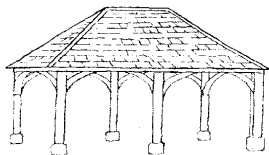


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I am sure we would all wish to celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June. She has been a wonderful example of dedication to duty through good times and bad. There are various events happening in Charlbury to mark the occasion, most notably The Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday, June 3rd on The Playing Close - more details in the following pages and on the Charlbury web site.

The summer months are always busy and you can follow what's going to be happening by reading about the Beer Festival, the Charlbury Community Centre Appeal Jubilee Proms, the Wilderness Festival at Cornbury Park, the Street Fair Open Gardens, the Riverside Festival and more - there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Please read about the re-launching of the Charlbury Deli & Café (formerly The Good Food Shop) - we really must support the efforts of the Directors to make everyone aware of this locally run shop and do what we can to support it. As I always say, there's no point moaning if a shop has to close down if we haven't all done what we can to actively change our shopping habits and buy their goods.

Attention is drawn to the change in telephone numbers at Charlbury Medical Centre - do be sure to make a note of the new numbers (see page 11) .

We have received some very amusing howlers culled from articles in some Church magazines (not Charlbury!), and you will find them filling in some odd spaces here and there ... watch for Funny Fillers and have a good laugh!

Please make a note that the deadline for copy for the September *Chronicle* is August 1st.

Lynette Murphy

## **CHARLBURY FARMERS' MARKET**

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# **Charlbury Town Council election results**

## **May 3 2012**

The following candidates have been elected to Charlbury Town Council, with number of votes cast:

**Nick Potter\*: 666**

**Valou Pakenham-Walsh\*: 636**

**Susie Finch\*: 633**

**Richard Fairhurst: 618**

**Liz Reason\*: 586**

**Reg James\*: 538**

**Peter Kenrick: 514**

**Jim Holah: 510**

**Willem Hackmann\*: 483**

**Tony Merry: 462**

**Kathy Broughton: 455**

**Russell Robson: 432**

Turnout was 48.43%, again the highest of any Town/Parish Council election in West Oxfordshire. \* indicates incumbent.

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## **WODC COUNCILLOR ELECTED**

### **May 3 2012**

**Liz Leffman (LibDem) 956 votes**

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## **CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!**

## CHARLBURY DAY CENTRE

Jubilee fever is mounting and not to be left out of the festivities, we are showing a contemporarily made film of the Coronation -in colour! - in the Memorial Hall at 12.45 on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June. This will run for 1 ¼ hours and soft refreshments will be available. Donations on the door to cover our costs and to help our funds .This is open to anyone who would like to come.

It is also a good chance to flag up our next fund raising Coffee Morning in the Corner House on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August. This coincides with the Wilderness Festival being held at Cornbury and we are hoping this year to serve some sort of breakfast as well as the usual coffee/tea - there was much demand for this from last year's Festival-goers ( plus of course a mouth-watering selection of cakes to purchase and a fantastic raffle ). Do join us and let's hope that the summer will be kind and we can spill into the garden.

As ever we are always keen to hear from anyone who knows of someone who might like to join our Wednesdays, or from anyone who could lend some time to help us in any capacity, whether it be assisting our coordinator, driving or cooking.

Please contact me on 01608 810150.

*Bob Tait, Chairman*

### FUNNY FILLERS

'Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.'

## POLICE NEWS

**METAL AND FUEL THEFTS:** Occurring at vulnerable sites (both urban and rural) including empty dwellings and offices. Farms and domestic bulk oil containers have also fallen victim to crime recently especially in the outlying villages. If you see anything suspicious please contact police immediately.

**DOGS:** Thousands of dogs are lost every year, many as a result of theft, and even the most reliable and well-cared for dog can get lost or stolen. Dog theft has been attributed to two broad motives - breeding and ransom.

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- Microchip your dog so that it is permanently identifiable should the collar and ID tag be removed. Make sure that your dog does not go out of your sight on walks. Vary your walk times and routes.
- Make sure that your fencing is adequate and check it regularly for wear and tear. Keep your dog in view when it goes out into the garden.
- Join Dogwatch. This alert service is entirely staffed and funded by volunteers, who help the Police and RSPCA in the already excellent work that they do.

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## Gifford Trust News

The Trustees of the Thomas Gifford Charity have been working hard over recent months to progress our plans for the Spendlove site. Receiving confirmation from the County Council that significant funding is available represents a huge step forward - this will meet around a third of the total cost of our new community building. We are continuing to work on the necessary documentation to finalise this funding and have an agreed submission date in July. This follows the County Council's verification that the funds are ring-fenced for our Spendlove project, provided that we submit a robust business plan. We have therefore appointed an experienced cost consultant to assist in this process. Once the funding is formally confirmed, we will be in a positive position to implement first stage building design. To keep you all informed, we intend to publish our proposed programme for the community development in the next issue of the *Charlbury Chronicle*.

In the meantime, we will be arranging meetings over the next two months with members of local groups and potential users of the new community building, to discuss your interests and opportunities for involvement. We are already in discussion with The Friends of the Library, and now wish to extend this exploration to all groups having an interest in this exciting project.

Alongside community discussion, the Charlbury Community Centre Appeal fund-raising group is organising a calendar of events over the coming months. The recent Desert Island Flicks evening with Sir Ben Kingsley was a great success. We are exceedingly grateful to Sir Ben and also to Graham Ralph the interviewer. Thanks also go to Ed Fenton and the team who organised the evening – they have plans for others to follow. The advertisement opposite shows details of the next major event - The First Night of the Proms – get your voices ready to join in!

Thanks to members of the County, District and Town Councils for their continuing support. We look forward to working closely with them in the future, in particular to ensure that our proposals are complementary to, and co-ordinated with, Charlbury's other community facilities.

**Please contact Alan Hanks on 01608 811090 or email Alan: [oxpens@hotmail.com](mailto:oxpens@hotmail.com)**

if you or your local group are interested in organising an event or other fund raising activity - however big or small, every £ really does count. If each group in the Town could manage to organise at least one event to raise funds for the new community building, it would not only enable us to deliver an outstanding building, it would also guarantee a fantastic year of events for the whole Town to enjoy!

*Ian Cox - Chair of The Gifford Trust*  
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## **Charlbury School spread sunshine for Variety, the Children's Charity**

Last year Variety launched Sunshine Week, a brand new fundraising week for schools all over the UK with the aim to build awareness and raise vital funds to help us continue the important work that we do. As a Charlbury girl myself and past pupil, I was absolutely delighted when Charlbury School got in touch about supporting the cause with their very own Sunshine Day fundraiser. It was a pleasure to be able to go and visit the school in a sea of yellow and speak to the pupils and staff about the work of the Charity. Charlbury School went on to adopt Variety as their Charity of the year for 2012 and will be supporting the cause by holding various fundraising events. Before the Easter break, the school held their first running challenge fundraiser and the pupils were sponsored by friends and family to complete it. So far they have raised £2500 and are creeping ever closer to their target of £3000 – Amazing!!!

Every penny really does count but this sum of money can make a huge difference to a child's life. Each year Variety provides:

- Numerous Sunshine Coaches which give hundreds of children and young people opportunities they would otherwise never enjoy.
- Hundreds of wheelchairs giving children a lifeline to explore the wider world. Specialist equipment such as car seats hoists and also modified beds – items which are critically important for a child's development and life experience.

Our objective is to increase a child's independence, level of confidence and self-esteem. We also aim to increase physical health, communication skills and very importantly enable them to spend more time together with their friends and family. However, the work of Variety has never been in greater demand and we can only fund around half of the urgent appeals we receive. Support and donations from individuals and schools like Charlbury enable us to continue the work that we do.

2012 is such an important year for sport in the UK and we are delighted to be supporting a number of Paralympians in partnership with Sports Aid. Over the past few years Variety has helped to fund equipment, training and travel expenses to ensure that these young athletes can reach their goal of Team GB. So far we can announce that 5 have been picked for their disciplines ranging from swimming to boccia and we can't wait to see them in action this summer.

