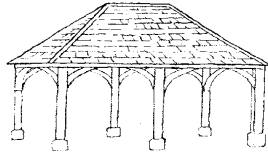


# The Charlbury Chronicle



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There seems to be a lot going on in Charlbury as the *Chronicle* prepares to go to press. Nationally, we are overwhelmed with an overdose of party politics as the election draws near, but we are uplifted by the news of the birth of Princess Charlotte. Locally, we are all concerned at the treatment so far meted out to our postmistress and I'm sure many of us have written letters of support to our local MP and others, and we await the outcome with baited breath. Meanwhile, let us all continue to support our Post Office as much as possible.

As usual there is a lot going on in Charlbury this summertime, so have your diary on hand to fill in all the dates - there is the Beer Festival, the Riverside Festival and the Street Fair, and much else.

Many thanks and welcome to Graham Jowett who kindly offered to take over the *Chronicle* advertising from Jack Potten.

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

Lynette Murphy, Editor

The **Thomas Gifford Trust** is grateful for all of the local support for the new Community Centre. In addition to the positive letters written for the planning application, at last count nearly 100 Charlbury volunteers are active in various groups including:

Fund raising; Developing business plans; Creating management and operational plans; Publicity; Sports development; Library development and management; Building design and planning approval; Working with the Sports & Social Club to develop a new facility.

In the fund raising area, the CCCA (Charlbury Community Centre Appeal) is actively hosting and planning events. Additionally, other groups such as the Tennis Club, the Pre-school group, and Beer Festival committee are organising events to support the Centre. The CCCA is happy to support future users of the Centre who wish to arrange fund raising events. (A quick note of thanks here to Diana Potten who has stepped down as chair and thanks to Tanya Stevenson who has taken on the role.)

Beyond Charlbury, we are grateful to the support of our MP who has facilitated introductions to further funding bodies such as the Garfield Weston Foundation which on April 28th awarded the Charlbury Community Centre a grant for £20,000.

We expect to have a planning decision by mid-June and then begin the process of tendering for bids on construction. Looking forward positively, construction work should begin later this year.

While this work is consuming so much of the trustees' time, the Thomas Gifford Trust continues to manage the Playing Close and work with other community buildings to provide places of recreation for Charlbury and nearby residents.

The Trust's vision for the new Community Centre is to create a modern library, sports hall, and community area where people can play, learn, connect, and hopefully, be inspired. Offers of help, either volunteer hours or financial contributions, are gratefully received.

Marjorie Glasgow  
Chair, Thomas Gifford Trust  
contact: [mglasgow@theridgegroup.com](mailto:mglasgow@theridgegroup.com)

# The Charlbury Community Centre "Buy a Brick" Campaign (with no actual bricks involved!)

A lot of people in Charlbury have supported the fund raising for the Community Centre in so many ways and our heartfelt thanks go to all of you. Here is another way that you can get involved to whatever level you can afford. The "Buy a Brick Campaign" will comprise of a list of names of people who have contributed, which will be displayed in new centre when it is built (there are very few actual bricks being used so it is not possible for us to display engraved bricks). Each name listed will be charged at £25, and you could have your family included as one name "The Jones Family" or list each name and therefore contribute more to this amazing project.

Your personalized brick donation will always be on show in the Community centre. You can see what the names will look like if you visit the CCCA stall at the farmers market on 13th June.

To buy bricks, please visit the CCCA website: [www.charlburycommunitycentre.org.uk/](http://www.charlburycommunitycentre.org.uk/) or send the following form and payment to Sarah Eaton at: Brae Rise, Crawborough, Charlbury OX7 3TX, (07860 632175)

Names (exactly as you want to have them printed - **please print clearly** and separate each name with a comma; we would hate to make any mistakes!):

.....  
.....

Contact telephone number.....

email:.....

Amount enclosed (cheques payable to Charlbury Community Centre Appeal)

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If you wish to pay electronically, you can use the website, where payment will be taken through **JustGiving**.

**We are on the last push now, to get the best Community Centre we can afford. Please help to make this happen!**

**CHARLBURY & DISTRICT GARDEN  
SOCIETY  
ANNUAL VISIT TO  
TWO WORCESTERSHIRE GARDENS  
(Bretforton Manor and The Tynings)  
and  
PERSHORE COLLEGE**

**WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Leaving Spendlove at 9am**

**To register and for further details  
please contact**

**Angela Gwatkin (01608 811378)**

**[angelagwatkin@uwclub.net](mailto:angelagwatkin@uwclub.net)**

**£26 includes tea at The Tynings**

**Sandwich and cake lunch (£9) available at**

**Pershore College (booked in advance)**

**Otherwise bring a picnic!**

**Charlbury Green Hub – new delivery  
location for Cultivate**

Cultivate's on-line shop opens noon Monday until noon Wednesday and delivery is made lunchtime on a Friday to 3 Crawborough Villas (opposite the school) ready for collection that afternoon/evening.

Cultivate is a community-owned co-operative bringing local produce direct from farmers to consumers in and around Oxford. See [www.cultivateoxford.org](http://www.cultivateoxford.org)

**COTSWOLD DECORATIVE & FINE ARTS SOCIETY**

On June 10th the Cotswold Decorative & Fine Arts Society will have a lecture on "The History of the Harp" by Sarah Deere-Jones. Using illustrations from carvings, wall paintings, pottery, mosaics, sculpture, stained glass, illuminated manuscripts and 18th and 19th century paintings, this lecture traces the history of one of the world's most ancient and beloved musical instruments.

Please note, the next lecture after this will be in September. Lectures take place at Bradwell Village Hall, Burford OX18 4XF and begin at 11.00am with coffee and tea available from 10.15-10.45. Non-members are very welcome, no need to book, (suggested donation £8).

For more information see our website [www.cotswolddfas.org.uk](http://www.cotswolddfas.org.uk).

**FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS  
AT THE CORNER HOUSE**

A reminder that **HOT DRINKS & HOT SCONES** are served every Friday morning between 10 and 1130am at the Corner House in aid of its upkeep

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

## **Bridewell Organic Gardens – Open Afternoons**

The Walled Garden and Vineyard at Wilcote (OX7 3EB) will be open on **Sunday June 14th, Sunday July 19th and Sunday August 23rd from 2 pm to 5 pm.**

**Admission £3, children free**

Refreshments, plants, Bridewell produce, products and our own organic wine will be for sale. For further information please call 01993 864530 or go to

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

Gardening for Better Health: reg. charity 1158456

## **16<sup>th</sup> annual Wychwood Forest Fair**

**From morris dancers to ferret racing and bee keeping to basket making – join us for a day of celebrating all things rural at**

**Lodge Farm, Ditchley Estate (off the B4437) on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

The Wychwood Forest Fair, one of West Oxfordshire's leading Green Country Shows, takes place this year at **Lodge Farm, Ditchley Estate (off the B4437)** on Sunday 6th September 2015. Set in a beautiful countryside location, at the heart of the ancient Wychwood Forest area, the Fair is a great family day out offering a wide range of entertainment, rural craft demonstrations, music, food and much, much more.

## **Wychwoods Investment Club Invests!**

After a staggering long period of at least 6 months the new Wychwood Investment Club based at "The Swan" Ascott Under Wychwood has finally started to invest.

Chairman Paul Jackson says "you would think we were all drug dealers moving millions around the world. We didn't quite have to have a medical to open the bank and brokerage accounts but the onerous rules to overcome were totally underestimated by the team".

It has now made its first investments in the Man Group (a major hedge fund); TUI AG Travel; Bellway property; Skye Pharmaceuticals, John Wood a supplier to the oil industry; and a small medical company Sphere.

The group which is 8 so far ( including a member from Charlbury) is seeking 4 or 5 new members who are interested in the equity markets. The joining investment is £500 with £50 added each month. The group meets over dinner on the last Wednesday of the month.

Anyone who is either trading regularly and wants to exchange views, or wants to start learning, is welcome to join in the fun, should call Paul Jackson 01993 83 1967.

# IMPORTANT STATEMENT ABOUT CHARLBURY POST OFFICE

Charlbury Post Office is amongst the first tranche of Post Offices across the UK to receive a letter from the PO informing the Postmaster that the PO wants to move into a larger retail outlet and that if they find a willing partner then the current Postmaster will be sacked and the service moved into a supermarket using a new style of PO called a Local Model.

This model has no defined service area - all transactions will be performed at the supermarket check out by the **existing supermarket staff** with no dedicated Postmaster.

Up until recently these changes have been voluntary with the Postmaster choosing whether or not to engage with the PO's Transformation Programme - this has been the case for the last 5 years. However, due to low take-up the PO, in an unannounced and surprise move, have started to compulsorily close traditional PO branches and move them into supermarkets.

