffs, , Charlbury Museum Committee

CHOC NEWS AND PROGRAMME FOR WINTER

Our programme over the next three months has something for everyone. In December climb aboard **The Polar Express**, our afternoon Matinee for Christmas. Beat the winter blues in January with a return to India's 'Hotel for the Elderly and the Beautiful' when **The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel** is shown and in February join us for the screening of **Testament of Youth**, a story of young love, the futility of war and how to make sense of the darkest times.

Sunday 13th December at 3pm – The Polar Express (Cert. U / 1hr 40mins). Join us for the **Family Matinee** this Christmas. **Tom Hanks** stars in this adaptation of the well loved children's book about a young boy's journey to the North Pole on a magical steam train, where he meets Father Christmas. *Free popcorn for children and mince pies for adults.* Admission: Adults £5 / U15s £3 / Family £12 (2 adults & 1 or 2 children). Doors & licensed bar 2.15pm.

Sunday 10th January 2016 at 7pm – The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (Cert PG / 2hrs 2mins). Check in again and gear up for more love and laughter as new arrival **Richard Gere** joins an all-star ensemble cast including **Judi Dench, Bill Nighy, Dev Patel and Maggie Smith** returning for this heart-warming sequel to *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel!* Now that his first venture is a success, Sonny (Patel) is ready to expand and gets a little help and encouragement from his resident friends. *'Unexpected and Rewarding'* - *Robbie Collin/ Daily Telegraph*
Admission: £5 / U15s £3. Doors & licensed bar 6.15pm.

Sunday 14th February 2016 at 7pm – Testament of Youth (Cert. 12 / 2hrs 7mins). Starring **Kit Harrington** and **Alicia Vikander**, a powerful story of love, war and remembrance, based on the First World War memoir by Vera Brittain, which has become the classic testimony of that war from a woman's point of view. A searing journey from youthful hopes and dreams to the edge of despair and back again. *"it packs a punch that will stay with you long after the final credits roll"* - *Brian Viner / Daily Mail* Admission: £5 / U15s £3. Doors & licensed bar 6.15pm.

All films are shown in the Memorial Hall - the doors and licensed bar are open 45 minutes before the start of the film.

Thank you

In December, we say farewell to committee member, Emma, who is standing down in readiness of the arrival of her baby due early in the New Year. Our thanks to Emma and husband, Will, for their assistance and support over the past eighteen months.

ChOCLIVE

A special thank you to **Daphne Clark** for being instrumental in sourcing a replacement piano for the Memorial Hall. The piano, a small grand, is now in situ, and, with the benefit of a grant from **Charlbury Beer Festival**, for which we are very grateful, some remedial maintenance will be undertaken to make the piano ready for the concert being planned for Spring 2016.

Volunteers

We are often asked to provide technical support for other local organisations wishing to screen films. In order to facilitate these requests we need a few more 'tech savvy' volunteers who would be confident in setting up and using the projection equipment. If you would like to know more, contact Richard on 01608 810032 or Clare on 07769 723328.

Jackie Hague

A NEW ADDITION FOR THE WAR MEMORIAL HALL: A GRAND PIANO

In previous years the cost of hiring a good piano, now over £1,000, for use in concerts in the town has far outweighed the income from possible ticket sales, let alone the fee which professional artists can command. To find the money to obtain a good instrument has been for some time the aim of Daphne Clark, not only by giving recitals herself, but also by raising funds in private concerts by local musicians.

So far the funds raised have been £1,087, (held in her Piano Fund by Richard Neville, Community Centre Appeal Treasurer), enough to at least restore a good instrument should one be found, though further funds will be needed for complete maintenance. Aided by John Marfleet, piano tuner and technician, an excellent piano has been very generously offered to Daphne for this project by Donald Chamberlain, a retired civil servant living near Burford.

It was hoped that the piano would find a home in the new Community Centre, but since provision could not be made there, the War Memorial Hall was considered. Thanks to the enthusiasm of Steve Andrews and the Memorial Hall Committee and Richard Cocks of Choc Live, who has given invaluable help, a position in the Garden Room has been found suitable and the new piano installed.

The piano is a Grotian-Steinweg of good vintage, and will be used in its present condition for the CCCA Variety Show on November 28th, after which it will be fully restored for use in classical and other concerts from 2016. Daphne herself hopes to give a recital early next year, and there have already been several other expressions of interest.

David Ouvry

ST MARY'S CHURCH - CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
TO BE HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5th

IN AID OF THE CLOCK TOWER FUND AND
HOPE & HOMES FOR CHILDREN



CHARLBURY AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Another year is almost behind us (Oh no its not - Oh yes it is) Sorry couldn't resist that - at the time you read this we would just have finished our hugely successful pantomime " Aladdin " which is great family fun, so I do hope you all enjoyed it, and thankyou for supporting **CADS**. I know that the cast had great fun putting the show on, its a lot of hard work but so rewarding. With a panto the audience are always eager to get involved, especially the children who all get excited and start shouting in all the appropriate and sometimes inappropriate places, so a big thankyou to everyone who helped make it a great success and so much fun.

With the summer well and truly gone, apart from preparing for the pantomime **CADS** have been busy sorting out new storage facilities to replace the old shed beside the Memorial Hall and are indebted to Madeleine Wheare for all her help in making this become a reality.

CADS Street Fair Bric a Brac stall was a great success and our thanks go to Marion & Andrew Greenfield for all their hard work in making it happen and also to everyone who donated and supported us on the day; then with a Skittles Evening and Coffee Morning in October there seems to have been endless organising going on to make things run as smoothly as possible.

CADS also seemed to be going global as some of the members went to be signed up to be extras on a big budget film. At the time of writing this article two members have now been confirmed to be involved - this I'm sure will be a great experience for them .

In January **CADS** will be having a read through for a future production "Dancing at Lughnasa" by Brian Friel - as usual all details will be posted on the Charlbury Info site.

Well, that keeps you up to date on what's happening with **CADS** and we look forward to seeing lots of new faces in the future.

Tim Widdows CADS Chairman

***CADS** is a theatre group serving Charlbury and its surrounding villages. We're always **ACTIVELY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS** - especially if you are interested in working back stage - please contact the Chairman or any member to find out more. Check out our Facebook page and our page on the Charlbury website for up-to-the-minute news.
email:charlbury.drama@gmail.com; website: <http://www.charlbury-drama.com>*

CHARLBURY MEALS ON WHEELS Meals on Wheels prepares and delivers meals on Tuesdays to residents of Charlbury, Chadlington and Stonesfield **Meals now cost £3 delivered.**
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: Are you new to Charlbury and looking for ways to become involved in the community? This is an important service and relies on local people to drive, or to cook, or to help in any way to keep it going. 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 .

