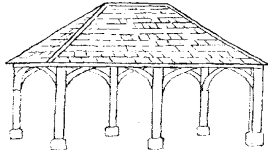


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As you read through your *Charlbury Chronicle* you might notice a slight difference in the layout for this edition. For a change, all the advertisements are at the back to give the reader a clearer run, as it were, with the various articles. However, I make a plea that readers won't just skip over the ads when they come to the last few pages, but will take the time to look through each one. It costs the best part of £3000 a year in printing costs alone to produce the *Chronicle* which goes to every house in the town for free. The only way we can do that is by having advertising, so our advertisers are extremely important to us. Do please support them if you can, and if anyone wants to advertise in these pages they will be very welcome.

It was a sad day for Charlbury when Worths Buses ended their service - it's been many a year since they first ran their buses through here and they will be much missed. See p3.

There's a faint whiff of the kitchen in this edition! Surprisingly, TotBits has a few recipes to tempt the palates of the young (and their parents) and here and there throughout these pages are a few handy tips on how to use up your leftovers, in keeping with current trends about not letting anything go to waste.

We are always glad to receive contributions to the *Chronicle* from our readers - if you have anything to say please get in touch (details on page 40).

Lynette Murphy

***Deadline for copy  
for the  
September Chronicle is  
August 1st***

## **NINE ACRES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - A NEW PAVILION & CHANGING ROOMS**

We are hopeful that this year the provision of a new pavilion and changing rooms for the Nine Acres Recreation Ground will be a reality. It is intended to commence work on the pavilion this summer, replacing the old building which dates back 74 years.

The Town Council over many years has set aside an annual amount of money for the pavilion and this has given us a very good financial base on which to build. In August last year we were delighted to receive a grant of £30,000 from WODC, then in December WREN Waste Recycling Environmental group very generously contributed £50,000 to our fund.

Charlbury Football Clubs, the Tennis Club and the Nine Acres Management Committee have each committed to raise £10,000 by the date on which work on the pavilion commences. The Football Clubs have obtained a grant of £5000 from the Community Foundation and have held fundraising events, including a Youth Football Competition on May 23rd this year. Charlbury Tennis Club has encouraged a large number of their members to make an individual contribution to the project, as well as arranging their own successful fundraising activities.

Nine Acres Management Committee would like to thank all those who have embraced this project with so much enthusiasm, and would welcome further financial contributions from anyone who would like to help us to ensure the project goes ahead on time.

Further information is available from Robert Caston on 01608 810240

## **CHARLBURY PRACTICE GROUP**

A group has been established to act as a link between patients and the medical team at the Charlbury Medical Centre to identify and initiate any possible improvements to the service provided by the Practice.

The initial membership of the group is made up of patients registered with the practice and includes people from Charlbury and from villages in the Practice catchment area. Chris Hastings & Sue Cooper are members of the committee who live in Charlbury

It is intended that the group will meet regularly with the Practice Manager and the Medical Practitioners to discuss issues of concern and interest to patients.

It is emphasised that this is not a 'complaints' group. The intention is to use this forum to help provide what best suits the majority of patients. It is intended to provide an understanding between what is ideally required and what is realistically possible.

The effectiveness of the group depends on the input from patients. So if you have any issues that you would like to see raised, please let us know. Be assured that any issues will be dealt with in confidence.

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Charlbury Practice Group - Patients,  
The Charlbury Medical Centre,  
Enstone Road, Charlbury, Oxon, OX7 3PQ  
email:  
[charlburypracticegroup@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:charlburypracticegroup@hotmail.co.uk)

## RAILWAY NEWS

Network Rail has announced the final plans for redoubling the Cotswold Line through Charlbury. The line from Charlbury (just south-east of the station) to Ascott-under-Wychwood will be redoubled in evening engineering work, starting in mid-December. Late evening train services will be replaced with buses. Overnight 'possessions' can also often mean delays to the first trains of the day if they overrun.

The work will include a new westbound platform at Charlbury, plus new lighting and a "real-time digital passenger information system". The redoubled line will enter service in May 2011. Though the main rationale for the project is improving punctuality, it will also mean three more off-peak services every day between Oxford and Moreton, which are likely to be operated by Turbo trains from Paddington which currently terminate at Oxford. These will help fill some of the current 1hr+ gaps in the service.

The second phase of the redoubling, between Evesham and Moreton, will take place later in 2011 and should mean more off-peak services to Worcester.

Cost overruns forced Network Rail to scale down its original signalling plans. One of the results is that the characteristic signal box at Ascott-under-Wychwood will be retained. Ascott's short platforms will be extended to three-coach length, with more trains stopping there.

The next milestone for the project will be when plans for the expanded Charlbury station are submitted for approval to West Oxfordshire District Council.

*Taken from the Charlbury Website*

## WORTHS REMEMBERING

It is with great sadness that we learn that the Worths Bus Service from Chipping Norton, through Charlbury to Witney, will be discontinued from Saturday May 29th due to economic pressures, since it has not been possible to compete with the subsidised RH service.

Worths was started by Thomas (Dickie) Edmund Worth in 1922, and his son and grandson have continued running the Company ever since. Services first started to run through Charlbury in 1928, due to demand from Stonesfield, Combe and other local villages, and have continued until today. Even during the General Strike, when the Oxford Bus Company stopped running, Worths kept on providing a service, and in fact helped run buses in Oxford. During the war, one long time employee was called up for army duty, but then his work in transporting troops, especially for the Air Ministry, from all the local air bases, was considered more important, so he returned to drive the buses, and remained with the company until shortly before he died some 40 years later.

Those of you who have enjoyed travelling with Worths Buses, and have grown to know the drivers as friends, may want to mark the occasion by making a special journey with them on May 29th. Worths emphasise, however, that they are continuing with private hire and contract work as normal.

*Helen Bessemer-Clarke  
Parish Transport Representative*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ABBIE

Congratulations to Abbie Williams (of Burford School) aged 11yrs who was placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the YKC (Young Kennel Club) ring at Crufts recently. Abbie and her 4 year old Dalmatian Martha (aka Phadante Take a Chance) entered the YKC Handling class for Toy & Utility dogs and Abbie managed to win her place against 13 other competitors.

Abbie said: "The competition was judged on the handler rather than the dog and I had to run and show my dog as instructed by the judge and then answer lots of questions about Martha. I was placed last year, my Dad said I would have a good chance of being placed again this year, but I wasn't so sure. I was really excited when I was given my rosette."

To qualify for YKC at Crufts, Abbie had to compete at various shows across the country and only when she had been placed first did she secure her place.

Abbie said: "I really want to go on and do more dog showing, it will be harder next year as I will be in the next age class and will be competing against much more experienced 16 year olds. It is also very difficult to juggle my school work and showing dogs as the competitions are usually a long way away but I really hope to be at Crufts again next year and win another rosette."

### Fun Day and Dog Show

15th August 2010 11am-4pm  
at The Blue Cross, Shilton Road, Burford.

Fun-filled family day out raising funds for needy animals. Fun Dog Show with a variety of classes. Also trade stands and raffle, birds of prey, children's attractions and games, ask the animal expert.

For further information :  
[www.bluecross.org.uk/burford](http://www.bluecross.org.uk/burford)

## Battle of the bands

On Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup> **Charlbury Community Projects/ Charlbury Beer Festival** organized Charlbury's first Battle of the Bands for a while, looking for fresh musical talent to play at the **Charlbury Beer Festival** on July 10<sup>th</sup> 2010. See: [www.charlburybeerfestival.org](http://www.charlburybeerfestival.org). The event was kindly supported by Wadworths Brewery ([www.wadworth.co.uk](http://www.wadworth.co.uk)) and Banbury's One Man Band music shop ([www.ombmusic.co.uk](http://www.ombmusic.co.uk)).

Seven local acts took part, playing to an appreciative audience of over 100 on a lovely spring day. We were lucky to have the benefit of a celebrity judging panel, including [Manny Elias](#) (former drummer with Tears for Fears, Peter Gabriel, Peter Hamill and Julian Lennon), the actress, singer and author [Deborah Bouchard](#) (Corrie, Emmerdale etc etc), and Charlbury's own Claire Johnson & Ian Grierson (of [kingB](#)).

The evening playoff proved particularly special with some excellent playing by Dali's Tash, who are based around Stonesfield & Woodstock, Abi-K a young Charlbury-based songwriter whose haunting voice was likened to a young Stevie Nicks, and The Rifts whose energetic brand of indie rock comes out of the musical hotbed that is Charlbury and Chipping Norton. In the end The Rifts won by popular vote, winning a cash prize and goodies from the sponsors.

The event raised between £200 and £300 for local good causes, and it is hoped that it will grow into a regular showcase for west Oxfordshire musical talent of all types.