There appears to have been no Government permission granted for this change from voluntary to compulsory. Several MPs, including David Cameron, have been contacted asking what they know about this latest move, but to date no MP has been able to answer this question and they appear to be in the dark about this move.

Anyone who is concerned is asked to get further information from Elaine at the PO and urged to sign the petition, and to write to their MP David Cameron and the PO at [ntquestions@po.co.uk](mailto:ntquestions@po.co.uk) to express concern about this sudden change of policy by the PO.

Elaine Newbold, Charlbury Post Office

## PCSO WESLEY SMITH, C9837

**Across the Chipping Norton area Police are still receiving lots of reports of tools being stolen from sheds and garages.**

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

## ChOC's Programme for Summer

The films being shown over the next three months, **The Theory of Everything**, **Paddington** and **The Lunchbox**, will appeal to a wide audience. All of the films are shown in the Memorial Hall, Charlbury; our very popular beer and wine bar opens 45 minutes before each performance. Tickets, £5 / U15s £3 (when applicable), on sale at the door.

Please note that the film in August will be shown on the third Sunday in the month.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm**, doors & licensed bar from 6.45pm. Our film is the multi-award winning, **“The Theory of Everything”** Cert 12A / Duration 2hrs. Cast includes **Eddie Redmayne**, in his BAFTA and Oscar winning performance, as renowned astro physicist, Stephen Hawking, and **Felicity Jones** as Hawking's first wife, Jane Wilde. Once a healthy, active young man, Hawking received an earth-shattering diagnosis at 21 years of age. With Jane fighting tirelessly by his side, Stephen embarks on his most ambitious scientific work, studying the very thing he now has precious little of - time. Together, they defy impossible odds, breaking new ground in medicine and science, and achieving more than they could ever have dreamed.

*“... a film to leave you reeling but cheered, too. It's about battling love, as well as illness. A universal story, extracted from a unique one” - Catherine Shoard, The Guardian.*

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July**, the Family Matinee is **“Paddington”** Cert PG / duration 1hr 35mins. **Film begins at 3pm, doors and bar open from 2.15pm.**

After a deadly earthquake destroys his home in the Peruvian rainforest, a young bear makes his way to England in search of a new home. The bear, “Paddington”, named after the London railway station, finds shelter with the family of Henry, **Hugh Bonneville** and Mary Brown, **Sally Hawkins**.

**An afternoon of fun for the whole family. Children, bring along your teddy-bears – a prize for the best-dressed bear (doesn't have to be Paddington).**

**In addition to normal priced tickets, there is a family ticket priced at £12 for two adults and one or two children.**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August, at 7.30pm.** This month's film is **“The Lunchbox”** Cert PG / duration 1hr 43mins, shown with subtitles. This charming film set in Mumbai, revolves around a mistaken delivery by the Dabbawalas (lunchbox service) of Mumbai. Housewife Ila (**Nimrat Kaur**) decides to try adding some spice to her stale marriage by preparing a special lunch for her neglectful husband. Unfortunately, the delivery goes astray and winds up in the hands of Saajan (**Irrfan Khan**), an irritable widower. Curious about her husband's lack of response, Ila adds a note to the next day's lunchbox, and thus begins an unusual friendship in which Saajan and Ila can talk about their joys and sorrows without ever meeting in person.

*“a real charmer of a film: a wry and gently comic drama with a level of quiet observation that rekindles memories of Bill Forsyth in his prime” - Geoffrey McNab, The Independent*

Want to know which films are coming to Charlbury and be notified by email of films and ChOC LIVE events? Send an email to [secretary.chocfilms@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.chocfilms@gmail.com)

We look forward to seeing you at the Memorial Hall.



CHARLBURY COMMUNITY CENTRE

**CHARLBURY COMMUNITY CENTRE APPEAL**  
*Calling all people with talent!*

**Saturday 28th November 2015, 7.30-10.30pm**  
**Memorial Hall, Charlbury**

After a sell-out show last year, Charlbury Community Centre Appeal will be hosting another variety show, featuring some of the amazing talent that there is in Charlbury and surrounding villages

**If you are a singer, musician, comedian, dancer, magician or have any other talents that could entertain people, and are aged 16 or over, we would like to hear from you. There will be up to 20 short slots and a wide variety of performers.**

**You can also contact Tanya if you would like to reserve a table or to help in any way. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time, probably through the Post Office and will include a pizza supper in the interval.**

**Information & applications contact Tanya Stevenson:**

**[billandtanya@outlook.com](mailto:billandtanya@outlook.com), or tel: 07871 795748.**



## What could be the link between the Charlbury Monsters and the Houses of Parliament?

On April 18th, the Charlbury Monster team completed (in 1hr 27mins) the Monster race in Cornbury Park and raised £2,025 for the Charlbury Community Centre Appeal (CCCA) and the Pre School. The Pre School were asked by the CCCA if they could raise some much needed funds and the Monster Race seemed like the perfect opportunity. We can't thank enough everyone who sponsored us for their generous support.

So, how is this linked to the Houses of Parliament? On a recent train journey I started chatting to the person next to me and he happened to work for an organisation called the Early Intervention Foundation (EIF). As Chair of Charlbury Pre School, it was a great opportunity to pick his brains on how the pre school can access support for children who are vulnerable and I was asked to be an Early Intervention Champion. The mission of the EIF is to champion and support the effective use of early intervention to tackle the root causes of social problems. The Pre School strives to ensure every child under 5 is fully prepared to get the most out of school, as well as have the social and emotional abilities to lead a fulfilling life and contribute positively to society. It is now recognised that the earliest years of a child's life can have an important impact on his or her long-term development. Researchers now argue that it can be used as a preventive spending strategy for reducing future costs in healthcare and the implications of anti social behaviour.

What followed was an invite to the Houses of Parliament to meet the other Champions and to make a pledge. It might seem a bit strange to many people but I often hear the Pre School still being called a 'play group' and I think this can lead to people under-estimating the impact it has for the wider community. **So I pledged that I would ask everyone in Charlbury if they could please make sure they call the wonderful organisation (that rents the old grammar school) a Pre School.** A million "thank yous" in advance for your support and please do spread the word.

*Liz Gupta, Chair of Charlbury Pre School  
01608 811200*

### **Charlbury Day Centre Coffee Morning Saturday 6th June, 9.30am-12 noon, Corner House**

Charlbury Day Centre will be serving freshly baked scones with jam and cream at our coffee morning on 6th June. There will also be a stall selling home made cakes, savouries and other produce as well as a raffle.

the Day Centre is a charity which needs to raise funds to help elderly people in Charlbury, so please come along and support the event. If you would like any more information about the coffee morning, or can offer to bake us a cake or provide a raffle prize, please contact Tanya on 01608 810216.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Day Centre in any capacity (driver, helper, cook), please contact Bob on 01608 810150 or by email [taitsofbrice@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:taitsofbrice@tiscali.co.uk) or contact Carolyn Connolly on 819001.

*Bob Tait, Chairman*

## Charlbury Library: For the young and young at heart

We've got lots going on this summer for readers of all ages.....

The theme for this year's Summer Reading Challenge is 'Record Breakers!' Record Breakers will bring together the worlds of fact and fiction, challenging young readers to explore some of the astonishing real-life achievements and world records featured in the Guinness World Records books. Collecting stickers as they go, readers will discover weird and wacky world records in six different categories: Cool Tech, Way to Go!, The Big Stuff, Animal Magic, People Power and Action! Adventure! There will also be a special Summer Reading Challenge storytime and craft activity session at the Corner House. So let's make it a record breaking summer in the library! See you there Summer Readers.

Charlbury Library is working in partnership with AgeUK to offer free, friendly and informal one-to-one computer buddy sessions. We will start with the basics; learning how to search online and send emails, building confidence for those who are new to the world of the internet and social media. If you're interested or know someone who might be, please telephone the library on 811104, email [charlbury.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:charlbury.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk) or drop by for a chat.

Along with our current eBook and eAudiobook providers we have a new kid on the block which everyone can access - BorrowBox. You can download to iPads, iOS and Google android devices, laptops or PCs from the comfort of your own home, 24/7 at no cost. Fingers crossed for reading-in-the-garden weather!

*Sally Moore, Manager, Charlbury Library*

### FRIENDS OF CHARLBURY LIBRARY

If you share our commitment to the success of Charlbury Library and have a little time to spare, please consider becoming a volunteer. We are really pleased with the way the volunteer scheme is working but we now need more people to add to the rota. If you are interested do call into the library to speak to Sally, the Library Manager, or contact Rosalind Scott ( 01608 810562).

The installation of the self service machine in the library has made regular transactions more convenient but please be assured that if you experience any difficulties help is at hand!

When you are planning your holidays this year don't forget to pack your holiday reading. There's plenty to choose from in our library. Happy reading!

