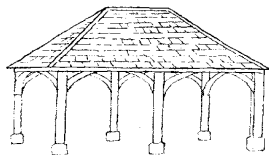


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I was recently having a cup of coffee at the Corner House and a group of us began talking about Charlbury's shops and how small towns and villages were having trouble keeping their shops going.

By the time we had discussed all our shops in the heart of the town we found ourselves feeling quite positive about how Charlbury was coping! We all commented on how well stocked our Post Office has become, always adding new lines and ensuring that we can get most of our basic needs and gifts from them; Cotswold Frames has also continued to extend their wide range; our chemist is excellent with very friendly and helpful staff; the Charlbury Deli & Café continues and has a good range of freshly cooked foods (and you never need to look anywhere else for lovely chocolates!); News & Things is still going and is a very pleasant place to have a cuppa with friends; three busy hairdressers; Evenlode Books provides a very fast service ordering books, to say nothing of their range of DVDs etc. As well, the Corner House and Library, the Memorial Hall, three pubs, a garage, The Heat Store, two estate agents, and the Co-op (not forgetting Five-ways supermarket on Sturt Road) all ensure that Charlbury is alive and kicking and seems to have adapted well to the changing world we live in.

Even though the Charlbury Chronicle has been going strong for seventeen years some people are still finding it difficult to come to terms with the rhythm of the deadline dates! These are February 1st for March, May 1st (June), August 1st (September) and November 1st for the December issue.

It might help to understand what happens - the deadline date arrives, there is then a week while I work on it and then send it to the printer; the printer has it for about a week. Then there is another week to sort out the 1500-plus copies into forty different lots. Then three people each deliver twelve bundles to about 36+ kind people who then, at a convenient time, post your Chronicle through your front door! I also deliver about twelve bundles to businesses, the library, Medical Centre, outlying areas, and postal subscribers and with any luck this all happens so that your Chronicle lands on your doormat a day or two before the beginning of the month. All this explains why the **NEXT** deadline for the September issue is August 1st. Are you with me?

Have a happy summer!

Lynette Murphy



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John Kibble at Charlbury Museum

This year's special exhibition at the Museum is devoted to the life and work of John Kibble (1865-1951), a most remarkable Charlburian (though he was born in Finstock).

Kibble earned his living as a stonemason, and the first part of the exhibition, in the entrance room, has sets of his tools, some small examples of his carvings and photos of many more; and a wonderful picture of his workshop at The Firs in Pound Hill. It was Kibble who built the Playing Close Fountain, and one display board is devoted to this. He had himself entered a design for the Fountain Competition, but it was not chosen by the Parish Council. His own original plan is on display in the second part of the exhibition, in room No 4, so visitors can decide whether the council of the day got it right. Room 4 also deals with other sides to Kibble's life. From the age of 19 he was a Wesleyan Methodist lay preacher, and a display gives the story of Methodism in West Oxfordshire. In later life he collected a range of information about local life and history, and published three books in the 1920s which have been reprinted by the Wychwood Press) Kibble's own copies and proofs are on show, together with items from his collection of local antiquities, on loan from the Oxfordshire Museum. The final section shows Kibble the family man, and some pictures of the punt hire business he ran from the river bank below The Firs.

Come and see this tribute to a great Charlburian.

Charles Tyzack

Please Note: The Museum's second coffee morning of the year will be on August 31st, at the Corner House.

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1199

Liz Leffman (Lib/Dem)
900

James Taylor (UKIP)
461

Liz Blount (Labour)
267

Celia Kerslake (Green Party)
220

Luke Nappin and the 2013 Charlbury Beer Festival

The untimely death of one of Charlbury's best-loved characters, Luke Nappin, has left a void in the town which it will be impossible to fill. This was beautifully expressed in a poem written by some of Luke's friends and read by Alan Jenkins to a packed St Mary's Church at Luke's funeral in February:

*As snow falls
On the flowers we left for you
Our hearts are heavy
For the soul of Charlbury*

*Our Luke,
Luke Skywalker
You've always been a star
To light our world*

*You loved your mates
Thought Clint's house was ace
Remember the purple Maestro
Those were our superhero days*

*I hope you knew how many people loved you
From the old gals you met on a Friday
When you were picking up your pay cheque,
To the little boy - you played in a puddle
He cried when you left.*

*There's a wind that blows
Across the back fields, down to the Evenlode.
It reminds us never to forget
The gentlest soul most of us have ever known.*

*Only an extraordinary person leaves
Everyone they met with a memory
On every occasion, on every day, we will hold you
In our hearts.*

*And in our dreams we will walk with you,
Our buddy, you'll never walk alone.*

At the service it was also announced that donations in Luke's memory would go to Charlbury and Overseas Community Projects Ltd, the grant-giving charity that the Charlbury Beer Festival exists to support. At the time of writing, almost £1200 has been donated. We are very grateful to the Nappin family, and ideally we would like this money to go to a specific initiative or facility that can bear Luke's name.

The 16th Charlbury Beer Festival will take place at the Cricket Club from midday on Saturday 29 June. It's a great family event, and we hope you will be there to support some good causes and raise a glass to Luke.

The 2013 CBF Publicity Team: Ed, Liz, Nick and Danny



RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL 27-28 JULY 2013

Riverside comes of age...

The popular Riverside Festival reaches the landmark age of 18 this summer and, my, hasn't it grown! From early days as a jazz picnic for friends the Festival now attracts thousands to Charlbury's Mill Field and yet, astonishingly, it is still completely **FREE** to enter. Last year was a story of triumph over adversity for Riverside. After torrential rain forced a last minute postponement, the rescheduled festival attracted record crowds. Although the 2012 line-up was impressive, inevitably a few acts could not make the alternative dates, so festival director Andy Pickard is particularly pleased that the dB Band, formed by Micky Quinn from Supergrass, and The Bryonics, who perform a powerful cocktail of punk, ska and Euro rock, are playing this year after reluctantly pulling out due to other commitments last summer. Other confirmed bookings for the main stage include The Brickwork Lizards, loved for their unique Turkabilly/hip hop style, the curiously named seven-piece jazz combo The Original Rabbit Foot Spasm Band; along with bluesy country rockers Swindlestock, teen indie band The Kites and Death of HiFi, described as the best ever hip hop band to come out of Oxford.

Riverside is famed for showcasing Oxfordshire's music talent and this year has invited independent record stores Rapture (in Witney) and Truck (in Oxford) to fill the second stage with their favourite local acts.

Be part of it - The Riverside Fringe returns this year, so if you have a talent, be it stand-up comedy, juggling, singing, belly dancing, or even snake charming, and would like a turn on the third stage email fringe@riversidefestival.charlbury.com to ensure a slot. If performing is not for you why not volunteer to help? We rely on volunteers to keep Riverside free and it's a great way to meet new people. If you would like to help, even if it's just for an hour or two, email volunteer@riversidefestival.charlbury.com or call Chris Johnson on 07787 436552. We're also looking for photographs from the past 18 years of Riverside to put on the website. Please email these to Gary Walker at admin@riversidefestival.charlbury.com

Bring the kids - This year we have even more children's activities including storytelling sessions with children's authors; cupcake decorating and bunting making, Saltbox music workshops, whacky science experiments with Physics in the Field, breakdancing and DJing sessions, a variety of outdoor games, a bouncy castle and, for the first time, a dedicated kids' juice bar.

Come and join us - the entrance is down Mill Lane opposite Charlbury train station. Like all festivals, festival goers cannot bring bottles and cans onto the site - the two bars and other refreshment stalls will be selling drinks at very reasonable prices - and please leave dogs at home, only assistance dogs will be allowed.