From Jill Judson, Chair, Friends of Charlbury Library

As ever, thank you to Rosalind and all our volunteers, and also to Tim at Cotswold Frames for being our main key holder. All of this support is invaluable.

A reminder that the venue for the meeting planned for Thursday 3 December at 2.30 pm is the Green Room at the back of the Memorial Hall.

Dementia Friendly Charlbury Library

At Charlbury Library we have put together a collection of books recommended by the Dementia Friendly Charlbury organisation. These books provide information, advice and personal stories regarding a health condition that is affecting so many of our friends and families now. The range of book titles is designed for family, friends and carers who encounter this condition.

There are a further 25 titles on the 'Reading Well Books on Prescription for dementia' list available on the library catalogue. The list has been recommended by health experts as well as people with experience of the condition on a personal level. The list includes books offering information and advice about dementia and normal aging, support with living well after diagnosis, practical advice for carers, personal accounts, and suggestions for shared therapeutic activities.

More information can be found at: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/readingwell

Oxfordshire Libraries has also developed a range of resources designed primarily to support reminiscence among the elderly and those who believe they may be suffering from different levels of memory loss. These resources come in the form of a 'Reminiscence' or 'Memory Box', which contains tools to aid reminiscence – something that has been proved to be a wonderful aid to social interaction and a tool to aid creativity and practise memory skills. It is of particular benefit to those individuals who are at various stages of memory loss and those who have communication difficulties. Reminiscence Boxes, and the books featured on the recommended reading list, can both be reserved at Charlbury Library or online.

Sally Moore, Manager, Charlbury Library

CORNER HOUSE AND MEMORIAL HALL

Office: 810879

Office hours:

Mon 9.30am - 11.30am; Wed & Sat: 9am to 12 noon

(closed first Saturday of every month)

Emergency Contact: Steve Andrews (811212)

A CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE

Findings of the Charlbury Society Historical Group No 7

When Ann Knibbs, a widow, died in 1785, she left properties in Fishers Lane and Watts Lake, now Park Street, to the survivors of her ten children. The Watts Lake property, where she lived, had been left by her brother Edward Hinde, a Charlbury tailor, to her husband Antony. Antony was a collar-maker, making an important part of a workhorse's harness. He was appointed Edward's executor, and was left one pair of silver shoe and knee buckles, a silver clasp, a silver hat buckle and his watch. Edward must have been quite a man of fashion for Charlbury!

However we know from the apprenticeship records that his sister Ann was a Mantua maker. A mantua (from the (French 'manteuil') is an article of woman's clothing fashionable at the end of the 17th and into the 18th centuries. It was a loose gown or later an overgown worn over a petticoat. No doubt it took some years for such fashions to reach Charlbury from London.

There is no record of Antony and Ann's marriage in the Charlbury Parish Registers but surprisingly it is recorded as having taken place in 1751 at St George's Chapel, Westminster. Marriages there were often 'clandestine' where the parties needed a quick marriage, not waiting for the reading of banns over three weeks, or saving the cost of a licence. Often this was because one of them was a minor, or the bride was pregnant. In this case Ann was 24 and Anthony 22, and there is no record of a birth to the couple until their son John was baptised at Charlbury in 1753. So why were they were married in London? One explanation may be that Ann was living there, working as a dressmaker.

Geoffrey Castle

CORNER HOUSE & WAR MEMORIAL HALL REPORT

There remain some Saturday coffee morning dates in 2016 and readers are reminded of the weekly Friday coffee mornings, staffed by wonderful volunteers, which raised funds directly for the Corner House.

A baking dish has gone absent without leave. If you have been involved in a catering event in Memorial Hall the last few months, please check your cupboards.

Stephen Andrews, Chairman Corner House & War Memorial Hall

CHARLBURY TOWN COUNCIL REPORT, No. 77

by Councillor Richard Fairhurst

Town Council elections 2016 – your chance to make a difference: In May 2016, elections will be held for all the seats on Charlbury Town Council. Please do think about standing! It's important for the Town Council to represent all ages, backgrounds and viewpoints in Charlbury. The time commitment is typically two evening meetings a month, though councillors can also volunteer to represent the Town Council on other bodies and committees. If you are interested, any current town councillor will be happy to explain what's involved. Our monthly meetings are open to the public if you'd like to get a first-hand view. Several current councillors have indicated a likely intention to stand down so there is a real opportunity for fresh blood on the council. The meetings are welcoming and (usually!) good-tempered, and offer a real chance to help make your town better. Full details of the nomination process will be on the Charlbury website and in the Chronicle nearer the time.

Weight restrictions: There is a 7.5-tonne weight limit on all roads in Charlbury town centre (except for access and scheduled buses), and across the river bridge. 7.5 tonnes covers most small delivery/self-drive vehicles but not medium or large lorries. Oxfordshire County Council can and does prosecute offenders – most recently in November 2014 – but can only do so if people report them. Please help to keep unsuitable traffic off our narrow streets by reporting any traffic you see breaking the limit. You can do this online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/weight-restriction-orders (or search for 'oxfordshire weight restrictions'). For your own safety, don't attempt to follow or stop any vehicle.

Permissive paths : The permissive path across Nine Acres Recreation Ground will be closed all day on Wednesday 6th January 2016. We understand that the Wychwood Project will be closing the permissive paths across the Wigwell Nature Reserve on the same day.

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

Then as winter approaches, be aware of the hazards of icy pavements and roads. Please look out for any of your neighbours who may find it difficult to get out and about in such weather. The salt bins are 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. (This salt is, of course, only for use on the public highways and pavements.)

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

'Oxfordshire Together': Oxfordshire County Council is seeking to engage town and parish councils in providing more of the services traditionally provided by the county, such as grass-cutting beside highways. (OCC's budget pressures are well-known and its council tax increase is effectively capped at 1.99%, whereas town/parish councils are not currently capped.)

Charlbury Town Council has engaged with this 'Oxfordshire Together' initiative and, after much discussion, is not averse to it in principle – indeed, providing more services locally could result in better results for residents. On the downside, it's unlikely that a small council can achieve the economies of scale that the county can.