*Jill Judson, Chair of the Friends of Charlbury Library*

## A SPECIAL YEAR FOR THE WI

We had a busy spring starting with our 6<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations and AGM back in March. 2015 also marks another birthday – the Women's Institute's 100th.

As part of the celebrations, a special baton has been travelling around the country since January 2014 en route to the AGM in the Albert Hall this June, which both the Queen and Princess Anne will attend. As part of the baton's weeklong tour of Oxfordshire (14-21 April), our members joined in a Breakfast Celebration at Spelsbury village hall on the Saturday. The baton arrived in style in a vintage car and left on its way to Hook Norton in a fire engine. We enjoyed a 'bacon butty' breakfast with other local WIs and it gave us the opportunity to show off our brand new centenary banner – hand stitched by our members in applique, cross stitch and embroidery, it features images of nature, crafts and local scenes.

Also as part of the centenary celebrations one of our committee will also be representing us at the Buckingham Palace WI centenary garden party in June, hosted by the Duchess of Cornwall.

Our fund-raising coffee morning and cake sale in March was our most successful ever and meant that we were able to donate £300 towards the Lawrence Home Nursing Team which has particular significance to one of our members.

Looking forward, we have two meetings before our summer break in August. In June, Charlbury based charity Special Effect will be talking to us about their work helping people with physical disabilities enjoy life through video games, and in July, we'll be hearing about the world of auctioneering and antiques valuation. Both are open meetings and anyone is very welcome to attend as a visitor. (Just a quick mention that WI membership is now conveniently available on a pro-rata basis for anyone joining for the first time. So come along as a visitor for our June meeting and join in July for just £18 to cover the remainder of the year).

Lastly, look out for us at the Charlbury Beer Festival where we'll be having a stall for the very first time!

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

*Louise Cashman, Secretary, Charlbury WI*

# CHARLBURY TOWN COUNCIL REPORT, No. 75

by Councillor Peter Kenrick

This Council has now been in office for 3 years of its 4 year term. That term ends in May 2016 at which time all 12 seats on the Council become available for election. If you care about this great town we live in, please give serious consideration to standing for election to the Town Council, which has an important role to play in securing a vibrant future for the town as well as overseeing day-to-day operational matters. Have a look at the separate article "What does the Town Council do for Charlbury" to get an idea of what the Town Council does and what it has been involved with over the past three years.

All Town Council meetings are open to the public so you are welcome to attend to hear the debate and reports from your Town, District and County Councillors. If you have an issue of concern, you can send a note to the Town Clerk for discussion at the next council meeting or you can arrange with the Town Clerk to address a meeting briefly yourself if you wish.

**Town Council Vacancy.** Cllr Reg James, first elected in a by-election in 2001, resigned from the Council on 28<sup>th</sup> March. He is warmly thanked for his contribution to the council since then. The consequent vacancy has been advertised and an election has been requested. If more than one candidate is nominated an election will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015. If there are no candidates, the Council will have to consider co-opting a member of the public to fill the vacancy.

**The Annual Parish Meeting** was held on 27<sup>th</sup> March in the War Memorial Hall and was attended by 32 members of the public together with Town, District and County Councillors. Issues were raised relating to the speed of traffic on The Slade and elsewhere and regarding the possible introduction of a 20mph limit. The Town Clerk advised that speed surveys had been planned. Since the meeting, the speed surveys have been carried out but the results are still awaited. All matters raised at the meeting were discussed at the Council meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> April.

**Councillor Surgeries.** If you have any concerns or suggestions, please come and discuss them with your Town Councillors at one of the Council's regular surgeries - no appointment necessary. Surgeries will be held in the Corner House between 10am and 12noon on the following Saturdays in 2015: 6<sup>th</sup> June, 1<sup>st</sup> August, 3<sup>rd</sup> October and 5<sup>th</sup> December.

**Defibrillator.** As I write, final arrangements are being made for the installation of a defibrillator on the outside wall of the Co-op so hopefully, it will be in place by the time you read this. The equipment can save the lives of those who suffer Cardiac Arrest when every minute saved in response time can be critical. Once the unit is in place, the Ambulance Service has offered to provide a training session for all who are interested at no cost. Details of this training will be posted as soon as they are available. The installation of this equipment does not undermine the role of the First Responders in Charlbury and will, in fact, compliment the work they do. The Council hopes to be able to obtain a second device in due course to be installed somewhere in the vicinity of the Fire Station (subject to agreement).

**Wigwell.** Negotiations have finally been completed to handover the management of the Wigwell Nature Reserve from the Town Council to the Wychwood Project and a formal handover will be held during the summer. A letter has been sent to householders adjacent to the reserve explaining the change. The Council will retain a connection with the reserve and the Wychwood Project is also keen to involve local volunteers in the ongoing management and promotion of the reserve. To aid this local involvement a new "Wigwell Friends" group has been set up and anyone who is interested should contact Peter Kenrick on 01608 811021. The Wigwell contact at the Wychwood Project is Sharon Williams (Project Director) who can be contacted at [sharon.williams2@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:sharon.williams2@oxfordshire.gov.uk) or on 01865 815420

**Riverside Festival.** Permission has been granted by the Town Council for the use of the Mill Field free of charge on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July subject to conditions and the issue of a Licence by West Oxfordshire District Council

**Public Events:** A number of public events are planned in and around Charlbury through the summer and we hope that many of you will enjoy them responsibly. However, we know that these events can cause a nuisance and if you do become aware of any problems, the appropriate authorities are there to help. Matters concerning Public Order including Anti-Social Behaviour, plus Traffic Management issues including Car Parking should be reported immediately to Thames Valley Police on 101. Matters concerning Noise should be reported immediately to West Oxfordshire District Council on 01993 861000 (weekdays 0900-1700 hrs) or 0845 303 9706 (weekends and out of hours).

**Pot Holes.** Pot holes and other road surface problems that are known to O.C.C. Highways are marked with white or green paint and are in the programme for repair. Those that are not marked (even if next to a marked one) need to be reported to OCC Highways or they will not be fixed. You can report any that you notice to the O.C.C. Highways Department via the OCC website at <http://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/> or by calling 0845 310 1111 between 8:30am and 5pm Monday to Thursday or 8:30am to 4pm on Fridays.

**Overhanging Branches and Wheelie Bins.** These are all issues that cause inconvenience for people using our pavements and public spaces – please show consideration to others. Please cut back branches that hang over pavements and trim back hedges and plants that are difficult to pass, especially with push chairs, mobility vehicles etc. Also please put your wheelie bins and black boxes away after collections. Thank you.

**Dog Bins and Fouling.** A note to all dog owners. A new dog waste bin has been installed at Cornbury on the public footpath for the benefit of dog walkers along this popular route. Remember that you are responsible for your dog so please “Scoop it, Bag it, Bin it!” Please do use the bins and don’t discard bagged “parcels” elsewhere! There is no excuse. Finally, in the interests of the health of all, especially children, please respect the notices prohibiting dogs from The Playing Close and keep them on a lead in public spaces such as Nine Acres. Thank you.

**Walkers are Welcome.** A new noticeboard for Walkers are Welcome activities has been installed in one of the alcoves on the wall of the Co-op and a new map showing local walking routes will shortly be installed in the adjacent alcove. Our thanks go to the Co-op for their co-operation with this initiative. The committee are looking for more volunteers to help with events and planning. If you are interested please contact Tony Merry at [walkingcharlbury@gmail.com](mailto:walkingcharlbury@gmail.com) or on 01608 811022.

**Mill Lane Bollard.** The bollard on Mill Lane preventing unauthorised vehicular access to the Mill Field was recently damaged irreparably by persons unknown and not prepared to report the fact. Consequently, the bollard has had to be replaced at a cost to Charlbury council tax payers in excess of £400!

**Charlbury Neighbourhood Forum (CNF).** The CNF continues to work hard towards the development of a strategic plan for Charlbury for the next 15-20 years. For more information and to get involved please see the website at [www.charlburyneighbourhoodforum.org.uk](http://www.charlburyneighbourhoodforum.org.uk) , email [info@charlburyneighbourhoodforum.org.uk](mailto:info@charlburyneighbourhoodforum.org.uk) or leave a note in the box provided in the Corner House.

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

\*\*\*\* See over the page for What Does The Town Council Do For Charlbury

# What does the Town Council do for Charlbury?

By Councillor Peter Kenrick

Charlbury Town Council is an elected unit of local government whose activities are controlled by Acts of Parliament. It has a powerful voice to represent local people. The Council consists of twelve elected councillors with elections held every four years for all 12 seats. The next election for Charlbury Town Council will be in May 2016. The Council also employs a Town Clerk as its "Proper Officer" to advise and seek advice on behalf of Councillors and to implement the Council's decisions.

The Council is empowered to represent the whole electorate within the town, deliver services to meet local needs and to strive to improve the quality of life within the town. The Council has a number of specific responsibilities which are summarised below but, over and above this, the Council looks ahead with the aim of achieving the vibrant, successful and secure future for the town that the community wants. Of course, Councillors can only do this if you let them know your ideas and concerns, so Councillors are always keen to hear from you.