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01608 811209 or 07745 449626

## RON PREW RETIRES AS MUSEUM CURATOR

Many Charlburians will be sorry to hear that Ron Prew has decided to retire as Curator of the Charlbury Museum. He has been Curator since the death of Reg Smith in 1995, and was Assistant and Acting Curator for several years before that date. The Museum as it is today is very largely his creation, especially after the extension and major renovations that were carried out under his supervision in 2001-2. His commitment to and love of Charlbury, his encyclopaedic knowledge of the town's history and its inhabitants, and the imagination with which he has arranged the displays, will be deeply missed. We all wish him a long and happy retirement, and hope still to benefit from his experience and advice.

The new Curator will be Celia Faulkner. Celia has spent all her life in Charlbury, and her mother comes from an old local family, so she too has deep roots in our community. We wish her all the best in her new role.

*Jennifer Bartlett, President  
Charlbury Society*

## CHARLBURY DAY CENTRE

Charlbury Day Centre has been going in its present form since 1998, with the aim of providing a fun and stimulating day for 12 pensioners from the local area. It meets 48 days a year on a Wednesday in the Garden Room of the Memorial Hall. They are able to enjoy the company of fellow members and helpers. We have one paid member of staff and the rest of us are volunteers. Entertainment and activities are organised throughout the day and they have coffee, lunch and tea. The members are picked up from their homes in the morning and taken back at the end of the afternoon. The service is part funded by the Social Services, part from modest contributions by the members and part from funds raised by or donated to the Day Centre. However we rely heavily on volunteers to provide transport, help during the day and to cook. If you know anyone who you think might like to join us as a member or anyone who would like to help in any capacity as a volunteer then please do contact me. Bob Tait, by phone 01608 810150 or write to Brice House, Thames Street, Charlbury

*Bob Tait, Chairman*

### LITTER ACTION

Many thanks to the small but intrepid band of volunteers who kindly turned out on a Sunday afternoon in April for a litter pick.

If you see litter do please pick it up, and encourage your young ones to do the same. If you see large quantities or cases of fly-tipping on the roads approaching Charlbury do please report it to West Oxon District Council on 01993 861020 or via their website (go to Environment/Street Scene/Street Cleansing/Fly Tipping or Litter). They are very good at responding to this kind of report. It's also a good idea to keep a bag in your car so you can pick up stray items by the roadside.

Lastly, if you wish to do a spot of litter picking in your spare time you can now borrow equipment from the Town Council. Contact me on 811410 or the Town Clerk.

*Gareth Miller (Councillor\*)*

## THE JOYS OF SPRING WEEDING

My garden's *full* of celandines, I don't know what to do  
Down on my knees in a freezing North breeze  
With a fork, and my hands turning blue.  
Miss one year's weeding and its seven years seeding  
Is what I have always been told  
Now I'm *not* a fair-weather gardener  
But last year was *too* wet and *too* cold  
If outside the windows rain constantly pours  
It's horribly tempting to stay dry indoors  
Gales roared all last summer  
Tossing branches about  
The *dog* took one look and refused to go out!

But an effort just *has* to be made.  
Perhaps I could just grab a spade  
Dig up the whole border, start again, restore order  
But dig up my treasured plants too?  
That's something I'm *not* going to do  
And it's quite beyond hoeing  
The way that they're growing

On reflection, they're really *quite* sweet  
Golden faces all smiling and neat  
And they'll die back in May  
(Though they *won't* go away)  
But ground cover stops weeds so they say

So.....maybe I'll just take a rest  
And contemplate what would be best  
A garden is meant for enjoyment  
Not merely for dreary employment

Ah! But the *swallows* fly in when the celandine flowers  
Think of summer, *not* weeding, and long sunny hours  
Look up from the earth, past the dark cloudy skies  
There are swallows *and* swifts, and the sun's in my eyes!

*Judy Hollings*



## BUGS INFEST THE MILL FIELD

**Riverside Festival** will be teeming with insects of all shapes and sizes this year, as the organisers bring a bit of midsummer madness to festivities with a 'crazy bug' fancy dress theme. So if you've always seen yourself as a bit of a queen bee, dreamed of being a red admiral or even just a nit, here is your opportunity to unleash the bug within.

Last year's festival was the best yet with over 3000 people attending and, as always, received fantastic support from the local community. Now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, the festival that started as a modest affair with just one portaloo and two barrels of beer to share between the music lovers, has become a major event in Oxfordshire's music calendar, with two stages, over 30 bands, a smorgasbord of food stalls, and 45 porta-loos! But despite the work involved and the cost of putting on an event of this size, the festival is still run entirely by local volunteers and still free for all to enter.

As well as providing a fantastic two days of entertainment with acts coming from as far afield as Canada, **Riverside** is continuing its tradition of nurturing local talent. This year more than 20 groups have been competing in a Battle Of The Bands contest at popular music venue Fat Lil's in Witney to find two up and coming acts, one to play at **Riverside** and one to play on the **Riverside** stage at the Cornbury Festival. They will join a diverse line-up including Borderville, Dead Like Harry, Dive Dive and David Celia.

The kids' section at **Riverside** is even bigger and better this year with a bouncy castle and all sorts of activities including clay modelling, weaving, facepainting and costume-making for any children who want to transform themselves into ugly bugs or beautiful butterflies at the festival itself. And, for the first time, on Saturday and Sunday afternoons when the live music comes to an end on the second stage, there will be an Ugly Bug Ball, where little and large bugs can boogie to disco favourites.

The award-winning Oxford-based radio station Jack FM will be supporting the festival in a big way this year providing great music, especially picked for **Riverside**, to fill in those gaps between the bands.

**Riverside is on Saturday 19 June from 12.00pm – 10.00pm and Sunday 20 June from 11.00am – 8.00pm. The entrance is on Dyer's Hill, opposite Charlbury Railway Station. The Riverside stage at the Cornbury Festival in Cornbury Park will be running on 3 and 4 July.**

Festival goers cannot bring bottles and cans into the arena, but the two bars and other refreshment stalls will be selling drinks at very reasonable prices. No dogs allowed, other than assistance dogs. If you would like to help with **Riverside**, call volunteer coordinator Chris Johnson on 0797 950 3555.

For more information and details of the musicians playing this year at **Riverside** go to [riversidefestival.charlbury.com](http://riversidefestival.charlbury.com), and for the Cornbury Festival go to [cornburyfestival.com](http://cornburyfestival.com).

*Kathryn Custance*



## CHARLBURY MUSEUM NEWS

The Museum is open throughout the summer, at the usual times of Saturdays 10 - 12 a.m., and Sundays and Bank Holidays 2.30 - 4.30 p.m.

This year we have a special exhibition on the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts in Charlbury, associated with the Centenary of the Girl Guide Movement. You might also like to come and see our fine new display cases, built by Charlbury craftsman Mark Evans, which give a much clearer view of the exhibits.

There will be a Coffee Morning in aid of the Museum at the Corner House on Saturday May 29th, and the following Saturday, June 5th, the annual Museum Plant Sale will take place in the Museum Garden. Please come and support us on these occasions

*Charles Tyzack*

## CHARLBURY WEBSITE

Do use the Charlbury website to find out what is going on, says *Gareth Miller*, and to advertise your own events. It is very well run and contains lots of useful information. 'I am amazed at how many people say to me "Oh, I didn't know such-and-such was on. I never look at the website." '

## CORNER HOUSE & MEMORIAL HALL NEWS

The Corner House now has an operational fire alarm system, which has an automatic call out to local key holders and the fire service. Routine tests will be carried out on a regular basis, and due notice will be given.

We have been carrying out a review of furniture, and have decided to renovate the older wooden tables in the Corner House and replace fifteen modern small folding tables in the Hall with much lighter ones. Offers invited for the Memorial Hall tables.

The Committee also wishes to canvas opinion on the comfort of the stackable chairs in the Hall. Views will be appreciated.

*Stephen Andrews (811212)  
Chairman of the Committee*

## CHARLBURY MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels volunteers are cooking and delivering meals to residents of Charlbury, Chadlington, and Stonesfield each Tuesday at noontime. The cost is £2 per meal which includes a pudding.

If you'd like a meal or are able to help once per month in the kitchen, please phone Marjorie Glasgow on 01608 810 161 or Jan Griffiths on 01608 810 440.



Have you heard of the Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)? No? Well, neither had I until I became town councillor in Charlbury two years ago, and was invited to join the group.

The NAG deals with local policing issues identified by local residents as their most important concerns. Every November, the neighbourhood police team takes to the streets to consult with residents on their top priorities. And this year they are: anti-social behaviour, parking, and speeding. The Chipping Norton Neighbourhood Action Group covers a wide area, which includes Charlbury, the Wychwoods, Kingham, the Bartons, and...Chipping Norton. Its members include the local officers, the Safer Communities Partnership, local town/parish councillors, business owners, housing associations, and most importantly local residents. The NAG is a multi-agency problem solving group. The idea is for all these different people to brainstorm complex issues, and find practical solutions. It is about community involvement, and community empowerment - two values I rate very highly, and which made me accept to become the new chair of the group in March. One of my first undertakings in the role is to raise awareness of the NAG and to keep the *Chronicle* readers updated on its activities. So if you have any brilliant ideas on how to solve problems of anti-social behaviour, speeding, and parking in Charlbury, do not hesitate to contact me.