The Town Council is setting up a working group to consider possibilities, and, as ever, would be interested to hear the views of Charlbury people.

In brief

- The Town Council sends its congratulations on another excellent event to all those involved with organising and staging Street Fair. (See elsewhere in the Chronicle for a full Street Fair report.)
- Cllr Peter Kenrick laid the Town Council's wreath at the War Memorial in St Mary's Church on Remembrance Sunday, 8th November.
- We are disappointed with the recent spate of vandalism to cars in Charlbury. Please do report all such incidents on the non-emergency number, 101, to help Thames Valley Police put an end to this.
- The waste/recycling collection calendar for 2016 can be downloaded from www.westoxon.gov.uk/waste; you can request one by calling 01993 861000; and you can pick up a copy at the WODC shop on Welch Way, Witney, or from the Guildhall in Chipping Norton.
- WODC no longer posts notices of planning applications to affected neighbours. Notices are still posted on lampposts etc., but in two cases recently these have not been in locations where neighbours would look. Please do check the Charlbury website for latest plans (posted every Monday morning) and sign up for alerts at www.westoxon.gov.uk.
- And, of course, Charlbury Town Council wishes everyone in the town a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Contacting your Town Council

All our meetings are open to the public. Full council meetings will be held in the Corner House at 7.30pm on Wednesday 25th November and 16th December, with Planning & Correspondence two days before (8pm unless there is a speaker).

The next open 'surgeries' will be in the Corner House from 10am–12pm on Saturday 5th December, 6th February and 2nd April.

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

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Market St - Charlbury - OX27 3PL - 01608 812885

Christmas Shopping at your local

It's enough to send you loopy
Of knowing what to buy
To find the perfect present
It sometimes makes you cry.

But if you all shopped local
And some of you still do
You're bound to solve your problems
For what to give to who.

Yes, down in Charlbury centre
We cater for varied taste
It's much more chilled and tranquil
There's also much less haste.

So when it comes to choosing
To where you want to shop
Why not try your local
Give internet the chop.

You're sure to find the perfect gift
And you won't have travelled far
Whilst helping our environment
You'll forget about your car.

So have a Merry Christmas
We hope your dreams come true
And remember to shop local
For bargains through and through.

Merry Christmas

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Street Fair 2015 *could it be the last?*

A call for help... Street Fair this year marked **Charlbury School's Bi-Centenary**, and the achievement of Charlbury School as a foundation of the community that is

Charlbury as we know it today. With the usual range of stalls, performances and events by people of all ages, including traditional entertainments from Morris dancers, Punch & Judy show, a fancy dress parade, classic cars, a great range of gourmet delights, amazing dance from the pupils of Charlbury School and spectacularly successful musical contributions by local bands, we believe we can call Charlbury Street Fair 2015 a genuine celebration of our town as a thriving and energetic community. We are pleased to report that Street Fair 2015 also had great success in achieving the twin goals of raising all our spirits and quite a lot of money- at the time of writing this, the sum of **money raised on the day at Street Fair 2015 exceeds £8,000!** Adding the £3k+ accruing from Quiz Night and Open Gardens, the total for 2015 exceeds £11,000 in support of the town's community assets, in particular The War Memorial Hall and Corner House.

Street Fair Committee publicly thank all those who made Charlbury Street Fair 2015 a resounding success. Success for virtually all community activity relies upon the generosity of residents and friends of communities in the giving of time, expertise and physical presence of a large group of people. Street Fair's future rests with those who "step up" and set the scene for the event. This autumn Street Fair Committee shall be saying farewell to some of those who've "stepped up" over recent years. Their departure will be a loss: in terms of their experience, skills, straightforward common sense and wisdom - but also a gain in the opportunity for renewed energy and fresh ideas to sustain the lively imagination and ambition Street Fair relies upon. We thank those who are leaving us on behalf of the community of Charlbury and wish them farewell, good luck and success in their next adventures – and welcome those whom we hope will be joining the continuing adventure of Street Fair.

We need new blood and a bigger team in order to sustain Street Fair. The committee are comparatively few and one or two of us might affectionately be described as elders. None of our departing and continuing committee members would deny the challenge of Street Fair – it is hard going at times. Why then become part of it? To keep alive a celebration of our community, dating from the accession of Queen Elizabeth II sixty-three years ago. (Not the Royal Charter as I erroneously claimed previously – thanks to Ron P who gently corrected me)

Street Fair is likely to cease or at least miss 2016, unless we can create a bigger team. We need new committee members who will act as team leaders covering the necessary areas of work in mounting the event, including sponsorship, running the auction and Grand Draw, catering, putting up (and taking down) the stalls, publicity and more. We intend to hold a public meeting before the New Year to recruit a team sufficient to help keep Street Fair alive and kicking. Look out for news on Charlbury Forum.

Want to know more? Get in touch at: csfchairman@charlburystreetfair.org Or post/drop off a note/letter addressed to: CSF c/o Wallden House, Sheep St., Charlbury OX7 3RR (next door but one to The Bull)

Stephen Andrews & John Hole

On behalf of the Corner House & War Memorial Hall
and Charlbury Street Fair 2015 committees respectively.

CHARLBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

September was an enjoyable but hectic month for us – we even had to turn down an invite to do a cookery demonstration at a rather prestigious local show! We were kept busy hosting the Charlbury NGS Open Gardens teas, judging at the Annual Garden Show, manning our stall at the Street Fair (be assured, we'll have cakes again next year!), taking part in the memorable county WI centenary celebrations at Christ Church cathedral on 16th September (you may have seen the event on the regional TV news), we joined Spelsbury WI for a centenary tea party, and celebrated the centenary ourselves at our September meeting at The Bell with wine, cake and balloons.

In October we joined Spelsbury and Chadlington WIs for a Harvest Supper and enjoyed a Wine Tasting with Over Norton WI. Our October meeting speaker – The History and Art of Corn Dollies – was unfortunately double booked and the replacement speaker ended up in A&E the day beforehand! Feeling a little jinxed, we improvised at short notice and had a really fun evening playing 'True Truths, One Lie' and 'Room 101'. Reassuring to know then that our November meeting/workshop – rag wreath making – will be member led and more under our control!