Some notable areas in which this Council has been active over the past three years include:

- Working with the community towards the establishment of a **Neighbourhood Development Plan** or similar **strategic plan** for the future of Charlbury to 2030. Currently the work is being carried out by the **Charlbury Neighbourhood Forum** working together with Councillors.

- Successfully lobbying to continue Charlbury's bus and train services including the threatened taxibus service.

- Repair and improvement to the popular **skate park** at Ticknell Piece working with users of the park to determine the requirements and then seeing the work through to completion. The facility is now in an excellent state and is highly appreciated by users.

- Supporting the designation of Charlbury as Oxfordshire's first "**Walkers are Welcome**" town. This will help us to attract more visitors to enjoy the beautiful countryside around Charlbury and to provide much needed additional trade for local businesses.

- Facilitating and supporting the organisation of "**Dementia Friendly Charlbury**".

- Facilitating public feedback on local NHS Services.

- Working with the Wychwood Project to enable them to take over the management of the **Wigwell Nature Reserve**.

The specific responsibilities of the Council mentioned earlier include the management of allotments (Oxpens and Evenlode Close), the parish burial ground (Pound Hill), public and recreational spaces (Nine Acres, Mill Field, Ticknell Piece and Wigwell) including grass cutting and the maintenance of play equipment and the skate park; the provision of notice boards, seats and bus shelters. The Council is also consulted and comments on all planning applications within the town and on licencing issues for local events.

To enable it to fulfil its responsibilities, the Council sets a precept budget each year in November and the funds are collected during the following financial year from council tax payers in the town.

The Council also nominates representatives and trustees to other local committees and trusts and works closely with them for the benefit of the town and its residents. This includes the Thomas Gifford Charity, The Corner House and War Memorial Hall and Nine Acres Recreation Ground.

# Street Fair Calendar for 2015

It's May and spring is here and with it a striking sense of "...already?" We're very close now to Open Gardens 2015 and look forward to the 7<sup>th</sup> of June and another great invitation to see some of the most attractive, inventive and surprising gardens in Charlbury – and to eat some brilliant cakes! This, following an exceptionally successful Quiz Night in March raising a four figure sum in support of Corner House and the War Memorial Hall (WMH), now resplendent in its (almost) completed renovations and extension – also on 7<sup>th</sup> of June is the official opening of the Green Room in WMH, a space so wonderful you'd like to live in it! It is also a little daunting as Street Fair itself is fast approaching. Optimists say that challenge should be viewed as *opportunity*. In this spirit, I would like to suggest that now would be a very good *opportunity* for those of you who may be looking for an *opportunity* to get involved in one of Charlbury's many outstanding community events. We need all sorts of skills, talents and imaginative inputs, from how to create, manage, administrate, and organize exceptional community events, to lugging stuff about! Contact us if you want to volunteer or just know more about us (but especially if you want to seize a great *opportunity*). Gluttons for punishment should also see information below on the Fun Run/Walk on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> – the morning after Street Fair.

Our schedule of events for 2015 kicked off very successfully with Quiz Night and continues with the events listed below. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Sunday 7th June - Open Gardens:** We will be running our ever-popular Open Gardens event again this year giving you the chance to view a range of interesting gardens, large and small, in and around the centre of the town. As usual, tea and delicious cakes will be available throughout the afternoon in the War Memorial Hall. If you live in central Charlbury and would like your garden to be considered for inclusion in future (not this year – too late, but do try for 2016) please email [csfgardens@charburystreetfair.org](mailto:csfgardens@charburystreetfair.org) or call Eileen or Peter on 01608 811021.

**Friday 18th September - Annual Egg Throwing Competition:** Outside the Rose & Crown as usual.

**Saturday 19th September - STREET FAIR:** The main event! Children's Fancy Dress Parade and Art Competition. Stalls, food, entertainment, dancing, games, grand draw, auction, fun fair and much more. Once again we have a great line-up of evening entertainment planned in the street including, yet again by overwhelming popular demand, the "**Village Idiots**" from Stonesfield. Hurray! If you would like to take a stall, either commercially, or to promote your local organisation, please email [csfstalls@charburystreetfair.org](mailto:csfstalls@charburystreetfair.org).

**Sunday 20th September - Fun Runs and Walk:** The annual 5k & 10k runs and walk through the glorious Combury Park subject to the kind permission of Lord & Lady Rotherwick.

### \*\*\* SEARCHING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY? \*\*\*

Get involved and help us to make it even better! Take this *opportunity*, give us the benefit of your skills, brawn, imagination, brawn, energy and brawn! There are so many ways in which you can help – just a few hours here and there can mean so much! Get in touch at [info@charburystreetfair.org](mailto:info@charburystreetfair.org).

### New Treasurer and Secretary Required

Our current Treasurer and Secretary are both approaching the end of their term of office. If you are interested in taking up this *opportunity* in either of these roles, or if you know anyone who might, please let us know by contacting: [csfchairman@charburystreetfair.org](mailto:csfchairman@charburystreetfair.org)

*John Hole – Chair, Charlbury Street Fair*

## CORNBURY PARK NEWS

This June, Cornbury Park hosts the **Race for Life Pretty Muddy 5k**, a fundraising event for ladies, organised by Cancer Research UK. The Oxfordshire Race for Life takes place at Cornbury on 27 June – more details and registration can be found at: [raceforlife.org](http://raceforlife.org)

**Wilderness Festival** returns to Cornbury Park from 6 – 9 August 2015. Tickets are available online and also from Charlbury Post Office where they can be bought without paying the online booking fees. Do look out for the local Wychwayz Morris who will be performing at Wilderness this year for the first time. More details can be found at [www.wildernessfestival.com](http://www.wildernessfestival.com)

Looking ahead, the Finstock 10k takes place at Cornbury on 13 September, in aid of Finstock Primary School. The Charlbury Street Fair Run will be on 20 September and Run or Dye, the world's most colourful 5k returns on 26 September.

*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), phoning on 01608 811 276, or signing up for alerts at [www.cornburypark.co.uk](http://www.cornburypark.co.uk)*

**Charlbury Neighbourhood Forum** committee members along with volunteers from the communities of Charlbury have been busy working towards a questionnaire which will give Charlburians of all shades (such as those who come to Charlbury to make their livelihoods in the town) an opportunity to express their hopes for the future prosperity and well-being of all the communities that together make up the greater community of Charlbury.

We aim to distribute the questionnaire in late June or early July. It is an important step towards the compulsory referendum, which must be held and gain a majority of voters in favour, to enable and establish Charlbury's own Neighbourhood Plan. We need advice in creating a plan that reflects what **our community** considers to be the best future direction and priorities for our town.

You can help by volunteering your ideas, comments or acting on behalf of your area, road or particular interest.

"Do you want a say in Charlbury's future?" Then make sure **YOUR** views count by contributing to the Charlbury Neighbourhood Forum Committee. Join us, or help by volunteering

Contact: [www.charlburyneighbourhoodforum.org.uk](http://www.charlburyneighbourhoodforum.org.uk)  
[info@charlburyneighbourhoodforum.org.uk](mailto:info@charlburyneighbourhoodforum.org.uk)

Or talk to any of the committee members: Tim Crisp, Rod Evans, Simon Fenn, Catherine Goyder, John Hole (Joint Chair), Eileen Kenrick, Tony Merry, Christopher Morton, Liz Reason, Sarah Routley, Chris Sharpe, Meryl Smith, Graham Terry (Joint Chair), Ruth Williams.



## **THE 200 YEARS of CHARLBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL: New subjects in the 1890s**

The 3 Rs were still important, but different subjects were being added to the curriculum at this time. Henry Kay, the principal teacher, started to give simple Chemistry lessons, with experiments, to the older children in October 1891. In December, the topic was sulphur. And in 1900, French was taught after school to '16 voluntary workers'

In 1892, Agriculture was taught as part of the 'Elementary Science' curriculum. It covered work to be done on the farm (by season), farming operations (eg harrowing and ploughing), animals kept on a farm, useful creatures (eg the bee and the hedgehog), production (eg wheat and cabbages) and gardening and garden tools. It isn't clear if any practical work was involved. The school allowed two young teachers, Constance Harris and Annie Gomm to go to a daily 'Dairy Class' in Chipping Norton run by Oxfordshire County Council. They then could give lessons to the youngest boys. But one girl, Kate Green, won first prize for dairy work in the Oxfordshire Agricultural show in May.

There were some innovations in PE as well. In 1896, "Miss Sturge, Professor of gymnastics", began teaching Swedish Drill to the older children. The children stood in lines, and had to undertake different movements, following Miss Sturge's spoken instructions. The system promoted concentration, balance and poise, and was used for many years in the school. Swimming was also started in June 1899, probably in the River Evenlode. The museum has a lovely photograph of an 'Aquatic Sports' day, and another of the spectators gathered on the river bank, enjoying themselves.