### **Councillor Valou Pakenham-Walsh**

Chair, Chipping Norton Neighbourhood  
Action Group

Tel: 01608 811338 or email:

valoupw@charlburytowncouncil.co.uk



## **POLICE NEWS**

Recently Charlbury and Chipping Norton have been targeted by door to door salesmen. They usually carry a large black holdall and try to sell kitchenwares. They should

have a pedlars licence to sell door to door and this should be issued by a local police force with photo ID. Please ensure that when dealing with door to door sales persons you ask for identification. If you have any concerns please call the police non-emergency number on 08458 505 505.

Neighbourhood watch / community messaging is an excellent way of us communicating with residents. I am appealing to anyone who may be interested in joining a neighbourhood watch scheme or simply signing up to receive community messages to contact me. Alternatively you can visit [www.tvpcommunitymessaging.org](http://www.tvpcommunitymessaging.org) for more information or to sign up online.

In the Chipping Norton area we have had a few distraction burglaries. Our more vulnerable residents have been targeted. Please ensure that anyone visiting your home is either known to you or has genuine ID. Remember to ask for it and if in doubt don't let them in!

You can contact me on 08458 505 505 or email [chippy@whosmybobby.co.uk](mailto:chippy@whosmybobby.co.uk)

*Wesley Smith PCSO c9837  
Chipping Norton*

## England, England quiz - answers

*extra 'misleading' answers indicated in brackets  
extra info. for the curious (or furious) in italics*

- 1 ***Pomp and Circumstance***
- 2 **The Old Curiosity Shop**
- 3 **Stonehenge**
- 4 ***'Saturday Night and Sunday Morning'***
- 5 ***'It's Been a Hard Day's Night'***
- 6 **Much Binding in the Marsh** (not Brize Norton!)
- 7 **Clement Attlee**
- 8 **Beaulieu** (National Motor Museum)
- 9 **Brighton Pavilion**
- 10 **Delia Smith**
- 11 **Cheltenham Gold Cup**
- 12 **Durham Cathedral** (not Hadrian's Wall)  
*Sir Walter Scott: 'Grey towers of Durham/  
Yet well I love thy mixed and massive piles/  
Half Church of God, Half Castle 'gainst the Scot'*
- 13 **West Bromwich Albion** (not Aston Villa; not Birmingham City)
- 14 **Banqueting House** *Whitehall, by Inigo Jones*
- 15 ***The Origin of Species***
- 16 ***'It was a lover and his lass'***
- 17 **Mansfield Park**
- 18 **Great Western Railway** *was known as God's Wonderful Railway*
- 19 **Watling Street** (not Ermine Street)
- 20 **Eccles Cakes**

**The winner was Debbie M. Howse, who receives a bottle of wine.**

**Thanks to all entrants**

## Solar is an earner with new feed-in tariff

When you get an approved renewable energy system installed you can now benefit from a Feed-in Tariff (FIT). Your electricity supplier will pay one tariff for the electricity you generate and one for any electricity you export to the grid. For a standard household Solar PV system they'll pay 41.3p per kWh generated and at least 3p per kWh exported.

FITs mean that a well sited Solar PV system can now pay for itself in as little as 12.5 years. To qualify for FITs, equipment and its installers must both be MCS approved. The Microgeneration Certification Scheme is the new guarantee of quality.

A 2.5kW peak system for a two person household could save/earn you £1000 a year and currently costs around £15,000 fitted. A new set up like this will reduce your annual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by around a tonne. In terms of its positive environmental impact this is comparable to getting loft and cavity wall insulation fitted together.

FITs replace government grants for electricity generating technologies like Solar PV and wind turbines. Grants for renewable heating systems remain but are due to be superseded in April 2011 by the Renewable Heat Incentive. To qualify for a grant your home must be insulated (270mm in the loft and cavity wall filled) with energy saving light bulbs throughout.

For the latest information on renewable energy systems and incentives, **contact the Energy Saving Trust on 0800 512 012**

## THOMAS GIFFORD'S CHARITY

The trustees are making progress with Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) and Cottsway Housing Association on the proposed development of the Charity's Spendlove site. Unfortunately OCC decided after its feasibility study that the risks in terms of funding and timing were too great for it to continue with the 14-19 skills centre.

This is disappointing given the time and effort spent by the trustees on amending the original proposals to incorporate such a skills centre for young people. It set the project back a year. However the good news is that OCC have confirmed that they are keen to move forward with the library and adult learning centre. Solicitors are now drawing up legal agreements to cover the different relationships between the three parties – the Charity, OCC and Cottsway. It is intended that these will be agreed between the three parties during June.

Once these are signed our architect, David Saxby of 00/: Architects will put together the planning application for submission to the planning authority, West Oxfordshire District Council – this is targeted for August and will cover the proposed library, adult learning centre, community centre and affordable housing.

Once the legal documents are signed the trustees will arrange a public meeting to discuss the updated proposals. This will also be the time to re-start our efforts in a big way with the Charlbury Community Centre Appeal – if you wish to become involved in these efforts please contact me on 810644 or e-mail [trevor.jones@ophiopogon.com](mailto:trevor.jones@ophiopogon.com).

The next Farmers' Market will be held on the Playing Close on the morning of Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup>.

*Trevor Jones,  
Chairman of the Trustees.*

# CLUBS, GROUPS, SOCIETIES

## CHARLBURY CRICKET CLUB

The Cricket Club's new pavilion is now in use and several matches were staged during the second half of April. I'm sure that most people would agree that the building looks superb and it is thanks to a number of very dedicated individuals who have worked tirelessly over a long period of time that the Club now has a new headquarters to replace the old pavilion, which was badly damaged by flooding in July 2007. We are also very grateful to all those supporters both in Charlbury and further afield who gave so generously to help finance the building operation. Individuals or organizations who are interested in hiring the pavilion for functions should contact the Club Chairman, Colin Olliffe, on 01993 704108.

More than seventy games of cricket are scheduled to take place at the ground during the 2010 season so the new facilities will certainly be put through their paces between now and September! The pavilion will be officially opened on June 27th by the former Zimbabwean Test cricketer Henry Olonga as part of the annual President's Day festivities. All Friends of Charlbury Cricket Club are warmly invited to join us on the day to inspect the new building for themselves and to enjoy watching a good game of cricket.

Our Henry Blofeld evening in March brought in more than £1600 for the Club so thanks to all those who attended this highly successful fundraiser. Other events taking place at the cricket ground this year include the 13th Charlbury Beer Festival on 10th July, the Club's inaugural summer ball on 10th September and the annual fireworks display on 6th November. For full details of all these activities and much more besides visit the Club's splendid

website, which is sporting a fresh new look for 2010. The site can be found at [www.charlburycricketclub.com](http://www.charlburycricketclub.com).

*Derek Collett*

## CHARLBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Charlbury W.I. has recently celebrated its first birthday and we are pleased to say it continues to grow. We now have 33 members of all ages from 20s to 80s, women from all walks of life who enjoy our monthly meetings. There is a vibrant W.I. meeting every third Wednesday of the month in the Morris Room in the Corner House at 8pm, with a speaker to entertain and educate on matters that appeal to our members. Whether you have lived in Charlbury for years or you are new to the area, you can look forward to a warm welcome at any of our meetings. Our W.I. is a great place to meet new people, catch up with friends, and get involved in the Charlbury community. For the men who wish to find out what the women of Charlbury get up to, we are pleased to announce our first Open Meeting in September, with a talk on home brewing.

*For any questions or queries please contact Pat Hill (secretary) 810714 or Clare Salter (President) 810422 or see our page on the Charlbury website.*

## CHARLBURY FOOTBALL

It's been an excellent season so far for both Charlbury football teams. The first team have made it to the final of the Senior Challenge Cup having knocked out Minster Lovell in the semi's. The first team's leading scorer, Steve Knight, scoring the only goal of the game in front of a big crowd under the lights at Northleigh.

# CLUBS, GROUPS, SOCIETIES

In the league Charlbury bounced back from defeats against Hailey and Witney Royals, both strong sides, with impressive displays against Combe, Kingham, Spartan Rangers and Brize Norton. The senior players Bruce Claridge, Matthew Cox and Martin Grimsley chipping in with important goals, whilst the two Matts (Smith and Holloway) added bite and flare to the performances. The pick of the results though has to be the 9-2 victory over West Witney. This saw Shaun Gilbert returning to the side following a long injury and he chipped in with a brace. These results have left Charlbury in a good position to finish third, which means an invitation into next season's Oxfordshire Cup, the local equivalent of the Champions League.

The Reserve team had a tough tie in the Junior Cup against Division One side Ducklington Reserves. Carl Siford scored two contenders for goal of the season, but this wasn't quite enough as Duck proved too strong on the day, whilst in the league they completed their season finishing in a respectable 6th position. Excellent victories over Ducklington A, Southrop, Tackley and Wootton, saw Charlbury move up to third in the table and challenging for promotion with four games to go. Superb goals from Kevin Duester, Paul Simmons, John Potts, Ben Oats and Gary Jones securing the points in those games. However, some difficult fixtures against Nomads and Middle Barton saw them drop a few places. The signings of Robbie Appleton, Wayne Harwood and Gary Hornsby in the transfer window added strength to the squad, whilst outstanding performances from Andy Bedwell and Ben Godfrey helped cement a mid-table position. Sam Cleaver ended a fine season with the 'golden boot' being the reserve team's top goal scorer.