**Charlbury School Olympics fundraiser will be held on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

I'm really looking forward to working with the staff and pupils to make this a very successful year - and what a wonderful reason to be able to visit Charlbury more often! Variety Sunshine Week is taking place from June 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>. For more information go to [www.sunshineweek.org.uk](http://www.sunshineweek.org.uk)

**If you would like more information about the work that we do, please don't hesitate to contact me on 0207 428 8118 or email [frankie.holah@variety.org.uk](mailto:frankie.holah@variety.org.uk)**

*Frankie Holah*

## **Our Own Double-dip Recession - according to our Chronicle Weather Man!**

The strange fact about 2012, so far, has been its failure to keep to a normal pattern. Usually, temperatures rise steadily, month by month, from January to either July or August – July is the warmest on average. This year has been different. February was colder than January and April colder than March, giving a graph the appearance of a double-dip.

**February 2012** started very cold with temperatures not rising above 45° until 15th. The coldest day was 30° on 11th. This was one of three days when the temperature did not rise above freezing. The second half of the month was somewhat warmer, with the highest temperature of 57° on 21st. The average daytime maximum temperature was 43.76° and this was lower than that for January 2012. The 23 year average for February is 45.98°. At night, minimum temperatures ranged from 48° on 23rd/24th down to a record low of 14° on 10th/11th. Air frosts were recorded on 13 nights.

**Winter 2011/12** (December to February) was slightly warmer than normal with an average of 44.93° – the 22 year average is 44.27°.





By contrast to February, **March 2012** was a very warm month. Daytime maximum temperatures averaged 54.13° (23 year average 51.35°). The warmest day was 28th at 63° and the coolest 44° on 4th. There was a particularly warm spell from 22nd to 29th when the temperature rose to 60° or above each day, with almost unbroken sunshine during this period. At night, temperatures ranged from 45° on 9th/10th down to 30° on 5th/6th. Air frosts were recorded on just 4 nights.

By contrast again, **April 2012** proved to be one of the most unsettled months in recent years, with showers, or periods of rain on most days. Daytime temperatures fluctuated between 58° and 46° until 30th, when a high of 61° was recorded. The lowest days were 6th and 28th. Overall, the daytime average maximum was 53.33° (the average for the previous 23 years was 57.06°) and it was the second coldest April since my records began in 1989. The coldest was, in fact, 1989 at 52.45° and that was followed by an exceptionally warm summer. At night, temperatures ranged from 28° on 5th/6th to 45° on 26th/27th, with air frosts on just 3 nights, the last of which was on 15th/16th.

*John Stanley*



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## **CHARLBURY MEDICAL CENTRE PLEASE NOTE**

The telephone numbers for the Charlbury  
Medical Centre have now changed. This  
is as a result of feedback from our patients  
and with the involvement of the Patient  
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We now have three separate numbers;  
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In this edition, I thought I'd take the opportunity to talk about a few things we can all do to help save a little on our gas and electricity bills. My five 'top tips':-

If the colder winter weather is behind us, consider adjusting your central heating timers to provide less heating hours (or can it be turned off completely?)

If you do feel chilly, make sure you're dressed accordingly in the first instance. Some natural material can be better than synthetic ones, so grab your nice warm woolen jumper! A hot, healthy meal will help you to feel warm too, but if it's still cold, put the heating on (the evenings can be especially cold if it has been a lovely sunny day with little cloud around)

Draw curtains at dusk to trap the heat in the home – tuck them behind radiators where appropriate.

Insulate your home:- now really is the best time to get unfilled cavity walls, and lofts topped up. Insulation is unlikely to be this cheap ever again!

And finally, to get your free, no obligation survey for insulation, or for more advice on heating, keeping warm, saving money on energy bills, grants, switching supplier, and a whole host of other helpful ways to cut your bills, **call us on freephone 0800 107 0044**. Lines are open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

**. We hope to hear from you soon...**

# **The Charlbury Deli and Café**

## **(formerly the Good Food Shop)**

Sheep Street, Charlbury

**The Charlbury Deli and Café (formerly the Good Food Shop)** has been feeling the effect of the current economic climate, and is considering how best to keep its market share and remain viable when other shops in the town have already been forced to close. Charlbury Deli and Café does not want to find itself in the same position.

The Directors agreed at the recent AGM to support a final attempt to bring the Charlbury Deli and Café back into profit. Their proposals included:

- contacting local businesses which may occasionally require catering for events, meetings, or other functions;
- promoting the shop more widely on the internet and leafleting of the town;
- adjusting opening hours to meet heaviest demand;
- and finally undertaking some refurbishment of the shop.

The AGM endorsed these proposals wholeheartedly and expressed their thanks to Lynne Stubbles and her staff for their hard work over the years. The Directors particularly wanted to express their thanks to all those Charlbury residents, and others, who already support the shop and trust that they will continue to do so.

Lynne and her staff are committed to providing Charlbury and the surrounding area with a top quality fresh bakery, Deli and catering facility, and offer visitors morning coffees, light breakfasts and lunches, and afternoon teas. Orders can be delivered by prior arrangement, and are welcomed on a one-off or repeat basis. Sample menus are also available – phoning orders ahead will ensure they are ready on time. Catering for special events is available to individuals as well as businesses. The shop will stock hard-to-get special dietary goods by request.

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## CHARLBURY TOWN COUNCIL REPORT, No. 62

### By Councillor Helen Bessemer-Clark

**Charlbury Town Council:** The vice Chairman, Councillor Gareth Miller, resigned from the Town Council on 7<sup>th</sup> February for personal reasons. Because this was within 3 months of a scheduled election for the whole Council a By-election was not permitted and the Council decided not to co-opt anybody to fill the vacancy. Councillor Miller was elected to the Town Council in 2008.

Councillor Valou Pakenham-Walsh was elected Vice-Chairman at the Council meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

The following Councillors did not seek re-election in May: John Harrison ( first elected in 1988, Chairman 1992-95, Vice Chairman for 9 years), Ian Cox and Nicolette Lethbridge (Co-opted 2004, then elected 2008), Helen Bessemer-Clark (elected 2008). **Gareth Miller and all four retiring councillors are warmly thanked for their service to the community.**

District Councillor Glenna Chadwick (Lib.Dem) did not seek re-election in May. She was first elected to represent the Charlbury ward in 2000 and then the Charlbury and Finstock Ward (including Fawler) in 2002. She is also thanked most warmly for her service to the community.

The first meeting of the new Town Council was held on 16<sup>th</sup> May, when the Chairman was elected, and appointments made. Details will be in the September Chronicle, and on the Charlbury Town Council Website.

As this is the last article to be written covering the work of the elected Town Council for the last four years, it may be appropriate to summarise one or two especial landmarks during its tenure:

**a) Station Car Park** – Work has started on the Station Car Park extension at last! It should be finished by August 6<sup>th</sup>, having been scheduled to start on 16<sup>th</sup> May. We now need to encourage people to use it, rather than park in the town. We are obviously delighted about the redoubling of the railway line and glad that First Great Western have taken on board some of our suggestions for the building of the bridge and walkways at the station. Unfortunately due to lack of resources they were unable to incorporate some minor suggestions made for the car park.

**b) Little Lees Affordable Housing** – work has already started on this project, to provide affordable housing for 15 units.. Without doubt more accommodation will be needed for those with Charlbury connections, but it is a start until further suitable sites are found.

**c) Sports Pavilion** – on Nine Acres, a much needed building project, was completed with a Grand Opening in May of last year.

**d)Transport** – thanks to valiant efforts by all members of the community in signing petitions and writing to Oxfordshire County Council nearly four years ago, we have kept our CI bus and also maintained the semi-subsidised X9 route run by RH Transport. It is vital that a similar effort be maintained during this coming year, when these same bus routes are again up for consideration for tender. Please encourage commuters you may know from nearby villages to support the CI, as well as our own town members.

**Annual Parish Meeting** was held on 30<sup>th</sup> March, and attended by Neil Owen, our County Councillor, and Councillor Hywel Davies, District Councillor, and 8 Town Councillors, as well as 20 members of the public. A questioner from the floor was concerned with the low turn out of attendance at this meeting.

**The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, 2nd- 5<sup>th</sup> June:** You may already have received your invitation to Charlbury's Big Jubilee Lunch, which as you see will take place on the Playing Close on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is being preceded by a Service, open to those of all faiths or none, at 11.0 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, the Parish Church. Charlbury Open Gardens, organised by the Street Fair Committee, will be in the afternoon, and additionally Churches Together in Charlbury are organising a Flower Festival with displays in all 5 churches. It is possible that a Beacon will be lit if a suitable location has been agreed. Watch the Notice Boards and websites for news of everything that is happening.