*Barbara Allison, (based on research by Diana Bennett)*

### **CHARLBURY MEALS ON WHEELS**

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

#### **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**

Are you new to Charlbury and looking for ways to become involved in the community? This is an important service and relies on local people to drive, or to cook, or to help in any way to keep it going. Please ring Marjorie Glasgow on 01608 810161 or Jan Griffiths on 01608 810440 if you can help.

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

## Garden Society Summer Show 4<sup>th</sup> July

The Memorial Hall will be full of the scent and colour of roses and sweet peas at the Society's Summer Show on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July. There are also classes for flowers such as delphiniums, pansies, Sweet William and clematis, and for fruit and vegetables. You do not have to be a member of the Society to exhibit. In the Children's Corner, there will be prizes for the best miniature gardens, home-grown salad, herb arrangements, and home-baked cup cakes.

Full details are available from the Society's Programme and website, and in show schedules that can be obtained in advance from the station, pharmacy, library and post office. Staging is 8.30 to 10.45 in the morning, and the show is open to the public from 2-4.30 pm.

The Society's annual flower and produce show will be on 5<sup>th</sup> September.

*Rob Stepney*

**Probus Club of Charlbury** The year 2015 saw Probus holding its 31<sup>st</sup> AGM at which we looked back on a successful year and forward to a full and active new year. The new Committee has already started the process of developing a programme of speakers and a programme for outings. Members expressed their satisfaction with the service we receive at Witney Lakes Resort by voting to continue to hold our monthly lunches there. Our first lunch time talk was given by a Charlbury resident, Frances Webber (Barrister), with the title "Confessions of a Human Rights Lawyer" a very interesting behind the scenes view of the practice of immigration and refugee law. The second talk had the intriguing title "Thirty years of Bomb Disposal and still with ten fingers" given by Ian Jones who has been involved in many war theatres and more recently domestic situations including the London bombings – very sobering. Our third talk will be given by one of our members on "Israel and Palestine" Our first outing is a Steam Train trip on the Gloucester and Warwickshire Railway on June 4<sup>th</sup>. The theatre trip will be to the Watermill to see "Oliver" on 9<sup>th</sup> September. There will be a Birmingham Concert trip, date to be announced. We always welcome non members on these trips – see contact details below.

Finally a reminder that membership of Probus is open to retired men from a wide range of backgrounds and interests living in Charlbury and neighbouring villages. New members may be introduced by existing members or can apply in writing to the Hon Secretary *Steve Cavell 81150 or email [stephen.cavell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stephen.cavell@yahoo.co.uk)*

## CHARLBURY CRICKET CLUB

We are now at the busiest time of the year, with games coming quick and fast. Again, we are fielding three senior teams in the Oxfordshire Cricket Association (OCA) leagues on Saturdays, two women's sides in the Midlands and Thames Valley leagues, some Sunday friendlies as well as midweek games. Boys and girls cricket continues to thrive and the club is open for training sessions on four weekday evenings.

Notable dates for our diary are the President's XI match on **Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>**, when we invite former players back for a celebratory game, followed by the Charlbury Beer Festival on Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>, hosted on the second field while the first eleven take on Cowley on the main field.

Looking ahead, the club continues to play a notable part in Oxfordshire cricket as the venue for the county U11s boys finals on Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup> and the Women's 20/20 Midweek Finals on Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup>.

This year we also welcome the top cup final clash in the OCA on Bank Holiday August Monday the 31<sup>st</sup>. The club will be laying on bar and barbecues for all these prestige events, so please come along to support us and watch some top cricket.

Further details about the 2015 summer of cricket in Charlbury should be available on the club website. If you fancy playing, just get in touch with any of our captains and officers.

David Horne, Vice Chairman, 07890 967715, email: [dw3horne@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dw3horne@yahoo.co.uk)

**Charlbury Canoe Club** The Canoe Club meets every Sunday afternoon at 2.30 at the clubhouse on Watery Lane at the bottom of Pound Hill. Come and join us for a fun afternoon. Beginners and improvers and especially families welcome. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. All necessary equipment provided. Still only £3 per session. *For more information ring Hugh on 810130.*

**Charlbury Bowls Club:** Bowls is a sport for everyone to try and I promise you, you will receive a very warm welcome here at Charlbury Bowls Club. Why not come along to our roll-up nights where one of our members will be happy to show you the ropes. We will loan you the bowls, all we ask of you is to wear flat shoes. It costs nothing to try.....unless you want a drink from our fully stocked bar. There's plenty of parking and spectators are also welcome. Our roll-up nights are every Tuesday from 6pm. Hope to see you soon.

For more details please call Heather on 01608 810229.

**Charlbury Tennis Club :** We welcome all those who are interested in playing tennis and have the cheapest membership fees of any tennis club in the local area. For an annual fee of just £125 for a family and £60 for an adult single you can: Join in social club tennis sessions all year ; Use the new pavilion at Nine Acres Recreation Ground; Take part in competitive tennis of all standards; Come along to fun social events ; 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 at Nine Acres on Sunday and Monday afternoons at 2pm or Thursday evenings at 7pm. 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 several teams running throughout the year (at weekends and in the evenings) ranging from high standard league teams to friendly matches against other local clubs. There really is something for everyone. If you want to give the Club a try, we are offering a free LTA endorsed '*come and try*' tennis afternoon for adults and juniors of all ages on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June. And for those who 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](mailto:johnwerner@hotmail.co.uk)

To find out more about Charlbury Tennis Club go to [www.charlbury.info/community](http://www.charlbury.info/community), phone Mark Jarman on 811692 or email: [charlburytennis@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:charlburytennis@hotmail.co.uk).

## CHARLBURY MUSEUM NEWS

Many thanks to Ann Betts and her team for organising the Plant Sale; to the museum committee for organising the coffee morning and for everyone who came and supported us. We have another coffee morning and sale on **August 15**, so do come along – this fundraising enables the museum to put on new exhibitions and improve the premises. We have improved the lighting in the museum this year, and we can now see the stitching on the gloves in the gloving corner!

While we are talking of plants, we must mention the museum garden, set out in memory of Gillian Naish and carefully tended by Vi Welbourn. It was felt worthy to be included in Charlbury's Open Gardens programme this year – thank you, Vi! Do feel welcome to come in at any time to use the seat and enjoy the flowers.

Our exhibition on the history of Charlbury School is underway, and we have many interesting artefacts for you to see. We have a photo of the school c1870, together with the model of the school made by Headmaster Jesse Clifford (dated 1857). This was used as a money-box in which the pupils put their 'one penny a week' contribution towards their education. We have exercise books used in the school, which display the wonderful copperplate handwriting used at the time and the complicated sums they had to do in pounds, shillings and pence. We have text books published in the last years of the eighteenth century, which explain how to do calculations in weights and measures long-forgotten – kilderkins, ells, nails, and many more. We have a beautifully-sewn white dress made by a 14 year-old pupil in Victorian times, and 'Never absent, never late' medals earned by hard-working Charlbury boys in the early 1900s. We have school textbooks from the first half of the twentieth century – you may have been taught from these – and school magazines in which the pupils have written about themselves and their lives at that time. We have some activity sheets for children, and they are welcome to sit at an old-fashioned desk to fill them in.

This summer, there will be the opportunity to combine a visit with a Sunday tea in the Corner House, run by the School Association (which has a reputation for rather special cakes!). The dates for these are **June 14** and **July 5** and the proceeds are for the school. Do come along and support them.

Finally, we are opening on Fridays in August (10am – 12.00) in addition to our normal weekend hours. Don't forget that you can always arrange to visit at other times by ringing the curator or a committee member (the telephone numbers are on the board outside).

*Celia Faulkner*

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION AT THE MARLBOROUGH SCHOOL, WOODSTOCK

We run an extensive programme of courses for adults within the school all year round (apart from school holidays). A full copy of our 2014-2015 brochure is available to download on the Marlborough School website [www.marlborough.oxon.sch.uk/community](http://www.marlborough.oxon.sch.uk/community) If you would like a free printed copy of our brochure or to book a place please telephone 01993 813592 or email [comed.4560@marlborough.oxonsch.uk](mailto:comed.4560@marlborough.oxonsch.uk). It is possible to join some of our weekly classes throughout the term - if there is still availability. Please ring to check. For up to date and comprehensive information about availability on courses please see the school website (as above). As courses become full they are listed for your information.

*For further information or to book a place please contact: Mrs Jenny Bodinham, Coordinator, Marlborough C of E School Community Education on 01993 813592*

## CULTURE CLUB AT CHARLBURY BEER FESTIVAL

### Not only here for the beer

There may once have been a time when the question 'Are you going to the Charlbury Beer Festival?' might have elicited a response along the lines of 'Why? I don't like beer!' But no longer.

