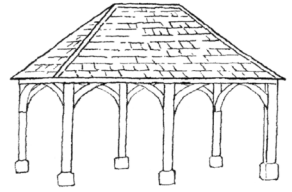


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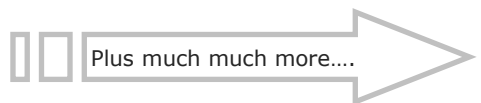
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From the Editor

Susanna Finch

Well, what a lot is going on in and around Charlbury!! This is why this issue of the Chronicle is truly a bumper issue with 48 pages!

First we have HM Queen's 90th birthday celebrations on 11 and 12 June. St Mary's is putting on a wonderful Flower Festival, and then holding a Thanksgiving Service to which the whole town is invited. This is followed the next day by Open Gardens with yummy teas in the Memorial Hall. At the same time there will be the Field & Country Fair being held in Cornbury. And don't forget its also the Football Fun Day on Wychwood Paddocks!

On 25 June, our very own Beer Festival on the Cricket Pitch is happening—its 19th birthday!

This busy weekend is followed by the Cornbury Festival (8-10 July), then our own Riverside Festival (23-24 July). Then a really big weekend of festivals with both Wilderness (4-7 August) at Cornbury Park and Countryfile Live (4-7 August) taking place at Blenheim Palace. If this wasn't enough The Big Feastival is happening on Bank Holiday weekend hosted by Alex James and Jamie Oliver!

Many congratulations to Liz Leffman who was returned as our District Councillor on 5 May.

Congratulations also to Diana Griffiths who celebrated her 100th birthday at the end of April. Her son, Howard, has written a brief résumé of her many achievements, which makes for very interesting reading. This can be found on page 43.

CADS are celebrating their 40th anniversary this year, and are producing "As You Like It" in November. Auditions for this will take place in June, so do keep a look out for the dates.

Street Fair are still looking out for helpers; both on the day and in organising. And also for help with the Fun Run. Please do email me if you can help—this wonderful fair has been in existence for 60 years and we would hate to lose it—I am sure you would!

If you have any ideas on what else you would like to see in the Chronicle, please do contact me at:-

editor.chronicle@outlook.com

I wish you all happy summer holidays!

Susanna Finch

**Please note that the deadline for articles for the September issue is 1st August.
Please send all articles to editor.chronicle@outlook.com**



CHARLBURY CELEBRATES THE ROYAL 90

**Town Service of Thanksgiving to
celebrate
H. M. The Queen's 90th Birthday**

**Saturday 11th June at 6.30pm
St. Mary's Church, Charlbury**

As part of the Queen's birthday celebrations St Mary's are holding a Thanksgiving service to which representatives of the town's organisations are warmly invited.

We do hope that you can encourage members of your organisations to come. If your organisation has a uniform please do wear it, or if you wish, dress in some way that indicates the 'flavour' of your organization.

If you wish to bring something along from your organisation to add to a Queen's birthday display there will be an opportunity to do this; e.g. children's groups might like to make a large birthday card, the museum may have a coronation mug etc. The items will be returned to you at the end of the service.

We are hoping to have representation from all the town's clubs and societies so that this is truly a town event. We would be grateful if you could let us have approximate numbers attending and organisation name by 4th June preferably by e-mail to the Parish Office (parishoffice@stmaryscharlbury.co.uk) or by phone 01608 810230.

Sally Welch

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – CHARLBURY BRANCH



Charlbury Open Gardens celebrating the Royal 90

**Sunday 12th June
from 2pm to 6pm**

This year Street Fair's popular Open Gardens event is being held on Sunday 12th June as part of Charlbury's **Royal 90** celebrations to mark 90 years of the Queen's life.

This is your chance to venture behind the facades to enjoy some beautiful and inspirational gardens clustered around the centre of the town.

While you are out and about, why not call in to see some of the other **Royal 90** celebrations including the magnificent Festival of Flowers in St Mary's church, a special exhibition and quizzes at Charlbury Museum (which also has a delightful small garden) and the Quiet Garden at the Baptist Church.

Also be sure not to miss the collection of "mini welly gardens" created by the children at Charlbury Pre School.

If you are feeling weary, why not take the weight off your feet and enjoy a refreshing cup of tea and a delicious cake in the Memorial Hall, available as usual throughout the afternoon.

A perfect way to spend a Sunday afternoon, see you there!

The gardens will be open from 2pm to 6pm and tickets will be available from the Corner House garden from 1:30pm. £5 for adults, children under 12 FREE. There will also be a raffle, children's quiz and plant sales.

Peter & Eileen Kenrick



H.M. Queen's 90th Birthday – 21st April

The Charlbury Beacon was lit at Lees Rest to celebrate this occasion as part of a national chain of beacons. During the evening £78.70 was collected for the Poppy Appeal. Thank you to everybody who donated.

The Charlbury British Legion Darts Cup

Was won by Pete Cleaver and Simon Bridgman on 27 November at the Sports and Social Club and raised £90.71 for the Poppy Appeal. We would like to thank all those who took part, Pete Scarrott for organising the event and Cyril Kerry for presenting the Cup.

Branch Coffee Morning

This will be held on Saturday 16 July in the Corner House. For information please telephone 01608 810822.

Assistance

For further information about the work of the Legion, how to join or how to obtain assistance, please contact Nick Potter [Branch President] on 01608 810388 or Derek Fowler [Branch Chairman] on 01608 811706 or Jane Parsons [Branch Secretary] on 01608 810822. The Branch Membership Secretary is Barry Canham on 01608 811176 who will help anyone who is still experiencing difficulty with the new membership subscription system. The telephone number for the Royal British Legion Contact Centre is 0808 8028080. This is a countrywide service. There is a newish Royal British Legion Pop In Centre which is held in the Congregational Church, Welch Way, Witney on the second Thursday of the month between 10.30am and noon, where "information, advice and guidance is available for serving members of the Armed Forces, Reservists, Veterans and their families. These sessions are run by Legion staff and although held in a church are nothing to do with religion.

Visits

The branch is considering a visit to RAF Brize Norton and/or the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum at Woodstock. For more information please contact Jane Parsons on 01608 810822.



News from the Charlbury Community Centre Appeal

With the start of construction imminent, we need to redouble our fundraising efforts to help with all those finishing touches that are beyond our budget.

Buy-A-Brick Please don't delay if you would like to "Buy-a-Brick". I'm sure you would like to see your name on our long list of benefactors, which will be displayed permanently in the lobby of the new building. You can do this via our link on the website (see below) or search for us on *make-a-donation.org*. You can also buy a brick as a gift or in memory of someone.

Events If you would like to support us by organising a fund raising event, or doing one in partnership with us, we'd be delighted to hear from you. New ideas are always welcome, especially those involving the younger sections of our community, who will benefit for the longest time from our new facilities. In the meantime these are the fundraising activities we have planned for the next few months, which I would urge you to support:

Beer Festival, 25th June: the CCCA will be running the Pimm's stall as in previous years. Please visit us.

Alternative Sports Afternoon, Saturday 9th July, 2-4pm, Playing Close: we are very excited about this new event, which will be a lot of fun for the whole family. The events will be suitable for anyone aged 6-60 and beyond. Start gathering your team of 6 now. Teams

should be a mix of children and adults, perhaps with two families combining. And you'll need a snappy team name! Events include:

- The Snowshoe Race
- The Shepherd
- The Slow Bike Race (bring your own bikes if possible)

I can't give details here – that will be a surprise on the day, though the last one does not take much guessing! The entry price will be kept low to encourage lots of people to join in and more details will be posted around the town nearer the time.

There will be light refreshments for sale, but please feel free to bring a picnic.

Wilderness Festival, 5-7th August, the CCCA will be running a screen printing workshop, where you can print your own design onto a cloth bag. Please visit us there.

Variety Show, Saturday 12th November, Memorial Hall. If you have a talent, are aged over 16, and would like to perform a 5-10 minute routine at the ever popular Variety Show, please get in touch with me.

We are very grateful for all the support from Charlbury residents over the years. Four events so far this year have all been a success: the Burns Night Supper, the Pop-Up Valentines Supper, the Screen Test Quiz and Daphne Clark's Piano Recital, so we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our helpers at those events as well as all the people who attended.

Tanya Stevenson, Chair, Charlbury Community Centre Appeal, 01608 810216, www.charlbury.info/community/6

CHARLBURY FARMERS' MARKET on the Playing Close between 9am and 1pm on Saturday, June 11th

Charlbury Farmers' Market is administered by Thames Valley Farmers' Market Co-operative Ltd. and organised by Lee McCallum, email marketmanager@ymail.com, tel: 07779 400421

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SURVEY UPDATE

The town survey closed on 6th April and the online survey is no longer available. If you didn't receive a survey or were unable to complete one for any reason please contact us at info@charlburyneighbourhoodforum.org.uk or 07421 769110.

A team of volunteers distributed surveys to 1,292 households, and we have received over 500 sealed packs of paper surveys (these may contain individual and household surveys). Over 140 surveys were completed online (this includes both household surveys and individual surveys, so may include more than one survey from each household). This is an incredible response compared to other places around the country and we'd like to thank everyone for taking the time to share their views in so much detail.

Separate Surveys for Businesses and under 16s

We are still working on preparing these and more information will be available soon. If you would be interested in helping to organise and/or distribute this survey, or in completing one, please contact us if you haven't already.

Next Steps

We are in the process of inviting tenders from qualified analysts to process, assess and report on the survey data. This process will take some weeks to complete, especially as we want to make sure that we give sufficient time for a full and detailed analysis of everyone's views. The results of the survey will be published here and we intend to give residents an opportunity to feed back to us.

The Thomas Gifford Trust

The Thomas Gifford Trust is moving forward with pre-construction work of the new Community Centre (finalising negotiations with contractor, design specifications, and site preparation). For the most current updates, please see the Town Council information board and the TGT webpage on the Charlbury website.

If you have any specific questions, please contact Marjorie Glasgow at mglasgow@theridgegroup.com or telephone 01608 810161.



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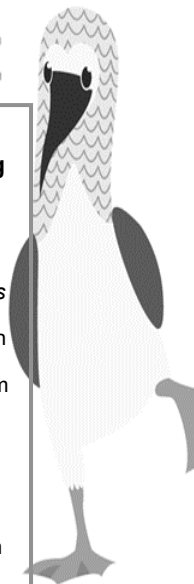
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Charlbury Angling Club

The club will welcome new members for the 2016/17 season which starts on 16 June 2016.

Tickets, containing full details of our water, will be available at Charlbury Post Office in May 2016.

For further information please contact the Club Secretary, Jane Parsons, on 01608 810822.

Charlbury Bowls Club

Ticknell Piece Road, Charlbury

The club is open to visitors every Tuesday evening from 6pm where you can come and have a go at bowling free of charge. Our members are very friendly and will be more than happy to show you the ropes.

We can also offer free taster sessions at another time if more convenient to you. Just give us a ring on 01608 810229.

So whether you're an experienced player or have never picked up a bowl before, you can be sure of a very warm welcome here at Charlbury Bowls Club.

We have plenty of parking and a well stocked bar so we look forward to seeing you soon.

For more details please call the club secretary, Heather Hill on 01608 810229.

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Charlbury Day Centre

Charlbury will be celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday this month along with the rest of the Nation. At the Day Centre we will be raising our glasses not only to her Majesty, but also to three of our members, who also achieve that memorable age this year. Age is no bar to having fun and enjoying the company of others, as we see every Wednesday, when we get together. So let us hope that our funding will allow us to continue to be available for them.