**The Town Council's Diamond Jubilee Project** is to repair and restore the ironwork on the Drinking Fountain which was erected to mark Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee . Previous Royal Jubilee projects in Charlbury have been: Erection of Shelter on 9 Acres Recreation Ground (1935), installation of iron bridge at Mill Field (1977), installation of new gates at 9 Acres Recreation Ground (2002). On behalf of Charlbury the Council have sent Loyal Greetings to Her Majesty including an acknowledgement of H.R.H. The Princess Royal's visit to the Town in 2006. (The Original letter and response sent in 2002 are in the Museum).

**The Riverside Festival:** Permission has been granted by the Town Council to use the Mill Field free of charge on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June, subject to conditions and the issue of a licence by WODC.

**Public Events:** A number of public events are planned to take place in and around Charlbury during the summer, very similar to those which occurred last year. Some members of the public find that such events can cause them inconvenience. Matters concerning Traffic Management, including Car Parking and Public Order, including Anti -Social Behaviour, should immediately be reported to Thames Valley Police on 101. Matters concerning noise should be reported immediately to West Oxfordshire District Council on 01993 861000 (weekdays, 0900 hrs – 1700 hrs) or 01993 705056 (during weekends and out of hours).

**Overhanging Branches (Pavements) :** This is the usual request at this time of year for residents to cut back any overhanging branches, bushes or plants, that may obstruct pedestrians walking on the pavements. It would also help to keep Charlbury tidy, if waste and recycling bins could be removed as soon after the Tuesday morning collection as possible. Wheelchair users and prampushers are particularly affected by all such pavement obstructions.

**Pot Holes – a perennial!** But we had hoped, following an announcement from OCC Highways Dept that the road between Spelsbury and Charlbury would be closed for three weeks in March, that at least that route would no longer tear our tyres. Unfortunately, despite OCC announcing that they are planning to improve the road between Chipping Norton and Chalford Green, they have had to cancel the Spelsbury works as they are much more expensive. It is hoped that funding will be found for this work in next year's budget.

To contact the Town Council, e.mail the Town Clerk, Roger Clarke, at  
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## The Long View – Marion Ackrill

A medium sized shrub planted well within the garden can offer a beautiful form of privacy and shelter, close at hand. When thoughtfully placed it needn't interfere with others' views, light or security. However, a shrub planted further away, at the garden's boundary, may need to be significantly larger to achieve privacy and shelter.

A large plant introduced at the garden boundary may interfere with others' views, light and security as well as create work for them, pruning and so on. Planting for privacy need never be at the cost of others: a little initial care in the placing and choice of plant will enhance the lives of everyone. Why not take the long view?

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**Saturday 1 September 2012, 6 - 9pm**

The 2012 Festival will be held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September at The Priory followed by the second-half at St Mary's Church. This year's concert will be conducted by David Crown and performed by the Musicians of the Dreaming Spires. The programme entitled ***Masterpieces of the Baroque*** will include a number of great works from the Baroque era including *The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba*; Corelli's *Christmas Concerto*; Marcello's *Oboe Concerto*; Pachelbel's *Canon*; Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto Number 5* and works by Handel to name a few.

Following the inaugural Priory Chamber Music Festival in 2011, the concert will start in the beautiful Priory gardens in Church Lane, where guests are invited to bring and enjoy a picnic whilst they listen to episodes of sublime music. The second half will continue in St Mary's Church for a more formal concert setting.

### Tickets

All profits will go to the St. Mary's Church Roof Fund and Wytham Hall. Advance tickets: £15 (£20 on the door).

For tickets please contact email: [in-fo@priorychambermusicfestival.co.uk](mailto:info@priorychambermusicfestival.co.uk)  
or write to The Priory, Church Lane,  
Charlbury, OX7 3PX.

[www.priorychambermusicfestival.co.uk](http://www.priorychambermusicfestival.co.uk)

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## Chadlington Beer Festival

The 9th Chadlington Beer Festival will take place on Saturday June 9th. It is the chief fund-raiser for the Friends of Chadlington School.

## ChOC spends £4k on its own equipment for Charlbury

As many readers will know by now, ChOC (Charlbury's Own Cinema, for newcomers and the uninitiated) has bought its own cinema equipment and is now fully independent. Since May 2005, when records began and ChOC showed 'Ladies in Lavender' in the Cornbury Suite at the Bell, we've relied on Chipping Norton theatre for a projectionist and the necessary equipment. In April, 'Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy' was the 83rd film ChOC has shown, and the first to be shown without outside help. We've spent nearly £4000 (a detailed breakdown appeared as a news item on April 18 on the Charlbury website, where you can still see it) and while we are still learning how to use it, we are delighted with the results and the opportunities it opens up.

Just how far we can expand our entertainment programme, take up the ideas and suggestions that are constantly being put to us, and collaborate with other organisations in Charlbury that want to show films or offer live entertainment, will depend entirely on the strength of support we get. At present two committees with a combined membership of ten put on nearly 20 entertainment events a year. That's a lot of hard work for a few people. To grow, we need more people taking part who have an interest any aspect of the work we do, whether it's learning to operate the projector and sound system, researching and checking out films and live performers, organising the hall on the night, helping run the bar, or whatever. It doesn't mean endless boring meetings, it does mean getting on with creative and productive work bringing pleasure to many hundreds of people in the course of each year. ChOC is a team: why not join us?

**Coming events:** We've changed the way we book films so we can bring you the best films as soon as we can. If you offer to help in the way I've just suggested, we may be able to show additional films, including arthouse movies, more foreign films, and thematic seasons or weekends. We only decide for certain what our main film of the month will be a few weeks ahead. Our film on Sunday June 10 will be **War Horse** (Memorial Hall 7.30pm, bar from 6.45), a moving and spectacularly crafted film based on the novel by Michael Morpurgo and a true cinematic triumph. Films in the following months will include **Best Exotic Marigold Hotel** and **Salmon Fishing in the Yemen**.

It was only a year ago that the first committee meeting of ChOC/live took place and ChOC decided to add live entertainment to its programme of films. Since then, we have staged four very different live evenings at the Memorial Hall. As you read this, perhaps you'll be thinking of the show you saw at the end of May, **The Opera Dudes**. Their reviews have been terrific. Our programme for the latter part of this year is again going to offer a diverse range of entertainment, kicking off on 29 September with **Ensemble OX**, the chamber music ensemble founded by Charlbury resident Marion Ackrill. They last performed in Charlbury in 2009 so their return is long overdue. On 27 October, we welcome to the Memorial Hall **Eduardo Niebla**, the internationally renowned flamenco guitarist with an evening of unforgettable guitar duets. We will turn the tables (so to speak) on 30 November and ask vinyl fans to come along and play their favourite tracks at **Vinyl Revival**, and a fortnight later our **Christmas Ceilidh** will get festivities off to a good start with a fun night out for the family on Saturday December 15.

**Stay in touch:** Keep up to date with our programme in the events listings on the Charlbury website, or by visiting the ChOC website at [www.chocfilms.info](http://www.chocfilms.info) where you'll find lots of further information about what we're putting on.

Jon Carpenter, Secretary [jon@chocfilms.info](mailto:jon@chocfilms.info) 01608 819117



# CLUBS, GROUPS, SOCIETIES

## **Charlbury Bowls Club**

Club Nights – Every Tuesday 6pm. The outdoor season has finally arrived and we are all looking forward to playing in friendly & League matches as well as club competitions. Our club is open every Tuesday at 6pm for practise where anyone is more than welcome to come and join us. Why not pop in? We can loan you everything you need to have a go on the green or you are welcome to come along and enjoy a drink at our very well stocked bar and just watch. Hope to see you soon. For more details please call Heather on 01608 810229.

## **The Charlbury Society**

Having had another very successful season of talks over the winter, The Charlbury Society is now having its summer break. Hopefully, however, the sun will shine for our customary summer trips, and details of these will be posted on the Charlbury website as well as being circulated to the Society's members.