The Charlbury Beer Festival, which this year takes place on **Saturday 27 June**, is a great family event whether you like beer or not. There's great food, a range of quality soft drinks, wine, Pimm's, cider and perry; and for entertainment there's live music throughout the day, children's activities, the World Aunt Sally Open Singles Championships, and drop-in workshops, comedy and talks in the Culture Club tent.

**Among the people appearing in the Culture Club tent this year will be 2015's Beer Sommelier of the Year, Jane Peyton, and Radio 4's Kathy Clugston ...**

See our website [charlburybeerfestival.org](http://charlburybeerfestival.org) for more details and updates.

*Edward Fenton*

## RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL 25-26 July

**Riverside needs You:** Would you like to be part of the biggest Charlbury party of the year? Sign up to be a Riverside Friend and join the team running the show. It's a great chance to meet new people, and as a Riverside Friend you will get regular updates on what's happening, invites to Riverside social events and the chance to win a ticket to this year's Cornbury Music Festival at Great Tew with a backstage pass to the Riverside Stage.

We rely on volunteers to keep Riverside free. Before the Festival our team of volunteers assemble stages and the pontoon bridge; set up sound systems; and erect fencing, marquees and stalls. Then on the weekend itself we need volunteers to pull pints and pour Pimm's, sell programmes and T-shirts, help with the recycling, run the kids section and generally keep the festival goers happy. If you would like to help, even if it's just for an hour or two, email [volunteer@riversidefestival.charlbury.com](mailto:volunteer@riversidefestival.charlbury.com) or call Sachin on 07733312366.

Riverside is one of the most popular events in the Oxfordshire music calendar. What began life 20 years ago as a jazz picnic for friends, now boasts more than 40 acts playing everything from folk music to blues, rock, ska and hip hop, attracting thousands of music lovers of all ages, and yet Riverside is still the friendliest, most relaxed music festival in Oxfordshire and, astonishingly, is still completely FREE to enter.

### **Game of Gnomes!**

As always Riverside is a family event with fun activities for all ages. As well as a bouncy castle, children can join in music workshops, learn flamenco dancing, go on a nature adventure with the Little Wild Things, or try their hand at a range of creative crafts. This year's Riverside Festival will be welcoming mystical woodland folk, so if you have ever wanted to dress as an elf or fairy, or even a goblin or gnome, now's your chance!

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 there's a fantastic range of food stalls, from a traditional hog roast to noodles and curries. Gates are open from 12pm – 10pm on Saturday 25 July and 11am to 8pm on Sunday 26 July. Please leave dogs at home, only assistance dogs will be allowed in.

Earlier this year West Oxfordshire District Council gave Riverside Festival an Inclusive Award in recognition of its work to ensure the Festival is open and welcoming to people of all abilities whether they be volunteers helping out at the Festival, performers or, most importantly, the audience.

More information on the Riverside Festival and the Riverside Stage at

The Cornbury Music Festival at Great Tew (10-12 July) at

[www.riversidefestival.charlbury.com](http://www.riversidefestival.charlbury.com)

*Kathryn Custance*

## NEWS FROM CHARLBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

The school was pleased to provide some photographs for the current exhibition at Charlbury Museum to mark the 200th anniversary of the founding of the school. In 1815 philanthropic members of the community set up the 'Charlbury British School', which was located in The Playing Close. The school moved to its new premises at the top of Crawborough in 1987.

The last week of term before the Easter holidays was an especially busy time at school with the arrival of Ofsted inspectors who spent two days observing lessons and talking to pupils, staff, governors, parents and carers. The inspectors were impressed by what they saw, and made many positive comments about the school in their report. Here is a selection of highlights:

*The headteacher, supported well by other staff and governors, has ensured that the school has improved consistently since the previous inspection. This means that there are good standards of teaching and achievement.*

*Pupils reach above average levels of attainment at the end of Year 6 in reading, writing and mathematics.*

*Children in the early years do well. Effective leadership and teaching ensure that they make good progress.*

*The atmosphere throughout the school reflects a strong sense of community and mutual respect.*

*Pupils enjoy the excellent range of clubs, regular visits and other activities which the school offers.*

*The care and welfare of pupils are strengths of the school.*

*Parents are very supportive of what the school provides for their children.*

You can read the full report via our website at: <http://www.charlbury.oxon.sch.uk/statutory-information/ofsted-report.html>

Finally, if you are new to Charlbury, you might be interested to know that we are always looking for local residents to join our Knowledge Well scheme so we can find ways to tie-in your particular skills, knowledge and experience with national curriculum subjects to broaden the children's education. If you would like to contribute to this scheme we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school on 01608 810354 or via our website.

*Vicky Buser, Parent Governor*

## **A DAY'S LIFE - MAUREEN SPARLING**

A typical week for me as a semi-retired artist is just about as ideal as it can get. I live in a lovely part of Charlbury in a quiet lane with views from my studio across the Evenlode to Wychwood Forest and Walcot. I moved to my cottage from Spelsbury with my daughters in 1997. My daughters now live with their partners nearby in Bicester and Chipping Norton so we get to see each other quite often. My father, 91 years young, lives about 40 minutes away in Benson and I visit him weekly. Sometimes we'll meet up in Oxford for a meal at his favourite restaurant - he gets the bus in!! He is extremely independent and amazingly fit for his age, looking after his sizable house and garden himself with a very positive attitude to life. I hope I will take after him.

I started a part time HNC course in Graphic Design & Illustration at Banbury College of Art, while my daughters were still in full time education, and graduated with a First Class Honours Degree in 2001. It soon became clear that the competition was huge for work in this field, so I decided to start my own business. It was a time when the internet was taking off so, besides the usual brochures and corporates, my time was increasingly spent designing websites in partnership with my daughter, Emily, who had graduated and become a software developer. We make a good team. Soon after moving to my cottage, I had the roof space converted to a working studio from which I have been running Wychwood Graphics ever since.

I still do a lot of graphic design for the community, including the production and running of websites for the Art Society, St Mary's Church and the Street Fair, as well as my own, which all need regular maintenance and updating. I also produce the trail map for Artweeks in Charlbury, which has become quite sizeable, and more recently the Street Fair programme. But I now spend more time painting, which has been my first love since childhood.

I have always painted in my spare time and took up a course in botanical art at a time when I was recovering from the death of my mother. I found the detail so absorbing and spent the next five years or so successfully painting (and selling) pictures of plants and birds. I have exhibited at Westminster Hall in London with the Society of Botanical Artists, and a London designer commissioned me to supply images as part of the design of the restaurant menu at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden for a year, as well as a few other high profile commissions.

I started taking part in the Oxfordshire Artweeks Festival in 2005, firstly with an artist friend from college. It was so successful that I decided to have an exhibition in my own cottage the following year and have continued ever since. Over the last five years I have taken on the voluntary role of local area Artweeks Coordinator which has in itself generated an enormous amount of work. I delight in discovering so many very talented artists living and working in our town as each year a few more take part. So Charlbury has now become a major arts centre during the annual festival in May – 31 artists this year!

I have now moved away from the detailed work of botanicals, and am enjoying a looser style, experimenting with different mediums. One of my inspirations has been my travels round the world - travel of the alternative kind that is. I discovered backpacking and hostels after a special birthday when I decided that that was the year for an Australia/New



Zealand adventure. It was truly a trip of a lifetime lasting three months, when I met up with old friends, made many new ones and discovered cousins I didn't know existed! I travelled with young people on a bus for several weeks and found myself joining them in activities I wouldn't have dreamt of doing on my own, including jumping out of an aeroplane at 16000 feet! I also swam with dolphins, snorkelled on the Great Barrier Reef, rode a motorbike along the Queensland Coast, and went horse trekking in the rugged mountains of New Zealand. I have since travelled in a similar way around Canada and Europe and have definitely got the bug. I keep a daily illustrated blog of my travels while I'm away and like to think I travel to paint and paint to travel, although it doesn't always work out that way.

Although artwork takes up most of my days, I also enjoy singing with the choirs of St Mary's Church and Wychwood Chorale. I am a keen campanologist, having rung the church bells around the city of Oxford in my twenties, and we rang some pretty challenging pieces in those days. Naturally I joined St Mary's merry band of ringers when I arrived in Charlbury. I like to try and keep fit and what better way to combine social and fitness than playing plenty of tennis and badminton.

In mid January the Canadian students come to stay in Charlbury. A programme of study in English and Drama at Oxford University is organised through the Baptist Church for a dozen or so young people and they stay with hosts in Charlbury, getting the train into Oxford each day. I have been a host for the past five years, and thoroughly enjoy having a young person or two staying with me during this time plus the extra cash! Although each one is unique, they are always conscientious, friendly and easy to have around. At the end of their time here, we are treated to a special medley performance of Shakespeare's works in the Baptist Church. I'm so impressed at how they remember all their words!