Gates are open from 12pm – 10pm on Saturday 27 July and 11am to 8pm on Sunday 28 July. More information on Riverside and the Riverside Stage at The Cornbury Music Festival at Great Tew (5-7 July) at www.riversidefestival.charlbury.com

Kathryn Custance

CCCA Report May 2013

WEBSITE

The Community Centre Appeal committee members are delighted with your response to the new website www.charlburycommunitycentre.org.uk which was launched at the beginning of March. We've received nearly 300 unique visitors to date and already some very positive feedback.

Our Links page needs some links! If you represent a local organisation and would be willing for a reciprocal website link, please email us and we will exchange information. Charlbury Green Hub has already taken the plunge – please follow their lead.

Thanks to all our very generous donors and fundraising activists, the current grand total raised is nearing £153,000. We have recently added a 'Many Thanks' page to the website acknowledging past donations. If your name is not on the list please do email us and we'll remedy that immediately.

FUNDRAISING IDEAS – CALLING ALL FUTURE CENTRE USERS

With spring now happily upon us – the time for fresh growth - we'd like Chronicle readers, family and friends to email us on the website site or telephone Anna Cherry [01608 810692] with your fundraising ideas and hopefully volunteer to follow through with some of them.

Alongside our stalwart supporters, we welcome involvement from the young people and their parents who are likely to make good use the new Centre's facilities. If that's you - please do get in touch - however small your contribution every pound counts!

NEXT FUNDRAISING EVENT – 29 JUNE

CCCA Committee members will be running the **Pimms Stall** at the **Charlbury Beer Festival** on Saturday 29 June. Please visit our stall and support the Community Centre with a quintessential glass of Pimms - a highly enjoyable way to make your contribution this summer!

Thomas Gifford Trust Update

The Gifford Trust Annual Public Meeting took place in March, quickly followed by the Town Council Annual Parish Meeting in April. Both events were well attended and gave us the opportunity to set out our proposals to a wide group of residents. We feel there is general support for the proposal in principle but with understandable concerns about whether, this time, the scheme will go ahead. There are also concerns about the scale of development on the Spendlove site, the need for enabling development, traffic issues and the impact on other facilities in the Town. We are working with the Town Council to resolve these through the Community Led Plan that they have initiated.

The current proposals, as outlined at the public meetings, are based on a Business Plan approved by the County Council. We are proceeding with the Funding Agreement with OCC and have been advised by them that this should take 2 months. Our timetable for the predevelopment work leading to a planning application can only commence once the legal funding agreement for this money is in place. The good news is that it is progressing and we have a timescale for it to be concluded. It is still our intention to be able to submit a planning application in the Autumn. We will recommence consultation with the groups, societies and individuals who have expressed an interest, and support, for the scheme as soon as the OCC money is in place. [We have resolved to use the funds the charity is holding from the sales of charity assets for the planning and tender processes and are seeking Charity Commission clearance for this. This money is needed to top up the available funds needed to secure planning consent.](#)

The Charlbury Community Centre Appeal committee continues to do fantastic work in supporting the scheme. Please see their update in this edition of the Chronicle. In addition, we have begun to look at other sources of funding through grants, sponsorship, major donations and investment that may help us to improve or enhance the current proposals, within our timescale. If you would like more details or would like to get involved please contact one of the committee members.

Finally, we would like to thank those people who are beginning to believe that we can deliver the additional community facilities that the Town needs, and that it lost so long ago. The Trust has clear objectives and obligations. Developing the right mix of facilities at Spendlove would fulfill these in a positive and lasting way. We will continue to work with the Town, District and County Councils to deliver these. Their support has been instrumental in enabling the Trust to move forward. We will shortly be relaunching the Trust's website and will continue to provide updates as our proposals proceed .

Ian Cox

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WISHFUL THINKING

Climate change *is* happening, but quite understandably, we don't want it to change *our* lives, we want to continue as always, and for our children and grandchildren to have more of the same. Sadly, the more we live the way we do, the more different (and difficult) the world they inherit will become. Personally I feel great sadness for the future, for the loss of species, and the social upheaval that will be caused around the world as weather patterns become more unstable. If we don't respond, then the innocent will suffer the most.

Climate change is only one side of the coin: the other is resources. As fossil fuels become ever more difficult and expensive to obtain, we will need to be more careful and intelligent in our use of them. There are consequences for climate change and resources in virtually every aspect of our lives: the food we eat, the water we drink, the clothes we wear, the way we heat our homes, the things we buy for our family, the way we travel and indeed where we travel to. But the simple and encouraging thing about all this is that we therefore have the power to do something about it.

The problem is that we've grown up at a time when fuel was cheap, and this has led us unknowingly into a trap - we are now so used to having it all. Our lifestyles and our families have spread all round the world and "love miles" can be one of the most painful issues. In my own family, my sister left for Australia in the 1970s and I have made the difficult decision no longer to fly out to see her. The online monitoring system I use for my carbon footprint displays graphs which show me the brutal reality of flying. A single long-haul flight would make all the other measures I have taken to reduce my energy consumption just pale into insignificance. This is undoubtedly the hardest thing to give up, but then I just have to pause and think of the enormous consequences of continuing to take those flights.

I would dearly love to think that just because so many others are carrying on as normal it must be OK - let's leave it to Government or technology to get us out of this mess. Unfortunately, that will be too little and too late, so I feel better by taking responsibility for changes I can have control over. The beauty of this approach is that changes made today in our own lives *do* have a cumulative impact on both energy demand and resources straight away, without having to wait for legislation or technological innovation.

Christine Elliott

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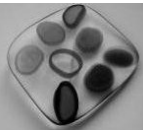
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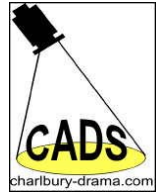
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CHARLBURY AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

SCANDALISED... At time of writing the Society is in the final run up to our Spring production **THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL** May 23-24-25 in The Memorial Hall. Sue Haffenden directs a cast of 16 on stage and more than 20 back stage, in this 18th century classic comedy which promises to deliver an evening of fabulous period costumes, good comic timing and witty repartee. It is ... "such a superbly crafted laugh machine, and so timeless in delivering delectable comeuppance to a viper's nest of idle-rich gossipmongers, that you'd practically have to club it to death to stifle its amazing pleasures".



BACK TO THE FUTURE... Along with much of the town, CADS have been much exercised these last few months with the Town Council's ponderings over the future of the Memorial Hall. After a number of public meetings and much voiced concern by many Hall users, our fears have now been allayed. CADS can continue to plan for the future!

IN MEMORIAM... CADS are saddened to lose a valuable member, **GEOFFREY EARLES**, who slipped away on 28 April after a long illness. An experienced director and actor, we shall miss his valuable contribution to the Society. Our condolences to Lesley and family.

BLITZED... November 2013 Production: **WIND IN THE ROSES** **Nov 21-22-23**
Wind in the Roses is a musical play, set in a corner of Bethnal Green, in London's East End, during the 'Blitz' between September 1940 and May 1941. It centres on the lives of ordinary people, caught up in a war that changed things forever, and of the enduring nature of the human spirit. It hopes to celebrate the richness and diversity of those characters, and their stoical good humour, while at the same time offering glimpses into the gritty reality of the suffering they endured. Foremost among the memories of some survivors is the songs they sang – one survivor averred that those songs were the only thing that kept people going through the grimmest times. And so inevitably, we are including old favourites – from 'Roll Out the Barrel' to 'We'll Meet Again'. Audiences will be invited to join in the singing. The cast will include 10 main parts [1 boy age ±10, 5 females, 4 males] and 8 minor parts [1 boy age ±12, 1 girl age 18, 1 female, 5 males].

Public Read Through: Tues 4 June - 7.30 pm Methodist Church Hall

Come and join the sing-along if nothing else.

Auditions: Tues 11 and Thurs 13 June - 7.30 pm Methodist Church Hall - OPEN TO ALL COMMUNITY, not restricted to existing members.