Looking ahead to the year-end, come and find us at The Corner House on Saturday 28th November where we'll be having a Christmas themed Coffee Morning and Cake Sale. Then for the first time, we'll be hosting our own Carol Service for the local community at St. Mary's at 7pm on Monday 7th December. Following the traditional nine carols and nine readings format, we'll be serving mulled wine and home-made mince pies afterwards. Lastly, look out for the new Charlbury WI 2016 programme as it appears around town in December – we've put together what we hope is a diverse, entertaining and inspiring list of activities and talks for the year ahead.

If you've been thinking of joining Charlbury WI, then please do come along and try one of our meetings as a visitor. We meet on the 3rd 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, also at The Bell) can be found on the Charlbury website, or contact Pat Hill (President) on 810714 or Louise Cashman (Secretary) on 676995.

Louise Cashman

Secretary, Charlbury WI

POLICE NEWS & ADVICE from PC Wesley Smith

We are experiencing a lot of out-building break-ins at the moment. Please take the time to review your security:

- Garages and sheds are often full of expensive tools to steal or use to break into the house. Do not leave a garage or garden shed unlocked, especially if it has a connecting door to the house.
- Fit strong padlocks and hardware to shed and garage doors.
- Make sure that the doors are solid enough not to be kicked in.
- Fit locks or bars to windows.
- Lock ladders inside your garage or shed.
- Consider lockable steel boxes or anchor posts fitted to the floor to secure tools and equipment.
- Garden tools and machinery should be permanently marked with your postcode.
- Install a battery or mains-powered shed alarm, available from all good DIY stores at a reasonable price.
- For extra security, replace the screws in external hinges of your shed or garage side-door with 'clutch-head' screws (also known as 'anti-tamper' or 'coffin' screws).
- Secure your wheelie bin to stop an intruder using it to climb on.

UPDATE ABOUT CHARLBURY POST OFFICE

We have about 6 months to go until our next Network Transformation review and we thank those who have been using the Post Office. We continue to request as many people as possible to use the Post Office as we need to demonstrate to the Post Office officials that the Post Office is needed, and not just for Christmas.

Network Transformation is still under way in many regions and many sub-postmasters are experiencing what can be described as intolerable pressure to convert to these new models. and we hope to continue to show that type of office will not work in Charlbury.

Christmas will soon be upon us and you can check out the last posting dates for some far away places as early as the 4th December .Pick up your leaflet as soon as possible .

Local Wilderness Tickets are hoped for in the New Year - many have left their details and we will let everyone know as soon as we have further information. Please watch out for updates on the Charlbury Web site and please follow us on Facebook for updates on tickets availability.

We have late night shopping on the 11th December and we have lots of great gifts to chose from - and we hope to see you soon.

Elaine and Pam

CLUBS, GROUPS, SOCIETIES

PROBUS CLUB OF CHARLBURY

Probus Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month over lunch at Witney Lakes Resort. Following lunch we enjoy a 45 minute talk on a wide range of subjects. The past 3 months we have covered topics as diverse as Bonny Prince Charlie, the VW Beetle and the Cotswold AONB. Our final 2 talks for this year will be about 'Chipping Norton Railway' and 'Magic and Mystery'. For our December lunch the excellent kitchen of Witney Lakes is putting on a special Christmas menu.

Each year Probus organises three outings; 'a day out' which, this year was a Steam Train Ride from Toddington to Cheltenham Race Course; annually we also organise a trip to the Watermill Theatre for a matinee performance –preceded by lunch at their restaurant - this year we saw an excellent performance of 'Oliver' and finally thirty of us enjoyed a trip to a Concert at the Birmingham Symphony Hall.

Probus is essentially a social club aiming to promote and encourage a spirit of friendship within the local community. We welcome applications for membership from (retired) men, whether newcomers or long time residents, 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. We also maintain a list of Friends of Probus, which is essentially a list of partners of ex-members as well as others who may wish to be included on our outings and our annual Black Tie Dinner which is to be held on Thursday 28th January 2016.

Steve Cavell, 01608 811504 or email Stephen.cavell@yahoo.co.uk

CHARLBURY BEER & WINE CIRCLE PROGRAMME FOR 2016

The January meeting will be a **cards evening** - whist - nothing too serious - a good social evening.

February's meeting will be led by **Monty Philips** - a real expert and excellent raconteur. A **further tasting** will be held in March, led by a special guest.

In April, we will be holding our **Safari Supper**. The **Annual Dinner** takes place in May.

We hope for a sunny day in June when the **barbecue** is held at lunch time on a Sunday.

Jul;y's meeting includes a **sparkling wine tasting**. **Hook Norton Brewery** is the venue for our August meeting.

Most meetings are held in the Garden Room of the Memorial Hall.

For a full programme telephone John Moore (Secretary) on 01608 810 700

THE DANCERISE FITNESS PROGRAMME

Generate warmth and cheer with a 60 minute full body workout to dance and popular music. Core strengthening! Fat Burning! Suitable for all ages and fitness levels. Improves mood, confidence, mobility, co-ordination and other benefits. *"This is enjoyable all-round exercise ... A small friendly group."* (Anon).

NEW CLASSES ADDED. *Please see quarter page advert for more details on page 33*

CHARLBURY ART is keen to encourage more younger members of the Charlbury art community to join. Benefits include showing your work at exhibitions and coming to talks and demonstrations by professional artists as well as meeting other artists and art enthusiasts among its 150 members. Membership is now free if you are under 25 years old. If you would like to join or

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need any further information please go to our website <http://www.charlburyarts.co.uk>

Tony Lloyd

THE CHARLBURY SOCIETY

The new season of monthly talks commenced in October with a packed Memorial Hall audience being treated to the history of Charlbury School. It is 200 years since our school opened its doors in October 1815, as Charlbury British School, and a team has been researching its history. Visitors to the museum in the summer will have seen the exhibition displaying the results of this work. At our meeting, two of the researchers, Barbara Allison and Judy Dod, gave a most interesting talk that took us from the earliest times in the life of the school almost to the present.

The Society was present at Wychwood Forest Fair and Charlbury Street Fair in September and we were pleased to be able to spread the word about our activities to large numbers of people on perfect summer days. We extend a warm welcome to those new members who joined the Society at these events.

We have a full program of meetings through until next May, at 8pm on the second Friday of the month in the Memorial Hall. Topics for this season will include lodging houses in Victorian market towns, 19th century emigration from Oxfordshire, food and drink in Tudor times, Salters' steamers (with over 150 years on the river in Oxford) and the Wychwood project, which does so much to preserve our local landscape.