Ah yes; members. The Society currently has a membership of around 100, several fewer than last year, and we need more support, especially from younger people who will be able to take over its running in the future. Typically between 30 and 70 members and visitors have enjoyed each of our talks over the past couple of years, which have been of an exceptionally high standard on a very diverse range of subjects. Since October, we have had some excellent presentations on Charlbury itself, butterflies, the Cotswold railway line, how people in Woodstock made ornamental steel, and the history of Ditchley Park. Next season's list is equally interesting, covering travel (the Falklands), architecture (Cotswold barns) and music (Gloucestershire folk songs) amongst other topics. A good cross-section of talks that will appeal to

everyone, so please do come and join us.

As well as new members, we always need help to keep the Society running and the Museum available to anyone who wants to visit it. Celia and her group of helpers do a wonderful job of organising the special exhibitions there, as well as looking after everything in the collection. So, if it's a long time since you have been in there, or if you have never been at all, come and see what it has to offer – it's well worth it.

*Simon Walker, Chairman, Charlbury Society*

## **Charlbury Cricket Club**

Following the imposition of a hosepipe ban across much of southern Britain in early April, concern was expressed at Charlbury Cricket Club that the scarcity of water supplies might have a detrimental impact on the quality of our wickets this season. It is with a heavy sense of irony therefore that I have to report that all of the Club's preseason "warm-up" matches (some of which were played in bitterly cold weather) were affected to some extent by rain or waterlogged outfielders and that the entire league programme scheduled for 28 April was lost to the weather! All three of Charlbury's league sides were forced to metaphorically kick their heels inside the pavilion and hope that warmer, drier weather would soon prevail. If the frequent deluges of April persisted into May and June then I fear that wellington boots and water wings may by now have replaced flannels and floppy hats as traditional cricketing accoutrements!

Atmospheric conditions clearly impinge on proceedings to a much lesser extent when there is a roof over the playing surface. Thus Charlbury's intrepid band of indoor cricketers managed to combat the winter weather and taste success into the bargain. Our First XI

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finished third in Division 1 of the Banbury Indoor League and the Second Team won Division 3. More silverware soon followed, as Paul Adams from Charlbury's Second XI was anointed the best bowler in the entire Banbury Indoor League structure, an excellent performance. I remember once trapping Paul leg before wicket in an evening friendly between two Oxford publishers about twenty years ago so I am relieved to learn that his confidence was not destroyed by that undeniably distressing experience! Finally, another piece of good news to report. Carla Wood, a young bowler in the Charlbury Ladies squad, achieved national recognition recently when she was chosen to join the England Under-15 Development Programme. Congratulations to Carla, and I hope that she and everyone else who represents Charlbury this season will enjoy their cricket and achieve the goals they set themselves. *Derek Collett*

## **Charlbury Garden Society Summer Show**

The Society's Summer Show this year is on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June in the Memorial Hall. In addition to roses and sweet peas, there are many classes for other flowers and for fruit and vegetables. In the *Groovy Growing* section, children can enter a "Mr Potato" (instructions in the Society's annual programme or from Wendy Clifford on 811006), a pot of wild flowers grown from seed and salad vegetables or broad beans. Staging 8.30-10.45am. Open to the public 2-4.30pm. Schedules containing an entry form will be available in advance from the station, pharmacy, library and post office and can also be found via the website. You do not have to be a member of the Society to exhibit but members benefit from a discount when buying goods at six local garden centres.

The Society's Annual Flower and Produce Show will be on 8<sup>th</sup> September. *Rob Stepney*

## **Charlbury Rainbows and Brownies**

had great fun on Good Friday when they completed their Good Turn. We delivered 206 pot plants to the more mature people of Charlbury. I would like to thank all of you who gave the girls special treats on the day or have sent us thank you cards and I personally have received telephone calls.

I also wish to thank those of you who have sent very generous donations - they will be spent wisely.

We have a busy term ahead of us and if we are not in the Scout Hut we will be over Nine Acres practicing for the Olympics.

Rainbows is for girls aged between 5 and 7.

We meet at 5pm until 6 pm. Brownies is for girls between 7 and 10 ½ and we meet at 6pm until 7.30pm.

We are looking for more girls to join us; our numbers are critically low in Rainbows at the moment, so if you are between 5 and 10 ½ why not come along and join us.

We are also looking for new leaders so if you are interested in helping at our weekly meetings please do contact me on the numbers below.

Our meetings are held in the Scout Hut every Tuesday (term time only).

And you are welcome to just pop in and see what we are up to, or contact me.

*Brown Owl (Fay Kempson)*

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email [fay@faykempson.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:fay@faykempson.orangehome.co.uk)

*Items for the Clubs, Groups & Societies section should be discussed with  
Julia Caston (810240)*



## Progressing Well.....

Events got off to a great start this year with a very successful Quiz Night back in March when 20 teams pitted their skills and knowledge against each other on a night where somewhere around £1700 was raised. Thanks go especially to Martin Winstone, our excellent Quiz Master, who announced that it was going to be his last one. Thanks also go to Tim & Elaine Newbold for overseeing the cooking of the 'Bangers and Mash', all the 'bar staff' and everyone else who helped on the night.

Next up is the **Annual Open Gardens Event** which will take place on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**, thus coinciding with **Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee Weekend**. As a result, the traditional Jazz Lunch is being suspended just for this year, in favour of **The Big Lunch**, which will be taking place on The Playing Close. Additionally for this year, all the churches in town will be putting on their own Floral Displays and there will be a '1950's Town Trail' taking place during the afternoon. The usual Afternoon Teas will continue to be available in the Memorial Hall.

**Street Fair Weekend** is on **14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> September** and kicks off with the traditional **Egg Throwing Competition** on the Friday evening. Street Fair itself on the Saturday will have the theme of **'60 Years – Britain at its Best'** and plans are well under way for what hopefully will be yet another very successful day. 10k and 5k Fun Runs and Walk through Cornbury Park will again take place on the Sunday.

If you enjoy Street Fair and feel that you could offer some help or assistance, why not become part of our **Task Force**. We are looking for helpers who could assist with 'one-off' things, as opposed to being involved with all that 'committee' and 'meeting' stuff! Maybe you have some special skills we could utilise, such as obtaining sponsorship, seeking out Grand Draw and Auction Lots, Programme design/preparation, perhaps you might be able to co-ordinate the entertainment/entertainers or maybe just provide some muscle power for setting up and taking down the stalls – whatever you think you might have, please feel free to contact us at: [info@charlburystreetfair.org](mailto:info@charlburystreetfair.org)

Don't forget to visit the new [www.charlburystreetfair.org](http://www.charlburystreetfair.org) website for all the latest news and information.

*John Munro*

## **Andy Pickard**

**– mental health  
well-being worker  
and music festival  
organiser**

## **A DAY'S LIFE**

I get up at 8 o'clock, have a cup of tea and get off to work by nine. I drive to the Cowley Road in Oxford where I work for Mind, at a wellbeing project called 'The Mill' which is a centre for those with mental health problems. I get in, switch on the computers and generally prepare the building for the day ahead. It is a 1930s building, which used to belong to the Trade Union movement where they held their union meetings. It was an information office during the war but went back to being used by the British Leyland unions in peace time. Mind bought it in 1992 and it provides us with a main hall, offices, a kitchen, a music studio and art gallery. I have another cup of tea with the other staff, usually about four and have a quick brief on the day ahead. The doors open at ten and our clients come flooding in. People who have severe and enduring mental health problems are referred to us by community health teams and other similar organisations, but other people from all walks of life who are looking for help can just walk in. You never know what the day will bring or who will turn up at the project. The first thing to do is get lunch organised for the cafe we have at the project. Between 10 and 10.30 am the 'Food Bank' van arrives. This charity collects food from local supermarkets, which is close to the sell by date and un-sellable then gives it to us and other local charities. They send us fruit, vegetables, eggs and bread. The Oxford Botanical Gardens also supply us with fresh vegetables. Then we look at the food we have and decide what to make for the day – for example, spinach, potato and vegetable curry. Volunteers and service users all help each other with the cooking. My job as a wellbeing worker covers all sorts of therapeutic and caring activities, but my main project is the running and upkeep of the music studio. We record and make CDs of singers, bands, rap artists, poets and drama group audio sketches. It has proved very successful.