We are having a coffee morning at the Corner House on Saturday 2nd July, so do come and support us.

*Bob Tait
Chairman—Charlbury Day Centre*

Quiz Night at Charlbury Bowls Club

Ticknell Piece Road, Charlbury

Friday 17th June

Doors open 6.30pm
to start at 7.30pm

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Charlbury Town Youth Football club is an FA Chartered Standard Club and we have continued to go from strength to strength offering football for boys and girls of all abilities from under 5's through to under 16's.

We currently have over 150 children signed on with us taking part in matches and weekly training sessions provided by our team of FA Qualified volunteer coaches.

We are a very friendly community club and are always looking for new players to join us. At this time we are particularly looking for players for our U7's, U11's, U14's and U16's (next seasons U8's, U12's, U15's and U17's). If you would like to learn more about our club please contact Adrian Westbury on awestbury@ridge.co.uk or 07887 635522 we would really like to hear from you.

Adrian Westbury

FOOTBALL FUN DAY

Who will win the cup? Would the Tennis Club beat the Beer Festival Committee? Maybe the Canoe Club could score enough to steal it from the Rose & Crown! How about getting the Probus Club involved, that would mix things up a bit with the Bridge Club?

Why don't you get a team together and enter the Football Fun Day on Sunday 12th June?

Taking place at Wychwood Paddocks playing field, the afternoon will consist of short 6-a-side matches. Refreshments and a BBQ will be available, so supporters can come and enjoy themselves too.

Entry fee is £10 per player, over 16s only. Contact lgorton66@outlook.com for an entry form. This event is being held by Charlbury Town Youth FC to raise money for maintaining the football pitches on Nineacres playing fields.

*Lynn Gorton
Charlbury Town Youth FC*



Charlbury Cricket Club

For many years now the club has boasted one of the most popular and well-run youth cricket sections in the county, with Friday evenings in the summer

featuring as highly organised and lively weekly gatherings in the town, hosting well over 100 children not just from Charlbury but surrounding towns and villages. The foundations of this success were laid down in the early 1990s and, thanks to a succession of dedicated coaches, assistants and other volunteer helpers, has continued to grow over the years, often prompting other clubs in the area to follow in our footsteps and ensure the future of the game by investing in youth.

This year the youth section chairman is Paul Jenkins and he can be proud of the team he has around him, providing not just for the Friday training sessions but an even greater number of matches than in previous years, ranging from under 9s Kwik Cricket (soft ball), through to U15 boys and girls teams, with league and pairs games for both U11s and U13s, and possibly an U17s in the mid-summer

months. As well as Paul, our dedicated coaches are Paul Butler, Martyn Scull, Michael Geeson Brown, Paul Quibell Smith and Richard Ede, helped by assistant coaches Stuart and Molly Duff, Chris Grimes, Ben Hayes, Bridget Tennent, Brett Huxley, Tim Bush and Dave Williamson. All are required to be registered under the DBS system as safe to work with children.

The English Cricket Board (ECB) enjoins all clubs to provide a safe and friendly environment and we have been doing this for over 20 years - and not just for the children: we cater for parents as well, watching their youngsters while winding down after a hard week with a welcoming bar.

The pathway is open for all our youngsters to continue with the game when they reach the age and ability to take on adult cricket and, indeed, many have already featured in our weekend league and midweek friendly sides, some progressing on to the club's 1st team. Indeed, that was one of the prime reasons for setting up CCC's vibrant youth section. Clubs who don't do the same may one day find themselves on the road to cricket oblivion.

*www.charlburycricketclub.com
David Horne, vice chairman*

A new era for the Charlbury Town Football Sports and Social Club (CTFSSC)

This is to let Charlbury residents know that, although the Sports and Social Club has had to leave its former premises on the Spendlove site to make way for the forthcoming construction of the new Community Centre, the Club as a local organisation is by no means in abeyance.

Club members are now focussing on efforts to achieve a purpose-built extension on the side of the new Centre and to raise funds to cover the costs. Thanks to the Gifford Trust, provision for such an extension has been included in the planning permission for the new Centre but the Trust's charitable purposes do not allow them to provide it for us. It is now up to Sports and Social Club members to take this on.

In case you are not aware, the Club's aim is through Club membership to provide Charlbury residents and their families with access to facilities for informal indoor and outdoor sports and social activities in an affordable and friendly setting. We seek to do this through the following activities:

- Providing and maintaining club premises including facilities for providing drinks and refreshments and for viewing televised sports events and results.
- Running a club membership scheme open to all Charlbury residents with the membership fee kept to the minimum in the interests of accessibility.
- Providing users of the sports facilities on the Nine Acres Recreation Ground with after-match social facilities.
- Organising opportunities to take part in informal indoor and outdoor sports for adults and children and young people such as darts, Aunt Sally, card and board-games, pool, Jenga, Connect 4, floor snakes and ladders.
- Organising social events and seasonal celebrations such as Christmas and Halloween parties, Easter Egg hunts, BBQs, quiz nights.

This is what we want to achieve through having Club premises within the new Community Centre complex. We are

already planning to dedicate one evening for use by young people, as our facilities have been used by a number of youngsters as a friendly place to meet and play pool or darts. In the meantime we have looked for temporary accommodation in various places in the town but so far have not found a satisfactory solution.

Since May 2015 the Club has been "under new management". The current committee includes the following members: Cyril Kerry (Chairman), Simon Bridgeman (Vice-Chairman), Mandy Cooper (Secretary), Nicola Pearson (Treasurer), Darren Oliver, Martin Prew, Ann Cleaver, Steve Sullivan, Rob Casey, Adele Mortimer and Gary Jones. Many of us have long-standing Charlbury connections and involvement in community activities, especially football.

The Club started as part of the Charlbury Town Football Club but in recent years has operated separately. We are now working closely with the Men's Football Club, with whom we are combining again, and are having similar discussions with the Boys Football Club. Together we are exploring the best constitutional form to adopt for the future.

But that does not change the fact that the Sports and Social Club welcomes membership from anyone in Charlbury who wants to take part in our activities.

If you would like to help us move forward with our plans, we would be pleased to hear from you. Have you experience of fund-raising including applying for grants? Do you know something about different legal formats for sports clubs and associated organisations? Would you be willing to supply building or other materials? Could you help with the construction of the extension? If so, please contact Amanda via manda.28@outlook.com or 07534 097715 or phone Martin Prew on 01608 810264 or Ann Cleaver on 07881 987457.

We have also set up a crowd-funding site: www.crowdfunder.co.uk/new-build-for-ctfssc/ in order to receive donations from well-wishers. Crowdfunder is the UK's largest crowdfunding platform and is a member of the UK Crowdfunding Association having signed up to their code of practice.

Meryl Smith

Charlbury Canoe Club

The canoe club meets every Sunday afternoon at 2.30pm at the clubhouse on Watery Lane (bottom of Pound Hill on the Chippy road). We are an informal club and welcome anyone who comes along to give it a try. There is no age limit but participants should be able to swim 50 metres – not because we expect you to swim but as an indication of confidence in water. "Canoe" is the generic name for boats which are paddled rather than rowed and we mostly use single kayaks.

Beginners and families are particularly welcome. Children should be accompanied by a responsible adult. All necessary equipment is provided but we recommend bringing a change of clothes – drafty changing-room available.

For more information call Hugh on 01608 810130.

CORNER HOUSE NEWS



For some years, stalwart committee member Margaret Taylor has organised an enjoyable evening of popular songs from the Brize Singers at Memorial Hall.

If any would like to take this on, please contact me - as always in Charlbury, there is team-support to assist on the day.

We now provide a full complement of beverage glasses for functions in the hall. Please can hirers check that these are properly cleaned and wiped dry after use, as lipstick is apparently hard to shift in the new short-cycle glass dishwasher.

*Stephen Andrews , Chairman
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NEWS FROM CHARLBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Recent wintry weather has not dampened the spirits of the children this spring term as they continue to make the most of the many exciting and enriching opportunities provided.

March and April were filled with special events. World Book Day saw the children making amazing efforts to re-create their favourite book characters; spotted in the corridor that day were several intriguing-looking characters from *The Hobbit*, a tiny Mrs Twit from one of Roald Dahl's best-loved books, and The Saucepan Man from Enid Blyton's *Magic Faraway Tree*. Not long after, all children participated in Sport Relief by running relay laps around the playground – their sponsorship from friends and family in our community raised an incredible £4000!

But of course it is not only the special events that contribute to the children's development and enjoyment of school. As part of their regular timetable, Foundation stage and Year 1 pupils have a morning out in Cornbury Park – this is called Forest School, and is one of the wonderful ways our pupils are stimulated and challenged by our committed staff. Based on a Scandinavian concept that emphasizes the importance of children's interaction with nature, it is led by our own Mrs Senior, who is trained to facilitate children's exploration and skill development in this wild, outdoor environment. The physical and social benefits are immense and the increase in young children's confidence striking. Certain 'equipment' is always needed, and the school would welcome any contributions of everyday items like ropes, baskets, waterproof sheets, blankets, pots, pans and wooden spoons. Please bring any donations to Reception at

school where they will be gratefully received.

Sport is a huge part of what makes up Charlbury Primary, and the children truly strive to be the best they can be in this arena. Several sport festivals at Chipping Norton School, ranging from ball skills to dance to the annual 'Schoolympics' have seen Charlbury pupils participating with others from primary schools across the county, and invariably a big proportion of sporting champion awards go to our children. These are also excellent opportunities for Charlbury pupils to meet new friends, many of whom they will encounter when they move on to secondary school.

Year 6 is currently gearing up for this important milestone. The transition to secondary has been made much easier and far more positive in recent years by the introduction of several Transition Days in June and July where pupils spend entire days at their intended schools, sampling the timetables, meeting teachers, learning to negotiate the much larger school, and crucially, taking the bus on their own – for the majority, a first!

It is not only the Year 6s who will be growing in independence this term – early in May, our Year 4 pupils had their first residential, spending three days in Dorset visiting Moors Valley Country Park, an Oceanarium, Winchester Science Centre and Studland Beach, as well as bunking with their friends for two nights at the Swanage YHA. For some, this was their first time away from home, and formed life-long memories and returned much-matured children to their parents at the end. Just one of the many experiences that help with our aim of developing the whole child at Charlbury Primary School.

Catherine Ball & Suzie Williams
School Governors



It is time to celebrate.

Well done to all those children,

parents and staff that helped with Art Weeks; it was a great success and wonderful to see the Pre-School in full colour. We are also open for the Street Fair Open Gardens on Sunday 12th June and will be at the Farmers Market on Saturday June 11th.

As the summer holiday fast approaches, it is time for the parents at Pre-School to swing into action. What a busy summer it will be. We will be leaving the lovely surroundings of Pre-School this summer to provide nourishment at three festivals: At

both the Cornbury Festival, on 8-10th July, and Wilderness on 4-7th August we will be serving our traditional hog-roast. We are also at the Riverside festival, July 23-24, and will be serving teas and cakes.

Anyone can hire Charlbury Pre-School at the weekend. This is currently charged at £35 for four hours.

We are accepting applications for the next academic year. We are registered for funded places. Please call (01608) 811 200, come and visit and see the world of possibility open to you and your child.

And finally it's time to say goodbye and good luck to all our Pre-School leavers.

A time for new beginnings....



NEWS FROM CHARLBURY BEAVER SCOUTS

The Charlbury Scout Group AGM is coming up, giving us a chance to look back at our

adventures over the year, as well as thinking about the Scouting year ahead.