Annual membership is available to all, or non-member visitors to our meetings can pay just £3. We look forward to welcoming both regulars and visitors for what is always an enjoyable evening.

Peter Bennett, Treasurer (810197)

CHARLBURY YOUTH FOOTBALL

The teams from Charlbury Town Youth Football club are now well into the new season and we are going to include a short update from different teams in each issue of the Charlbury Chronicle, First up the Under 8's managed by Matt Stevenson: Congratulations to our under 8's they have made a cracking start to the season, culminating in a magnificent tournament victory at Carterton Town on 18th October. This included a fine win over a very strong Tower

Hill side. Each player in the squad contributed brilliantly and all the boys should be very proud of themselves. With 13 players now on the books, we are building a very strong, competitive squad and the improvement over the last 12 months has been wonderful to see, keep up the good work boys!

Many thanks to everyone who helped organise and run the recent Quiz Night, it was a great success raising £700 for the School Association and Youth Football Club.

The football club was also like to thank Charlbury Beer Festival for their recent contribution towards the ongoing restoration to the pitches on Nine Acres"

Clive Brooks, Charlbury Town Youth Football Club

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

NEWS FROM CHARLBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Hello from Catherine Ball and Suzie Williams! We are two of the governing body's newest members and are delighted to share the school's latest news.

It's been a great start to the Autumn term for the whole school and our new teachers have already made an enormously positive impact. Our new Year 4 teacher, Alice Boyes, has been inspiring and engaging pupils with wonderfully creative Literacy lessons. Jennie Grierson, our new Music Teacher who also teaches in Key Stage 1, has been busy establishing a Performing Arts classroom for all year groups. On this note, if anyone has any neglected musical instruments gathering dust, we'd be very grateful to re-home them! Please get in touch if you're able to make any contributions.

The eagle-eyed among you may have noticed pupils in high-visibility vests cycling along Enstone Road in late September. These were our Year 6 pupils who, as part of the Bikeability cycling proficiency programme, spent four days learning valuable road safety and cycling skills and earned badges for their achievements.

The whole school has again been actively involved in a wide range of events connecting us to the wider Charlbury community. In September we welcomed St Mary's new vicar, Sally Welch, into school to lead our Harvest Assembly. Also in September, we held a 'Bake-Off' in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. Children from all year groups contributed their best bakes, rosettes were awarded and £528 was raised by pupils, parents and members of the community who came to taste the delicious offerings. In October, our fundraising efforts focused on the 'Wear it Pink' campaign for breast cancer research, with the school awash with pink-clad pupils! Our final charity event this term will see us raising money for Children in Need, a day that's always popular in school.

The children have extended their classroom learning with some fantastic school trips this term. Foundation and Year 1 visited Warwick Castle, Years 3 and 4 travelled to The Corinium Museum in Cirencester as part of their Romans topic work and Years 5 and 6 explored Victorian life at The Black Country Museum.

By the time you read this, we'll be into Term 2 and our Year 6s will have completed their much-anticipated residential to Yenworthy, North Devon. They spend a week away from home taking part in a wide range of outdoor team pursuits to foster their growing independence and get thoroughly wet and muddy in the process!

We have lots more community-focused events planned for Term 2, including a visit from Radio Oxford to record the whole school singing a Christmas song, a Remembrance service led by Vicar Jan Fielden and a Christingle Assembly focusing on global togetherness. On 3rd December, we will also welcome children from all of Charlbury's pre-school settings for a Christmas pantomime.

A final note for prospective parents with children starting school in September 2016: if you missed our open mornings this term but would like to see the school in action, please call us on 01608 810354 as our Head Jane Holt will be very happy to show you around.

CLIMATE CHANGE – LET’S KEEP IT IN THE GROUND

This December sees the most crucial international climate talks for a decade. It is time to wake up.

We have grown used to climate change as something serious that needs to be sorted out - at some point. But the window of opportunity is closing, really fast.

To keep below a 2°C global temperature rise, we have to limit our total carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions to 2900 billion tonnes by the end of the century. We are currently on track to exceed this faster than anyone had imagined – possibly before my kids will have grown up.

Above 2°C, the risks escalate. This is not about growing wine in England. The World Health Organisation already attributes millions of deaths worldwide due to climate change; the impacts of further warming will be catastrophic: famine, disease, mass migration; economic and political collapse; war.

The solutions are known. In fact, the 2015 Lancet Commission on Health and Climate Change reported that “tackling climate change could be the greatest global health opportunity of the 21st century” through policy win-wins on clean energy, active travel, housing improvements and green cities.

The problem - and it is a big one - is that keeping within CO₂ limits requires that the majority of known fossil fuel reserves remain in the ground, unburned. We are talking about writing off the financial assets of major economic players around the world. Which gives some idea of the level of political obstruction taking place.

The fossil fuel industry stands to lose, but people everywhere have everything to gain from moving to 100% renewable energy by 2050. It is time for people everywhere to wake up and speak out.

- Ask your pension fund to get out of fossil fuels
- Join the conversation on forum.charlbury.info
- Be counted – join the Charlbury group heading for the global climate march in London on 29th November (see Charlbury.info/events)

Frances Mortimer

50+ LOW IMPACT AEROBICS CLASS

Low impact exercise can improve your health and fitness without stressing your joints. Every Friday morning from 9.30 to 10.30am. in the Memorial Hall, Charlbury. £4 per class. Turn up on the day or phone Sue on 07745 501364

FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS AT THE CORNER HOUSE

A reminder that **HOT DRINKS & HOT SCONES** are served every Friday morning between 10 and 1130am at the Corner House .

*Proceeds for the upkeep of the Corner House and Memorial Hall
Come and meet your friends!*

NEWS FROM CORNBURY PARK

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 park as they upset the deer.

As part of an ongoing tree planting scheme across the park, Cornbury is looking to replace the avenue of horse chestnut trees which borders the drive way from North Lodge. Sadly, many of these trees, planted in Victorian times are now diseased and dying. Cornbury is working with the authorities to plan a replacement avenue of trees. This will be the third avenue of trees replaced since the 1990s at Cornbury.

There has been some debate about the electric stock fence which was put in place over the summer along the footpath connecting North Lodge and Southill. The grazing of livestock on this farmland helps to maintain the fields and provides some income for their maintenance, and the estate will be using the land for grazing stock for the foreseeable future. The electric wire fencing will be replaced with a traditional, non-electric stock fence over the coming months. Like the temporary electric fence, the new fence will follow the same line as far as the copse. It is hoped that this safety measure will prevent interaction between walkers and livestock. Cornbury requests that walkers continue to stick to the footpath and keep dogs on leads for safety reasons. As well as upsetting the livestock, dogs which are not kept on leads have been known to disappear down badger setts.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy 2016.