The people, who come to us, all come voluntarily. It is a step for some people from being discharged from a psychiatric ward to us, a well being service. The next step can be to a recovery service, which can help them back into education or employment. The people who attend our project range in age from 18 upwards. They could be suffering from schizophrenia, hearing voices, obsessive compulsive disorder, paranoia, anxiety and personality disorders. They come in every day, some from hostels, night shelters, benefit supported digs and some who are living on the streets. It's a very happy environment but sometimes we get people coming in, who are suicidal, desperate and tearful. We can arrange one to one sessions to find out what their problems are and see what we can do to help. Sometimes it is as simple as sorting out bills and benefits but often it is not. We usually have about 40 to 50 people in a day and are very busy. There is an increasing demand for our services especially with all the health cutbacks and ever increasing demands of modern life.

It is interesting how I came to work for Mind. I was born in 1965 on New Year's Eve at home in North Leigh. My Mum and Dad ran a golf glove business in Stonesfield and made gloves for most of the top players including the Ryder Cup golf team. When I was 12 my father died and my mother, younger brother and I moved to Charlbury, where I have been ever since. I was educated at the Spendlove School and was in the last year

to attend there before it closed. I joined the Royal Marines when I was 17, as my elder brother had done. In 1986, when I was twenty one I decided to join the Oxfordshire Fire Service. Early in 1987 I was present at an explosion in Ditchley Road quarry, where my sub officer and friend, John Wixey was killed. In those days there was no counselling on such occasions. I found it particularly stressful when children were involved in fires or car accidents. It was some years later when I was diagnosed as having post-traumatic stress disorder. A culmination of tragic incidents attended and lack of psychological care after the death of John Wixey led to my being medically discharged from the service in 2001. The Fire Service was a life changing experience, working with some exceptional people. I was very sad to have to leave. After that I was not very well for a few years and this experience has led to me being able to understand mental health problems first hand. I started volunteering in Oxford doing music therapy at mental health centres such as Gemini, Restore and Headway. I then met my present boss who asked me to work with her team at Mind.

In 1993 I had attended my first festival at Glastonbury and it was then that I decided to teach myself guitar. By 1995 I had had formed my own band and since then have played countless gigs in England and the south of France where we were warmly accepted. We released an album with one of the tracks being played on Baghdad radio. This was just before the war and I'd like to think this song wasn't the cause of it all!

One o'clock is time for lunch. We all have lunch together, although it is not a break for us; we are still working. The afternoon sees more courses taking place. These include art courses, silver-smithing, drama, getting into reading, lost crafts such as knitting, darning and many discussion groups. Some are psychological groups working in cognitive behaviour therapy for example catering for groups of up to twelve people. There is a good success rate with this and other psychological groups. Music therapy has an almost immediate feel good effect. The service users leave about 3 o'clock. We tidy the place up, mopping and sweeping before starting the admin including the on-line register saying how many attended and what courses they did. Then over a cup of tea, my colleagues and I meet with the volunteers and flag up anything that needs noting such as odd behaviours or any problems. It can be very distressing work and you need to share any worries or stresses you may have with the rest of the team, not take them home with you.

Depending on the traffic, which is bad at that time of day, I am usually home by 5.45pm. I then check my e-mails. I am particularly busy now with the build up to the Riverside and Cornbury festivals. I became involved with the Festival when Alan Frazer stopped doing his riverside picnics. My friends Chris Wray, Siobhan Lambert-Hurley and I decided we should carry it on. It started in a small way and has grown from there to what it is now. There is a lot of administration and we have to make sure that we have complied with all the conditions required by the WODC. These are things relating to staging, keeping everyone safe, the height and strength of the fences and electrical requirements etc. We also have to liaise with the police, ambulance and fire service making sure we comply with the general health and safety requirements. We book 35 bands and we go through hundreds of demos sent as e-mails or CDs from all over the world. One promoter even paid for me to go to Bali to see his band, which was fantastic. Tommy Longfellow is a great help with this and he runs the second stage at the festival. Also, the programme has to be prepared which involves dealing with the advertisers, deciding on the running

order and getting the biographies of the bands. The stall holders and caterers have to be contacted and Gary Walker helps with all this. We are very proud that the festival provides so much family entertainment and this year for children we are having the Saltbox Music Company, workshops, bush craft demonstrations on surviving in the wild and there will also be Physics in the Field, which aims to make physics fun for youngsters. In this we get a lot of help from the pre-school groups and the local churches. A large committee of friends also help with the organisation. As well as the Riverside Festival I also run the third stage at the Cornbury festival in Great Tew and I help Tom Longfellow with the once a fortnightly music night at the Rose and Crown, so there is much to do. When I've been through the necessary admin, I'll have a snack and about eight o'clock I'll go to the Rose and Crown where there'll probably be more discussion about the Riverside Festival. One of the things we are glad about is that the festival is still free. We manage to fund it by running the main food stall and the only bar as well as money coming in from selling programmes and T-shirts and also selling stall pitches. We are grateful for the grants we get, particularly from the Charlbury Town Council.

I am usually in bed by 11 o'clock. I like to read for a while, particularly books on the history of the Second World War. I am a restless sleeper because of the symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder, so always wake up tired in the morning. I have so many good friends here and have had some wonderful adventures with them. Chris Wray and I walked in the Himalayas to Annapurna base camp, to recount just one of many. I do not have so much time these days to play with the band because of my job and festival work, however, this involves me with many other people and friends in the music scene. The Riverside Festival has now been running for sixteen years and is a community event for families and all ages and I am very proud of it.

I hope there are many more days in the life of Andy Pickard 'mental health well-being worker and music festival organiser' as I still have a lot to do!

*Andy Pickard was interviewed by Diana Potten*

## **COTSWOLD DECORATIVE & FINE ARTS SOCIETY**

With summer holidays approaching, the Cotswold Decorative & Fine Arts Society's June lecture is entitled "Travel Broadens the Mind: Artists and their Travels from Van Eyck to Gauguin" by Clare Ford Wille. The lecture will explore the lure of travel and its impact upon the work of artists from the Renaissance to the 19th century. For over twenty years Clare Ford Wille has studied and lectured on almost every period of the fine arts, and recently she contributed to writing parts of the sound guide to the National Gallery's permanent collection.

Lectures are held at Bradwell Village Hall, Burford OX18 4XF. They begin at 11.00 am with complementary coffee and tea from 10.15. Non-members are very welcome (suggested donation £8).

## Charlbury Music Class

It may come as a surprise to many residents to learn that the Charlbury Music Class is now in its 33rd year! It was started by the tutor, Dr Kate Eckersley, while she was doing her D.Phil. in music at Oxford University.

In its current format, the class meets five times a year at The Bell Hotel at intervals between April and October. All meetings are on Wednesday and run from 10.30 to 3.20 with a 50-minute lunch break. Lunch can be taken at The Bell, but that is not compulsory. The cost of lunch is not included, but free coffee and tea is provided.

The subjects are chosen at the end of the previous year by the class. Kate talks about the subject and plays musical examples on CD. The tone is friendly and informal. Those attending are not expected to have any technical musical knowledge, and there are no "tests".

The first class this year took place in April, with 26 present. The next class is on Wednesday 18 July, when the subject will be comparison of the last symphonies of Beethoven, Sibelius, Shostakovich and Haydn. Further classes in September and October.

The cost of single class is £22, but if future classes are booked in advance the cost reduces (3 classes for £60). Full details can be obtained from Peter Fry on 01993 359189.

## Work to start on station car park extension

The long-awaited extension to Charlbury station's car park is to be built this summer.

According to car park operators APCOA:

"I am delighted to let you know that work on the new car park at Charlbury Station will start on 14 May, with equipment arriving from 8 May. This is something our customers have needed for some time and it is great news that contractors will soon be on site.

"When complete we will be able to offer an additional 75 spaces in the North car park, and a further 8 spaces for disabled passengers in the South car park. This is an important improvement for the station and something we have been keen to deliver for some time. Contractors have been appointed to do the work and are committed to complete by the end of September.

"We have worked with them to ensure the development will only cause the minimum amount of disruption to our customers. However, there will be a short period during the early phase of the works when the contractors will need to use some spaces in the existing car park. Every effort will be made to ensure they release these spaces as soon as they possibly can.