In other news, the plans for the proposed new Nine Acres Sports Pavilion have been granted planning permission from the Council. The Boys Club organised a fantastic fund raising Quiz Night at the Memorial Hall, which was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyable. Future fund raising events include:

a 6 Kilometer Fun Run and children's Assault Course on Sunday 20th June starting at Nine Acres at 10am (Entry Forms available from the Sports and Social Club); and an 80's Night at the Memorial Hall on Saturday 9th October (ticket information will be in the next edition of the *Charlbury Chronicle*).

Charlbury Town F.C. Management Committee would like to thank everyone who has supported the club this season and have helped make it such a success. We are continuing to train throughout the summer on the top pitch at Nine Acres on Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm. Anyone who fancies a game is welcome to join in.

*Russell Jefferies  
Charlbury Town F.C. Chairman*

## CHARLBURY TENNIS CLUB

The new tennis season is under way, with junior sessions, social tennis, and a record number of league fixtures at Nine Acres, where games are benefitting from the newly-resurfaced courts and recently refurbished floodlights. Junior sessions have started on Monday evenings in groups divided by school year (6.00pm to 6.35pm school years 3 & 4; 6.35pm - 7.15pm years 5 & 6; 7.15pm - 8.00pm years 7+), and will continue until the end of term. Run by PTR certified coach John

# CLUBS, GROUPS, SOCIETIES

Werner, the junior sessions are a mixture of fun drills and games, and are free to club members - non-members are welcome to come along to try them.

Club sessions for social tennis take place three times per week throughout the year: a committee member is present on Sundays (starting at 2pm) and Thursdays (starting at 7pm) to ensure that everyone gets a game. There's also a session on Monday afternoons starting at 1.30pm. Eight teams are competing this summer in the Banbury, LTA Wilson Thames Valley, and Wychwood leagues, with over 60 fixtures to be played up till September - so there are still plenty of opportunities at Charlbury this season for players wanting competitive play at a range of levels.

The club is affiliated to the Lawn Tennis Association, and two coaches - John Werner and LTA licensed coach Peter Barnes - offer coaching by private arrangement, either individually or in groups, to players wishing to improve their skills. We aim to offer tennis to all levels of ability and to all ages - so if the prospect of Wimbledon inspires you to pick up a racket, why not come along and join us!

*Mark Curthoys*  
[charlburytennis@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:charlburytennis@hotmail.co.uk)

## THE CHARLBURY SOCIETY

This year the Charlbury Society is celebrating 60 years since it was first set up. We shall be organising a trip to Chalgrove Manor, south-east of Oxford, just beyond Stadhampton, on Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, and a full programme of evening talks during the coming autumn and winter will be published in the next Chronicle. We are

always looking to welcome new members, and would encourage all recent residents to Charlbury to look at our website for more details.

*Helen Bessemer-Clark,*  
*Joint Secretary*

*Please ring Julia Caston (810240)  
if you have an article you  
would like to include  
in this section*

## MIDSUMMER DAY WITH JOANNA TROLLOPE

24 JUNE 2010 @ 11AM AT  
ADELSTROP HOUSE

The day will start with a Champagne Reception, followed by Joanna Trollope speaking about her new Bestseller, *The Other Family*, before a summer lunch, including wine. Joanna Trollope will be signing books afterwards. Funds raised from the Adelstrop Literary Festival will go to two local charities, Helen & Douglas House and St Mary Magdalene Church, Adelstrop.

Tickets @ £55 available from Ernest Johnson (01608 658617) or email: [ernest.johnson@btopenworld.com](mailto:ernest.johnson@btopenworld.com)

## CHARLBURY OPEN GARDENS ON SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> June 2010

This will be the 12<sup>th</sup> annual *Open Gardens Day*. To celebrate we are holding a **JAZZ LUNCH** - so come along early for a cool, relaxed, Jazz Lunch with Alan Fraser & Friends in The Memorial Hall at 12.30 pm.

Numbers are limited to 60 for the lunch and you can buy the tickets outside the Corner House on 29<sup>th</sup> May or 5<sup>th</sup> June. You can also contact Vic Allison directly. The ticket prices will be **£10.00** so put the date in your diaries NOW before they all get sold out.

Garden tickets will be on sale at The Corner House from 1.30 pm on the day and the gardens open from 2-6 pm – great raffle prizes – teas and plant sale at the Memorial Hall.

For more information please contact Vic Allison 01608 811262 or email [vic.allison@btinternet.com](mailto:vic.allison@btinternet.com).

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## CHARLBURY STREET FAIR 2010

This year's theme is 'All Creatures Great and Small'

This year's Street Fair is to be held on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2010**, and we will have all the usual stalls, funfair, displays and festivities in the street until 10pm. It always is a great day, so put this date in your diary and make sure you don't miss it. Organisations wishing to book a stall should contact Peter Kenrick on Charlbury 01608 811021.

There will also be the **Street Fair Fun Run** and **10K Run** through Cornbury Park, by the kind permission of Lord Rotherwick, on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September. If you wish to either help with the run or partake, then please contact Geoff Griffiths at [g.h.griffiths@reading.ac.uk](mailto:g.h.griffiths@reading.ac.uk)

**THE MAIN PURPOSE OF STREET FAIR and OPEN GARDENS, whilst intending to entertain local people is to raise money for the upkeep of the Corner House and War Memorial Hall – the two community buildings that play such an important part in the lives of so many people in and around Charlbury.**

### HELP!!

We still need lots of help on Street Fair day. Have you wondered about helping with the Evening Parade – selling draw tickets – making cakes and selling teas, helping on the BBQ – to name but a few! Just a little help will make a massive difference.

So to all of you, who enjoyed last year's fair, please think about even giving just a few hours of your time. Please don't just read this, and say well maybe I will help – and then forget about it.

### Contacts:

**Barry Cooper** : [barrycooper@prisymid.com](mailto:barrycooper@prisymid.com)

**Steve Ravenscroft**: [ravenscroft94@hotmail.com](mailto:ravenscroft94@hotmail.com)

N.B. Will residents of Church Street and Park Street please note that we have been granted road closure permission for the 18th September 2009 from 9 am to 10 pm.

# TOT BITS

## COOKING FOR TOTS

Back in the days of baby food purees, it was so easy to get my son to eat a wide range of vegetables. Little did I know that this was not always going to be the case! As he became more vocal, his resistance to eating vegetables increased accordingly – sound familiar I wonder? I've had to become more devious in my cooking, and I thought I'd share a few ways that I have been successfully incorporating vegetables in case you are facing a similar dilemma with your Tot and need some inspiration.

It is worth identifying whether your Tot objects to the taste of a given vegetable or only its texture. Obviously if it is just the texture, you can resort back to vegetable purees served up as a sauce for pasta/rice as a change from the more typical tomato sauce. Otherwise, I've found that I need to either mask the taste of the vegetable or downplay its existence in the dish that I'm serving. For example, my son used to refuse broccoli unless I mixed it together with at least one teaspoon of his beloved green pesto sauce. I gradually reduced the amount of pesto, so that now he will eat broccoli on its own but admittedly not in large proportions. I've also found that vegetables fried or baked in olive oil are more likely to be eaten by my Tot. Sometimes I attempt to make crispy vegetables "chips" by drizzling oil over fine slices of butternut squash, parsnips or even beetroot which I put on a parchment paper lined baking tray in the oven at 180C for about 30-45 minutes. For those of you who eat meat, I would advocate making your own meatloafs or meatballs as I've found these to be the easiest way to hide vegetables such as courgette, tomato, onions, and peppers provided these are grated or cut up into fine pieces. You may also be

able to get away with adding a few finely chopped herbs such as basil, coriander or parsley. (Alternatively, you may prefer adding these types of vegetables to home-made fishcakes). You can find lots of recipes for meatloafs and meatballs on the Internet. A more unusual version you might like to try is to blend one avocado, one egg and ¼ cup cooked butternut squash in a food processor. Then add 450grams of ground meat and blend again. Add mixture to an 8x8inch dish and bake at 175C for 45 minutes.

Another idea is to serve up savoury "pancakes" made from chicken or turkey breasts (you can also use thighs). First, boil two cooked chicken/turkey breasts and then transfer to your food processor to mince up to a paste. Add 2 eggs, 1/2 cup of courgette (squeeze excess water out), add 1 tsp of oil or butter to prevent dryness, and season to taste. Blend all ingredients until mixture looks like a thick pancake batter. Cook a large spoonful of the mixture at a time in a hot, greased skillet like a pancake. This also works using ½ cup of ground cooked green beans or you might like to experiment with other vegetables such as carrot or butternut squash if your Tot won't eat these on their own.