Follow us on Twitter @CornburyPark and at Facebook.com/CornburyPark, or get in touch by emailing us at: estate@cpark.co.uk or telephoning on 01608 811 276

TOWN CLOCK APPEAL

The Appeal Committee would like to thank everyone in Charlbury - and particularly the Charlbury Beer Festival who have made a significant grant towards the overhaul of the clock - for the generous way in which they have contributed to the Town Clock Appeal.

Although the Appeal will remain open for a little longer, the donations received by the end of October allowed St Mary's PCC to engage a contractor to begin the urgently required repairs to the clock. Scaffolding has been erected around the church tower and repair work will begin shortly, both to the external dials and to the internal mechanisms.

Scott Grant on behalf of the Committee

The pharmacist would like to talk to you about your medicine.....

It is estimated that over 50% of people who take regular, long term medicines are not getting the most benefit from them - resulting in not feeling well as they could, unnecessary visits to the GP, or in some cases admittance to hospital. Much of this is avoidable.

To help combat this, the NHS is asking pharmacists to offer additional services to those who are currently taking or are starting certain regular medication.

Medicine Use Reviews

This free service involves having a short chat with the pharmacist in our consultation room. You will be asked about all the medication you are taking, including those items you purchase over the counter and any herbal preparations. We will then discuss with you why you believe you take them, how and when you take them and any possible problems you may be experiencing due to the medication. Where problems are found, we will agree some recommendations to help you. If necessary we will also share the information with your GP so they are aware of the problems and the recommendations. Please note - this service does not replace in any way the medical review done by your GP – our service is designed to compliment it and primarily concerns medication-related issues.

New Medicine Service

This service is offered to patients who are starting certain new medicines for the first time. The pharmacist will contact you, usually by phone, after a week or so to assess how you are going with the new medicine. Any queries about the medication will be clarified and further information provided when necessary. The patient will be contacted one final time two weeks later, to ensure all is still going well with the medication. Each phone conversation typically lasts about 3 minutes.

Both services are designed to proactively prevent health problems due to not taking medication properly. They are also there to provide people with greater access to the pharmacist in order to ask any questions or address any concerns they might have about their medication.

When we ask patients if they would like to benefit from these services, some for various reasons politely decline. People have every right to say no – these are not compulsory services after all! It is true that for some, the experience does nothing more than confirm that everything is absolutely fine with their medication. However, in Charlbury, we find problems of some sort in one third of all Medicine Use Reviews we conduct. By identifying and resolving such issues, we can help you get the most from your medication, thereby keeping you well and potentially saving the NHS money!

**This information has been provided by the Co-Operative Healthcare Charlbury.
We are your community pharmacy so please support us
so we can continue to serve our community**

A Day's life: Jody O'Reilly

I am a village person. I grew up in Stonesfield, where my parents still live, and went to Stonesfield Primary School, then to the Marlborough School. When Shamus and I got married, we lived in Oxford but wanted to move out to the countryside and chose Charlbury to raise our two children: Jack (5) and Megan (3). I wanted to go back to work after having the kids, because I am lucky enough to love my job, but I didn't want to send them to nursery full-time. My parents still live in Stonesfield and they agreed to help out looking after the children on Tuesdays. With help from Little Monkeys I work three full days a week. I am full of praise for all grandparents who help look after their grandchildren, and I am so lucky to live near my parents. My three siblings and their families live much further away, in the States, Bristol and Edinburgh, and though Skype helps us all stay in touch I love that our kids get to visit their grandparents so much.

A typical day for me depends on whether I am Jody-who's-working or Jody- who's-a-mum. I am a heritage consultant working for a small company. We provide independent advice throughout the planning process to property owners – who might range from a single householder to holders of large property estates. We help clients manage change to their premises in a sensitive way. For much of the time, these properties are listed buildings, or buildings within a conservation area. The owners may want to make minor changes – all aspects of a listed building are protected so even small things can need consent - or major ones right up to demolition. We attempt to help owners achieve what they want while preserving what is important about these historic buildings and areas. I specialise in examining and assessing the buildings or historic areas themselves, with colleagues who undertake documentary research and provide historic background, and others who cover archaeological issues.

I studied archaeology at Durham University, and always felt it made sense to me. I loved the blend of art, science, and history, and the chance to work outside. I graduated in 1999, at the height of the millennium building boom, and got my first job with Oxford Archaeology working on a site in Lechlade. It was a very, very, steep learning curve. I've worked for the Museum of London excavating bits of Roman London in the City, I have worked in Syria and Belize; and also taught excavation techniques for Reading University.

Having spent three years in the field, I then studied for an MA in Buildings Archaeology at York. It was a very practical course, and used a lot of my archaeological skills in order to understand the fabric and development of historic buildings. I then ended up back at Oxford Archaeology as a member of their Historic Buildings Team. Most of my work there was recording buildings which had obtained planning consent, but gradually I felt I wanted to be involved at the start of any proposals for change, and to be involved in the discussion of that process. This led me to take a job with a large planning and heritage

consultancy firm based in London. I continued part-time with them after Jack was born and through Megan's arrival as well. In January 2014 I was asked to join a small group of former colleagues who had set up my current company - Heritage Collective.

I work from home, as do all my colleagues, and we can and do travel all over the country for our projects. I have worked on projects ranging from small cottages or individual London town houses to assessing huge 1930s factory buildings. A recent interesting project has been assessing what looked like an 18th century pub in Suffolk, which burned down revealing the remains of a hidden 16th century timber frame! We are assisting the owner in working out how to salvage as much of the historic structure as possible. Closer to home I volunteered my skills to assess the heritage impact of the Southill Solar Farm project.

I also love being Jody-who's-a-Mum, I have always enjoyed being creative and now love playing with the kids and doing home-made stuff. Now they're old enough to 'help' me with projects or cooking, even making marmalade. My children will play happily by themselves for a while now they're older, which does just about allow me to do the washing up or some laundry. But, no-one tells you that being with small children can sometimes be very tedious and very repetitive, and that makes me appreciate being able to work part-time, to finish a task from start to end, even sometimes just to finish a cup of coffee while it is still hot. Jack describes my job as being a 'building detective' - I recently went in to talk to his Year 1 class about it for their Castles and Houses theme, they all liked trying on my hard hat.