"The new car park is part of our commitment to Putting Customers First and represents more investment in Charlbury station of over £470,000. This follows the doubling of the track, the new footbridge and improvements to services. The additional spaces will make parking and subsequent rail travel from Charlbury much more convenient, and I hope you agree that this will benefit the local community."

## RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL – 16-17 JUNE - BE PART OF IT!

Do your friends gasp at your nifty dance routines, split their sides laughing at your joke telling; can you juggle, read poetry, charm snakes or are you just a genius at standing still as a statue? Whatever your talent, come down to Riverside this year, and perform on the Riverside Fringe. Apart from the sheer fun of it all, there will be a prize at the end of the Festival for the biggest crowd pleaser. The way it works is that each festival goer picks up a token on their way in and drops it in the hat or box of their favourite busker. At the end of the weekend whoever has the most tokens wins. Anyone can take part, but to be assured a time slot we suggest you register before the event by sending your name, a one line description of your act and when you'd like to perform to [buskers@riversidefestival.charlbury.com](mailto:buskers@riversidefestival.charlbury.com).

If performing is not your forte why not volunteer to help? As most readers will know, Riverside has become a major fixture in Oxfordshire's music calendar, with more than 30 acts playing across two stages. But despite the cost of putting on an event of this size, the festival is still entirely free to enter and that is down to the astonishing community effort that goes into staging Riverside. It takes a hundred volunteers to get the show up and running. After months of planning, there are three backbreaking days before the festival itself: assembling two stages and a pontoon bridge; setting up sound systems; erecting 600 metres of fencing, ten marquees and 20 stalls; and shifting 20 portaloos. Then on the weekend itself volunteers flip burgers, pull pints, sell programmes and T-shirts, help run the kids section and generally keep the festival goers happy. Email [volunteer@riversidefestival.charlbury.com](mailto:volunteer@riversidefestival.charlbury.com) if you would like to help, even if it's just for an hour or two, or call Chris Johnson on 07787 436552

This year we have a fantastic line up including The Epstein, Alphabet Backwards, Tamar and the Martyrs, Deer Chicago, Brickwork Lizards, the dB Band and Black Hats with the top slot on Saturday night going to our old friends Smilex who first played Riverside ten years ago. Visit our website [riversidefestival.charlbury.com](http://riversidefestival.charlbury.com) for the full line up

Come and join us - the entrance is down Mill Lane opposite Charlbury train station. Bring all the family, but please leave dogs at home, only assistance dogs will be allowed on site; also, like all festivals, festival goers cannot bring bottles and cans into the arena - the two bars and other refreshment stalls will be selling drinks at very reasonable prices, including our exclusive Riverside beer brewed by Wychwood brewery and only on sale at the festival itself (go to the Riverside website to find out how you can win a year's supply of Wychwood beer).

Gates are open from 12pm – 10pm on Saturday 16 June and 11am to 8pm on Sunday 17 June.

*Kathryn Custance*



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## CHARLBURY MUSEUM NEWS

The Museum has once more been awarded a Community Activities (previously Heritage) Grant by the West Oxfordshire District Council, which will enable us to put up a permanent glass-fronted noticeboard by the Museum gate. Information about opening times and other Museum news will be much more accessible, and the board should improve the appearance of the Museum entrance. We are most grateful to the WODC for its continuing support.

2. As an experiment, the Museum will be opening on Wednesday lunchtimes (12 - 2) during August. This will make it easier for people who work in the town but do not live here to visit the Museum. Do let us know what you think of this experiment.

3. Do come and see our special 1950s Exhibition (to celebrate the Jubilee) if you have not already done so. Many Charlburians have generously lent us things they have kept over the years, including a collection of Coronation editions of newspapers and magazines like Picture Post and the Evening Standard, as well as a wide variety of Coronation mugs. There are Programmes showing how Charlbury celebrated the Coronation, and also the Festival of Britain in 1951, and Festival mementos including a teapot, a book of matches, a soap bar, and wrapping paper.

*Charles Tyzack*

## FUNNY FILLERS

'At the evening service the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice'

'Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm - prayer and medication to follow.'

'This evening at 7 there will be hymn singing in the park across the road from the Church.. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.'

## NEWS FROM CORNBURY from the Cornbury Park team

To celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the Deer Park at Cornbury Park will be open to walkers on Monday 4 June 2012 from 9am-5pm. The entrance will be via North Lodge only which is on the Charlbury side of the estate. As usual we ask walkers not to bring dogs – even on leads they can cause great distress to the deer. We shall be asking for voluntary donations on the gate in aid of the Charlbury Community Centre Appeal.

Then later in the month from 15-17 June we will be hosting the Oxfordshire Garden Show. Green fingered enthusiasts and occasional gardeners alike will find plenty of inspiration here with plenty of experts on hand offering tips and advice. Visitors can buy a selection of plants, shrubs, trees, garden furniture and much more at special show prices.

On Sunday 1 July, at 2.30pm we welcome back the Oxford Shakespeare Company with a new production of the ultimate open air show, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. More info at 07775 946062.

Don't forget, special offer Wilderness tickets are still on sale at Charlbury Post Office. Just take along proof of address with an OX7 postcode for a great local discount on tickets for this popular arts & outdoors festival which takes place at Cornbury Park from 10-12 August.

For further information, please look at [www.cornburypark.co.uk](http://www.cornburypark.co.uk). Follow us on Twitter @CornburyPark and at Facebook.com/CornburyPark, or get in touch by emailing us at: [estate@cpark.co.uk](mailto:estate@cpark.co.uk) or phoning on 01608 811 276

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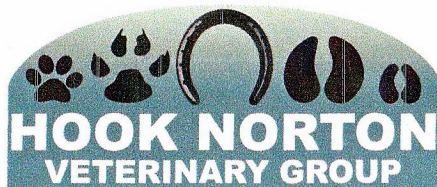
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*The late Professor Leslie, of Church Street, once challenged residents to find rhymes for Charlbury.....*

### **Every road leads back.....**

I've been to Chicago. To Basle. Paree.  
To Java. To Jarrow. Imphal! Torquay.  
And I'll give you the rationale for free:  
For travel can boost one's morale, you see,

And a stationary life is banal. Ah oui!

- And a wasted hour is a crime.

And there's always a smile, not a snarl,  
to me

- On the face of Old Father Time.

So I'm off to the Taj Mahal for tea!

Where they'll toast a potato farl for me

To dip in a hot timbale of ghee,

And read a bit of Roald Dahl to me,

While the songbirds sing a chorale. Tra-lee!

- And I suck on a candied lime.

Yet home is as sweet as halal to me,  
And no better name or locale could be  
Than the kiss and the cuddle of  
Charlbury!

Though it's horribly tricky to rhyme.

Sent in by Olivia Thurloe (**by telex**)

The SS Potluck, off Madagascar, 2012

\*\*\*\* *If anybody knows anything about this, please let the Editor know!*

## **Cakes for Lawrence Home Nursing Team**

For the past two years a group of us under the banner The Past Masters have run a very successful tea and cake stall at the Charlbury Beer Festival in aid of the Lawrence Home Nursing Team who rely solely on fund raising in order to care for those who are terminally ill in their own homes. There are many people in Charlbury who have benefitted from this remarkable charity. The first year we made £400, last year £1200 and this year we would like to be aiming for £2,000 but we can only do this with your help. In order to achieve this target we are looking for donations of cakes, ingredients for cakes or donations for the cake ingredients themselves so that we can have a well stocked stall and satisfy all the hungry mouths that flock to the Beer Festival which this year will be on **Saturday July 14th**.

If you feel you can help us achieve our target for a well-deserving charity please contact Sarah Darnell on 01608 811274, Judy Kinchella 01608 811078, Caroline Wisker 01608 810394 or Claire Winter on 01993 868019.

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**Meals on Wheels** has three places open for new recipients. If you or someone you know would enjoy a hot meal delivered to your door on Tuesdays at noon, please phone Marjorie Glasgow on 01608 810161. Meals on Wheels deliver to Charlbury, Chadlington, and Stonesfield. Staffed entirely by volunteers, our delicious meals are priced at only £2.00 each and include a pudding.