One vegetarian option is to incorporate grated vegetables into quiches, as the egg and cheese mostly overpower the flavour of the vegetables. If using courgettes, you might like to try peeling off the skin before grating these so that your green-vegetable resistant-Tot won't even notice that they are in the quiche! My Tot also loves savory muffins, and we like to use buckwheat flour for this (but I think a scone mixture would work well especially if using spelt flour). I add one cup of buckwheat flour to 1 lightly beaten egg, 2 tbsps of butter or oil of your



# TOT BITS

choice, 1 cup of grated courgette (squeeze excess water out), ½ tsp of baking powder, ½ cup of medium grated cheddar cheese or gruyere. Place in oven and bake for 20-25 minutes at 180C. You can also make sweet muffins using grated vegetables, and one of our favourite treats is spiced almond muffins. To make these, combine 2 ½ cups of ground almonds, 3 large eggs, ¼ honey, ½ teaspoon of baking soda, 1 cup of grated courgette (squeeze excess water out), 1 tsp cinnamon, ½ tsp ginger and 1/8 tsp cloves and bake in muffin tins at 150C for 30-40 minutes. Another big hit in our house is butternut squash pudding. Cook two cups of cubed butternut squash, to which you will need to add 2 eggs and ½ cup of coconut milk. Blend in food processor and add spices of choice – we add 1½ tsp of cinnamon, a touch of clove and ¼ tsp of ground ginger. Pour mixture into ramekin dishes, and bake in oven for 45 minutes at around 180C.

Finally, I would highly recommend growing your own vegetables with your Tot in your garden (or some large flower pots if you don't have much room to spare). We started with seeds and found the whole process so much fun, that my Tot couldn't wait to eat "his" first courgette and even spinach. I think it is the anticipation of the first sighting, the waiting and then the picking that generates a real interest in the vegetable in question. To guarantee your success rate, I suggest you start off with easy-to-grow vegetables which are not too vulnerable to any cold spells or pests. See the section entitled "Growing Your Own" on the Charlbury Waste Action Group website [www.cwag.org.uk](http://www.cwag.org.uk) or get in touch with Christine Elliot who runs Charlbury Sharecroppers if you need help finding somewhere to grow vegetables. Thank you

again Christine, for all your help last year! Good luck!

## BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

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

## CHARLBURY PRE-SCHOOL

Charlbury Pre-school is a thriving, voluntary-run organisation that seeks to provide education through play for children from 2 1/2 to 5 years, and is open to every family in the community. It is led by a dedicated group of play leaders and their assistants with a maximum of 24 children per session providing a high adult to child ratio. The sessions run during school term time only, Monday to Friday - 9am to 1pm, so children will need to bring a packed lunch. Alternatively, you can choose to pick your child up at 12.00 to cover free

**TotBits** continued from overleaf .....

Voucher Sessions only. Enrolment can be from as little as one morning a week to the full five day depending on your requirements. Pre-School premises can be hired either on Saturdays from 2pm or all day Sundays or in the afternoons during the week. Please contact us for further information or to arrange a visit 01608 811200.

Please send all TotBits information to Carina at [ccloweth@btinternet.com](mailto:ccloweth@btinternet.com) 01608 810870, including ideas for any topics you would like to see covered in future TotBits.

Carina Loweth

## Volunteer Link Up Expands into Charlbury

Volunteer Link Up is the Volunteer Centre for West Oxfordshire and recruits volunteers for more than 100 local organisations, as well as for our own projects: transport, befriending and practical tasks.

The organisation now reaches virtually every corner of the county. Thanks to a funding boost from OCC the charity is now extending its provision to include Charlbury and surrounding villages.

**Volunteering** is a great way to learn new skills, enhance your CV and meet new people. Here are just a few of the opportunities available in the area.

**Driving:** We are currently seeking volunteer drivers for our Community Transport Scheme who are willing to use their own vehicle to pick up clients and deliver them to medical and other appointments. Choose which journeys you want to do and we will pay for your mileage and other expenses.

**Befriending:** Our befriending service

exists to provide long-term emotional support to people who may feel lonely, or who have difficulty getting out and about.

**Practical tasks:** This service exists to help older and disabled people living on low incomes with basic gardening tasks, such as hedge-trimming or grass cutting, as well as small DIY or decorating jobs.

**Local organisations:** Whether you want to work with animals, the elderly, children or people with disabilities, we can match you to a volunteering opportunity.

Interested? To find out more about the opportunities available please call Liz Williamson, Volunteer Co-ordinator on 07545 923327 or pop into Volunteer Link Up's office at The Methodist Church, 10 Wesley Walk, Witney between 9:00am and 1:00pm, Monday to Friday for an informal chat.

### **Bridewell Organic Gardens**

**will be open on  
Sunday 6th June  
and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July  
from 2 – 5 p.m.**

**Teas, plants and Bridewell  
organic wine for sale.**

**Bridewell is situated in Wilcote,  
between North Leigh and  
Finstock.**

**For more information, please  
telephone  
01993 864530 or 86313**

## Life at Charlbury Primary School

Summer term brings many opportunities for hands-on learning in the school grounds. Children plant and grow a variety of flowers, vegetables and fruit, including sweetcorn, beetroot, lettuce, beans and strawberries. They can also enjoy the tranquillity of the sensory garden, observe pond-skaters and tadpoles in the ponds, and look for local wildlife in the bird, butterfly and hedgehog boxes. Encouraging an interest in nature is part of the school's 'Eco-Code', which reflects the school's commitment to protecting the environment. Other activities include:

- Composting fruit waste from morning break and lunch boxes - the resulting compost is used in the vegetable garden
- Re-using and recycling materials as much as possible – for example, the school kitchen recycles all boxes and other recyclable packaging
- Using recycled paper towels and other recycled products
- Encouraging minimal use of disposal packaging in children's lunch boxes
- Having signs in cloakrooms and computer areas to remind children and staff to conserve water and energy

These sustainable practices have been integrated into everyday school life, and the Eco-Schools international award programme recently gave the school 'Silver' status in recognition of this achievement.

To qualify for the prestigious Eco-Schools' 'Green flag', the highest level award for excellence in the field of environmental activity, the school needs to undertake a large-scale project relating to one or more of the following topics: water, biodiversity, energy, global perspectives, healthy living, litter, school grounds, transport and waste. If anyone has any ideas or would like to help with this then please do get in touch. For more information about the Eco-Schools programme please visit their website at <http://www.eco-schools.org.uk>.

Continuing with the green theme, the CSA (the school's fundraising body) recently took part in a textile-recycling scheme that raised money for the school as well as reducing landfill and helping people in developing countries. Pupils brought in over one hundred bags of textiles - this amounted to 696kg - and the school received £278.40 in return which will be spent on repairing the grounds. The CSA is also organising another 'Groundforce Day' to brighten up the outside school environment by painting, weeding, sweeping and planting.

There is another John Grain quiz coming up, so if you missed out on the recent football club one or you just fancy having another go, put Friday 18th June in your diary. It will be held at School and there will be food and a bar. Keep your eyes peeled for the posters in town. And if you're going to Cornbury Music Festival this summer it would be lovely to see you at the CSA tea tent where we'll be selling tea and cake. If you have any queries about the CSA please feel free to contact Alex Westbury (Chair) on 810203.

Meanwhile, Extended Schools provision continues to go from strength to strength with pupils enjoying a wide variety of after-school clubs and activities including drama, dance, gymnastics, gardening, cooking, sports, film club and even Scalextric!

Lastly, the school is holding an Open Afternoon (1.30-3pm) & Open Evening (6.00-7.30pm) on Wednesday 30th June to which everyone is welcome.

*Vicky Buser, Parent Governor*

**LYNNE  
STUBBLES**  
Manageress of  
The Good  
Food Shop

I get up at 5.45 a.m.; it is easier in the summer when it is light. I go downstairs and wade into the cooking. I make scones, pizza, bacon and cheese twists, vegetarian spinach twists and quiches. I am quite organised as I have prepared things the night before. I reckon to be cleared up by 7.15 with only the quiche finishing cooking. By 8.15 I have the car loaded up with the food to take to the shop. I organise the shop and put the freshly arrived bread on the shelves. This comes from Hawkins of Carterton – he uses wheat grown locally and milled in Wantage. We get a delivery of organic vegetables on Fridays. We only stock English vegetables in season. I am usually ready to open a little before nine. 9 until 10.30 is mad. School Mums and Dads come in for breakfast after dropping off their children. There are customers in the shop and we start getting lunch orders from offices and the school. We offer up to 30 different fillings of sandwiches; we do platters and buffet bits, quiche, sausage rolls, samosas and will supply fruit. At 10.30 my help arrives and I can tackle other matters such as dealing with orders for the shop and putting new stock away. I also have to make Health & Safety checks of the fridges. In August 2009 we won a 5 star award from “Scores on the Doors” for Public Health Inspection. There were only about 31 businesses out of 450 which got five stars. I feel very at home working in a shop. I was born in Newcastle-on-Tyne where my father worked in the Co-op. The opportunities in the north were not good so he applied for a job in the Woodstock Co-op. I was 9 at the time but when I was 14 he was transferred to Iffley Road, Oxford. I did not want to leave my friends but he said if I came I could work in the shop after school. It was there that I met my husband Keith, who was also working in the Co-op. We started going out when I was 15 and were married when I was 18.