Charlbury Beavers have been involved with many activities, both local and further afield – here's just a snapshot from our year:

June – visit to RAF Hendon (taking a few Charlbury Cubs along too!) for our Air Activities badge.

July – Group Camp (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, plus Explorers, Leaders and Families enjoyed archery, climbing and abseiling at Far Peak near Northleach).

September – Beavers Go Wild (outdoor event at Wittenham Clumps Earth Centre) and Cycling Awareness at Finstock playground

October – hike from Charlbury School to the Scout Hut along the Salt Way (more badges!!)

November – representing our section at Charlbury Remembrance Day Service

December – Singalong Santa event at Stanton St John (including real reindeer)

January – learning about space (followed by a visit from CN Amateur Astronomy Group)

February – taking part in the 26th Winter Challenge (9 mile hike on the Ridgeway)

March – more outdoor activities with an Easter theme at Sutton Courtney Nature Reserve

April – St George's Day service at Chadlington Church – thinking about Scouts around the world.

These are just some highlights of our year, in addition to our weekly meetings where we play games (old favourites and new ones), learn some Scouting skills and have a go at new activities, which can lead to badges and awards.

In the last year, four Beaver Scouts have achieved the Chief Scout's Bronze Award (the highest award for this section) and they have been invited to a celebratory event at Youlbury Scout Activity Centre in May.

Another highlight for all of us will be the 30th anniversary of Beaver Scouts, to be celebrated in Oxfordshire in September. At 30 years, we're not quite as old as the Cubs (who celebrate their 100th anniversary this year), but we look forward to our 31st year of adventure!

*Cheryl Horsey
Beaver Scout Leader*



CADS 40th Birthday !!

Well we have just finished our spring production "Dancing at Lughnasa" written by Brian Friel and directed by Sue Haffenden and was very well received by the audience. I do hope you got the chance to see it as you would have missed a treat.

CADS NEXT PRODUCTION this AUTUMN will be "AS YOU LIKE IT" by William Shakespeare. Directed by Glenna Chadwick, performance dates 24-25-26 November 2016. Auditions will be held in June and details will be posted on the Charlbury website.

2016 is a special year for CADS as it is our 40th year in existence under the CADS banner, after the original Charlbury Players group, through no fault of their own, disbanded in the mid 70's:-

After a directive from the then present government stating that "the lighting of all public buildings was banned", a small hardcore group of enthusiasts kept in touch and once a month they met in each other's homes to enjoy an evening of play readings.

With the winter of 1975 approaching Charlbury were raising funds for a new swimming pool for the primary school and the idea of a pantomime was suggested to help raise some funds. Roy Slade wrote the script and the group staged the panto which was a great success and so it was in 1976 that CADS was officially formed with

their first production being Alan Ayckbourn's "Relatively Speaking", produced by Audrey Davies and was said to be a triumph. Since then CADS have gone from strength to strength, at times staging three productions a year, consisting of plays, revues and musicals whilst also scoring notable achievements in drama festivals.

CADS wanted to commemorate this 40th milestone so the committee decided that the surviving founding members of the first CADS official production "Relatively Speaking" should be made Honorary Members, some of whom are still very much active today, and so at our AGM in March this year Mike & Denise Summers, Pam Bradley, Geoff Clifford, Terry Walker and Mike Mahoney were all made honorary members that night.

We also would like to thank everyone who has been involved with CADS, however big or small, over these past 40 years and look forward to many more years in the future

Tim Widdows, CADS Chairman

CADS is a theatre group serving Charlbury and its surrounding villages. We're always ACTIVELY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS - especially if you are interested in working back stage - please contact the Chairman or any member to find out more. Check out our Facebook page and our page on the Charlbury website for up-to-the-minute news.

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CHARLBURY & DISTRICT GARDEN SOCIETY

The Annual Gardens Visit will be held on Wednesday 22nd June to The Old Rectory, Farnborough, Oxon, and Inholmes and Rooksnest near Lambourn.

Depart from Spendlove Car Park at 9am. £27 (Ploughman's lunch £9.50) or bring a picnic!

Further information: Sarah Potter (01608 810388).



Garden Society Summer Show

The Memorial Hall will again be full of the scent and colour of roses and sweet peas at the Society's Summer Show on Saturday 2nd July. There are also classes for delphiniums, pansies, Sweet William, clematis, and pot plants, as well as for fruit and vegetables. Seven cups (including the new Ian Tolputt Cup for best exhibit) and significant prize money are on offer.

Children 14 years and younger can enter vegetables, flowers they have grown themselves, a miniature garden in a small container, and biscuits. You do not have to be a member to exhibit.

Bring your entries between 8.30am and 10.45am. Schedules and entry forms will be available at the station, pharmacy, library and post office. Full details are on the Society's website and in the members' guide. The show will open to the public at 2pm. Presentation of awards at 4.15pm.

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Charlbury Morris - Needs You Come and join us to dance or play

We started way back in 1984 as a 'young turks' side – didn't know a lot about the dancing but we leapt about with great enthusiasm, originally for a wedding celebration.

Over the years we have evolved into an established side with a variety of dancers and musicians from all walks of life with a good standard of dance and music.

You might have seen us out at the **Street Fair** taking turns with our friends in Wychway – the Charlbury Border Morris side with the black faces.

Having a good time is the reason for the effort we put into learning and practicing the dances and to put on a good show in the summer months.

Morris Dancing is a local tradition with a history dating back to the 19th century and earlier with many dances and tunes recorded from this area of the Cotswolds .

Practice in the winter can be demanding and helps keep us all fit – you'll soon find out if you aren't !

We usually end up at the pub for a social pint after but it is not compulsory.

There are about twenty of us which ensures we have a pool of dancers to call on at any time to form a side – usually about 10 or 12 of us This avoids having to ask dancers to turn out when they have other commitments. We dance out with the Morris because it is so enjoyable.

We are called Charlbury Morris but actually are Charlbury / Finstock Morris and currently have members living in Burford, Shipton, Witney, Oxford, Chippy as well as Finstock and Charlbury.

We perform at a variety of events locally during the summer dancing season and have occasional visits further afield – Bruges in Belgium next July. We have performed in Munich, Nerha in Spain, Bruges twice, Serra in Italy and Antwerp. We also have social events during the off season – barn dances and pub evenings and join other sides for socials.

We are a friendly social group and welcome new men to join us. If you think you would like to give it a go contact me – **Peter** on 01608 811007 or 07971 544020

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Wychway Border Morris

Wychway are a mixed Border Morris side based in Charlbury. We are a different tradition to Cotswold Morris and

our origins are rooted in the Welsh border regions. Unlike the traditional white kit of the Cotswold Morris dancers we base our costume on the colour black and like many other Border sides we have colourful 'tatters' on a black coat; ours are individually chosen to add vibrancy of colour to the outfits.

Then there is the face paint that we use. Historically the faces of Border Morris dancers are painted black. Why black? Well no one is really sure some say it comes from the origins of the dance as a Moorish dance and certainly dancers at the times of Henry VII are known to have blackened faces.

Another explanation which seems more likely is that the dancers formerly used to beg for money at the dance outs. As this was illegal they wanted to disguise themselves, especially from their feudal daytime employers, and since in the borders they were often miners or charcoal burners they had a ready supply of soot. Blacks gained their name from their habit of blacking their faces when undertaking poaching raids.

In fact blacking faces was often used by criminals and this led to The Black Act being passed by Parliament in 1723 which outlawed the practice of being 'blackened up'. In the forest it carried the death penalty. Fortunately this has been repealed and we can now perform at the Forest Fair in Wychwood although the pheasant feathers in our hats are a reminder of the poaching days.

Morris dancing is a living tradition, and like any tradition it survives by adapting and making itself relevant. Dancers are no longer begging farm labourers or miners – they now perform for fun instead of money. The music has changed too,

bringing in influences from other genres. Even the accordion, a characteristic instrument associated with Morris, has only been part of the tradition since its invention roughly 100 years ago.

Another difference from Cotswold Morris is that we always use sticks and never handkerchiefs, and make as much noise as possible in our dances. The stick dances probably were derived from sword dances and can be quite boisterous so don't get too close!

Our dances are sometimes based on what we know of traditional ones and are often named after the place from which they came such as the Evesham stick dance, although others may be dances made up recently by other Morris sides.

Present day Morris dancing is still a very social activity; we regularly dance out with other sides often Cotswold Morris sides such as Charlbury or Ducklington Morris.

In summer we can be found dancing at fetes and festivals. My own hat is always very popular and is constantly evolving with changes in feathers and other additions. We also try different ways to paint our faces. Wherever we dance in public we always attract attention and quite often are asked to pose for photos with people.

We have quite a lot of dance outs this summer including the Wilderness Festival, the Forest Fair, and Street Fair finishing with Halloween at The Wychwood Brewery and at the Bell on Boxing Day. So you may well see us around.

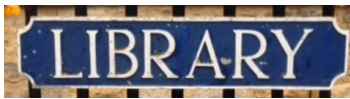
We always welcome new members, either as dancers or musicians, and as our dances were for ordinary people they are quite easy to learn with no experience required. We would especially welcome some younger dancers.

If you want to try it just come along to the Shed on Tuesdays at 8.00 pm, find us afterwards in the Rose and Crown.

Call Tony (01608 811022), Teresa (01608 810934)

email wychwayzmail@gmail.com. To see us in action visit www.wychwayz.org

Tony Merry



Charlbury Library

Do you need help using an iPad, smartphone or tablet? Youth volunteers are offering free advice and use of community iPads provided by the Thomas Gifford Trust. The drop in sessions take place at the library every Saturday from 11:00-12:00. You are very welcome to bring along your own device.

The library will be displaying a special collection of books at Charlbury's flower festival celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday. The collection includes recent titles by well-known writers such as Douglas Hurd and A. N. Wilson, together with illustrated histories covering the life and times of Elizabeth II. The collection will be displayed at St Mary's from Wednesday 8th June until Sunday 12th June. The books will be displayed in the library after the festival and be available for borrowing. Happy Birthday Ma'am!

Finally, I am pleased to announce that the title for this year's Summer Reading

Challenge will be the *Big Friendly Read*. This year marks 100 years since the birth of Roald Dahl, the world's number one storyteller for children. The Big Friendly Read features some of Roald Dahl's best-loved characters and the amazing artwork of his principal illustrator, Sir Quentin Blake. The Big Friendly Read will encourage reading on a giant scale and will highlight themes such as invention, mischief and friendship all of which are explored in Roald Dahl's most famous books. Children will be encouraged to expand on their own reading by exploring similar themes, fantastic facts, characters and stories across the best contemporary children's writing. In fact, there will be celebrations for Roald Dahl 100 throughout 2016, delivering a year packed with scrumdiddlyumptious treats and squiffing surprises for everyone.

Sally Moore – Library Manager

Thanks, as ever, to all the volunteers, to Rosalind for coordinating our work, and to our key holders, especially Tim Widdows and his partner who are getting married soon. Congratulations and best wishes from Charlbury Library!

Jill Judson – Friends of Charlbury Library



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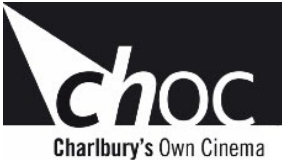
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ChOC and ChOCLiVE News

Our films over the summer have something for everyone. In June, Tom Hanks and Mark Rylance are superb in *Bridge of Spies*. In July we have a ChOC special when we screen the critically acclaimed, award winning documentary, *They Will Have To Kill Us First: Malian Music in Exile*, after which there will be a Q & A with the documentary's director, Johanna Schwartz. And, in August, *Brooklyn* is our film of the month.