Up coming events

CADS TREASURE HUNT - Tues 25 June - meet at 7.30 pm - Medical Centre Car Park
Open to the wider community. Come along and join in the fun - traipse around Charlbury searching for clues and then meet up at the Pub afterwards for a drink and a laugh.

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

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A DAY'S LIFE

**SASKIA
OZINGA**
**Founder
and Co-
ordinator
of FERN**

The time I get up in the morning is dictated by what time my daughter is going to school. My husband, who works for the BBC in London, stays there during the week, so I get up at 6.15am to get my daughter off to Oxford. If she has a late start I usually sleep in too. I have a quick breakfast and then go to work. When I started FERN our offices were in Chadlington alongside the office of The Forest Peoples Programme, which helps indigenous peoples in the tropical forest. Much of what we were wanting to do would tie in with their work, so being close to them was helpful. It was this and the fact that my husband worked in London that decided us to settle in Charlbury. As our two

organisations grew we needed larger offices so had to move to Moreton-in-Marsh, so now instead of cycling to work I catch the train or drive. I usually spend two or three days a week in the office but it is not a 9 to 5 job!

I founded FERN in 1995 and my upbringing had not really suggested that this was what I would end up doing. I lived with my family in a small place close to Amsterdam. I had always wanted to be an environmentalist. I don't know why. I studied biology at Wageningen University and while there I worked as a volunteer for Friends of the Earth, Netherlands giving courses in "environmental housekeeping". Then I got a paid job there setting up "an environmental telephone service" where people could phone in with questions like "Which washing powder is best for the environment?" or "They have sprayed the children's playground with something and now my child is ill". A few months after we started this, Chernobyl blew up so we had a lot of questions about nuclear fall out. In order to work with the Friends of the Earth I had to move from Wageningen to Amsterdam. While at Friends of the Earth I worked closely with many other environmental and human rights NGOs (non-governmental organisations) across Europe such as Greenpeace, Forest Peoples Programme and Global Witness. After the environmental telephone service, I set up the tropical forest campaign at Friends of the Earth after I came in contact with someone who had experienced forest destruction in Sarawak, Malaysia for a number of years and had seen the devastating effect logging had on forests and local people, notably the Penan tribe. It was essential to stop logging in Sarawak by supporting local organisations and so the tropical forest campaign at Friends of the Earth in the Netherlands was born.

In 1991 I went travelling in Africa and met my future husband in Burkina Faso. When he returned to London, we kept in touch and as we wished to live together, he managed to get a job with the Dutch World Service. After a year and a half he really wished to return to the BBC, so we came to England and I needed to look for a job. While running the tropical forest campaign in the Netherlands I had become aware that increasingly decisions on environmental and human rights matters were made in Brussels, while there was little knowledge in the NGO world about how these decisions were being made. I felt there was a need for an organisation to monitor what the European Union was doing on forests and human rights issues, and inform the NGOs within the European Union, so that they could be in a better position to influence the decision making process. I decided to create a new non governmental organisation which would monitor what was going on in Brussels in

relation to forests and human rights and inform NGOs campaigning across the European Union. Hence FERN was born in the same year as my daughter.

FERN is not an acronym. We called it that because ferns are plants that exist in all forest types. We now have twelve staff, seven of whom are based in Brussels, the rest in Moreton in Marsh. We have a turnover of two million Euros, about half of which goes to partner organisations in the tropical forest countries, where we work. We currently have six campaign areas - carbon and eco-system trading, export credit agencies, bio-energy, forest and climate and illegal logging. I am particularly involved now working with NGOs in Liberia and Ghana. When I get to the office, I sit down at the computer and deal with E-mails, usually a few hundred a day. A normal day also includes Skype calls to people I work with in Brussels and elsewhere in the EU or Africa and Asia. Skype is free and so a very good and cheap way of communicating. There are things to be read through and things I have to write up. I usually get so involved that I forget to eat lunch and often my colleagues complain I do not eat enough! All is not well with the world's forests and its inhabitants. There is a surge in the demand for palm oil, which is leading to deforestation all over the globe. Palm oil is used in so many products – soap, washing powder, margarine, ice-cream, make-up and bio-diesel. It is a very profitable business and big investors are clearing forests and diverting water courses to plant palms, having been given concessions by the government. Our work on illegal logging has shown some concrete success – it is now a criminal offence to place illegally-sourced timber on the EU market. The EU is also developing agreements with timber-producing countries to help them improve their governance.

If I am not in the office, I am usually in meetings elsewhere or on a work trip to Brussels or a tropical forest area. Recently I had to go to Chatham House where the International Institute for International Affairs had a discussion about the effect of the demand for palm oil, as this is not covered by present trade deals. I never go away for more than a week, as I treasure the time with my daughter while she is still living at home. I always try to be back home by six when she returns from Oxford. I love cooking. We get a box of organic vegetables and I find it a challenge to make interesting dishes with the more unusual vegetables such as kohlrabi. I have now started my own vegetable garden with the great help of John Lanyon. After supper my daughter and I usually have work to do. For the people I work with in the tropics, there is often no difference between work and private life. They spend their life campaigning for forest protection and the rights of the people who live there – this sometimes with great danger to their own lives. Therefore my job cannot be 9 to 5. There are often expected or unexpected crises of varying kinds that I need or want to respond to. I am usually in bed by ten, read for a while and then sleep. I am a great sleeper!

FERN although demanding has been a very rewarding experience. With the support of the European Union things are improving. The difficulty is that local people are up against vested interests and corruption but if they can expose what is going on then they will get attention. Big companies are beginning to support them - for example Nestle now has a “no deforestation” programme. FERN is being called on to analyse problems and point out what the European Union can do.

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I am lucky in that I am not a person who needs to divide my time into working time and free time. For me it is more what I like doing and what I do not like doing. At home I do not like cleaning but I love cooking.

There are things in my "work" "I do not like such as fund raising and financial reports but I like the campaigning. I love what I do and am fortunate that I get paid for it as well but I would do it even if I didn't.

*Saskia Ozinga was interviewed
by Diana Potten*

Charlbury Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels prepares and delivers mid-day meals to residents of Charlbury, Chadlington, and Stonesfield on Tuesdays. **Meals cost £2 delivered**

Volunteers are needed

Please phone Marjorie Glasgow on 01608 810 161 or Jan Griffiths on 01608 810 440 if you can help once each month. We are also accepting names for new recipients for our waiting list. Please phone Marjorie.

CHARLBURY FARMERS' MARKET

Playing Close, Charlbury on
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from 9am to 1pm

NEWS FROM THE CORNBURY PARK TEAM

This June (15th/16th) The Morris Minor Owners Club are hosting their International Centenary in conjunction with their National Rally at Cornbury Park. Further details of how to register can be found at www.morriscentenary.org.uk.

We're delighted to be welcoming back the multi-award winning Wilderness Festival to Cornbury, running from 8-11 August. Wilderness continues its support for local causes. Once again festival organisers are asking for donations towards the Charlbury Community Centre Appeal from those people buying tickets online. Charlbury Pre-School is running the ever popular Hog Roast whilst Charlbury and Finstock Primary Schools are selling their much loved tea and cake. This year Whittard is donating the tea to support the fundraising efforts. Substantially discounted tickets are available to OX7 residents from Charlbury Post Office or online via www.wildernessfestival.com

And finally a safety reminder for walkers. Please keep away from the river and stick to the official footpaths at all times, keeping dogs on leads, for everyone's safety. Recently a walker nearly lost her terrier to badgers when it vanished into a sett on the Estate. Thankfully it returned, but only after several worrying hours. Dogs off leads can also cause great distress to the deer and grazing stock. We wish you all a safe and happy summer.

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ChOC: nothing breeds success like success!

ChOC films for June, July and August are **Argo**, **Untouchable** and **Skyfall**. All start at 7.30pm, the bar opens at 6.45, and tickets are £5 on the door. Kids 12-15 get in to Skyfall for £3.