By 1.30 things in the Good Food shop have started to quieten down and I take the opportunity to go home and walk the dogs. We have two – Gordon, a Golden Retriever and Millie, a Labrador. I grab a sandwich and I am back at work by 3 p.m. In the afternoons we get quite a steady stream of people coming in for a cup of tea and a cake. There are also quite a lot of customers. We try and stock more unusual things as well as the usual lines. We have Dorset Cereals, Force Wheat Flakes, the “Eco” cleaning products, Wessex Mill Flour. We have an excellent range of chutneys and jams as well as Geoff Burrough’s honey. We are always looking for ways to improve our service and recently we have started stocking Cook ready meals. In April the shop was refitted and we are now able to provide more delicatessen foods. There will be olives, dried tomatoes, peppers with cheese, salami and cooked meats. We will provide ham off the bone. It will be exciting to have this and I think I am lucky to be working here in Charlbury.

We came here through the Co-op. After I left school I worked as a teller for Barclays Bank and continued when I got married. When the children came along I gave up work and in 1979 Keith got the job as manager of the Charlbury Co-op. We lived above the old shop for 15 years. There was no garden so the children went up to Nine Acres to play. When Karen was five, I was offered a part-time job cooking at “The Farmer’s” (now The Old Three Horseshoes). I had always enjoyed cooking and my mother had been a great teacher. I usually did a couple of evenings and a couple of lunch times. It was good when the restaurant was added on to the pub. The job of manageress of the Good Food Shop came up in 1994 and I decided to apply. I had my Co-op background to help me and I was able to use my cooking skills baking food for the shop and running the catering

service that we provide. We have recently done 2 weddings for over 100 people and we do christenings, birthdays and funerals and other occasions. We will do food for dinner parties, ready for picking up from the shop or we will deliver and if required will provide a waitress service.

I close the shop at 5 o'clock and am usually home by 5.30, when I cook dinner for my husband and myself. The dogs have to be walked in the evening and either Keith and I go or my daughter comes with me. We enjoy walking through Centenary Wood but we miss going to the quarry. My younger daughter lives only six doors down the road so I often go down there to catch up on her news. Other evenings my elder daughter, Alison, who lives in Witney will come over with the grandchildren – Ella 6 and Ruby 4. – which is lovely. My Dad, who lives in Abingdon also pops over. Sometimes I garden which I quite enjoy. I am especially happy reading. I particularly like historical novels. I am not fussed about watching TV and by 9 o'clock I am ready for bed and I fall asleep straight away.

I am lucky in the job I do. The shop apart from providing a service is a place that people come in for a chat. We get to know our customers and what they want. I feel strongly that our local shops are important and need to be supported. This winter in the snow in January we kept open every day. The bread was delivered as normal; lunches were made. It was interesting that we saw a lot of people in the shop that we had never seen before and we hope that now they have found us they will keep on coming and supporting us. I feel the new developments are exciting and challenging. I am pleased to be involved in them particularly being in Charlbury. Charlbury is home.

*Lynne Stubbles was interviewed by Diana Potten*



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*01608 811157*

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## WEATHER REPORT

**February 2010** was yet another cold month. Daytime maximum temperatures were in the range 35° on 8th to 49° on 6th and 27th. This produced an average of 42.18° (20 year average 46.23°). At night, the lowest temperature during the month was 27° on 19th/20th and the highest was 41° on 24th/25th. There was an air frost (32° or below) on 12 nights.

With December, January and February all recording below average temperatures, the **Winter of 2009/10** was much colder than usual. It averaged 40.04° (20 year average 44.47°) and was the coldest winter during this period.

**March 2010** continued in the way of February. During the first 12 days, temperatures showed little sign of improving. It was not until 13th March that we achieved a daytime maximum of 50° this year! To put this into perspective, in only two of the previous 20 years did we not reach that figure in January and we recorded 50° or above in every February, until this one! Having not reached 50° until 13th, it did not take long to break the 60° mark, which happened on 18th (61°). The lowest daytime maximum temperature was 38° on 7th. Overall, the month came out just below average at 50.10° (average 51.34°). At night, temperatures ranged between 24° (the lowest night temperature recorded in March) on 4th/5th, 6th/7th and 7th/8th and the highest 49° on 19th/20th.

At long last, we had a warmer month. **April 2010** started cool, with 1st and 2nd only reaching 48° - the average day maximum temperature for April is 56.60°. Then temperatures gradually rose so that, by 27th and 28th we had reached 68°. The overall average for the month was 58.17°. At night, minimum temperatures ranged from 33° on 16th/17th to 50° on 28th/29th.

*John Stanley*

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## John Lennon, deep mystery... and lots of feisty old ladies at ChOC, Charlbury's community cinema

### **Glorious 39 (2009, cert 12A, 128 mins) Sunday June 13, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall**

A tense conspiracy thriller, directed by Stephen Poliakoff, set on the eve of World War II and based on disturbing real events. It focuses on a young woman who stumbles across evidence of a Nazi appeasement plot hatched by members of the British upper classes, evidence for which has recently been uncovered. As her close friends begin to die in suspicious circumstances, she finds her own life in danger from an increasingly menacing and powerful enemy. A superb cast includes Romola Garai, Bill Nighy, Julie Christie, David Tennant and Jenny Agutter.

*"A ripping, old-school conspiracy thriller." The Guardian*

*"Poliakoff cleverly translates the mood of fear and uncertainty in Britain into a dark psychological maze that leads Anne to the edge of insanity." Radio Times*

### **Nowhere Boy (2010, cert 15, 97 mins) Sunday July 11, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall**

Imagine John Lennon's childhood. A spirited teenager, curious, sharp and funny, grows up in the war-shattered city of Liverpool in dreary post-war Britain. Two extraordinary sisters tussle for his love: Mimi, the formidable aunt who raised him from the age of 5 and Julia, the spirited mother who gave him up to Mimi's care. Yearning for a normal family, John escapes into art and the new music flooding in from the US. His fledgling genius finds a kindred spirit in the young Paul McCartney. But just as John's new life begins, the truth about his past leads to a tragedy he would never escape. Starring Aaron Johnson and Anne-Marie Duff, director Sam Taylor Wood.

*"An affecting movie about coming of age and leaving home, and about the radical changes in British life since the Second World War." Philip French (The Observer)*

### **Mid-August Lunch (2008, cert U, 75 mins) Sunday August 8, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall**

An utterly charming tale of good food, feisty ladies and unlikely friendships during a very Roman holiday, 'Mid-August Lunch' is both a warmly vibrant family drama and a delicately balanced comedy of manners.

Broke, and armed with only a glass of wine and a wry sense of humor, middle-aged Gianni resides with his 93-year-old mother in their ancient apartment. Their debts on the flat are mounting, but if Gianni looks after the building manager's mother during the summer holiday, all will be forgiven. But the manager also shows up with an auntie, and then a doctor friend appears with his mother in tow... Can Gianni keep four such lively mamas well fed and happy in these cramped quarters?

*"A wonderfully patient, delicately observed film; warm, generous, never for a moment sentimental or patronising, never exploiting dottiness and eccentricity." Philip French, The Observer.*

For films in September and later, please visit [www.chocfilms.info](http://www.chocfilms.info) or pick up our monthly newsletter in the library. Or email [newsletter@chocfilms.info](mailto:newsletter@chocfilms.info) to receive our monthly email newsletter. Tickets (£4.50) are available on the door. Our bar opens at 6.45 and serves wine and beer, so come early and relax with friends before the film. There's lots of information about ChOC at [www.chocfilms.info](http://www.chocfilms.info) Pay us a visit and complete our online questionnaire.

*Jon Carpenter*

## ATLANTIC BAPTIST UNIVERSITY OXFORD STUDY PROGRAMME 2010

The Canadian students of 2010 have now left Charlbury taking their memories with them. They were all hugely grateful for the many kindnesses and great friendliness which they received from the Charlbury community. Here are some of their observations:

*I have so many pleasant memories of Charlbury. I particularly enjoyed getting to know the wonderful people and beautiful places here, and spring in Charlbury is something that I'll certainly never forget. Nights at The Rose & Crown will also remain in fond remembrance. Thank you so much to everyone.*

The town of Charlbury is very beautiful. I truly enjoyed my time here and am going to miss it. The people were very welcoming and always with a smile. This has been one of the best terms of my university life and I will never forget it.

*Living in Charlbury is exactly what I was hoping it would be. This very beautiful town with narrow streets and picturesque stone cottages is such an incredibly welcoming and friendly community. Everyone I met would have a greeting and a smile for me as I passed them on the street and every busy little bee running around had a moment to make me feel at home. Charlbury has really become a home for all of us Canadians and I will miss the atmosphere of such a kind and friendly place. I can't imagine a better place to live in the world.*

What a fantastic town Charlbury is! I have had a wonderful time here - some highlights include learning how to ring the church bells, enjoying the "Canadian" questions at the Bull Inn (even if we still weren't close to winning...), and realizing that just about everything here is older than Canada! Thank you so much for your hospitality - I truly felt at home during my stay here.