All ChOC films are shown in the **Memorial Hall**. Doors and our popular wine and beer bar open 45 minutes before the film screening or live event. Admission is £5 / U15s £3 (when applicable).

 **Sunday, 19th June at 7.30pm – Bridge of Spies** (Cert. 12A / 2hrs 18mins).

Tom Hanks and **Mark Rylance**, in his Oscar winning role as Rudolf Abel, star in this Coen Brothers scripted film based on real events. During the Cold War, U.S. pilot Francis Gary Powers was captured by the Soviets after the shooting down of his U-2 spy plane. Sentenced to 10 years in prison, Powers' only hope was New York lawyer James Donovan (**Tom Hanks**), recruited by the CIA to negotiate his release in a prisoner exchange deal.

Please note the date – As the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations take place over the weekend of 11th/12th June along with Charlbury's Open Gardens and teas in the Memorial Hall, our film in June will be shown on the third Sunday of the month.

 **Sunday, 10th July 2016 at 7.30pm – They Will Have to Kill Us First: Malian Music in Exile** (Cert. 15 / 1hr 40mins)

We are delighted that the film's director, **Johanna Schwartz**, named as one of the **Leading Global Figures in 2015 by Foreign Policy**, will be joining us for a

Q&A session after the screening. In the summer of 2012, a coalition of jihadist forces allied with Tuareg tribesmen overran the northern cities of Mali in West Africa, sparking global outrage. The world watched in anguish as Timbuktu, the legendary crossroads of culture deep in the interior, suffered a brutal puritan purge. Less widely chronicled was the Shariah-based prohibition on performance, song and dance, a particularly cruel restriction in a land celebrated throughout the region—and the world—for its music.

"Schwartz's documentary details how several different Malian musicians struggle to survive the privations and strains of civil war and the ban on music and performance. For Malians particularly, such a ban is as monstrously absurd and as cruel as stopping Americans from watching television or Brits from complaining in queues." - Leslie Felperin / *The Guardian*

 **Sunday, 14th August at 7.30pm – Brooklyn** (Cert.12 / 1hr 49mins)

This lovely film, adapted from Colm Tóibín's equally lovely novel, revolves around Irish immigrant, Ellis Lacey (**Saoirse Ronan**), in 1950s New York who falls for a tough Italian plumber (**Emory Cohen**), but faces temptation from another man (**Domhnall Gleeson**) when she returns to her homeland for a visit.

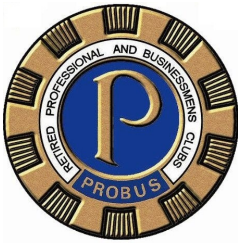
"pulse-quickeningly good" - Tim Robey / *The Telegraph*

"moving, emotionally intelligent" - Mark Kermode / *The Guardian*

ChOC AGM

The ChOC AGM takes place on Wednesday, 22nd June in the Corner House. If you are interested in film and would like to join our team of volunteers please do come along and enjoy a glass of wine with us.

Jackie Hague
email: secretary.chocfilms@gmail.com



Probus Club of Charlbury

Probus Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month over lunch at Witney Lakes Resort. Following lunch we have a guest speaker. A wide range of subjects is covered.

In March Mike Summers gave us a fascinating talk on the history of computers and their development to their almost indispensable role they hold today; in May Derek Collett gave a talk on "Nigel Balchin – Novelist, Screenwriter and Industrial Psychologist" and in June we look forward to a presentation from Mrs Wiseman entitled "Winston Churchill and Blenheim Palace".

We are already planning our outings for this year; our annual trip to the Watermill Theatre will be to see Gershwin's "CRAZY FOR YOU" and we are hoping to arrange a day trip to Stratford-upon-Avon to include lunch on a boat, whilst cruising on the Avon. Wives, partners and friends will of course be invited. So plenty to which to look forward.

Probus is a social club aiming to promote and encourage a spirit of friendship within the local community.

New members are always welcome and we look forward to applications from men, from Charlbury and the surrounding districts, whether long time residents or newcomers to the area.

We also maintain a list of Friends of Probus of ex-partners or others who wish to be invited to our various outings. Don't hesitate to contact us.

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Charlbury WI

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INSPIRING WOMEN

In March we held our AGM where Pat Hill stood down as President. Louise Cashman was unanimously voted as our new President. Well done Louise and thanks to Pat for all her work.

In June there will be a talk on Paper Cutting, by Christine Green, a tutor at Denman College, who has been cutting for five years and has developed a technique which even the most non creative person can enjoy. Should be interesting!

We'll be attending the Charlbury Beer Festival in June for the 2nd year. Look out for our newly purchased gazebo in Women's Institute purple. Following the success of ITV's wartime drama, 'Home Fires' about WI members in Cheshire, we'll be having a wartime theme to our stall. Do please drop by.

In July we will be holding our Summer BBQ in the garden at The Corner House. WI neighbours from Spelsbury and Chadlington have been invited. This would be a good opportunity for anyone who has been thinking of joining Charlbury WI to come along and have a pleasant evening and chat with members.

There is no formal meeting in August but instead we will be enjoying a local walk (not too strenuous!) and pub meal so will be hoping for a nice summer's evening.

Details about any of these events can be found on the Charlbury website, while information about all sorts of WI related matters can be had by following our Facebook page (Charlbury WI, Oxfordshire).

If you've been thinking of joining Charlbury WI, then please do come along and try one of our meetings as a visitor. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Cornbury Suite behind The Bell at 7.30pm.

Details of forthcoming WI meetings and Yack & Yarn sessions (first Tuesday of the month, also at The Bell) can be found on the Charlbury website, or contact *Louise Cashman (President)* on (01608) 676995.

FESTIVAL TIME IN CHARLBURY

We are so lucky to have numerous festivals in Charlbury and surrounding areas, and here the Beer Festival, Cornbury Festival, the Field & Country Fair, Riverside Festival, Wilderness, and Street Fair give us some information on what is to come. We tempted you with the dates and a taster in the last issue, but here are the finer details.



Getting Spaced Out at the Charlbury Beer Festival

As the Charlbury Beer Festival approaches its twentieth birthday, we're continuing to evolve, and we hope that visitors to this year's festival will notice further improvements to our set-up.

The most obvious of these will be that we're moving to the Cricket Club's main field, adjacent to their second field where we've been for the past few years.

As the festival keeps on growing, with more and more things happening (live music, food stalls, the World Aunt Sally Open Singles Championship, children's activities, and the Culture Club tent with its programme of workshops, talks and comedy), we've become aware that sometimes people enjoying an activity in one marquee are distracted by the laughter from an adjoining marquee, or the applause from another.

We hope that the new site will allow all the different activities a bit more space to breathe.

And in case it's not in your diary yet: the nineteenth annual Charlbury Beer Festival takes place at Charlbury Cricket Club – just over the road from the station – on **Saturday 25 June**, from midday to late.

Please visit our website, www.charlburybeerfestival.org, for full details.

Edward Fenton

Street Fair— 17 September



Theme

The theme this year is "Once Upon a Year". There are so many anniversaries this year, it will be easy to find something to dress up as! It's 400 years since Shakespeare died, 50 years of the Rolling Stones, 50 years since we won the World Cup, 40 years of CADS and perhaps 60 years of Street Fairs and of course HM Queen's 90th birthday!

Street Fair Fun Run and Walk

The annual 5k & 10k still needs someone to help organise this - so if you can help out, please contact Susie Finch at susanna_finch@hotmail.com. Hopefully this will be held through the glorious Cornbury Park subject to the kind permission of Lord & Lady Rotherwick.

STREET FAIR NEEDS YOU COME AND JOIN US!

If you enjoy Street Fair, come and get involved and help us to make it even better! Give us the benefit of your ideas! There are so many ways in which you can help – just a few hours can mean so much! Please get in touch with Susie Finch (email address above).

Please note that we have applied for Road Closure of Church Street in the evening of 16 September for Egg Throwing and on 17 September for Church Street/part of Park Street (9am–11.30pm) and Sheep Street for just the afternoon.

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FESTIVAL TIME IN CHARLBURY



23-24 July 2016

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Riverside Festival is the perfect place for all the family to enjoy Oxfordshire's finest musical talent. 'Riverside has always had a special feel and atmosphere to it,' says festival organiser Andy Pickard: 'People return every year because they had so much fun there as youngsters and now want to share that experience with their children. Being held on an idyllic island in the Cotswolds always helps, as well as being free!'

The festival has certainly grown since it began life 21 years ago. It 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, still completely FREE to enter.

Andy is particularly excited by this year's headline bands – five-piece Oxford band Neverland (formerly Balloon Ascents), who head the Saturday bill, and Sunday headliners, Sædly Dorus and the Hoolie Band whose disco ceilidh sound will be a great festival finale. Also be sure to catch two Riverside favourites, The Epstein and Leader and newcomers American country rock band Speedbuggy USA.

Riverside is very much a family event. Young festival goers can try their hand at a range of creative crafts and activities fashion their own headgear in the Mad Mini Milliners, join in free music workshops, explore nature with the Little Wild Things and learn bushcraft skills with the Wilderness Pioneers.

Whistle whetters

Local brewer Wychwood is once again producing an exclusive handcrafted traditional bitter for the Riverside Festival. If you can devise a suitably taste-tingling name you could pick up a year's supply of Hobgoblin beer from the Wychwood Brewery in Witney. To enter simply email your idea for the beer's name to beer@riversidefestival.charlbury.com, by

midnight on Saturday 25 June. Entrants must be aged 18 or over.

In addition to the Riverside bar, the popular Pimm's and Tins tent returns along with the Riverside Gin & Tonic lounge. Junior festival goers can get tasty thirst-quenchers from the Punch and Juicy Bar whilst their parents enjoy a really good cuppa at the Pre-School Tea and Cakes tent. There is also a wide assortment of stalls selling traditional festival fodder from burgers and pizzas to curries, noodles and a hog roast.

The Riverside community

Riverside Festival would not exist, and certainly would not be free, without the huge band of local volunteers who make it happen. Charlbury Primary School and the Beer Festival help with equipment, Charlbury's Pre-School provides teas, and the local recycling group ensures that 99% of Riverside's waste doesn't go to landfill. Last 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 working at the festival, performers or, most importantly, the audience. Riverside has a special relationship with mental health charity Mind and this year more than 100 papier mache dogs will be kennelled for the weekend on the Mill Field as part of a major art installation devised by artist Tom Campbell on behalf of the charity. The dogs are being created at The Mill Centre on Cowley Road and decorated by Oxfordshire residents and celebrities before being sold to good homes to raise funds for Oxfordshire Mind.

As well as papier mache dogs, this year's Riverside Festival will be welcoming Mad Hatters, so break out the boater, pull on your panama, or create your own sun bonnet and head down to Charlbury's Mill Field. More information at www.riversidefestival.charlbury.com

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Join All Saints, Bryan Ferry, Seal, James Morrison and Jamie Cullum at the stunning Great Tew Estate this July. Festival director Hugh Phillimore says the line-up is one of the best yet: 'To have both Bryan Ferry and Jamie Cullum at Cornbury is a real treat for me. We're also particularly thrilled to have Wilko Johnson back after his farewell performance in 2013. We now take credit for saving his life (he met cancer surgeon Charlie Chan backstage at Cornbury). I wept from the side of his set back then and I'll probably do it again!'