Based on true events, **Argo** (Sun June 9, cert 15) chronicles the life-or-death covert operation to rescue six Americans, which unfolded behind the scenes of the Iran hostage crisis. It's a tense but humorous political thriller, among the best.

Everyone who sees it loves **Untouchable** (Sun July 14, cert 15), a French film that tells the story of an unlikely friendship between a disabled millionaire and his streetwise ex-con carer. The pair seem to have nothing in common but find a camaraderie rooted in honesty and humour.

Skyfall (Sun August 18, cert 12A) is the latest Bond movie: Bond's (Daniel Craig) loyalty to M (Judi Dench) is tested as her past comes back to haunt her. As MI6 comes under attack, 007 must track down and destroy the threat, no matter how personal the cost. All nail-bitingly dramatic.

Our AGM is on Monday 24 June in the Corner House at 8pm. We need more helpers, and that means you: ChOC and ChOC/live put on more evenings of entertainment than any other organisation in Charlbury, catering to around 600-800 different people in the course of a year. Please come to the meeting with your suggestions, your comments, and your offers of help in whatever way. Or email secretary@chocfilms.info now. ChOC makes a difference to Charlbury, and you can make a difference to ChOC. Everything you need to know about us is at www.chocfilms.info, or phone 811378.

Win a ticket to Wilderness! Raffle winners at our May, June and July films will go into a lucky dip at the July film: the winner will receive two tickets to the Wilderness Festival in August. Come to any of the films and buy a raffle ticket for a chance of winning admission for two to Britain's most amazing outdoor weekend -- on your doorstep

The proceeds from our raffles and the DVD stall continue to be donated to local good causes. So far awards of £100 each have been made to the Charlbury Society, the *Charlbury Chronicle* and the Canoe Club. Please contribute your unwanted DVDs and help us raise more funds in this way. Leave them at film nights or take them to Evenlode Books. The list of DVDs for sale can be seen at www.chocfilms.info, or browse the collection at the bookshop. Applications for contributions to other good causes should be made to treasurer@chocfilms.info

Record audience: The ChOClive show in April, The Buffalo Gals, drew a well deserved audience of 117, making it our second biggest audience ever and our most popular live event to date. It was a joyful mix of instrumentals, song and dance with an extremely humorous commentary that had the audience in stitches. Truly a good night out!

Jon Carpenter (Secretary)



CHARLBURY TOWN COUNCIL REPORT, No. 67

By Councillor Jim Holah

It has been a busy period with public meetings and events about a range of important local issues, with good attendance by Charlbury residents. Don't forget, if there are any issues you want to find out about, you can come to the Town Council meetings to hear the discussions, all meetings are open to the public, or you can check the website. If you have any questions, please see how to contact us at the end of the report.

The Annual Parish Meeting took place in the War Memorial Hall on the 5th April and was attended by more than 80 people, including Town, District and County Councillors. Displays about the new housing at Little Lees, the Community Led Plan and the Community Centre proposal were available. Reports were provided by the various Trusts and organisations operating in the Town. A resolution (agreed 28 For, 22 Against) was discussed at the meeting, as follows: *"to arrange for a full public meeting on the subject of the community facilities in Charlbury now and in the future to include a complete list of all current community facilities and their use, a review of the facilities to fit these purposes and any proposals for future facilities. This meeting should be held as soon as possible when all the information is available."* The Town Council agreed that the Community Led Plan process is the correct way to progress this issue and asked that the Advisory Group consider how best to manage this and to report back in July & to finalise by October 2013. A question about the enforcement of parking restrictions was raised and it was clarified that the Police are no longer responsible, but work closely with the West Oxfordshire D.C. Parking Attendants.

Riverside Festival: Permission has been granted by the Town Council for the use of the Mill Field free of charge on the 27th & 28th July 2013 subject to conditions and the issue of a license by West Oxfordshire District Council.

Public events: A number of public events are planned to take place in and around Charlbury during the summer and although they are enjoyable events for thousands, some members of the public find that such events cause 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 09:00 – 17:00) or **01993 705056** (during weekends and out of hours).

Dog fouling: "Scoop it, Bag it, Bin it!" A constant nuisance reported by residents is caused by dog owners allowing their pets to foul the public areas of Charlbury. For advice on why it's a problem, how best to deal with it and what the rules mean to you, go to the WODC site, <http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/environment/Streetcleansing.cfm>. Dogs are not allowed in the Children's Play Areas on Nine Acres Recreation Ground and Ticknell Piece. The Thomas Gifford Charity reminds the public that dogs are not allowed on the Playing Close at any time. For the sake of your neighbours, children and all users of footpaths, bridleways & pavements, please remove any dog fouling, wherever it occurs.

Pot holes: Our roads are still suffering from the effects of snow & ice, so if you find

potholes, please report them to O.C.C. Highways on **0845 310 1111**.

Overhanging branches to pavements and weed growth: spring is arriving slowly as I draft this, with hedges starting to throw out new growth, so you are again requested to check your boundary hedge and cut back overhanging branches, making pavements easier to use. This year the Town Council has funds to treat the weeds that grow along kerb lines and work has started to treat affected areas.

Councillor surgeries for 2013: The dates have been set for the remainder of this year as follows; 3 August, 5 October, 7 December, between 10 & noon. There are always two Councillors available to you and for the moment the venue is the Corner House. Would it be easier for you if we held these sessions somewhere else: If so, where? Please let us know.

Community Led Plan: see the article on progress on p. 21 in this issue.

West Oxfordshire Local Plan: You can update your knowledge of the responses to recent consultation and development of the WODC Local Plan at the following website http://planningconsultation.westoxon.gov.uk/consult.ti/Draft_Local_Plan_2012/consultationHome.

Inspector Louise Roddy: our Neighbourhood Inspector since November 2012 attended the Town Council meeting in April to explain the local priorities for her area of responsibility, the Neighbourhood Policing Teams across West Oxfordshire & Cherwell since there were amalgamated from April 1st 2013. Local staffing hasn't changed. Watch out for local "Have your say" events organised in Charlbury by the local Police Team. For the Police & Crime Commissioners priorities see www.policecrimecommissioner.co.uk/TVP.

Affordable Housing in Little Lees: The homes already completed are now being let in line with the local letting policy and full handover is expected by mid-May. The sale of the Shared Ownership homes and letting the remainder of the social rented homes is progressing well. The hedge line to the front of the new homes has been adopted by SOHA and will be replanted and maintained by them.

To contact the Town Council, e mail the Town Clerk at charlburytc@btinternet.com or telephone 01608 810608,

9.0 a.m. – 5.0 p.m. (**Not** weekend or Bank Holidays)

Further information can be found at www.charlburytowncouncil.co.uk

NEWS FOR TRAVELLERS: Stagecoach has introduced a new ticket that allows two adults to travel from Charlbury to Oxford for the price of one. The 'Charlbury Duo' ticket costs £6 (day return), and is valid on the S3 after 9am Monday-Friday and any time on Saturdays.

Other fares have risen by an average of 3% due to the rising cost of fuel, energy and spare parts.

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Charlbury Cricket Club

Following last year's awful summer followed by a cold winter and spring, spirits were nevertheless high as the first daffodils came into bloom - and the club opened the new season with its first tour for years.

Master-minded by former 2nd team captain Tom Eaton, a group of 20 players hit the south coast over the weekend of April 19-21, hotelling in Bournemouth and playing two pre-season friendly matches with local clubs, racking up the club's first centurion of 2013, Ben Geeson-Brown, followed by an unbeaten 80 from 1st team skipper Bimalka. Back at home, the club's under-15 boys team played their first game on April 22 and defeated Shipton-under-Wychwood by over 50 runs, Adam Mayho scoring 50 not out and Jack Wood taking 5-13.