We are usually awake and up by 6am. Shamus works for Elsevier Publishing near Kidlington, but he is usually home around 6pm, which means we can eat supper as a family - important to us all. We put the children to bed from 7pm and then the time is ours. At the weekends, we usually like to be in Charlbury. We love the community here and have tried to be part of it: I have sung in the choir Voices Unlimited, helped on the Street Fair committee, and Shamus helps with the Beer festival. We also have an allotment, and Jack is just beginning to understand the connection between putting in seeds and the plants then growing. I would love to have time to be more artistic - currently there's not enough hours in the day!

Jody O'Reilly was interviewed by Barbara Allison

Jody O'Reilly was talking to Barbara Allison

Answers to the AND quiz from the September Chronicle

- 1 wide – r (*far and wide*); 2 out – s (*out and about*);
3 xylem – x (*phloem and xylem*); 4 sweet - t (*short and sweet*)
5 Saunders - v (*French and Saunders*); 6 (the) Cat - u (*the Cat and the Fiddle*); 7 awe - n (*shock and awe*); 8 the deep blue sea - e (*the devil and the deep blue sea*); 9 House - h (*House & Carriage*)
10 Swallows - j (*Swallows and Amazons*)
11 supply - k (*supply and demand*); 12 Crick - w (*Crick and Watson*); 13 Alpha - p (*Alpha and Omega*);
14 Le Rouge - q (*Le Rouge et Le Noir*); 15 groove - o (*tongue and groove*); 16 Jerry's - a (*Ben and Jerry's*); 17 Jerry - f (*Tom and Jerry*); 18 dark or shade - g (*light and dark/shade*);
19 match - b (*game, set and match*); 20 Mills - l (*Mills & Boon*)
21 Crime - m (*Crime and Punishment*); 22 pomp - y (*pomp and circumstance*); 23 take - i (*give and take*); 24 Drang - c (*Sturm und Drang*)

Well done, and thanks to all competitors.

Congratulations to the 3 entries gaining 23/24: they were Helen and Andrew Chapman, Tony and Judith Graeme, and Kate Smith. A bottle of Beaujolais goes to the Chapmans, first out of the hat!

Peter Barber

CHARLBURY DAY CENTRE

It has been a quiet time for the Centre over the last 3-4 months. Our member numbers have remained stable and we have gained two more volunteer drivers, which is a great help, but it may be the quiet before the storm, as we have just received a letter from the County Council warning of further budget cuts that may affect our funding for the year ahead.

However Christmas is approaching fast and we are looking forward to a pantomime trip in mid-November and more relevantly we have our **Open Morning** on Wednesday 9th of December and hope that you can join us for coffee or a glass of wine with mince pies from 10.30 until 12.00. There should also be some home baking for sale and a raffle. We look forward to seeing you .

Bob Tait

Charlbury Pre-School

Charlbury Pre School still have places available for sessions. On Mondays children can enjoy Little Dancers (a 30 min dance session with Sally) and on Tuesday children can go to Little Wild Things. We also offer longer sessions to 3.30pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays.

Pre-School is also an ideal venue to hire for children's parties (for children up to the age of 10yrs). For more information on hiring the Pre School as a venue or to arrange a visit please call 01608 811200 or email: admin@charlburypreschool.org.uk

CHARLBURY FARMERS' MARKET **A message from Nick Potter**

As you probably already know the Directors of the Thames Valley Farmers' Market Cooperative Ltd decided that with effect from August 1st 2015 all the TVFMC Farmers' Markets in North Oxfordshire (Cherwell & West Oxon District Council areas) would be managed by Lee McCallum, including Charlbury. In practice Lee will take over Charlbury on January 1st 2016, so the Christmas Market will be the last to be organised by Roger Watts, Geoff Burroughs and me.

We set up the market in Charlbury, holding the first one on July 14th 2001 and have been responsible for its organisation from the past 14 1/2 years first for WODC/Charlbury Town Council and latterly, since 2004, for Thames Valley Farmers' Market Association now TVFMC. We enjoy providing what we think is a jolly good Market and want to thank you all for your support over the years. We very much hope that you will continue to support Charlbury Farmers' Market.

If you need further information about Charlbury Farmers' Market please contact Lee McCallum as soon as possible on 07779 400 421 or email marketmanager@gmail.com With best wishes to you all from Roger, Geoff and myself.

Yours sincerely , Nick Potter

The Cotswold Decorative and Fine Arts Society

The Cotswold Decorative & Fine Arts Society Christmas lecture is on December 9, 2015. Peter Medhurst will speak on "We Three Kings: music, art, legends and poetry inspired by the Magi". On January 13th the lecture is "The Drama Behind the Taj Mahal" by Oliver Everett and on February 10th we have "Inspired by Winter Colour: Bruegel to Cezanne and Beyond" by Vivien Heffernan.

Lectures begin at 11.00am with coffee and mince pies from 10.15-10.45. and take place at Bradwell Village Hall, Burford, OX18 4XF. Non-members very welcome (suggested donation £8). See our website www.cotswolddfas.org.uk for more details.

Christmas Church Services

Charlbury Baptist Church



Contact: Secretary 810107 charlburybaptistchurch@gmail.com

Sunday worship normally at 10.30 am

Christmas: Afternoon Carol Service December 15th, 2 pm

December 20th. Relaxed cafe-style family worship

Christmas Day **10 am** with Methodists in Fishers Lane

December 27th. Methodists join us in Dyers Hill

See our web page for activities

St Mary's C of E Church



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

www.stmaryscharlbury.co.uk

Friends' Meeting House, Market Street



Meeting for Worship at the Friends Meeting House

For further details contact Paula Dunleavy (646056)

Methodist Chapel, Fishers Lane



Everyone very welcome. We have light lunch every 4th
Tuesday of the month from 12.30 - 2.0pm in the Methodist
schoolroom . A chance to meet with friends and have a talk
... it's open to all.