The line-up

Rock 'n' roll survivor Wilko is one of the Friday highlights along with the ever popular Jamie Cullum, 80's acid jazz pioneers Soul II Soul, R&B troubadour Lemar, and Ska veterans The Beat. All Saints, Corinne Bailey Rae and Booker T join the Saturday bill topped by the most elegant man in music Bryan Ferry, along with Gabrielle Aplin, revered alt-country star Lucinda Williams and Lighthouse Family frontman Tunde.

After his triumph as surprise special guest last year, Seal returns with his own headline slot on Sunday. Joining Seal are Cornbury favourites The Shires, along with celebrated singer-songwriter James Morrison, guitar virtuoso Newton Faulkner and 60s rock combo The Zombies.

The Festival's comedy stage will feature cutting edge acts from the British stand-up circuit including Dane Baptiste, Carl Donnelly, Ed Gamble and Nish Kumar; and don't miss the Riverside stage run by the team behind Charlbury's Riverside Festival. Big bands and raucous rhythms dominate the Riverside stage this year from gangster swing to funky folk, jumping jazz, gypsy

punk, strutting ska and good old fashioned rock 'n' roll. Headliners The Peerless Pirates, Mayhem and Saedly Dorus and The Hoolie Band are all big hitters on the Oxford music scene.

Family fun

Apart from the fantastic something for everyone line-up, families return again and again to the festival because of its relaxed safe atmosphere, activity-packed kids zone and the beautiful campsites nestled in the estate's rolling hills.

The Kids' Zone is a colourful, friendly space right in the middle of the festival, in sight of the main stage, so families can drop in and out whilst seeing all the festival highlights. And, unlike other festivals, all activities are free - there is no need to book in advance, just turn up and join in.

As well as an impressive range of free arts and crafts activities, youngsters can learn to play the ukulele, create songs, find their inner rhythm at the samba drumming workshops or pick up new disco moves. There are children's theatre and puppet shows and the ever-popular circus skills workshop.

New this year is the Mayflower Project Teen Tent, a comfortable and safe setting where young festival goers can take part in workshops to learn new skills or just hang out with friends.

Tickets start from £70 for an adult day ticket, £10 for a child; and £170 for an adult weekend ticket, £30 for a child, with under threes free.

All tickets are available from cornburymusicfestival.com, where you will also find timetables for the regular shuttlebus services from Charlbury station to and from the festival site. If you want to avoid booking charges, you can now buy non-camping Cornbury Music Festival tickets from Chipping Norton Theatre's box office - book in person or over the phone on 01608 642350.

Kathryn Custance



FESTIVAL TIME IN CHARLBURY

WILDERNESS

Thursday 4th – Sunday 7th August 2016

Cornbury Park, Oxfordshire

Whet your appetite for Wilderness. The gastronomic dreamland with a lake at its centre and all untold delights popping under the ancient trees.

Before Wilderness, festivals didn't offer forests or feasts. No one knew of a festival where you woke early to swim, or stayed late to learn. The story of Wilderness is one of gently rolling back the steel fences and quietly asking people of all ages to live together for one weekend; a story of exploring the widest lens of cultural ambition and inviting the outdoors back into the heart of the artistic experience.

This year, we have the 'greatest lead singer of all time' (Rolling Stone) to headline the show. Robert Plant and the Sensational Space Shifters will be playing a set of new material and Led Zep classics on Friday night.

Saturday night is presided over by the colourful folktronic group Crystal Fighters – followed of course by the Saturday Night Spectacle. Last year 52 performers were suspended in a net while a giant robot strolled through the crowd. Sunday night – the finale – is a show by American surrealists The Flaming Lips.

This is the capital of culture and escapism: with woodland theatre and valley parties, comedy nights and debating sessions, a

Sanctuary brimming with wellbeing pursuits, classes and workshops. Add moonlit hot tubs, afternoon cricket matches, spectacles, dance, opera, literature, theatre; rock stars and star chefs, jazz legends and headline speakers.

Roy Ayers presented by Ronnie Scotts, Derrick Carter does Disco, Goldie and The Heritage Orchestra perform Timeless, The Flaming Lips, Parovoz Stelar, The V&A, Arcola Theatre, Rambert, Les Enfants Terribles, Sadler's Wells and a great deal more.

There are Long Table Banquets at the hands of Raymond Blanc, Skye Gyngell and Virgilio Martinez. Feasts from Hix, Petersham, Pitt Cue, Patty&Bun and Moro, an intimate, lakeside Chef's Table and many other beautiful things to tuck into and sip.

Wake early to swim, stay late to learn, dance among the trees, rub shoulders and share food at the feasts. The multi-award winning festival "where art, intellectualism and fantastic gastronomy share equal billing with music" (The Guardian) is held in Cornbury Park – the ancient, private nature reserve where you are invited to run wild and roam free.

Wilderness is waiting for you. Are you ready?

CHARLBURY MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels prepares and delivers meals on Tuesdays to residents of Charlbury, Chadlington and Stonesfield. **Meals now cost £3 delivered.**

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: Are you new to Charlbury and looking for ways to become involved in the community? This is an important service and relies on local people to drive, or to cook, or to help in any way to keep it going. Please ring Marjorie Glasgow on 01608 810161 or Jan Griffiths on 01608 810440 if you can help. We are also accepting names of new recipients for our waiting list. Please ring Marjorie.

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Excellent news! The sun is shining on Southill Solar

The Southill team is absolutely delighted with the hundreds of local people who have invested in our sunny future! The number of "I'm in" posters

does not reflect the hundreds of Charlbury people who have committed to the project. If you haven't got yours yet, just let us know and we'll get one to you.

Southill Community Energy (SCE) is pleased to announce that it now has construction finance and the Southill Solar farm will start on site in July, allowing completion in time to meet its FIT target date of 6 September.

This follows agreement (subject to contract) with Solarcentury – our nominated contractor - to use its own funds to complement those raised by SCE to date.

With equity standing at £850,000 at the time of writing, SCE will have sufficient funds including loans from other coops, Resonance and a lending bank to be able to repay Solarcentury by early September, when it will take possession of the completed site.

However, we're still keen to promote local ownership and to raise equity from investors seeking to create social, environmental and community impact as well as making a healthy return on their investment.

This means that Ethex will allocate the funds raised by 6th May so that the funds can be used towards the construction. We will keep the share offer open until 31st August.

All those who have invested to date, and any investor lodging funds after 6th May, will know that 100% of their funds will see this project through to success.

And success will include starting on our planting plans for a wildflower meadow, orchards, bees and honey and more!

Since the Paris Agreement in December 2015, the world is undergoing an energy revolution. It's good to know that Charlbury, Finstock and Fawler are playing their small part.

Liz Reason

Toad Update

The good news is that there was a brilliant response following our request for toad patrol volunteers in the March edition of this newsletter, so a big 'thank you' to all of them; the bad news is that we saw only 52 live toads and we were too late for 14.



This is not the total number of all the toads making their way to their ancestral breeding pond but those who choose to crawl during the early hours of darkness when the rush-hour traffic is at its greatest. The fact that there were so many volunteers this year meant that not only did they lighten the load of 'the few' but it made the drivers slow down as they became more aware of what was going on.

We had been worried at the suggestion that some of the habitats in our area had been destroyed by farmers clearing trees but it seems that low toad numbers are a nation-wide feature. Maybe the toads which survived this year will proliferate and we shall have many more next year. This year certainly was strange; whereas in the past we have seen toads continually from mid-February onwards, this year after the initial desultory arrivals, there was a long gap till late March and everything had finished by mid April.

This year is strange for other species. As I write on May 1st there are no swallows, swifts and house martins. I haven't seen a live hedgehog for 20 years and this is in an area where there were so many, we used to hear their noisy rootling frequently.

Maybe, we should be more aware of what we are doing to other species when we build walls and put netting on our gates and fences in order to keep the rabbits out and our dogs in. What is being deprived of their ancient rights of way and what suffering are we inadvertently causing?

Hilary Stacey



West Oxfordshire United Nations Association

West Oxfordshire
United Nations
Association is the local
branch of the United

Nations Association which has a long history of supporting, not unquestioningly, the work of the United Nations. The UNA has an important monitoring and observational role, including and especially on controversial issues such as membership of the UN Security Council and the process for electing the Secretary General of the UN.

The West Oxfordshire Branch, part of the Southern Counties region network, is based in Charlbury and exists here as a legacy of the passion and commitment to world affairs of former UNA Director Malcolm Harper. He and his wife Ann hosted many meetings, often in their home in Church Lane, inviting people he had met on his travels in the UK, Africa and throughout the world to give insightful, if often disturbing, first hand accounts of their experiences and observations.

On one memorable occasion women visitors came from Somaliland to discuss the challenges of stocking the library at their new university and developing opportunities for women. This was at a time when Somalia was primarily reported in terms of incidents of piracy in the British press.

The WOUNA branch has continued to meet since the unexpected death of Malcolm Harper three years ago. The previous Chairman, Brian Hodgson, who gave so much to the group had also sadly died a few years earlier. These men were irreplaceable but the group concluded that it should continue as a forum for first hand information and discussion of world affairs.

With the support of Malcolm's widow Ann, we continue a programme which includes fundraising activities such as card sales, coffee mornings and our Street Fair stall. We also continue to sell Zaytoun products as a means of offering support to Palestinian olive growers who experience

serious difficulties with trading from their groves on the West Bank. Joint purchasing with Oxfam in Oxford has helped to keep our prices down. Please contact Ann Harper at The Cottages, Church Street or the Fair Trade stall at St Mary's Church if you wish to purchase olive oil or other products such as soap.

We have been fortunate in being able to find speakers because West Oxfordshire has an unusual number of residents who have focused their lives on world development issues. We are able to hold several meetings each year at which local people share their reflections on their area of expertise and first hand experience. We ask them to be mindful of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, which have succeeded the better known Millennium Development Goals, but are seeking speakers' personal views. Talks are followed by questions and sharing of opinions and this is usually a very interesting and informed part of the meeting. Sir John Birch's talk on The Challenge of Russia - What is Putin up to? gave his large WOUNA AGM audience reason to watch events unfolding in Syria with real, if worrying, insight.

Our local UNA branch also links with other organisations with compatible aims to increase our combined impact. We have sent joint letters to The Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary following shared peace vigils with Churches Together in Charlbury in support of Gaza; members have also attended Amnesty meetings in Chipping Norton. We are also sympathetic to groups such as the Charlbury Refugee Action Group which have formed in West Oxfordshire in response to the recent crises.

Our next meeting is on June 8th when Charlbury resident Neil Pakenham-Walsh will speak about his work disseminating health care information internationally - "People are dying for lack of knowledge: Healthcare Information For All and the role of the WHO" in the Morris Room, Corner House, 8pm, Admission Free. There is no local membership fee for WOUNA but we suggest that regular attenders join the national United Nations Association via their easy to use website www.una.org.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you!

A Days Life: Mary Jones (1848-1925)

As transcribed by Barbara Allison with kind permission of the Foster family.

Mary Jones wrote regularly to her daughter May, who lived near Boston in Lincolnshire with her husband and little son. Mary was the wife of George Joshua Jones, a well-known Charlbury baker and confectioner, who was on the parish and district councils, as well as other public bodies. They were deeply involved with the Methodist Church, where Cliff their son played the organ.

Mary's letters mention her other surviving children: Kit, who was the teacher at the tiny village school in Idbury, and Ethel who was a nurse in Oxford.