If ever I've been away, it is always lovely walking up from the station across the river, hearing the church clock chimes and returning home to this special place in England. With all the atrocities and natural disasters happening around the world, I feel so fortunate to have found such an idyllic town to live in with friends and family around me and doing the things I love.

*Maureen Sparling was talking to Barbara Allison*

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**Would you like to buy local, seasonal, organic food?** Well you can now . . . simply order from **Cultivate's** on-line shop, open noon Monday until noon Wednesday, and have it delivered to a local delivery POD in Crawborough (opposite the school) for you to collect after lunch on the Friday. **Cultivate** is a community-owned co-operative which began in 2012 to bring local and organic produce direct from farmers to consumers in and around Oxford. Come along to the Charlbury Green Hub stall at the Farmers Market on 13<sup>th</sup> June to find out more, or have a look at their website [www.cultivateoxford.org](http://www.cultivateoxford.org) to order

## Wychwoods Investment Club Invests!

After a brief period of familiarisation and discussion the club now has a constitution and after a longer period an on-line dealing facility so it is now poised to make fortunes whilst having some fun along the way!

Chairman Paul Jackson says "you would think we were all drug dealers moving millions around the world. We didn't quite have to have a medical to open the bank and brokerage accounts but the onerous rules to open a club trading account took a long time which not only surprised us but tested our patience"

The club has now made its first investments in the Man Group (a major hedge fund); TUI AG Travel; Bellway property; Skye Pharmaceuticals and John Wood a supplier to the oil industry.

The group which is 8 so far including members from Charlbury is seeking 4 or 5 new members who are interesting in the equity markets. The joining investment is £500 with £50 added each month. The club meets over dinner (the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month) at The Swan in Ascott under Wychwood.

Anyone who is either trading regularly and wants to exchange views, or is a novice is welcome to join in the fun, initially as a guest without any obligation, should call Paul Jackson 01993 83 1967.

## RACE FOR LIFE COMES TO CORNBURY PARK

Ladies, it's time to lace up your trainers, and walk, jog, or charge your way around Cornbury Park at our **Pretty Muddy Race for Life** event on **Saturday 27 June**. Pretty Muddy is a women-only, non-competitive 5k obstacle course – with added mud. It will take place for the first time in Oxfordshire at Cornbury Park in Charlbury on Saturday, June 27.

Kelly Rumble, Cancer Research UK's Oxfordshire Event Manager, said: "We're so excited about launching **Race for Life Pretty Muddy** in Oxfordshire. The event is taking place in the area for the first time and we're calling on local ladies to sign up now. We've no doubt that they've got the fighting spirit to get down and dirty in the bid to beat cancer sooner.

**Race for Life** events are not competitive. They are not about being fit or fast. Women can complete the Pretty Muddy course at their own pace, climbing, jumping, walking and laughing their way around. It's about an army of women coming together in the fight against cancer."

Through raising money for **Race for Life** you will help fund groundbreaking research into new drugs and treatments and help us bring forward the day when all cancers are cured.

**Race for Life** is to celebrate those who are with us, and also remember those who are not. The atmosphere is electric, our participants are so inspiring and we're calling on the women of Oxfordshire to help make 2015 our best year yet. **SIGN UP NOW AT [raceforlife.org](http://raceforlife.org)** and we will beat cancer sooner.



## CHARLBURY AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY (CADS)

It's been another busy spring for Cads this year - we have just finished the run of our spring production 'Stories From Saki' adapted and directed by Deirdre Kincaid. The three performances were all well received by the audience and this particular production was dedicated to the memory of Brian Drowley one of CADS long-standing members who was due to be in this show but sadly passed away in February. We were also saddened by the loss of Julie Thompson, who was also a long-standing member of CADS. Both of them will be greatly missed.

Now with the summer rapidly approaching we are looking forward to starting preparation for the rest of the year's agenda.

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June "The Epic Cads Treasure Hunt"** at 7pm, where we all meet outside on the wall by the Doctors' Surgery at the Spendlove Centre, Charlbury. This is open to the wider community, so do come along and join in the fun and traipse around Charlbury searching for clues and then meet up at the Pub afterwards for a drink and a laugh.

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June "Aladdin"** Our Autumn production script read-through at the Methodist room in Fishers Lane at 7.30 pm. All are welcome, both adults and children. (This is not an audition just a read through).

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June & Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July is our pantomime "Aladdin" Audition time** (Oh no it's not oh yes it is!) All are welcome both adults and children to audition for a part. These auditions again are being held at the Methodist room in Fishers Lane, Charlbury. So if you have ever wanted to be on stage then this is the perfect opportunity to come and audition for a part in this much loved pantomime. Written and directed by Kate Morris.

A pantomime is one of the biggest productions that CADS puts on and we need back-stage help just as much as we need budding actors on stage, so do please come along if you are able to help in any way.

Rehearsals are due to start in September (dates to be confirmed)

Show dates for "Aladdin" are November 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> - don't forget to put these dates into your diary as time flies and, as in the true spirit of Pantomimes, they will soon be "**Behind you**"

Well, that keeps you up to date on what's happening with CADS and we look forward to seeing lots of new faces at our forthcoming events.

**CADS is a theatre group serving Charlbury and its surrounding villages, we're always ACTIVELY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS** - especially if you are interested in working back stage - please contact the Chairman or any member to find out more. Check out our Facebook page and our page on the Charlbury website for up-to-the-minute news.  
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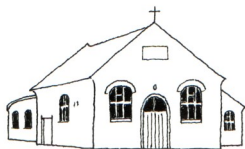
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Everyone very welcome. We have light lunch every 4th Tuesday of the month from 12 - 1.30pm in the Methodist schoolroom . A chance to meet with friends and have a talk ... it's open to all.

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## News from Charlbury Baptist Church

Hi! I'm Rev. Jean Andrews, the new Missioner at Charlbury Baptist Church and Facilitator of Wychwood Forest Church. I have actually been in post six months in Charlbury. Sadly, I don't live in Charlbury but in Eynsham, as I look after elderly parents there and I was the Baptist minister there before coming here. What's a Missioner? I am here to help people in their walk with God. If you would like to find out what we're doing on Sundays at the Baptist Church, see our page on the community website or just visit our website [www.charlburybaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.charlburybaptistchurch.org.uk) or give me a phone call at the church: 01608 810964. There is an ansafone and I will get back to you if you leave your name and number.

I hope that you enjoyed our sunflowers over Easter courtesy of Yack and Yarn. They will be re-appearing at harvest as we hope that many people will return with their sunflower heads at harvest. Before then, are there any **gardeners** out there who would like to help me out, please?

We are hoping to be open as part of the Charlbury's Open Gardens on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> June between 2-5pm. Our garden is a 'work in progress' so any advice, ideas, etc would be welcome. The garden is currently being registered with The Quiet Garden Movement so that anyone and everyone can enjoy a bit of peace and quiet. We will sometimes offer day retreats which anyone can attend, so watch this space...and the garden! Children will be welcome: there will be colouring pages available for children and adults alike, so please come and visit us.

Also, **gentlemen (or ladies!)** - is anyone interested in helping to refurbish old tools and sewing machines that can be either be sent abroad through the charity TFSR, Tools For Self Reliance, or help the good folk of Charlbury? If so, could please contact me at the church. Either leave a note in the postbox or phone me at the church, 01608 810964 – I would love to hear from you.

Lastly, **Wychwood Forest Church** – we worship outside in different venues. No sermons but lots of activity and thinking! Leaflets available at Charlbury Baptist Church or see our Facebook page (which you can access even if you don't do Facebook). Or phone me at Charlbury Baptist Church.

I look forward to meeting you.,  
Jean

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHARLBURY

This year twenty members of the Charlbury churches have arranged to go on a week's pilgrimage together, following in the footsteps of the northern saints. The pilgrimage has been planned and organised by Sue Matthews, a member of St Teresa's Church and includes Anglicans, Methodists, Baptists and Roman Catholics.

We will be staying at St Chad's College opposite the west end of Durham Cathedral. The Cathedral is the burying place of St Cuthbert, one of the 'Spiritual Heroes' we heard about in this year's Lent talks. During the week we will spend a day visiting the island of Lindisfarne, home of St Aidan who brought Christianity to the Northumbrians in the 7<sup>th</sup> century. Another day we will go to Jarrow, home of the Anglo-Saxon scholar known as the Venerable Bede, author of 'Ecclesiastical History of the English People'. Written in the 8<sup>th</sup> century in Latin, it gives information and insights into the life of individuals and communities of the time and has earned Bede the title of 'the father of English history'. Bede is also buried in Durham Cathedral.