The club runs many teams: three Saturday league sides in the Oxfordshire Cricket Association, a women's team in the Midlands East division, Sunday and midweek friendly games, and a side in the Ernie Clack midweek limited overs competition. From our popular youth section, we also have U15, U13 and U11 boys' teams and U15 and U13 girls. With so many fixtures, we can cater for a wide range of abilities and welcome new members - our facilities are among the best in the county! Training is an essential part of club life, both outdoors in summer and indoors in winter, backed up by an enthusiastic team of qualified coaches. The success of the club tour shows that we also put big emphasis on the social side of the game!

The club is always seeking to improve its playing facilities - this season for the first time we have covers for the main square. We are also committed to cherish and develop talent and, above all, to maintain enjoyment of the game. Visitors are always welcome. We have an excellent pavilion with bar facilities, and good viewing areas

across both of our playing surfaces. Look in on us during, fingers crossed, a better summer. For more details, visit our website: charlburycricketclub.com

David Horne

Charlbury Garden Society Summer Show

There are six cups and significant prize money to be won at the Society's Summer Show on **Saturday 29th June** in the Memorial Hall. As well as the roses and sweet peas which fill the hall with such scent and colour, there are 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 new potatoes.

Staging is 8.30-10.45 am, and the show is open to the public from 2-4.30 pm. 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.

There is a coach outing to Packwood House and Pump Cottage, Weatheroak, on 4th July; and the Society's Annual Flower and Produce Show will be on 7th September.

Charlbury Tennis Club

With Wimbledon just a couple of weeks away and high hopes that Andy Murray will go one step further this year and lift that famous trophy why not come along to Charlbury Tennis Club and enjoy the excitement of playing tennis rather than just watching it on television?

We welcome every one of all ages and

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abilities and have the cheapest membership fees of any tennis club in the local area. For an annual fee of just £125 for a family (up to 2 adults and 2 children up to the age of 19 years) and £60 for an adult single you can: Join in social club tennis sessions all year; use the brand new pavilion at Nine Acres Recreation Ground; take part in competitive tennis of all standards; come along to fun social events; and play tennis under floodlights on all four courts – summer & winter.

If you are interested in playing social tennis then just turn up to one of our club sessions on Sunday / Monday afternoons, Thursday evenings or on the first Sunday of the month on Sunday mornings. There will always be a committee member there to organise a game for you.

If you are looking for more competitive tennis then we have 7 teams running in the summer, at weekends and in the evenings, ranging from a high standard Second Division Banbury League team to friendly matches against other local clubs. There really is something for everyone.

If you feel you need to brush up your tennis skills a little then why not contact John Werner, tennis coach, who is available for private tennis coaching sessions for both adults and juniors - individuals or groups. Contact him on: 07825 381725 or email johnwerner@hotmail.co.uk

To find out more about Charlbury Tennis Club go to www.charlbury.info/community, phone Mark Jarman (01608 811692) or charlburytennis@hotmail.co.uk.

Charlbury Canoe Club

Despite the snow, ice and floods, a few hardy souls paddled each week throughout the winter but now is the time for our fair-weather friends to join us. We have added considerably to the quantity and quality of our boats and equipment over this last year, thanks to some generous donations,

and now have a good fleet of single-seater kayaks.

We meet at 2.30pm each Sunday at the clubhouse on Watery Lane (at the bottom of Pound Hill on the Chipping Norton road). Families, beginners and improvers particularly welcome; children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. We have all the necessary kit, just come in clothes you would not mind getting a bit muddy! Still only £2 per person per trip or by annual subscription.

For more information visit our website – charlburycanoecub.co.uk or phone Hugh Belshaw on 810130

The Probus Club of Charlbury

As the Club enters its 31st year I am aware that we have been irregular correspondents with the *Charlbury Chronicle* and many of you may not be familiar with the Club's purpose and how it functions. We now intend to be a regular contributor to the *Chronicle* and to provide an on-going resume of our activities. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month for a luncheon (currently at Witney Lakes Resort) when we enjoy the fellowship of our fellow members, and an after luncheon talk, sometimes by a fellow member and sometimes by an outside speaker. Recent talks have included "John Buchan and Oxfordshire", "Sinking The Tirpitz" and "The Public Understanding of Science". We also organise social events which are open to spouses and friends, that this year will include a trip up the Thames to Hampton Court, a lunch and matinee performance at the Watermill Theatre, and a Birmingham Symphony Concert.

Charlbury Probus is one of 4,000 clubs worldwide with a total membership of 300,000; each club is autonomous and is governed by a simple set of rules. Our current membership is about 40 persons, but we would like

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FIRE STATION NEWS

I am sure that you are all aware of the existence of a fire station here in Charlbury. Some of you may have needed the services of the dedicated men and women that work there, but believe me they would much rather meet you in more pleasant circumstances. In your community there is a full time fire-fighter based at the Fire Station during the working week. **Deb Lamb** has been based at Charlbury since January this year and she would like you to pop in and say hello, in return she can give you some valuable safety advice, talk about smoke alarm ownership, and if you like have a look around your community's fire engine.

A big part of the work that Oxfordshire County Council Fire and Rescue Service do is around prevention rather than cure. They are constantly trying to find ways of keeping you safe before any accidents happen either in the home, workplace or on the roads as part of their **365 Alive** safety initiative.

What is the 365 Alive initiative? - 365alive is an Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service initiative which aims to promote a safer community for everyone through safety education and prevention work. The 10 year vision was launched in October 2006 and aims to: save an extra 365 lives in Oxfordshire, both in the home and on the roads; save the taxpayer a 100 million pounds; and make 840,000 people safer by providing education on fire and road safety (For further safety advice visit www.365alive.co.uk, take a look at the Drago pages, there's lots of great advice and activities for children.)

Here are a few top tips on how to stay safe:

At home: Get a smoke alarm, fit it and test it weekly. Smoke alarms are the simplest way to alert everyone in the house to the danger of fire; Visit www.365alive.co.uk for tips on how to make an escape plan.

On the roads: Always wear your seatbelt and make sure passengers know where theirs is; Give yourself time to react, reduce your speed! Never use your mobile phone when driving, pull over somewhere safe before making or taking a call. Remember the two-second rule and leave plenty of space between you and the vehicle in front – you never know when you are going to need to brake suddenly.

Interested in becoming a fire-fighter? *If anyone is interested in finding out more about the rewarding and exciting opportunities a job as a retained fire-fighter can offer, then please call in and talk it through with Deb.*

WM Deb Lamb, Retained Station Support Officer
Charlbury Fire Station, Sturt Road, Charlbury OX7 3SX
01608 810217 07554116580

Grazing Land

Local charity **The Charlbury Exhibition Foundation** have a field available for **grazing**. Approximately 1.5 acres. If you are interested please contact Liz Gupta for more information by email lizwoz@hotmail.com or call 01608 811093.

COMMUNITY LED PLAN, a brief update

In the last edition of the Chronicle we set out a proposal to develop a Community Led Plan (CLP) in response to the opportunity set out in the Localism Act 2012.

As a result of our request for volunteers, I am pleased to report that we have five Charlbury residents (Stuart Parker, Simon Towers, Barney Sloane, Chris Sharpe & Nicolette Lethbridge) who have agreed to work with the Town Councillors on the development of the CLP.

At our first meeting on the 4th April we invited Aimee Evans of Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (ORCC) to provide an introduction to the way CLP's work and discussed a standard draft constitution for the Advisory Group. We also explored some of the ways in which we may be able to engage with all residents in Charlbury to gather a range of concerns, problems, opportunities and ideas that could be brought together into a full consultation process and then a plan to deliver them over the years.

At the Town Council meeting on the 24th April, we agreed the draft constitution that creates the relationship with the Advisory Group and allows us to access funds budgeted by the Town Council and to apply for other support from ORCC. We are now putting together a questionnaire to gather your views and will be offering this in a variety of ways, events and meetings so that we can get as many people to contribute as possible. Look out for your opportunity over the coming months.