Here are extracts from some of her letters in the winter of 1923-24, when she was 75, and had been married for 50 years. They give us a glimpse of her life, her interest in her family and their health, how she saw outside events impact on the community, and community events

Monday 21st Jan [1924]

My dears all

So the railway drivers' strike has really begun, only as yet in a partial way thank goodness. There was a train each way this morning, but very likely Kit may have to cycle home by way of Milton-it depends what information she could glean on her way this morning. And such a wet day here. About the little darling's constipation I hardly know what would be best to keep that right.

Treacle is a fine thing to regulate some folks. You might try a little with his breakfast and tea. Spread some on a small slice of bread without butter. It will soak in & he is sure to like it, and will not be messy

Father went to the tradesmen's ball at Cornbury. A great many there, and everything very grand. Connie went but Cliff did not. They got home at 3am in the morning

There were no newspapers come by train this morning. The Daily News regular supply came in a Motorvan, Other customers had to do without. A wicked strike it is without a doubt, and all because about 40 firemen are asked to do with £6 a week wages instead of £7.

Another thing I think of is to get the darling to eat the fat of meat. Don't mention the word fat, that sometimes revolts children, call it 'White meat', he will soon prefer it. Do you remember Aggie Fidler was like that? And I remember another child who liked 'white meat'

[from Kit]

Yes! Just got home, cycling through mud & rain & a face wind from Idbury begorr! & wet through for the 2nd time today. I reckon I earn my little bit of corn. Aren't strikes wicked? This is my 3rd experience in 4 years! Ah well, thanks be for being able to bike. What you lose in strength you gain in peace of mind! I couldn't have not gone with 40 children waiting for me could I? Lots to say when there's breathing space. Love to you 3 - we 3.

Tuesday [29th January 1924]

My dears all

We got your letter Monday morning. They have to come all by road now! I think from Oxford. We shall be glad when this wretched strike is over. Last week Kit had to cycle home each day, but this week the 'five' train from *[missing]* is running, but in the morning Cliff takes her in the car, for no 'down' train runs before 12 o'clock.

Of course, people say she might sleep at Idbury, & perhaps she could at the Rectory or the manor, but then she would be neither a Visitor nor a lodger, & she could not offer them money for her board, so she prefers to come home each day however bad the journey may be.

What a lot of bad weather you have had too. Hope it will soon be better. Very fortunately we had plenty of coal in for there is none to be had at the Wharf.

Love from all and more to follow Your Mother

Tuesday [?5th February, 1924]

My dears all

The strike was over early last week, so Kit was able to take her daily journey as usual, and I hope to goodness the Dockers won't strike as the Railway men have promised to support them. I think that is owing to Mr Thomas having no longer control, and the new President being a 'wilder' man. It is a poor lookout.

There is a rough cold drying wind today, always a dismal sound. But Aunt Annie came out in it, she will be nipped one of these days and get pneumonia being so venturesome. And will be 85 in May. Cousin Lott will be 84 in June, so we are a bunch of old people hereabouts.

I sent a paper for you to see the Congratulations *[on their Golden Wedding anniversary]*. I suppose it got mentioned up street. We had your plum pudding and Cliff and Phyllis came up for tea. Con had a bad cold so did not come up lest it should be catching. Hope the darling is well & your dear selves too

Much love from all, Your loving Mother

CHARLBURY SOCIETY

The 2015-16 season of evening talks ended with the AGM on 13 May and the Society was well supported by members and visitors at each talk, with attendance ranging from 45-60 people. The quality and variety of talks has been good and commented on favourably by many attendees.

Some people attending the talks had commented that presenters could not always be heard so we investigated how to resolve the problem and now are trying a lapel microphone in the hope that people can hear more easily. Let us know if it works for you!

The Charlbury Society Committee has worked hard this year to ensure the smooth running of the Society and I'm always slightly surprised that each committee member understands exactly what needs to be done and when. Everything is so well coordinated and the team just seem to make it happen – my grateful thanks to them all.

Two members of the Committee stood down at the AGM; Joan Belshaw, Secretary, and Ann Davidson, Refreshments and Publicity. Sincere thanks go to them for all their hard work over the past five years. John Harrison has agreed to take on the publicity mantle and Ann has agreed to still look after refreshments as a co-opted member although she would like some help on the evenings of the talks. As I write this piece I am hopeful that in the next edition of the Chronicle I will be able to report new Committee Members following the AGM.

The success of the Charlbury Society, as with many other local societies, relies on the involvement of local volunteers to plan events, arrange publicity, act as secretary to the meetings, negotiate with potential speakers, plan outings, provide refreshments at talks, and so on.

The Charlbury Society Committee works on your behalf to provide the kind of society and speakers that you find interesting.

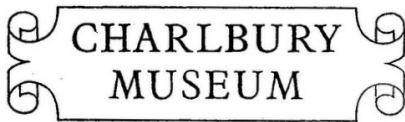
You can help us in two ways by:

- Providing feedback about the speakers you've heard, speakers you could recommend and the programme generally. All constructive feedback is welcome.
- Volunteering to be a part of the Committee or just helping out on the talks evenings. The commitment is not huge but does require consistency. There are currently just five committee members supported by the President of the Charlbury Society, The Museum Curator and the Leader of the Historical Research Group. Please consider being part of this friendly, hard working group who try hard to bring something of interest to the town's activities.

The Charlbury Society has arranged its summer visit to Coventry Cathedral followed by a guided tour of Aston Hall in Birmingham and this will take place on Wednesday 15 June 2016. Look out for the notices and make sure you book your place early. The Charlbury Society and Museum is also planning its stand for the Wychwood Forest Fair which is held on the first Sunday in September. It's a good time to find out about next season's programme and more about how the Society works and what its interests are. If you plan to be there do come and visit our stand in the Marquee – there's bound to be something to look at and a Committee member to talk to about your local history interests.

In the meantime, our programme of talks for the 2016-17 programme is finalised and includes talks on topics such as the gunpowder plot, CPRE and threats to the countryside, a Spencer Love Affair - a few just to whet your appetite so I look forward to seeing some of you at our forthcoming events and meetings later on in the year.

*Anne Lawson-Porter
Chair of the Charlbury Society
E mail: kennap@talktalk.net*



TOWN NEWS JANUARY TO MAY 1916

WAR NEWS

The local branch of the National Farmers' Union held a fund-raising event in February at the Bell Hotel for the **British Farmers' Red Cross Fund** - a sale of live and dead stock. One feature was the presence of **the well-known lamb of Mr Geech of Burford** (a fine type of Oxford Down), which has been sold and resold several hundred times and has thus raised about £560. At Charlbury it raised £36 10s. With the ladies' sale in the Town Hall of clothing, millinery, groceries, provisions, furniture etc, the amount raised was £550.

Between January and May the following deaths have been reported: **Henry Hall Norton** (wounded at Gallipoli, died on 27th January in a military hospital in Alexandria in Egypt); **Jim Kerwood** who had family connections at Walcot Farm (killed on 6th February by a shell); **George Crump**, gardener of Chilson (who died of cerebro-spinal fever in Aldershot Military Hospital); **William Buckland** of Yew Tree Cottage, Sheep Street (killed in action on 16th May in France); **Christopher Dyke** of Hazeldene Cottage (killed in action on 6th April in the attack on Sanniyat in Mesopotamia). These names bring the number of deaths of men from the parish to nineteen since August 1914.

DEATH OF MR J MARSHALL STURGE JP
Mr Sturge, who has died aged 77, bore a great part in the Emancipation of the Slaves and was the close friend of Bright and Cobden. Among his most vivid memories was that of hearing his uncle Joseph's account of the deputation of Quakers to the Czar just before the Crimean War. After a period in the Montserrat Legislature, he spent his last years in Charlbury and loved everything that belonged to outdoor life, with an unusual knowledge of birdlife.

MR SMITH'S WILL: A CAUTIONARY TALE

*Findings of the Charlbury Society
Historical Research Group*

This true story provides a rare glimpse into the rather gentlemanly way in which legal business was conducted in these parts in the late eighteenth century.

One day in November 1792 Edward Smith, yeoman of Walcot, went with John Holloway, a miller from Charlbury, to transact some business with Thomas Winter, an attorney in Chipping Norton. While they were there Mr Smith asked Mr Winter if he would prepare his will for him, and Mr Winter said he would do it when he pleased. So on 27 February 1793 Mr Smith returned to Chipping Norton and gave instructions for his will to Mr Winter, which the latter 'reduced into writing'. 'Some time later' he gave this writing to one Edward Matthews of Chipping Norton, who occasionally drew drafts for him.

Some time in March Edward Matthews received a visit from Mr Winter's clerk, who said that his employer had gone out and 'he was in want of some writing to go on with'. So as Edward Matthews was busy he gave him the draft of Mr Smith's will, which he said he had begun, and told him to finish it, which the clerk duly did.

Some time in April, Mr Winter's clerk happened to see Mr Smith at market in Chipping Norton. He told him his will was drawn out and suggested he went down to Mr Winter's to have it read over to him. Mr Smith asked whether Mr Winter was at home, and on being told he was, he went to see him straight away and asked to have the will read. Mr Winter however said 'he had better take it Home and read it at his leisure' and that if he wanted to change anything it could be done when he brought it back. So Mr Smith took his draft will home where, like me more than two centuries later, he probably spent long hours struggling to decipher the crossings out, insertions and abbreviations with which the six-page document is riddled. It might not have been for nothing that Mr Winter had

entrusted this important task to Mr Matthews rather than his own clerk.

On 1 May Mr Smith returned, once again in company with the miller from Charlbury, 'and pulling from his Pocket the said draft of his said Will', handed it over to Mr Winter, who asked if he approved of it, and he said that he did. So the will was left with Mr Winter to be finalised. However, when some 5 weeks later Mr Smith enquired if his will was ready for signature, Mr Winter, evidently not the kind of lawyer who liked to do things in a hurry, 'answered it was not fair copied but that it should be when he pleased'. Whereupon Mr Smith replied 'let it be done by the next time I come to Market and I will call and Sign it'. This was on 5 June. But on 8 June Mr Smith suddenly died and the will remained unsigned.

This naturally caused a lot of bother, because an affidavit (from which I have been quoting) became necessary to prove the veracity of the will, and a citation also had to be produced to give Mr Smith's beneficiaries a chance to object to the will being placed in the hands of his executors. Only then could probate finally be granted.

Have you made your will?

Linda Mowat

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Peace@thePub

An Atheist, a Buddhist and a Christian went into a pub...and found a great deal in common. It's been happening since 2010 on the first Friday of every month at The Bell in Charlbury. Yes, it's Peace@thePub, at which we call to mind the wider world and in particular the "slow-burning" issues which flare up now and again but then drop out of the headlines. War, environmental degradation and natural disasters leave a legacy of suffering which is often only just beginning when the media spotlight switches elsewhere. It is amazing how many people in Charlbury are dedicated to the patient work of reconciliation, rebuilding and prompting change both locally and in other countries.

But why silence? Because then we aren't discussing what we are doing and whether we see it as keeping vigil, meditating, praying, or just being present. Over the years we have found that *not* talking actually builds up a sense of belonging together, not just with one another but with others in Charlbury and, indeed, with all of humanity. If that sounds rather intense and off-putting it isn't meant to! Most people can sit in silence for a few minutes and we have always welcomed people who come for as long or as short a time as feels comfortable to them.