Before we come home we will be able to visit Hexham Abbey, built originally in the late 7<sup>th</sup> and early 8<sup>th</sup> century from materials salvaged from nearby Roman ruins. The church was destroyed by the Vikings and rebuilt by the Normans, but the Anglo-Saxon crypt remains. We will also see the Ruthwell Cross, carved in the 8<sup>th</sup> century with scenes from the Bible, swirling vines, animals and birds and Anglo-Saxon runes.

What is a group of 21<sup>st</sup> century people from Oxfordshire going to learn from people so distant in place and time from ourselves? First we expect to have our imagination stimulated and our understanding of the past enlarged by what we see and hear. Then we want to discover how people in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> centuries lived and coped with the challenges of their time, especially how they turned to the Christian faith to enrich and make sense of their lives. Above all we hope that making the journey together will teach us to know each other better and create a bond that will help and encourage us in future activities here in Charlbury.

It may be a coincidence that Sally Welch, who is to be inducted as the new vicar of Charlbury and Shorthampton on 14 July, has studied and written about pilgrimage as a way of learning and growing spiritually. We are looking forward to welcoming her and drawing on her knowledge and experience. In one sense the whole of life is a pilgrimage and we will be travelling the next stage of the journey in new company and with new ideas.

*Rosalind Scott – Secretary of Churches Together in Charlbury*  
[rosalind.scott@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rosalind.scott@hotmail.co.uk)

## **Grand Opening of new Memorial Hall Extension on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

An opening event for the new extension on the Memorial Hall consisting of the refurbished Kitchen and Green Room will be held on **Sunday 7th June at 2pm** at the start of the Street Fair Open Gardens.

There will also be an unveiling Ceremony of the Walkers are Welcome Charlbury Interpretation board, map and notice board at the Co-op. Full details of the event will be available closer to the date. For more information please contact Tony Merry on 01608 811022 email [walkingcharlbury@gmail.com](mailto:walkingcharlbury@gmail.com).

### **EAST DISTRICT COTSWOLD WARDENS - VOLUNTEER WITH US**

**Why?** Currently we have less than 20 active members to cover large parts of West Oxfordshire and of Warwickshire that are inside the Cotswolds AONB

**What do we do in and around Charlbury?** Lead guided walks, many of which start from Charlbury (see the Cotswold Lion newspaper.) We maintain local footpaths liaising with landowners and the Parish Councils. Help to care for local Nature Reserves such as Wigwell and the Salt Way. Help to maintain woodland at Centenary Wood and Dean Grove. Work with local schools to bring a greater understanding and appreciation of the countryside.

**What do we ask?** That you join us as a volunteer for a minimum of 8 hours a month on at least one of these valuable and enjoyable tasks.

**If you think this is for you**, please contact the Cotswold Conservation Board via email [rebecca.jones@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk](mailto:rebecca.jones@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk), 01451 862008 or our membership secretary Edwin Wilson via email [Edwin.I.wilson@bopenworld.com](mailto:Edwin.I.wilson@bopenworld.com) 01993 831810 Rosemary Wilson is the walk coordinator

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## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – CHARLBURY BRANCH

**Visit to RAF Brize Norton:** The Branch had a successful visit in March and hopes to arrange a further visit later this year. It has to be a weekday and is restricted to a maximum of 12 people. Anybody who would like to go [members have priority] is asked to contact Jane Parsons on 810822.

**Coffee Morning:** The Branch will be holding a coffee morning at the Corner House, Charlbury on Saturday 11 July 2015.

**Join the Reserves:** If you have left the regular Army in the last 6 years you can join up again as a reservist and receive the incentive payments of up to £10,000. Provided you meet the full Reservist commitment the payment will be split over 4 years. The nearest recruiting office is in St. Giles, Oxford.

**Medals:** In 2012 the Prime Minister appointed Sir John Holmes [Director of the Ditchley Foundation] to conduct an independent review of the policy governing the award of military medals. The following awards have now received Royal Approval:

**Cyprus:** Those who served in Cyprus from 21 December 1963 to 26 March 1964 are entitled to the General Service Medal [1962] with clasp "Cyprus 1963-64". Those who participated in the suppression of acts of terrorism from 1 April 1955 to 18 April 1959 are entitled to the General Service Medal [1918-1962] with clasp "Cyprus" if they served for 90 days or more. **The Berlin Airlift:** All aircrew, RAF or civilian, with at least one day's service in the Berlin Airlift operation from 25 June 1948 to 6 October 1949 are entitled to the General Service Medal [1918-1962] with clasp "Berlin Airlift". **South Atlantic:** The qualifying period for the South Atlantic Medal without Rosette has been extended from 12 July to 21 October 1982. Applications for medals and clasps should be made direct to M.O.D. Telephone 0808 1914218; email DBS-Medals@mod.uk. The website is [www.gov.uk/the-ministry-of-defence-medal-office](http://www.gov.uk/the-ministry-of-defence-medal-office).

**Royal Artillery Association:** It is intended to set up an Oxfordshire Branch of the Royal Artillery Association. If you are interested contact Keith Clandfield in Chipping Norton, email Keith1911@uwclub.net

**Correction:** In the March 2015 edition of the Charlbury Chronicle we incorrectly reported that Mr Terry Walker laid the Branch wreath at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. It was actually laid by Mr Terry Wheeler. We apologise for this error.

**Normandy 2015:** The Royal British Legion is arranging trips to allow Normandy Veterans to return to the beaches and battle sites of their service free of charge. There are 6 tours: 3 in May, 2 in September and 1 in October. Each veteran can be accompanied by 2 carers/family members [total 3 max]. For more information please telephone 01473 660800 or 0203 2072321. The funding for these tours has come from the LIBOR fines [Banks who were fined for fixing interest rates illegally].

### **Assistance:**

The way in which the Royal British Legion provides welfare assistance, advice and financial support to those in need has changed. Oxfordshire is now part of the new South East Midlands Area with an office in Aylesbury from which the Area Manager will deploy the 45 trained caseworkers throughout the 6 Counties [ Beds, Bucks, Berks, Hants, Northants and Oxon] as required by the Royal British Legion National Contact Centre. Counties and Branches no longer have any responsibility for casework other than to put those in need in touch with the Royal British Legion Contact Centre: Telephone 0808 802 8080.

**Information:** For further information about the work of the Legion, how to join or how to obtain assistance, please contact Nick Potter [Branch President] on 810388 or Derek Fowler [Branch Chairman] on 811706.



## **A soldier at the siege of Boulogne 1544**

### **Findings from the Charlbury Society Historical Research group No 5**

On the 16th of September 1544 Richard Cooke dictated his will - he was probably illiterate.

“ I Richarde Cooke of Bullen late of Pudlicote mylle in the Countie of Oxon sowdear in the retinew of Thomas brydge Esquyer make my Testament.” Bullen was the contemporary spelling, and pronunciation, of Boulogne. So Richard was a soldier in the large army mustered for Henry VIII's siege of the town in the course of his second French war. Richard made that will just as, the town having succumbed to bombardment earlier in the month, its castle was undermined and surrendered. Had Richard been injured? Many English soldiers there were of course killed, some by their own explosives. We do not know where Richard died. Presumably not in France since the wills of Englishmen who died abroad were proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury and Richard's was proved in Oxford on 20th March 1545/6, a good 18 months later. Is that – unusual – delay significant? Charlbury parish records do not begin until 1559 so we have no baptism, marriage or burial date for him here.

Richard mentions neither wife nor children and had little to leave: one coffer and a pan to his godson, Thomas Cotes; one coffer to William Cotes and, as an afterthought, a pair of sheets to Alice Coxas, wife of his friend Robert. The rest of his goods and sums owing to him, not substantial enough to be specified, he leaves to Christopher Cotes, servant to Thomas Bridges. He seems to have been close to the Cotes family.

Thomas Bridges was, with his brother Sir John, an intimate of the king and both had profited greatly from the sale of church lands at the Dissolution of the Monasteries. When Thomas died in 1559 he left properties or the income therefrom to provide for life for his kin and servants. Of the lives and estates of the Bridges family the documentation is extensive. Of Richard Cooke, soldier, this will is his only trace in history – as far as I yet know.

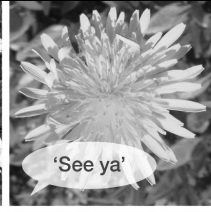
*John Fielding*

## **CHARLBURY FARMERS' MARKET 2015**

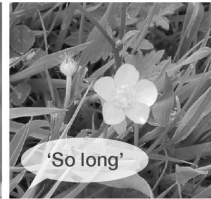
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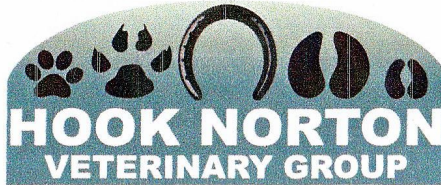
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