New volunteers are welcome. Please phone Jan Griffiths on 01608 810440 if you can help out once per month.



## PRE SCHOOL NEWS

Many towns and villages across the UK are fortunate to have amongst their residents people that can be considered archetypal pillars of the community. Charlbury is no different in that respect and one such person in our town is Pre-school stalwart Hilda Joy-Jones. Hilda has worked at the Pre-school for 25 years and led a toddler group from the Old Grammar School before that.

Generations of Pre-school pupils have benefited from her care and knowledge, not to mention her inexhaustible repertoire of songs! Indeed, parents of some of the Pre-school's current intake were fortunate enough to have been taught by Hilda themselves. Therefore, it is with a mixture of sadness and eternal gratitude that the committee announces the retirement of Hilda Joy-Jones at the end of this summer term.

To celebrate Hilda's hard work and dedication during her time at Pre-school a party will be held in her honour; **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July, The Cornbury Room at The Bell Hotel from 2-5pm** We would very much like as many Pre-schoolers to attend, past and present alumni included. If you could come armed with photos of you or your children at Pre-school, even better!

## PRE SCHOOL AGM

Continuing with Pre-school news, the AGM was well attended at the end of March with various topics discussed. A main subject on the agenda was appointing new members of the committee. The Pre-school committee is made primarily of parents with children that attend. The Pre-school is delighted that Julia Raymond-Barker and Ben Peters remain as committee

chairperson and treasurer respectively. Taking over from the brilliant Nicky Algar as committee secretary will be Jo Paton. Many of you will know Jo from her involvement with St Mary's church. I will be replacing Sarah Routley who has done a fantastic job in taking care of Pre-school publicity. The committee is very fortunate that Susie Pickering will stay on to look after any grant applications and resulting issues. Building maintenance remains in the capable hands of Jan Kaddouri.

As many of you will know, the Pre-school is primarily financed by the fantastic fund raising work organised by the committee. With that in mind it was decided that the Pre-school will be running its annual hog roast stalls at both the Cornbury and Wilderness festivals this summer. BBQ sauce at the ready, festival-goers!

## PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

As always the Charlbury parent and toddler group continues to be a fantastic social opportunity for both parents and little ones. The group meets on Mondays between 9:30 and 11:30 at the War Memorial Hall during school term time. It is still only £2.50 per family and that includes craft, stories, a drink, a snack and tea/coffee for the adults. The group has many regulars but we also have many new attendees. If you have just added to your family or just moved to Charlbury, come down and see us. The more the merrier! If you have any queries regarding the group please contact me, (George) on 07747 592620.

*George Ogier*  
811751 or 07747 502620

## COGGES FARM EVENTS

Events Diary June to August 2012

Come and join us at Cogges Manor Farm in Witney this summer for exciting activities in our idyllic farm setting.

Highlights for the summer months include a Festival Players production of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night on the lawn on the 13<sup>th</sup> of July and our Beer and Cider Festival on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of August. For children we have a Mirror Mosaic Workshop on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June, led by Carrie Stanley, and a fun-filled Scarecrow Festival over the late August bank holiday weekend. Our Gardeners' Question Time and Flower Festival on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July is sure to be entertaining for all keen gardeners, and a drawing workshop for adults, led by Liz Hogarty, will take inspiration from the beautiful Cogges setting. If you are looking for a family day out over the jubilee weekend, please join us for old fashioned fun, nostalgia and a family dog show.

Our regular Food Sundays will continue to take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month with a host of local food producers providing fantastic food and treats to taste and buy.

For opening times and further information on any of the above events, please see our website: [www.cogges.org.uk](http://www.cogges.org.uk), email [ops@cogges.org.uk](mailto:ops@cogges.org.uk) or phone 01993 772602. An additional fee is applicable for some events.

### **Bridewell Organic Gardens - dates for your diary**

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# Church Services in Charlbury

Charlbury Baptist Church



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Church Contact:: Helen Wright, Community Link 0770 208 7802  
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St Mary's C of E Church



Full details of all services in Church porch  
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Friends' Meeting House, Market Street



Meeting for Worship at the Friends Meeting House

For further details contact Angela Kyte (01993 880368)

Methodist Chapel, Fishers Lane



Sunday services at 10.30am

First Monday in every month: Our monthly  
'Tea & Talk' meetings are now from 11-1pm, and are  
followed by a light lunch

10.30 - 12.00 At Home (tea, coffee and talk)

Further information from Gill Grason (810154)

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



Sunday - Mass at 9:00 am at St Kenelm's, Church Enstone; Mass  
at 11:00 am at St Teresa's, Charlbury.

Canon David Evans, Ph.L, 5 Enstone Road, Charlbury OX7 3QR  
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[www.communigate.co.uk/oxford.stteresacharlbury](http://www.communigate.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](mailto:rosalind.scott@hotmail.co.uk) or ring 810562



## Churches Together in Charlbury

When the last issue of the Chronicle was prepared, we were planning to hold our Lent series on the Psalms in St Mary's Parish Church. Then the fire happened and St Mary's could not be used in the evenings because the main lights were out of use. Fortunately we were able to move most events to the Methodist Church but the concert of sacred music from Somerville College Choir had to be cancelled. David Crown, their conductor, was willing to find a new date and, with the promise of light evenings, it has been agreed that the concert will now take place on Saturday 9 June in St Mary's. The concert will start at 7 pm, doors open from 6.30 pm. Admission is free but donations towards expenses will be greatly appreciated.

The concert will be a fitting end to a week of celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. On Sunday 3 June Churches Together will be joining with many other local organisations in the Jubilee Big Lunch on the Playing Close. The five local churches are also arranging displays of garden flowers in each church to coincide with the Street Fair appeal Open Gardens. And on Saturday 2 June the Baptist Church will be offering teas in church from 2 to 4.30 pm for walkers and other visitors.

Looking ahead, Churches Together will be planning the Holiday Club for 5 to 10 year olds at the beginning of the summer holidays and will be taking part in the Street Fair with our home grown and homemade stall.

Sadly we shall be saying goodbye to our chairman, Peter Goodhall, the Methodist circuit minister, as he and his family move to a new district in August. Our vice-chairman, Liz Tait, from St Mary's will then take over the chair in advance of our AGM in October.

*Rosalind Scott – Secretary*

*Contact: [rosalind.scott@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rosalind.scott@hotmail.co.uk)*

### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH. 10.30 - 12.30pm**

Please could you put this date in your diaries? We are going to hold it in the Quaker Meeting House this year, in the hope that there will be a bit more room and hopefully more people. We will have the usual amazing cakes, raffle and bric a brac stall, and maybe some stunning plants/flowers to purchase. We really need some volunteers to enable this happen, and lots of people to come and spend their money. Any sort of help gratefully received.

*Liz and Bob Tait. 01608 810150. [elizabethtait@msn.com](mailto:elizabethtait@msn.com)*

### **FUNNY FILLERS**

'The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility'

'Irving and Jessie were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.'



**Report from District Councillor Hywel Davies (01993 868004) (mobile: 07917 055120)**

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This issue marks the end of my first year as District Councillor. It has been very tough but successful year in Charlbury with the threatened library closure averted and the re-energising of the Spendlove Centre by the Gifford Trustees.

The closure of Dean Pit has caused much anger but I feel that the District Council's very advanced plans for a replacement at Greystones will be a terrific alternative. The Council recently voted £150000 to undertake the necessary preparations.

Good news for next year as Council Tax has been frozen again. We have the second lowest District Council charge in the country, less than half the national average. But the Council has maintained all the services it provides.

This has been possible by reducing costs of running the Council through sharing staff and services with neighbouring councils.

I look forward to working with the new Town Council and contributing towards maintaining Charlbury as one of the most delightful towns in the country to live, work or visit.

**Report from County Councillor Neil Owen (01993 8308751)**

By the time you read this the results of the local elections will be known. Congratulations to all elected councillors, especially at Town and Parish level - and I hope everyone voted! The newly elected Town Council will now have their feet under the table and will be taking the Charlbury agenda forward and I will enjoy working with them.

The County Council has a new leader - Cllr Ian Hudspeth - who has succeeded Cllr Keith Mitchell. Keith Mitchell was leader for ten years and was a strong, decisive personality in what is a tough, difficult and demanding role.