*Charlbury! This place was very much like home to me and I came to call it that for the past 3 months. I recall travelling in Italy on spring break and looking forward to getting "home" to Charlbury. It is a place that I will hold dear to my heart and I hope that one day I will be able to return to this quaint, caring neighborhood. Lovely spot here, chaps, lovely indeed!!!*

Charlbury is one of the nicest towns I have ever had the opportunity to visit. What makes it even better is that I was able to live here for three months. I was so impressed with the welcoming nature of the community, and I will truly miss the beauty of the landscape. My deepest thanks go out to everyone who made my stay enjoyable!

*Charlbury. It had been a long hard day in academia. I had struggled to find the right library I needed for a book. I had only been in England a week. I was still trying to orientate. Coming home from my less than successful library hunt, I was dismayed and a little disheartened. Arriving back in Charlbury just lifted my spirit. The sheep were grazing, and church bells were playing. From the stress and fast pace of Oxford to the peace and tranquility of Charlbury was uplifting. Charlbury for me, time and time again, gave me a much needed experience of pastoral renewal.*

My hosts were an amazing couple who were willing to do anything to make me feel at home. Not only did they invite me to share their meals with them, but we even became so close we were able to joke with one another. I have had a lovely experience in Charlbury, and I'm going to miss it when I go home. The people



I have met here feel like family to me, and I wish them the best in everything.

*My time spent in Charlbury has been absolutely wonderful. I love all of the people I have met since they have all been so kind and friendly. I don't know how I would have survived without the Co-op! My fondest memory here is when someone stopped and asked me for directions, and I knew which way to point them - it made me feel like a part of the town. I also enjoyed waking up to the view behind Nine Acres Close every morning. Thanks to all the citizens of Charlbury for making this such a great experience, and making it feel like a home away from home!*

**The ABU–Oxford organisers are grateful to all those who offered Homestay accommodation:** Lee Belcher, Judy Dod, Clare & Martin Elson, Sue Godfrey, Lou & Nick Johnson, Eileen Hipgrave & Geoff Martin, Jill & Ian Lark, Sue & Mike Mahony, Sheila & Charles Peacock, Sally Simpson, Maureen Sparling

**Also thanks to those who entertained our students for Sunday Lunch:**

Joan & Hugh Belshaw, Rosemary & David Booth, Kay & Peter Colyer, Judy Dod & Maureen Sparling, Clare & Martin Elson, Rita Finch, Betty Gibson, Jillian Harris, Sue & Neil Holiday, Eileen & Peter Kenrick, Mike & Sue Mahony, Anne & Grahame Ockleston, Margaret Pearson, Louise & Alan Spicer, Helen & Ken Wright

*Marion Greenfield – Coordinator  
Gill Colman- Assistant Organiser  
Peter Colyer – Finance Coordinator*

**ATLANTIC BAPTIST UNIVERSITY OXFORD PROGRAMME  
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We are always on the lookout for suitable hosts for the above programme, which happens every year between January and April. We need accommodation within Charlbury, for one or two students at a time, and if you think that you might be interested it isn't too early to register that interest for January 2011. Please contact either of the numbers below for further details.

*Marion Greenfield (810896), Gill Colman (810211)*

## **Summer Adventures in August for Children**

**Charlbury Summer Playscheme** is organising eight wonderful outings designed to provide children aged 5 to 13 with plenty of fun and activity this August. Each adventure starts and ends at Charlbury Scout Hut and there is full supervision from 8.30 am to 6pm each day. The trips include visits to Cotswold Wildlife Park, The Steam Museum at Swindon, The RAF Museum in London, Bleinheim Park and Gardens and a day of forest activities and bushcraft skills at Cornbury Park. The dates of the outings are August 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th. For more information about fees and to book places, please email Buffy Godfrey at [summeradventures@btinternet.com](mailto:summeradventures@btinternet.com) or phone 01608 811918.

## Use By and Best Before – what do they mean?

Many people are confused by dates on packaged foods, in fact so confused they throw food out when it will actually be OK to eat. So, do they mean the same thing? No, they don't. Use By is a safety date for perishable food, like meat and dairy products, which has an immediate health risk if it goes off and it is illegal to sell food past this date. However, Best Before is an advisory date the manufacturer suggests for its taste and texture quality rather than safety. So don't be fooled like so many people are, you don't have to throw food out just because it is past the Best Before date. Just use your common sense and judgement, check the packaging isn't damaged, that it has been stored according to instructions and try it out. The manufacturers are very conservative about Best Before dates, some give advice about how long they expect the food to be OK past the Best Before date, and this can be several years. Every day people in the UK throw out half a million teabags because they are past the Best Before date!

Putting vegetables and fruit in the fridge will keep them fresh for about 2 more weeks than leaving them at room temperature. From surveys, WRAP have found that most people only think of using their freezer for storing bought-in frozen food rather than freezing fresh food. Freezers are mostly full of frozen pizzas, ice cream, chips, and fish fingers – but your freezer is a fantastic facility for extending the life of food – but be sure to label it with date and a description. Those Buy One Get One Free offers are a marketing ploy resulting in consumers wasting food rather than supermarkets, *but* if you freeze them for use later on then the food won't go off and you *will* have found yourself a bargain. Think of the freezer as like pressing the pause button and freeze food straight away when fresh. If you've cooked more than you can eat then, once it is cold, freeze it for use another day. Small portions are great for unexpected visitors or if you're on your own and don't feel like cooking. Fresh bananas can't be stored in the fridge, they go black, but overripe bananas are easily frozen for making into banana cake, curries, or ice cream.

WRAP have found that 84% of people in the UK believe they don't waste food and yet over 13 million tonnes of food are thrown out each year and 5.3 million tonnes of this is still edible, this is worth about £5 billion. People who have kept food diaries show that three ideas really help reduce food waste:

1. Plan your meals and therefore what to buy when shopping – 15 minutes of planning can save a family of four about £600 a year.
2. Measure things like rice, pasta and potatoes before cooking (using a mug to measure rice is quite easy), nationally we cook twice as much as rice or pasta as we actually eat – try using the portion calculator on the [www.lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com) website.
3. Let people serve themselves so they don't take more than they can eat and anything left over can be used for something else.

*Christine Elliott  
Charlbury Area Waste Action Group  
([www.cawag.org.uk](http://www.cawag.org.uk))*

## Rollright Stones Photographic Competition

The Rollright Trust is inviting visitors to the famous Rollright Stones to enter a photo competition between now and next October. The competition is being sponsored by Ricoh Cameras UK and Morris Photographic Centre, and prizes include a Ricoh R10 camera, a half day photography course with local photographer Sarah Howard and, for the under 16s, a year's membership of the Young Archaeologists Club and a chance to go on a dig. There are four classes for entry - 'Rollright through the Seasons', 'Living Stones', 'Myth and Mystery' and 'Under 16s'. Images can be entered either digitally or as prints or slides, accompanied by an official entry form which can be downloaded, along with further information, from the Rollright Trust website

[www.rollrightstones.co.uk](http://www.rollrightstones.co.uk) Since they were erected more than 3500 years ago, the Stones have seen all weathers and are covered with lichens. Sunlight plays with their curious pitted shapes; sometimes the most unpromising days yield skies that bring out the character of the site in a special way; and untouched snow or sparkling frost add a particular magic - in detail the lichens on the knobby rock are remarkably colourful. People have their own special associations with the Stones and many hold personal celebrations there. Many legends are associated with the site – that it was formed when a witch turned a king and his men into stone, that an elder tree at the site will bleed if cut in blossom, that at midnight the stones go down the hill to drink at a spring and that the stones cannot be counted.

Entrants to the competition are encouraged to be creative, using their photography to evoke the antiquity, natural beauty and mystery of the site, capturing what makes it special to them and to others. The picture judged to be the overall

winner, together with other outstanding entries, will be published in the form of a calendar for 2011 and may, if suitable, be printed as postcards for sale at the site and other local outlets. There is no charge for entering the competition and all proceeds from publications using any photos entered will support the charitable work of the Rollright Trust which manages the Stones.

### LOOKING AHEAD

Please put Friday September 24th in your calendar for the **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** 10-12.30pm at Brice House, Thames Street. Once again, we will be having a Bring & Buy (don't throw away your antiques!), Raffle, and of course magnificent cakes!

Last year we made nearly £1000 - could we manage it again this year? All offers of help in any way gratefully received.

*Liz & Bob Tait  
tel: 810150*

### TASTY TIPS

#### French 'Garbure' Soup:

Rather than throw away, cook outer lettuce leaves, bendy carrot, green tops of leeks & spring onions and liquidise to make soup - anything goes! Thicken with leftover potato or small pasta, add flavourings.

#### Avocado Tip

Blend over-ripe avocado with milk, yogurt, and sweeten with honey for a lovely green smoothie.