If you have any questions in the meantime or want to get involved with the Advisory Group, please contact the Town Clerk on charlburytc@btinternet.com and we will be in touch with you.


Jim Holah

Sustainable Charlbury

Sustainable Charlbury is working with the Cornbury Estate and Low Carbon Hub in Oxford to create a 5 MW solar PV orchard on the Fowler Road just outside Charlbury. 5 MW provides enough electricity for 1400 homes.

Our plan is for a cooperatively-owned facility which provides attractive returns on investment to individual shareholders as well as financial benefits back to the local community from the operating profit. SusCha is meeting WODC planners in the next few weeks and, if all goes well, the site could be built by May 2014.

For more information visit www.sustainablecharlbury.org or contact Liz Reason on 811212 or Tim Crisp on 810716.



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The Club is open to retired professional, business or similar minded men living in Charlbury and neighbouring villages. The current annual membership fee is £8 and each lunch costs £14, which includes a raffle for a bottle of wine.

New members are usually introduced by an existing member. However, the Club welcomes applications in writing for consideration for membership through the secretary:

*Steve Cavell, 811504
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*For contributions to the Sports & Clubs
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Open Gardens & Jazz Lunch Sunday 2nd June

Gardens are now being readied for this year's Open Gardens which coincides with the Anniversary of the Queen's Coronation on 2nd June. The day also sees the return of the traditional Jazz Lunch in the Memorial Hall prior to the opening of the various gardens. Further details available on the Street Fair website www.charlburystreetfair.org or on www.charlbury.info

Plans for Street Fair Weekend are also taking shape and bookings are flooding in for stalls – If you haven't yet submitted your booking form or need one sent out, please email csfstalls@charlburystreetfair.org without delay, to avoid disappointment.

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

Don't forget to visit the new www.charlburystreetfair.org website for all the latest news and information.

John Munro

CORNER HOUSE & MEMORIAL HALL NEWS

As reported elsewhere, as part of the Community Led Plan there will be a review of such facilities over the next few months, and the Town Council has instructed the Committee to place our costed and consented improvement project for the War Memorial Hall on hold until it is reconsidered by the TC in the Autumn. Unfortunately this means that we have lost the funding and building window for this year, and assuming the project is reprieved, we cannot start the work until summer 2014.

Users should note that because of the fire risk and damage to tables, candle tea lights will not now be permitted for events in either building. LED replica tea lights have however been convincingly used. These are available to purchase locally from Cotswold Frames.

Users are reminded to provide their own tea towels and not use the stock of Meals on Wheels towels, which are specially laundered for H&S purposes.

Stephen Andrews, Chairman 811212



Charlbury Playgroup

Spring term at Charlbury Playgroup has been busy again with more new faces coming along, which is great – the more the merrier, there is plenty of room. Thankfully the sledges are a dim and distant memory, and instead some of the older ones are bringing their balance bikes and scooters, and everyone is wearing their lighter summer clothes. From time to time, grown-ups bring along their little ones' grown-out-of clothes to pass on, which is quite handy for a free wardrobe refresh.

The Playgroup has a wide selection of toys and activities for the children each week: there's a slide, a tent and tunnels, rocking horses, a kitchen, garages and cars, a train set, ride-on cars and tricycles, dollies and pushchairs, walkers, puzzles, books, a dressing-up box and a comfy baby corner with lots of baby-toys. We always have story-time with a couple of books and drinks and biscuits, and try to mix in some singing and the big parachute. The arts and crafts table is popular; we have things like stencils, collage, mosaics, paints and glitter, and recently a photocopied Elmer elephant handout with different coloured squares to stick on – I can't speak for the children, but I enjoyed it immensely! Then, at the end, we have tidy-up time for those who are still there, and the informal but ever-popular "chase each other round the room" time, instigated by toddlers for any toddlers who still have some energy left.

It really is a friendly group, and although it is unsurprisingly quite noisy, there are areas where you can go to do some quieter activities, or chat to other mums/ dads/ nans/ carers, and some of the babies even manage to sleep through the majority

of the session!

If you are a parent/ carer of a pre-schooler and would like to come along, you are very welcome. Sessions run from 9.30-11.30am every Monday during term-time in Charlbury Memorial Hall, and cost £2.50 per family.

Charlbury Pre-School With spring being in the air, the children at Charlbury Pre-School have been exercising their green-fingers with a bit of gardening. The Pre-School applied for and was granted a 'schools starter growing kit' from Yarnton Nursery, which included potting compost, a seed tray and an assortment of seeds. They've been busy planting and nurturing the seeds ready to enter into Yarnton's summer schools Gardening Show.

Earlier this year the Pre-School introduced smart, bottle green book-bags for all the children to carry their Pre-School library books. They also serve as a vehicle for passing communications and children's work between the Pre-School and parents. I'm quite often delighted when I check my little boy's bag - for instance, I had a beautiful Mother's Day picture and card, and a very cheery daffodil made out of an egg carton. I also had one of the delicious Welsh cakes that the children made for St David's day (but that wasn't in the book bag). My son has only been at the Pre-School one term, but already I notice how his confidence is growing and how he enjoys the variety of activities that are on offer to him there.

Charlbury Pre-School relies on fundraising and grants to keep fees low, pay for equipment, buildings maintenance, trips and so on. We always have a stall at the Farmers Market on the Playing Close selling some-

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thing delicious, so please look out for us there. At the Christmas market, we also sold hand-made Christmas decorations which subsidised the Christmas pantomime trip and children's Christmas party. Recently, we held a coffee morning at the Corner House selling cakes and brick-a-brac, which raised enough to buy a new sandpit for the playground. During the summer, we'll be at the summer music festivals selling pig roasts. A big thank you to all who support the Pre-School, be it by baking cakes to sell, helping out on the day, or purchasing something from us – it is all very much appreciated.

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

For more information about the Pre-School, please visit: <http://www.charlburypreschool.org.uk/index.html> or telephone 01608 811200.

The Font Cafe

The Font Café at St. Mary's Church, Charlbury, is open to all every Thursday from 9.30-11.30am, selling delicious home-made cakes, teas and coffees, and drinks and biscuits for children. There is a carpeted area with toys which makes a pleasant place for carers and tots to have a drink, chat and play. There is also a Traidcraft stall selling fair trade produce. <http://www.stmaryscharlbury.co.uk/>

Rebecca Lowans (819102)

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Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering with us in your community.

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EXHIBITION of NORTH OXFORDSHIRE QUAKER CLOCKS

Saturday 8th June/Sunday 9th June 2013
at Adderbury Parish Institute

Adderbury History Association is hosting an exhibition of approximately sixty locally made Quaker clocks. In the eighteenth century the village of Adderbury was at the heart of the North Oxfordshire Quaker clockmaking tradition of iron posted hoop and spike clocks with a distinctive ring and zig zag engraved dials; Adderbury was the home of Richard Gilkes, the most prolific maker of Quaker clocks in the eighteenth century. The exhibition will have on display many examples of hoop and spike clocks from each of the main Quaker clockmaking villages of Sibford Gower, Adderbury, Deddington, Milton under Wychwood and the market towns of Charlbury and Shipston on Stour. There will also be clocks made by the early eighteenth century clockmaker Thomas Gilkes Sr. of Sibford, John Farndon Sr. of Deddington and later members of the Gilkes family, as well as lesser known makers such as Thomas Harris of Deddington and William Green of Milton.

In conjunction with this exhibition Adderbury's Quaker Meeting House will be open on both days – this beautiful, historic building was built in 1675 and is one of only a handful of Quaker Meeting houses left in England still in its original state with some of its original furniture and still in use; its atmosphere is magical!