I look forward to the summer, the Jubilee and all the events that make up our West Oxfordshire way of life.

**From former District Councillor Glenda Chadwick**

This is my last piece as one of your district councillors. I have represented Charlbury, together with Finstock and Fawler, for the last twelve years and am now standing down. It has been eventful, stressful (at times) and pleasurable (sometimes)! One of the most satisfying things I did was to be on the Environment Committee for the whole time I was a councillor. We worked on the new Waste Contract for the last five years or so and I like to think it has made a difference. In this area we are all still upset about the closure of Dean Pit but I hope that having made the strength of local feeling known, a facility might be provided much nearer than is the case at the moment.

I have also found serving on Planning, which I did as an occasional substitute, extremely interesting. Planning is going to become much more complex in the future as decisions are supposed to be made more locally and I wish Charlbury well in developing its Neighbourhood Plan.

Working for local institutions and organisations, trying to promote their interests and help with their problems, has been very rewarding. I have also felt honoured to be trusted with some of people's individual problems and been extremely glad if I have made some difference. Of course, my involvement in many Charlbury events and organisations will not cease and they can always count on my support.

## *Letter to the Editor*

I much enjoyed reading the story (in the March *Charlbury Chronicle* p 10) of my old friend Vernie Hutt's haircut (he would have left a football match for a fire). I recall in my youth visiting an earlier 'tonsorial artist' - same venue, one Jack Burton, who equally would leave you in the chair partially completed including shaving for an important chat with probably a fellow horse-racing enthusiast.

In those days, for the princely sum of sixpence (two and a half pence today) you had the choice of short back and sides or a trim (one and the same). I requested a crewcut and when he was half way through (a nightmare) as I recall he admitted this was his first attempt! I left with what would best be described as a 'Mohican' (probably the result of Jack and so many of us seeing 'B' movies at Frank Jeffs' cinema). At home my dear old Mum wept and father trusted that I had not paid!

I played cricket for Charlbury against Chadlington the following Saturday taking 5 wickets, only for 'Drummer' Dyke, our Captain, to get a sarcastic comment from his opposite number that Charlbury were now using 'b....y Yanks' to win games. Drummer suggested I wear a hat until normality returned.

It has taken me 60 years to return to a crewcut (£8) for mainly age-related reasons! Happy days.

*Jim Dingle*  
*Ash Close, Gloucester Place,*  
*Witney, OX8 5LB*

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## **Single and sociable?**

Would you like to meet more people of your own age and do things together? Single File is a group of unattached people between 50 and 70 who enjoy doing a variety of things together. We go for walks – often with a pub lunch before or after - and recently we have been to concerts at Chippy, and an exhibition at the Ashmolean. We've visited a pottery and had a slap-up tea afterwards at a member's house. We've enjoyed fish and chips (and taken part in the quiz) at a local village hall. We greatly enjoyed *The Artist* at Chippy Theatre with convivial drinks afterwards and we've visited the Cogges Farm Museum at Witney. And we have plans to go round the Charlbury gardens when they are open on 29 April. We also have a fortnightly pub night in Chippy when anyone thinking of joining can come and meet us. We are a friendly group of mainly professional people and new members are very welcome. We are not a dating agency, just a group of people who enjoy getting out and about together. Do get in touch with the organiser Daphne Lever on 01295 788474.

*Jenny Harrington*

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## **The 2012 Charlbury Beer Festival: Mixing Tradition with Innovation**

The 15th Charlbury Beer Festival – now the biggest one-day independent beer festival in the country – will take place on **14 July 2012 at Charlbury Cricket Club**. The fun starts at noon and will continue till 11 pm, with live music throughout the day – kids' activities – a wide range of food from local caterers – and a variety of ciders, perries, wines and soft drinks for those who aren't tempted by the fifty or so real ales on offer. We are also pleased to be hosting the 2nd World Open Aunt Sally Singles Championship.

But of course the point of the Beer Festival is to raise money for good causes. Most of these are local, but last year the Beer Festival took the decision to give a small share of its funds to an overseas project helping disadvantaged children, if we can find a project that fits our criteria. In 2011 we provided a grant for a solar water heater for an orphanage in India, which was a great success: not just for the children in the orphanage, but also for the children of Charlbury Primary School, who learned about solar technology and built their own version of a water heater that was on display and used at last year's Beer Festival.

This year the Beer Festival has decided to support a project to help disabled children in Zimbabwe, by providing them with access to specially designed communications software on five iPads. The iPads are being tailor-designed by the Charlbury-based charity Special Effect team, led by Mick Donegan, for use by children with disabilities such as cerebral palsy. Two of the iPads are now on their way to the children's charity that will be using them, the Zimbabwe Parents of Handicapped Children's Association (ZPHCA); and with three more to come, Mick will be providing training to the ZPHCA coordinator in how to use the iPads to help the children. This is a very exciting project, combining the wonderful work that Special Effect does to transform the lives of affected children and the needs of a group of disadvantaged children, and the hope is that it will be so successful that corporate sponsors will come forward (such as Apple!) to spread the work more widely in Zimbabwe and elsewhere.

We hope that Mick Donegan will be at the Beer Festival on 14 July, to chat and answer questions about his groundbreaking work; in the meantime, more information about Special Effect can be found at [www.specialeffect.org.uk](http://www.specialeffect.org.uk) – and don't forget to visit [www.charlburybeerfestival.org](http://www.charlburybeerfestival.org) too. We hope to see you there!

*Joanna Elliott and Edward Fenton*

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**Betty Gadsby**, formerly of The Green, died on May 2nd 2012 at Spencer Court Residential Home in Woodstock.  
For further information contact Kate Habberley, [01993 831689](tel:01993831689)

## **Crandall Oxford Programme 2012**

*The Canadian students 2012 left Charlbury during the first week of April, taking many happy memories with them. There were a larger group than usual and all felt considerable appreciation of Charlbury and our community . Below are just a few comments which show their appreciation of Charlbury and especially their Host families:*

I have had a lovely time in Charlbury. I remember on the first day that I felt very welcome with the introductions that we had at the church. I love the area of Charlbury and my host was the perfect host for me.

I know that my time here will impact the rest of my life in a fulfilling way. I found my host wonderful , a great help in introducing us to the culture, caring for our needs, and helping us with any questions we had. She is a wonderful woman and it shows in her role as a host. It has been a wonderful experience. I have bonded with everyone on this trip, made new friends and hope to see them again some day. I will be sure to recommend this to anyone thinking of going. While I do look forward to returning home, I will miss this place. It has been a fantastic time.

I feel my hosts are by far the most wonderful hosts in all of Charlbury. They are friendly, considerate, funny, and so accommodating! They made me feel right at home, and I am going to miss them so much when I leave. I feel so fortunate to have been placed with them, they went above and beyond to welcome us and regard us as one of the family. I can't imagine having been placed with any family more wonderful. They are amazing people :)

This trip has been an absolute joy and the best three months I have ever spent! I fell in love with Charlbury almost instantly and still hold it in a special place in my heart.

The program was a wonderful experience. You placed me with just the right host and I have absolutely no complaints. We got such a wonderful welcome by the ladies from the Baptist church on the first day and everyone in the church was very welcoming. Overall, it was a fantastic experience.

The congregation of Charlbury Baptist Church was also wonderful – I appreciated their kindness and the interest they took in us as visitors. I will always fondly remember Charlbury Baptist Church as a small church with a big heart. The people we met in Charlbury made this programme the wonderful experience it was. My hosts were extremely generous and hospitable and I felt at home very quickly. I felt very comfortable in their home and grew quite close to them – I can honestly say that I will miss them very much. This experience has been a dream come true (I don't mean that to sound cheesy, but it's really the truth!).

Thank you for such a wonderful experience! Already I miss Charlbury and all of the wonderful people in it! Everyone was really kind and accommodating and I never felt out of place. Thanks again! I will be back as soon as I can!

*On behalf of the Crandall-Oxford Student Programme may I give a heartfelt 'Thank you' to all the people of Charlbury, especially to our lovely Host families, who truly make this a wonderful Programme .*

*Helen Wright (Coordinator (07702 087802)).*

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of the Charlbury Police Office  
at the  
Spendlove Centre.

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the production of documents etc,  
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