Wychwoods Investment Club completes its first year

After a volatile period on the UK Stock Market the new Wychwood Investment Club, based at "The Swan" at Ascott under Wychwood (where a very large screen is available), is ahead of the main indices.

Chairman Barry Cooper from Charlbury says "Considering the sharp correction in stock markets during the last year we have held our own. Like everyone else we didn't see the collapse of the oil price and the related commodities but we also made some good investments in the technology and pharmaceuticals markets."

The portfolio is now well spread looking for an upturn after the EU referendum with investments in property, commodities (looking for a recovery?!), the challenger

From time to time we have taken action on matters that cause deep concern. These have included the prompting of donations for work in Syria, writing to Government Ministers and Ambassadors and, last year, organising a petition to the Prime Minister in advance of the Paris Climate Talks. When possible we like to engage with the work of local people who are working for a better world – so do get in touch with us if you support an appropriate cause. We often find, when we look in depth at an issue, how many positive things are going on out of the limelight, and how resilient people can be in the face of the most appalling circumstances.

We have a mailing list and if you join you'll get a copy of the monthly "focus". Quite a lot of people are on the list and only come occasionally, or not at all. That's how it's meant to be- we know that early on a Friday evening can be an impossible time for many. So if you'd like to keep in touch by email and get no more than a monthly message, then contact us at duncan49@fastmail.co.uk.

Thanks as always to The Bell for the use of the room to meet. It's really good too to chat together after the meeting, to slake our thirst and ensure that the silence is well and truly broken!

Duncan Forbes

banks and a new budget airline as well as banking on more stay at home holidays in the UK

The group which currently has 12 members is seeking 2 or 3 new members who are interested in the equity markets. The joining investment is £500 with £50 added each month. The group meets over dinner for a couple of hours on the last Wednesday of each month in "The Swann" at Ascott. We have a large screen available and access to our trading web-site and all market data.

Anyone who is either trading regularly and wants to exchange views, or a starter is welcome to the next meeting without any obligation to join. We do have a lively debate and some fun!

Call Barry Cooper, 01608 819139 or email, barrycooper@prisymid.com.



At last Charlbury Refugee Action Group has a bank account. It's with the Coop Bank, sort code 089299, a/c 65789036. This means that supporters who so wish can set up standing orders.

But individual donors who are taxpayers can add to the value of their donations by adding Gift Aid. This can only be done when you give to a registered charity, which CRAG is not. To add 25% to what you give, we suggest you look up the website of Help Refugees, a registered charity which helps many of the grassroots and voluntary groups which we continue to support.

As to our work, it is only fair to point out that too few people are doing too much. We are really grateful for the help that a number of you give us, and without it much less would happen, but all the planning, the organisation, the liaison, the news gathering, the forward thinking is being done by a group that can be counted on the fingers of one hand.

So to explain: we need people who will

- liaise with the five churches in Charlbury, the WI, youth groups, musicians, sports clubs etc to encourage refugee support.
- take on specific fundraising ideas.
- talk to the schools and develop projects with children.
- take clothing and other items to collection points in, for instance, Oxford, Stroud, Witney and further afield
- drive supplies to the distribution centre in Calais, and help there.
- plan projects with, and learn from, other refugee aid groups in the county and nearby.

And so on. In other words, refugees need YOU! Please get in touch now if there is

something you can do. Call 01608 811378.

Since the last Chronicle, we have had some generous contributions including £500 from Charlbury Quakers which enabled us to donate over £700 to the charity Help Refugees (see above). We are receiving contributions from individuals on a weekly basis, and we would also like to thank these generous donors.

We have collected food, clothing and other essentials which people from Hooky and Witney have taken to the Calais/Dunkirk warehouse.

A very special personal appeal over one weekend, asking for funds to put towards feeding the 12,000 refugees trapped on the Greece/ Macedonia border, raised a heroic £2006, of which over £800 came from an appeal put out by Rev Mark Abrey, vicar of the Chase Benefice (the Chadlington group of parishes).

The ceilidh in March raised £400 (thank you Brigid, Kath and many others). A collection at a Churches Together in Charlbury service in December raised £252. Charlbury Fairtraders have contributed £150 which we put towards a donation of £250 to Calais Kitchens, a charitable fund set up by Help Refugees which helps fund several 'kitchens' providing food in Calais.

Further recent monetary donations include £600 to the Refugee Community Kitchen (feeding people in Calais, Dunkirk and the small isolated camps now scattered across northern France since half of the 'Jungle' was bulldozed), £375 to RefuAid who concentrate on medical assistance and integrating refugees into local communities on the Greek mainland, and £375 to Hot Food Idomeni who daily try to feed the 12,000 people there.

To receive our newsletters, or to ask questions or make suggestions, email charlburyrefugee@gmail.com

Thank you for what you do.

Jon Carpenter, Secretary

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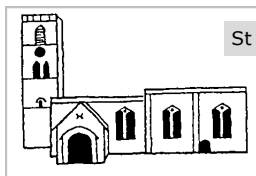
Emergency Contact: Steve Andrews (01608 811212)

Charlbury Church Services



Charlbury Baptist Church, Dyer's Hill

Contact: Secretary (01608 810107)
charlburybaptistchurch@gmail.com
Sunday worship normally at 10.30 am
Our garden will be open for visits on
June 12th. Dress up as royalty and have
your photo taken in the "palace."



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Shorthampton
Full details of all church services are available in the
Leaflet or in the Church porch.
Vicar – Revd Dr Sally Welch Parish Office (01608
810230)
Special Services: Saturday 11th June 6.30pm Town
Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate H M The Queen's
90th Birthday – all are welcome to attend.
Sunday 3rd July 6pm Choral Evensong
Sunday 7th August 9.45am Holiday Club Service
www.stmaryscharlbury.co.uk



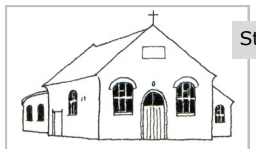
Friends' Meeting House, Market Street

Meeting for Worship at the Friends Meeting House
Sunday mornings 10.30am
For further details contact Paula Dunleavy (01608
646056)



Methodist Chapel, Fishers Lane

Sunday services at 10.30am
Further information from Gill Grason (01608 810154)



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

Sunday Masses: 9am at St Kenelm's, Church Enstone,
11am at St Teresa's,
Daily Mass: 9.30am at St Teresa's
Rev Aldo Tapparo, tel: 01608 810576 or see
www.communicate.co.uk/oxford.stteresacharlbury

Churches Together in Charlbury

Christian Aid is the official relief and development agency of 41 British and Irish churches and works to support sustainable development, stop poverty, support civil society and provide disaster relief in South America, the Caribbean, the Middle East, Africa and Asia. Christian Aid campaigns to change the rules and systems that keep people poor, speaking out on issues such as tax justice, trade justice, climate change, and Third World debt. Founded in 1941 in response to suffering during the Second World War, Christian Aid has fought poverty and injustice for 75 years.

The charity works with 570 local partner organisations in 45 countries around the world to help the world's poorest communities. It is a major member of the Stop Climate Chaos, The Fairtrade Foundation and Trade Justice Movement campaigns. Christian Aid's headquarters are in London and it has regional teams across the UK and Ireland.

Christian Aid organises the UK's largest door-to-door collection, Christian Aid Week, which takes place in May each year.

Churches Together in Charlbury has supported Christian Aid for many years. Two years ago we raised £5000 for women's education in Afghanistan in addition to the collection in Christian Aid Week. This year we have already raised £2000 for Christian Aid's work with refugees from Syria and Iraq through donations given at the Lent lunches and Lent talks. By the time you read this, Christian Aid Week will have taken place. The focus this year was on families in Bangladesh at risk of losing everything from flooding but many others will be helped as well.

We are very grateful to all the volunteers who make our support for Christian Aid possible and to everyone who gives so generously.

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



CORNBURY PARK

News from Cornbury Park – Summer 2016

From 10-12 June we will be hosting the *Field and Country Fair*. This fair celebrates the British Countryside and is presented by Time Inc. UK, home to a stable of country and sporting magazine titles, including *The Field and Country Life*. More information can be found at www.fieldandcountryfair.com

A reminder that *Wilderness Festival* returns to Cornbury Park from 4-7 August this year. This award-winning festival combines live music, contemporary arts

and an array of theatre, craftsmanship and dining experiences. More information can be found at www.wildernessfestival.com

In other news, the estate has been busy clearing the scrub from verges on the roads surrounding the estate. This will improve visibility and safety for motorists. At Cockshoot Hill, a wood of diseased conifers has been replanted with native hardwood and more tree planting schemes have been undertaken at Rangers Lodge and at Kingstanding, with the aim of returning the landscape to its original state.

Follow us on Twitter @CornburyPark and at Facebook.com/CornburyPark, or get in touch by emailing us at: estate@cpark.co.uk or phoning on 01608 811276

Relax, unwind, read the papers, catch up with friends and colleagues and enjoy some delicious home-made cake along with a steaming cup of Fair Trade tea or coffee at the

Font Cafe

St. Mary's Church, Charlbury
10am to 12 noon every Thursday

For smaller children we provide a play area with toys. There is also a **Traidcraft** stall selling a range of fairly traded foods, crafts and cards.



Coffee break page

Answers are on page 46

Round and Round the Garden!

All answers are related to nature

1. Is he good at sums?
2. Female flyer?
3. Scottish emblem
4. A delight for the New Age people
5. Boundary pig
6. Goes with holly
7. A drink at bedtime
8. Can be found in the last oath
9. Roundlegs (anag)
10. Ms Murdoch
11. A novice insect
12. This plant killed Socrates
13. Frugality
14. Sang in Berkeley Square
15. Cur got up
16. Sad ringer
17. Can be found in a tap hidden here
18. Latin for the common nettle
19. Tatty no. 28
20. A bit of fun
21. In Lent (anag)
22. The aristocracy
23. Give a young horse 12 inches
24. Scarlet census
25. Can be English, Dutch or Wych
26. Remains of a fire
27. Nasty (anag)
28. Batman's friend
29. You won't need a doctor if you do this
30. Yellow stick
31. Not the younger
32. You get it in Sheila's pencil
33. Can be blue, bearded or great
34. Yo margin (anag)
35. Does this amphibian talk a lot?
36. A bad tempered woman
37. One for sorrow
38. Goes after crab or oak
39. A point in Cornwall
40. Can be found in garlic hens

Dingbats



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Compiled by Pat Court



NEWS FROM OUR PCSO

A scam is a scheme designed to con you out of money. You will be contacted out of the blue either by telephone, email or in person. If you are offered a deal that seems too good to be true, it more than likely is, so be sure to check over all the facts and do not feel rushed into making a decision.

Prize draw scams; Being told you have won a prize draw/competition but in order to receive the money you must dial a number - there will

be a charge for this that they don't inform you of (if the company was genuine, they would make you aware that there is a cost to call them).

Computer virus scams; where you are called and informed your computer has a virus and you are asked to input a code from the caller which enables them to take over your computer. They then have complete access to your files/photos and personal information.

Leave your firewall switched on and don't open suspicious or unknown emails, attachments, texts etc

Before entering payment card details on a website, check that the link is secure (indicated by a padlock symbol in the browser window frame, NOT on page itself.) If you click on the padlock, check the security certificate.

If you suspect a scam you should report it to both the Financial Conduct Authority and Action Fraud. If the company is not registered with FCA, you can report them on 0800 111 6768. Do not give out personal details or money.