Do put these dates in your diary – and come and learn all about 'posted hoop and spike clocks'. This exhibition will be a unique occasion to have so many treasured and historic local Quaker Clocks gathered together into one village hall. It is most unlikely to ever happen again.

The Exhibition is open from 10.30am to 5pm on both days, admission £5. Refreshments will be available; and the Red Lion and Coach & Horses pubs are only yards away. This exhibition is sponsored by Bonhams the auctioneers.

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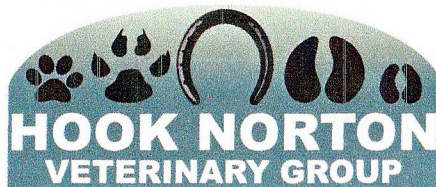
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NEWS FROM CHARLBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

At the end of this summer term my eldest child will leave Charlbury Primary and move on to secondary school. So I thought it might be interesting to gather some of his classmates' reflections about their time at the school as they prepare to move on. Year 6 teacher, Richard Dunstan, asked the children to write down some of their best memories, and this is what they said:

My favourite memory of school was being picked for the Oxfordshire school games as it was a once in a lifetime opportunity.

My favourite is when I first came to school and Mrs Van Den Eschof introduced us to Monty and Lenny Longlegs.

My favourite memory was the last day of year 5 when 2 teachers retired, it was quite happy as well as sad.

Going to Yenworthy (an outdoor activity centre), as I had a break from my sister and school.

Leaving to go to Yenworthy as we were all so excited.

At Yenworthy, when we were riding on a high hill, and the wind was blowing at 60mph and everyone was falling off.

Playing and looking after the foundation children, as I remember year 6 children were nice to me when I was in foundation.

I also spoke to Mr Dunstan about his impressions of the school since he started teaching there last September. A major highlight of the year for Mr Dunstan, along with many of his pupils it seems, was the residential trip to the Yenworthy activity centre in Devon, because it was a fun way to get to know the children better. Afterwards, during a special Assembly, the

class split into groups and acted out scenes from their time in Yenworthy to the rest of the school – including quite realistic demonstrations of learning how to surf and doing chores around the centre.

He has also really enjoyed the pieces of drama the class has participated in this year as part of their Literacy work; for example, they recently acted out scenes in which the children pretended to be news reporters in the field during an alien invasion. They made props - including alien masks and a statue of Liberty being attacked by an alien spacecraft.

Alongside this, he has found it very rewarding to read all the pupil's stories and to see the improvement in their writing over the year.

Mr Dunstan is now looking forward to the Year 6 end-of-term production, which this year the children are writing themselves. The story (the details of which are a secret!) involves time travel to various literary genres that the children have studied this year. As well as writing the script, the pupils are making their own props, choosing their own music, and making up their own dance routines.

Another event he has planned for the summer is for the Year 6 pupils to invent some new sports games and then to invite younger pupils from school along to the playing field to try them all out.

*Vicky Buser, Parent Governor,
Charlbury Primary School*

Chadlington Beer Festival
The beer festival will take place on Saturday 1 June this year.



Charlbury Green Hub

Visit our website to find out more about the environment - topics range from our local countryside to global issues, via energy, food, stuff, waste, travel and wellbeing.

The site is constantly growing and you will find links to news, campaigns, videos and expert comments.

Use our calendar of environmental and ethical events to find out what is happening in Charlbury and beyond.

Saturday 22 June 4pm Memorial Hall

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Films at Chipping Norton Theatre

Promised Land - Wed 5 June, 7.30pm

Matt Damon stars in this new film about a big natural gas corporation trying to persuade a small farming community in economic decline to sell off their drilling rights.

Trashed - Tues 18 June, 7.30pm

Q&A session afterwards with the director Candida Brady.

Jeremy Irons sets out to discover the effects of the global waste problem, as he travels around a world tainted by pollution. From mountains of medical waste towering over ancient Lebanese cities to the Great Pacific Garbage Patch far out to sea, this film looks at the local causes and global effects of what we throw away.

Christine Elliott

Charlbury Green Hub on Twitter!

I've recently started running CGH's Twitter account (follow us on @CharlburyHub), and it's been exciting to discover the hundreds of Oxfordshire businesses and groups working to respond to the related challenges of climate change and resource depletion. Oxfordshire is a very special place for this, since we don't just have great eco-businesses and community groups, but internationally renowned research such as Oxford University's Environmental Change Institute, and the Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment. As a Twitter novice, I've been amazed and heartened by how this kind of social media is allowing so many different projects to interact, and grow for the future.

Meraud Ferguson Hand

PLEASE NOTE:

Following the interest evidenced by viewers of two films shown in the Friends Meeting House, Charlbury, during April, concerning the Physician Assisted Suicide Bill, Dignity in Dying is helping to promote a performance by Chris Lerner of "An Instinct for Kindness" at the Theatre, Chipping Norton, on Thursday, June 6th. This is an award winning one-man performance about taking his ex-wife to Dignitas in Switzerland. Tickets are still available from the Box Office, 01608 642350"

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Be wary of special offers or warnings about your home. Don't get taken in by sales banter or high pressure selling tactics; don't be hurried into a decision.

Read the small print. Always read documents before you sign them and make sure you fully understand your rights.

Don't hand over a cash deposit. Avoid handing over money before work has started. A reliable trader will never ask you to do this (even if they need materials). **Never** agree to go with a trader to the bank to take money out.

Trust your instincts. If it's too good to be true, it probably is! Remember it's **your** doorstep and **your** decision.

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The Cotswold Decorative and Fine Arts Society

On Wednesday, June 12th, the Cotswold Decorative & Fine Arts Society will have a lecture entitled "Norman Rockwell: Great American Artist or mere Illustrator?" by John Ericson. Norman Rockwell's work enjoys broad popular appeal in America where he is most famous for the cover illustrations of scenes of everyday life which he created for The Saturday Evening Post. John Ericson recently retired as Director of Studies in the School of Education at the University of Bath.

Lectures are held at Bradwell Village Hall, Burford OX18 4XF. They begin at 11.00am with coffee and tea from 10.15-10.45. Non-members are very welcome to attend (suggested donation £8). For more information please see our website www.cotswolddfas.org.



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Church Contact: Helen Wright, Community Link (07702 087802)
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St Mary's C of E Church



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The Rev'd Judy French, The Vicarage, Church Lane,
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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



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



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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHARLBURY have several shared activities, Including the Bible Study Fellowship.
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CHARLBURY DAY CENTRE

As you get older, birthdays seem to get closer together, so that at the Day Centre we are never short of birthdays to celebrate, not only members' birthdays, but also of some of our volunteers. So it is inevitable that some of those who help feel that it is time to step down. We miss them dearly when they do, but we hope that someone, who has birthdays that seem to come round less frequently, will come forward and fill their place.

We now have a waiting list for new members, but would love to hear of anyone who would like to help, transport or cook. We are especially short of people who can drive members to and from the Centre. As always, if you can help us, please contact me on 01608 810150

Finally we have a coffee morning planned at the Corner House on Saturday 6th July and would welcome your company and support then.

Bob Tait (810150)

The Beacon Project Charlbury

Living in Charlbury, any resident might have a view on what constitutes a balanced community, as in this town we do appear to have good social, sporting, cultural and environmental facilities and in most aspects, the community is strong and cohesive. However, very few residents can be unaware of the current debate about affordable rural housing. The Charlbury Housing Needs Survey undertaken some 5 years ago indicated that there was a demand for 60-odd new households. At present this provision is being met by 15 new social houses in Little Lees, and other schemes are in the discussion stage. Charlbury Town Council estimates however that the original figure probably still represents the demand level. There can be little doubt that a healthy community requires balance in its constituent parts.