Sunday services at 10.30am

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



Sunday Masses

9am at St Kenelm's, Church Enstone

11am at St Teresa's, Charlbury

Daily Mass 9.30am at St Teresa's, Charlbury

Rev Aldo Taparo, 5 Enstone Road, Charlbury OX7 3QR
tel: 810576 or see www.communicate.co.uk/oxford.stteresacharlbury

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

Churches Together in Charlbury has completed another year of varied activities. We have celebrated the different seasons with special services, the most recent of which was an inspiring service for One World Week in St Teresa's Roman Catholic Church. One World Week coincides with United Nations Day – you may have noticed the United Nations flag flying from the tower of the Parish Church.

At the AGM in October, Clare Carswell's chairman's report covered the many events that have taken place during the year, the highlight being the ecumenical pilgrimage to Durham and Lindisfarne in August. We are following this up with a showing of the film 'The Way' on 31st January and a series of talks in Lent 2016 on the theme of pilgrimage.

The church year starts again in Advent, the period leading up to Christmas, when Christians are preparing themselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This year we are looking forward to choral evensong in St Mary's Parish Church on Sunday 6th December and to a concert in the Baptist Church on Monday 7th December. We are also planning a nativity scene with storytelling at the Farmers' Market on 12th December.

After Christmas we will be marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with a service in St Mary's on Sunday 24th January to be led by the Quakers. Lent starts early next year on 10th February. We will be offering soup, bread and cheese lunches in different churches on Fridays in Lent and the talks about pilgrimage will be on Tuesday evenings in St Mary's. We will conclude our observance of Lent with a walk of witness round the town on Good Friday, 25th March.

Sue Tokumine from the Methodist Church has now taken over the chair of Churches Together in Charlbury. The five churches take it in turn to provide a chairman for a year, ensuring that we learn from one another and value what each tradition has to offer, as well as sharing the many aspects of our faith that we have in common.

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

'Love came down at Christmas' is the theme of Wychwood Forest Church's afternoon of children's activities and carol singing around the outdoor Christmas tree at **Charlbury Baptist Church** on Sunday, 20th December 2015.

The children's activities start at 3pm and after refreshments, the carol singing should start at 4.30pm. The activities should suit children up to the age of 11 years of age. The carol singing will suit all age groups!

For more information contact Rev Jean Andrews 07980 534874

From Councillor Rodney Rose, Deputy Leader OCC

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BUDGET: The County Council has now released the savings it might consider should £50m extra savings be needed when the Comprehensive Spending Review is announced at the end of November. There is a consultation response at <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/budget-savings-options-201617> which I urge all councils to complete. Should less than the £50m be required then the consultation responses will affect what cuts are made and what gets saved. You will see by looking at the lists that rural areas are certainly hit by these savings.

CHILDREN'S CENTRE AND EARLY INTERVENTION CHANGES; The council's Cabinet endorsed a proposal for a full public consultation to take place during the autumn on the future of children's centres and early intervention hubs. The proposals follow the findings of a cross-party review of the council's early intervention services, and children's centres, which was reported to Cabinet in June. That review recommended that a network of Children and Family Resource Centres for 0-19 year-olds be developed targeted to those areas of greatest need, with a good geographical spread of centres. The focus would be on supporting the most vulnerable children and families. Under the proposals £8m would be saved from the current overall £16m budget for children's centres and the Early Intervention Service. The remaining £8m budget for the current children's centres and early intervention services would be combined with the existing £4m budget for children's social care's Family Support Teams, creating a new £12m service. There will be extensive consultation throughout the autumn before any decision is taken.

From District Councillor Liz Leffman

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Your District Councillors have been following up on their promise to progress a plan for a Dean Pit replacement, and have been working with Charlbury and Chipping Norton Town Councils to take this forward.

The Clerks and Chairs of the two Town Councils met with us in early October to discuss next steps and will meet again in mid-November. We have identified some possible locations and are following these up. We are all determined to get something moving, especially given that, according to the Oxford Times, fly-tipping is on the increase in Oxfordshire and costs residents around £148,000 a year. This cost is borne by the City and District Councils. The amount that these councils are spending to clear fly-tipping is nearly half what the County plans to save by closing household waste recycling centres! That doesn't seem to make a lot of sense financially, let alone the impact on our roadsides.

Still on the subject of rubbish, the District Council recently held a briefing session for councillors about the future of the waste contract. One possibility is that our recycling collections may move to being "co-mingled" – in other words that everything will be mixed up in the collection and separated mechanically at the depot. This is a very efficient method and encourages more recycling – other councils in Oxfordshire are using it to good effect. Councils using this method generally provide wheelie bins rather than boxes, but I have asked for there to be an option for people to have boxes if we go this way, as for some they are more convenient.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Merry Happy Christmas a

Charlbury Beer Festival 2015: A Record-Breaking Year

On the day when my daughter and 59,999 other fans packed into London's Hyde Park to see the phenomenal Taylor Swift, I felt quite proud that almost a tenth of that number descended on Charlbury Cricket Club for the eighteenth annual fund-raising Charlbury Beer Festival. And although we couldn't boast a giant rotating stage and multiple costume changes, we did provide thousands of pints of beer, hundreds of glasses of wine, Pimm's and soft drinks – live music from midday till late – children's entertainment – the World Aunt Sally Open Singles championships – and a programme of workshops, comedy, performance poetry and talks.

Special guests this year included Jane Peyton, the instigator of Beer Day Britain – radio announcer Kathy Clugston, who took part in an event celebrating the national institution that is the Shipping Forecast – and Tim Smith from the Steve Wright Show on Radio 2, who spent the morning broadcasting live from the festival site as part of his regular show on BBC Radio Oxford. The event raised £23,750 to be distributed by us to good causes in the local area and the developing world over the course of the next year – in addition to over £5300 raised at the event by other good causes, including the Charlbury School Association, Lawrence Home Nursing Trust and the Charlbury Community Centre Appeal. Under the chairmanship of Jim Holah, and supported by a team of CBF committee members and volunteers, this was our best result ever, and probably our most enjoyable event so far ... All of which has set us wondering 'How can we top that in 2016?' We're already discussing ideas, such as a reorganisation of the site, increasing the number of food franchises, and getting more 18-gallon barrels: but we'd like to quash rumours that we have our sights set on Hyde Park. After all, Taylor Swift seems like a nice young woman, and we certainly wouldn't want to do anything to upstage her.

Edward Fenton

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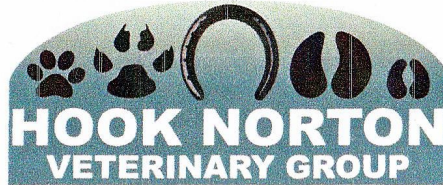
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