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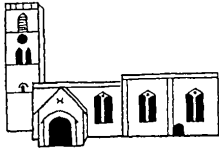
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## Can you help? An appeal for memories from students of Oxford Polytechnic and the College of Technology

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To achieve this, we are appealing for memories from all former students of all our past institutions. By sharing your anecdotes and photos with the Alumni Office you can help to illustrate the shared history of the entire Oxford Brookes community, and make 2015 an unforgettable celebration for everyone. We are especially keen to hear from alumni with personal memories of John Henry Brookes for a biography celebrating the life of the university's spiritual founder. Please email your memories and photos to [alumni@brookes.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@brookes.ac.uk). We can also answer any questions you have about strengthening your relationship with Oxford Brookes, from updating you with news and events to helping you enjoy the many benefits available to all our alumni.

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**To find out more, call 0800 8048 777 and ask for the 'Oxon Deal'.**

## Community First Responders

We will be attending the Finstock Fun Day on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2010, and hope to see you there! Do come and see us, and if you would like any info about joining the Responders team, we will be happy to answer any questions you have. Let's hope the weather is kind to us, and we can enjoy all the activities. Thank you one and all for your support.

*Carol Hughes (co-ordinator)*



## CHARLBURY TOWN COUNCIL REPORT NO 55

*By Councillor Nicolette Lethbridge*

The Council is halfway through its 4 year term and 2 years can go by quite quickly so now might be a good time to think about whether you or anyone you know might like to stand for election next time. Why not come to some Council meetings to find out what happens? If you wish you can, by prior arrangement with the Clerk, address the Council before a meeting although you will not be able to speak during it.

If anyone wants to speak to councillors face to face on any matter and does not want to attend a meeting the Council has decided to hold a series of 'Open House Surgeries' upstairs at The Comer House from 10am to 12pm on Saturdays 5th June, 3rd July and 4th September. Two Town Councillors will attend on each occasion and sometimes a District Councillor. Details can be obtained from the Town Clerk. Whilst the Council may not be able to solve your problem it should be able to advise you on what to do or where to seek advice.

The Annual Parish meeting was held in The War Memorial Hall on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April and was attended by 10 Town Councillors, our 2 District Councillors and our County Councillor as well as 22 members of the public. Topics raised from the floor included building in gardens, street lighting, the new plans for recycling of waste, the role of younger citizens of Charlbury and Digital Television Coverage in Charlbury.

Although summer has come few of us will have forgotten the awful winter weather and especially the snow and ice. On 5th February the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Town Council had a meeting with the District Councillors and County Councillor to discuss the matter. Whilst admiring the community spirit and self help shown by the public it was agreed that the town had been badly let down by the County Council and they need to be made aware of our concerns. These include the trains running but the roads to the station being impassable, no arrangements having been made with local farmers and contractors to clear the roads and keep important routes open, and refuse collectors being unable to get to work and collect household rubbish. Our District and County Councillors will raise these concerns with their councils.

There are still potholes in our area which have not been filled in and it would be useful if members of the public would report these to the County Council on telephone number 0845 310 11 11 (and get a reference number for their complaint).

The dualling of the railway line is now expected to be completed in 2011, a little later than had been hoped.

Good news is that work should start on the sports pavilion on Nine Acres this summer: there is a detailed report on this by the Chairman of Management Committee in this issue of the Chronicle (see page2).

Councillor Gareth Miller organised one of his very successful litter clearing sessions on Sunday 11th April. However the council would remind house owners that they are responsible for not allowing trees and shrubs to block pavements.

The Riverside Festival has been granted permission by the Town Council to use the Mill Field free of charge on 19th and 20th June subject to conditions and the issue of a licence by WODC. It should be a very enjoyable occasion.

The Town Council has made a detailed response to the West Oxfordshire Local Development Framework Core Strategy: Preferred Approach paper which attempts to set out the District Council's approach to planning and development for the next 15 years. This is a very important document and we hope our concerns will be addressed. The Town Council's response can be seen by arrangement with the Town Clerk.

Steady if slow progress is being made with plans to provide Affordable Housing in the town.

The Town Council would like to wish everyone a very happy summer.

To contact the Town Council email the Town Clerk, Roger Clarke, at [charlburytc@btinternet.com](mailto:charlburytc@btinternet.com) or telephone 01608 810608 during normal working hours (weekdays 9am to 5pm but not weekends or Bank Holidays).

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## **CHARLBURY FARMERS' MARKET 2010**

Charlbury Farmers' Market will be held on the Playing Close, Charlbury, by kind permission of Thomas Gifford's Charity, between 9am and 1pm on Saturday, 12th June 2010

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

Charlbury Farmers' Market is administered by Thames Valley Farmers' Market Co-operative Ltd.

The Market is organised by Nick Potter, Roger Watts and Geoff Burroughs. The contact address is: Lancut House, Lyneham Road, Milton-u-Wychwood, OX7 6LW. Tel 0784 328 7091 Fax: 01993 830948

## **MORE TASTY TIPS**

### **Pasta Tip 1**

Measure shaped pasta in handfuls. Two handfuls per adult is just right.

### **Pasta Tip 2**

Add leftover pasta to soups to make them more substantial.

### **Pasta Tip 3**

Leftover pasta? Add grated cheese, ham, pepper, sweetcorn for a lovely salad lunch.

### **Pasta Tip 4**

Many leftover pasta dishes are just as good cold for a salad lunch - keep fresh in the fridge.

### **Rice Tip**

Cool leftover rice quickly before freezing or using in salads.

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

Nature's upheavals are very much in our mind at the moment with so many friends and family being affected by the eruption of the volcano in Iceland. WODC has produced a report on extreme weather conditions (not including volcanic eruptions !) but looking back to the floods and the more recent snow. Hopefully these events have taught us all, both authorities and individuals, a great deal and already changes are being made.

The concept of community and volunteers is also very much in the air and Charlbury is lucky to have so many dedicated and skilled volunteers. The new much needed sports pavilion on Nine Acres will be a testament to the hard work of all the people involved in the football and tennis clubs and also the fundraisers. It is good that WODC has recognised this with a grant of £30,000 towards the pavilion.

One of the biggest events in our area is the opening of the Marriots Walk development. This seems to have been done sympathetically and to have met with public approval, especially the cinema. There are teething problems---unlet units, broken slabs, forgotten crossing, but hopefully these will be rectified.

The new waste contract, which has been worked on for many years, is in its final stages and we all look forward to it. We hope the Spendlove bring site will be dealt with more efficiently and that even more waste will be recycled. It is vital that we reduce the amount going to landfill and the new contract is designed to help achieve that end.

**Report from District Councillor Mike Breakell (01993 868201)  
[michael.breakell@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:michael.breakell@westoxon.gov.uk) or [mjbreakell@aol.com](mailto:mjbreakell@aol.com)**

The District Council has now received over 600 responses to its Core Strategy which is such a key part of the Local Development Framework for future change within the District. Essentially half of these related to how and where to locate growth around Witney and a further 200 to how and where to locate growth around Carterton. Many people were opposed to growth to the north of Witney. This means that this proposal which could affect residents of Hailey for example and traffic flows to Charlbury will now need much more consideration. Interestingly there were only 14 comments about growth in and around Chipping Norton. The Council will be considering all these matters, including the views of Charlbury Town Council further in due course. Only then will the final plans be submitted to Government for further inspection and a public hearing.

Meanwhile the Uplands Planning Sub Committee still meets on Monday afternoons, normally the first Monday in the month at 2pm. Members of the public are always encouraged to attend and I am pleased to report that after years of requesting this, West Oxfordshire has agreed to allow the public to speak to a proposal before the Committee. So the time has come for anyone who has an interest in a particular planning application to come and address the Committee directly. This is wonderful news and I am sorry that it has taken so long to agree this in West Oxfordshire after so many other Councils have had this as standard practice for years.



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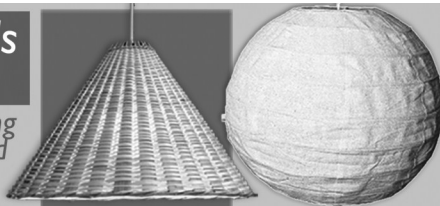
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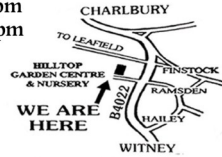
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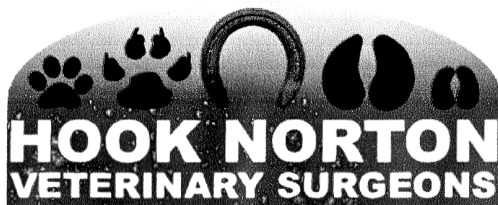
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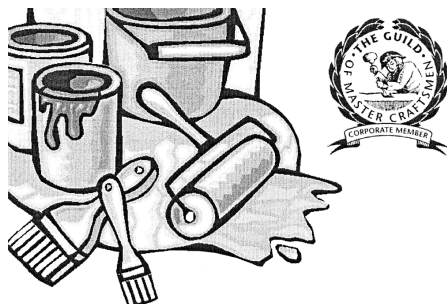
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