Although there is a formal definition in planning legislation for affordable housing, there is another intermediate category which includes families who, under pre-financial crisis circumstances, would have been able to afford to buy into the housing market and are now largely precluded. This category often represents the groups that make the rural economy function and amongst whom there will be nurses, retail assistants, teachers, electricians, builders, retired people and some professionals. This group has no formal recognition in housing need terms and must compete on the open market for either renting or buying properties.

This problem is nationwide of course and one solution developed elsewhere has been to form co-housing groups whereby like-minded people get together and form communities either to purchase a large property which is subdivided or to build a number of homes as a group, usually adhering to strong environmental and sustainable agendas. Co-housing and community groups are recognised elsewhere and develop their own sustainable solutions to housing needs, often with the cooperation of their local authority.

Huge changes in legislation from the Big Society to the National Planning Policy Framework and including support for the preparation of local plans and Community Right to Build have been introduced in the last year or so, most of which are intended to promote locally-driven development. Sustainability is a key driver and although over-used as a term, it not only implies designing low carbon houses in the right location and employing appropriate materials but also should mean in practice making sure that communities are well-balanced and thriving.

The current West Oxfordshire District Council Draft Local Plan published at the end of 2012 acknowledges the need for some 350 additional houses in the Charlbury/Burford Area and recognises that the houses must be provided where the needs are. The draft also makes provision for meeting community priorities, recognises that self-build will be one means of delivery and states that there should be a presumption in favour of sustainable development.

The Beacon Project Charlbury was formed and registered as a not-for-profit company in 2011 with the aim of promoting a community housing project, utilising local skills through a self-build programme which we argue is a viable option. We also believe that where communities help themselves there is a good chance of retaining and enhancing community values through shared services and self-management. The idea is not new but has been practised widely since the co-housing movement started in Denmark in the 1970's. The Beacon Project has been active in pursuing several potential sites for a community housing scheme over the past three years (see our blog link) and is still investigating a number of sites including the Forest Road land adjacent to the small industrial estate on

the west side of the station. It has to be noted that, although the District Council has identified an ambitious housing target, there has to be an increase in the current very restrictive release of land with suitable planning consent if these targets are to be met. We will therefore support the Charlbury Town Council in their current initiative to prepare a Community Led Plan in which it is hoped there will be recognition of the needs of this key category which will lead to support for a suitable site.. We aim to develop some houses to Passive House standard which is the highest environmental level in Europe and have an established relationship with Sovereign Housing as well as a strong community agenda. Given the recent changes in legislation and the economic climate in which we now all live, if the objectives outlined above cannot be achieved in a dynamic small town like Charlbury, one would assume that there is probably little chance of success elsewhere. This is not the case however, as up to 40 self-build and co-housing schemes are completed, underway or under consideration in other parts of this country. They are also being actively supported by several local authorities including Cambridge City Council. Please read the blog which can be accessed through the Charlbury website if you would like to find out more, or contact Stuart Parker on stuart@oxforddesignstudio.co.uk if you might be interested in the aims of the Beacon Project.

Stuart Parker

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

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Community Solidarity

So many people in Charlbury are making sterling efforts around the town to improve the quality of life for all of us, for which we should be very grateful.

There is such a range of activities going on, far too long to iterate here, but one area I would like to highlight is the Spendlove Centre development by the Thomas Gifford Trust. This is a very exciting project that has a long and somewhat difficult history. However, real progress is now being made and the Trust Committee should be congratulated for all their hard work.

The 'Big Society' has proved an easy target for the cynical but it is alive and well in Charlbury.

You will have read about the threat to the main Post Office in Witney which is being stoutly resisted by the District Council. However, we all know that post offices have been under threat for some time with competition from new technologies. But we will sorely miss them if they go. Please support our local Post Office whenever you can. It makes a considerable contribution and makes Charlbury a great place to live.

Finally, I hope the weather improves and we can all enjoy a great summer. After this foul winter, I feel we have earned it.

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

I'm conscious that every time I write for the Chronicle, it's about the proposed recycling site at Greystones, or at any rate the lack of it. I am very sorry indeed that I am writing about it again, as by now it ought to have been up and running. But we find ourselves at an impasse. Councillors were assured a few months ago that the opening of the site was imminent, following the granting of planning permission and negotiations with Chipping Norton Town Council over access to the site. But Chipping Norton Town Council and West Oxfordshire District Council are as far apart as ever. I have been told by the Leader of WODC that negotiations are still in progress and the ball is in Chipping Norton's court. So I can't say, and nor can anyone else, when the site will finally be opened – or if it ever will be. If the negotiations fall through then I will be campaigning to have Dean Pit reopened!

There have been a number of complaints about the amount of dog fouling around the town, and I have been working with WODC officers to ensure that we have a regular visit from the dog warden, and that signs are put up reminding people that it is an offence not to pick up after your dog. Several people have been fined recently, and I hope that this means that dog owners will be more vigilant in future.

As the summer approaches, discussions are underway regarding Wilderness. This year there will be music on the Thursday night, as the license allows. I have made the point to officers that Friday is a working day, and any audible sound in the small hours of Friday will be unacceptable. Officers will be monitoring sound levels throughout the festival, and are very well aware of the need to control sound after midnight on both Thursday and Sunday. Let's hope we have some good weather and that the festival is as successful as it was last year. I shall certainly be there.

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Coffee Morning

The Branch will be holding a coffee morning at the Corner House, Charlbury on Saturday 20 July 2013.

Assistance

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FROM OUR CHRONICLE

WEATHERMAN, JOHN STANLEY

I am sorry if my submissions are becoming a bit monotonous, but I can only report what the weather throws at us!

February 2013 was a particularly cold month. At 40.43°, it was the second coldest February in the last 25 years – the coldest was 40.36° in 1991. The 24 year average for February is 45.89°. The highest temperature was 49° on 14th and the lowest, 34° on 11th and 22nd. At night, temperatures were in the range of 40° on 31st January/1st February down to 26° on 18th/19th. Air frosts were recorded on 19 nights.

Winter 2012/13 (December to February) was exceptionally cold with an average of 42.30°. The 24 year average is 44.27° and only an average December prevented it from being even colder.

March 2013 continued the amazingly cold trend. Records were broken. In fact, at only 41.48° it was by far the coldest March in 25 years and was 9.98° below the average. The previous coldest March was in 1994 (42.29°). The daytime temperature on 24th March did not even reach freezing point – it managed only 31°. The previous coldest March day was 35° on 12th March 1996. Despite this, we did have one gloriously sunny day on which the temperature rose to 54° – the only day during the month to reach the average of 51.46°. This was on Tuesday 5th March and gave us a taste of what the weather should be like at the time of year. The average maximum temperature during March 2013 was well below what one might expect in December, January or February. Air frosts were recorded on 21 nights, the minimum temperatures ranging down to 25° on 13th/14th and 30th/31st. This equalled the lowest March night temperature recorded in 25 years. The highest night temperature was 44° on 7th/8th. What a massive difference between March 2012 and 2013. Do you recall those summer like days in March 2012, when temperatures rose into the 60s and the average was 54.13°?

It is interesting to have a look at a full twelve months in which only December achieved an average temperature. If we take the figures from **April 2012 to March 2013**, the average maximum daytime temperature works out at 54.09°. The 1989 to 2012 average is 57.44°.

And so it goes on. Despite a warmer spell from 14th to 26th, **April 2013** was also well below average. The first 13 days felt more like January, with the temperature on 4th only rising to 37°. This was the lowest April day time temperature in 25 years. The highest temperature recorded during April 2013 was 67° on 25th. Temperatures dropped again after 26th with the result that the month produced a well below average temperature of 53.47° – the 24 year average is 56.91°. It was the third coldest April in 25 years, the lowest being 52.77° in 1989 – a year which later produced a very warm summer. At nights, the month started with 7 consecutive nights when air frosts were recorded. The coldest was on 6th/7th at 26°. After that, air frosts were just avoided, although we did get within one degree on 3 nights. The warmest night was 50° on 24th/25th.

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