Wesley Smith



The Charlbury Pioneer Club

The Pioneer Club is a Country and Western Club and was started around 1981 and has been run over the years by various people including Buffalo, Wendy & Pete Styles, Carole & John Widdows, John Bayliss and the current incumbents Margaret & Ray Simpkins.

The club has a great reputation of being very friendly and it's always held on the first Saturday of every month in the Memorial Hall. We have various bands, including solos and the club is always well supported.

At Christmas and New Year we have Hamper Raffles, and all the money raised is sent to Katherine House Hospice. Over the years we have raised approximately £10,000.

Margaret and Ray Simpkins



FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS AT THE CORNER HOUSE

A reminder that **HOT DRINKS & HOT SCONES** are served every Friday morning between 10am and 11.30am at the Corner House.

Proceeds are for the upkeep of the Corner House and Memorial Hall

Come and meet your friends!

PLEASE NOTE:

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Charlbury Town Council News

Town Council elections

Only ten candidates were nominated for the 12 seats on Charlbury Town Council, meaning that there was no election.

The candidates nominated were:

Kathy Broughton*
Janet Burroughs
Richard Fairhurst*
Peter Kenrick*
Tony Merry*
Phil Morgan
Nick Potter*
Ron Prew*
Robin Puttick
Liz Reason*

A * indicates a sitting councillor. Harriet Baldwin, Susie Finch, Willem Hackmann, Valou Pakenham-Walsh and Tom Skelton did not stand for re-election.

Our thanks to them all for many years of dedicated service.

The two empty seats will be filled by co-option. The next Town Council elections will be held in 2020, except in case of resignation or other vacancy.

Annual Parish Meeting

The APM took place on Friday 15th April in the Memorial Hall, with addresses from Town Council chairman Peter Kenrick, our district and county councillors, and representatives of Charlbury organisations. Highlights from the reports given included the ongoing success of the Corner House and Memorial Hall following the recent improvements to the latter; the popularity of the children's play area run by the Nine Acres committee; and the great progress made by the Thomas Gifford Trust on the new community centre.

Summer events

We are pleased to welcome the succession of summer festivals back to Charlbury once again and hope the many visitors will enjoy our lovely town. If you encounter any issues that cannot be resolved by

contacting the organisers, please call:

- anti-social behaviour and traffic issues: Thames Valley Police, 101
- noise: West Oxfordshire District Council, 01993 861000 (office hours) or 0845 303 9706 (other times)

Due to the closure of the railway line during the Wilderness Festival weekend, visitors will be bussed from Swindon station, minimising the impact on Charlbury's station and roads.

Bus update

Oxfordshire County Council has confirmed 20 July as the new date for the withdrawal of bus subsidies. From then, the C1 Rail bus will cease to operate. The X9 to Witney and Chipping Norton will continue but to a revised timetable, which was not available at the time the Chronicle went to press but will be publicised on the Charlbury website (www.charlbury.info).

Contacting your Town Council

All our meetings are open to the public. Full council meetings will be held in the Corner House at 7.30pm on Wednesday 29th June, 27th July and 24th August, with Planning & Correspondence two days before (8pm unless there is a speaker).

The next open 'surgeries' will be in the Corner House from 10am-12pm on Saturday 4th June and 6th August.

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

Richard Fairhurst

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From County Councillor Rodney Rose
07919 298277 rodney.rose@oxfordshire.gov.uk

UPDATE ON PROPOSALS FOR UNITARY COUNCIL[S]

Without consulting the public or the County Council, on Thursday 25th February a surprise announcement was made by Oxfordshire's District Councils and Oxford City Council. It called for the abolition of the County Council and the establishment of four district quasi-unitary councils, to include parts of Gloucestershire and Northamptonshire.

(A unitary council combines the functions of a county council and a district council into one body.) In addition, the announcement called for the creation of an unelected quango to be known as a 'Combined Authority' to take on difficult areas of responsibility currently with the County Council, such as social care and major road projects. So, this would mean four councils spread across three counties, plus an over-arching unelected quango.

The Districts are now in the process of commissioning management consultants to produce a report to evaluate their proposals. Initially their brief to consultants stated: "The District Councils' view is that a single county-wide unitary authority is not the right solution for Oxfordshire". It went on to say that any finding suggesting a single county-wide unitary would not be approved. The status quo would also NOT be considered.

The Oxfordshire County Council view was that a single county-wide unitary authority was an option that should be considered (along with the Districts' proposal and other options for two or three unitary councils), and had thus been forced to begin the process of commissioning a separate management consultant's report. Any change along these lines will need powers devolved down to local areas, and appropriate funding to match. A larger unitary authority could not properly oversee small local planning and other general issues.

Despite County and public pressure, District Council leaders have not agreed to commission a report covering all the

options. Council-Tax payers will now have to fund two separate reports, as the County Council cannot agree to any study that does not compare all options and, ideally, be run by an independent body of some sort. Results of both studies can be expected from early July.

Cllr Rodney Rose
Oxfordshire County Council

From District Councillor Liz Leffman
01608 810153 liz.leffman@westoxon.gov.uk

I am delighted to have been elected for a second time as your District Councillor. Thanks to everyone who voted for me. I look forward to working on your behalf for the next four years and to partnering my fellow councillor, Andy Graham.

Elections are a great opportunity to meet people and to hear what you are concerned about and one thing that just refuses to go away is Dean Pit! I have been told that the recycling centre at Stanton Harcourt is now refusing to take certain items because the landfill part of the site has been closed. This makes it all the more urgent that we find a replacement for Dean Pit in this area and Andy and I are in discussion with West Oxfordshire District Council officers about this, so we hope to be able to tell you more soon.

West Oxfordshire District Council's cabinet recently announced that they plan to break away from Oxfordshire and form a unitary authority with Cotswold District. This is part of a general plan put together by the District Councils in Oxfordshire. The Councils are employing a consultancy, Price Waterhouse Cooper, to look at the proposal and see if it is viable. Meanwhile, Oxfordshire County Council is conducting its own consultation in a bid to create an Oxfordshire unitary authority. Whilst it may make sense for us to have one layer of local government instead of the two we have now, having two separate consultations across the county strikes me as a shocking waste of taxpayers' money. There will be a chance for us to have our say on this later in the summer.

Cllr Liz Leffman



Queen's Birthday Quiz Charlbury Museum June 11 & 12

Charlbury Youth Theatre's first production since restarting last September will most likely have taken place. The 11-14 year olds have been working with professional actor Ben Lawrence alongside Geoff Gibbons to produce an inspiring production of *The Beast*, loosely based on the ideas of William Golding's *Lord of the Flies*. I am immensely proud of their ability once again proving young people's creativity and enjoyment in the arts.

The 6-8 year olds continue at The Shed on a Saturday morning (10-11am) working on a new piece of work called *The Magic Kite*. It's the story of how the young generation of children can support the older generation through sharing, friendship and care. A showcase will take place on Saturday 25th June.

Watch out for summer Creative Arts Days in the Summer Holidays. For further details contact me: 07908 832632 or 01608 659462

My role as a district councillor continues to challenge me, attending planning meetings and other committees but above all I am here to represent you. I am, as promised when I was elected, to look back at the last year with you and to hear from you what the priorities should be for the next year. I am available at other times should you wish to talk to me about specific matters or we can arrange to meet or chat over the phone or email me. I will not always have the answers but I will do my best to find out who does.

Thanks for your support in the last year; I look forward to the next year ahead representing our towns and villages of Charlbury, Finstock and Fawler.

Cllr Andy Graham

Do visit Charlbury Museum on the weekend of the Queen's official birthday celebrations and take part in our celebration quiz. Can you find the objects marked with a crown, and identify the correct decade of Queen Elizabeth's life? History is being made every day – you would be surprised at how the world has changed since you were born!

For younger visitors, we will have a 'corgi hunt'; find the 10 corgis hidden amongst the museum exhibits.

Enjoy a visit to our museum and have fun doing the Queen's Birthday Quiz and looking for the corgis! (Both quizzes run until Sunday June 26)

Coming soon: Sunday Tea at The Corner House & Museum Garden, organised by Charlbury Cricket Club. Look out for details on the Museum Noticeboard

'Open Gardens' Sunday June 12th Visit the museum garden, free entry to museum 2.30pm-4.30pm.

Charlbury Museum opening times:

Saturday: 10am-12 noon

Sunday & Bank Holiday Mondays: 2.30pm-4.30pm

Charlbury Evergreens Club

We are a friendly club for the over 55's that has been running for many years under the leadership of Ken & Margaret Taylor. We meet twice a month in the Memorial Hall on Thursdays from 2pm-4pm. Refreshments, Raffle, Bingo and the occasional speaker. New members are always welcome. We are running three more bus trips this year to Bournemouth (2 June), Worcester (7 July) and Hereford (1 September). If you would like to join please contact Ken Taylor on 01608 811441 for more details.



DIANA GRIFFITHS MBE

Long time Charlbury resident Diana Griffiths celebrated her 100th birthday on Monday 25th April 2016 at the Old Prebendal

House retirement home in Shipton-under-Wychwood. Diana, and her husband Griff moved into Maryland on Enstone Road in 1966 and she lived there for 45 years until 2011. "Griff" passed away in 2006.

Born in Hove in Sussex, she attended Battle Abbey School in Hastings. On leaving school she worked for a local optometrist before spending a couple of (gap) years in Munich, Germany.

Once while in a bistro, with student friends, Adolf Hitler came in with Unity Mitford, one of the infamous Mitford sisters, but sadly sat out of earshot. A while later Hitler was in Munich with Mussolini and she attempted to take photographs of them but was quickly told by the SS that it was "verboten".

She also witnessed German military convoys passing through Munich on the way to annex Austria. It was shortly after this, in late 1938, she decided to return to the UK.

In early 1939 she volunteered for the Women's Auxiliary Air Force and later that year, just prior to war being declared, she received her official call up to the Air Force and thus began what was to become her career. After code and cypher training in Oxford she received her commission and in July 1940 was posted to the United States spending time in both New York and Washington.

Further postings took her to Canada, North Carolina, the Bahamas, where she had tea with the Duke and Duchess of Windsor and Bermuda. She returned to the UK in 1944, shortly after D Day and for the next ten years was based in the UK. It was, as she described it, a dreary period compared to her time abroad although there were one or two highlights involving the royal family. One such occasion was commanding the WAAF (drill display)

contingent at the 1953 Royal Tournament where following one performance she was introduced to Queen Elizabeth II who was taking the salute.

In 1954 she was posted to Singapore. She flew in a Hastings bomber and the journey took 5 days. She was the Command WAAF Administrative Officer and Welfare Officer (for both airmen and airwomen) for the region which included Hong Kong, Ceylon, Malaya, Borneo and the Nicobar Islands.

Two years later she returned to the UK spending time at the Air Ministry and Fighter Command Headquarters at Bentley Priory.

In 1963 after 24 years in the Air Force she retired having attained the rank of Wing Officer (equivalent to the male rank of Wing Commander). She was destined for even higher ranks but because she met and decided to marry Squadron Leader Wynne (Griff) Griffiths the rules at that time were such that one of them had to retire.

On moving to Charlbury with "Griff", Diana became involved in the community and in volunteer work. This was to lead to her meeting Queen Elizabeth II for the second time when in 2001 she was awarded an MBE for "Services to WRVS in Charlbury" for her involvement with Meals on Wheels for over 30 years. She was 85 at the time of the award and continued helping out, if needed, until the age of 90.

She was also the unofficial "Rose Queen of Charlbury" as she could be relied upon to submit entries for the Horticultural Society annual flower show every year in almost all rose categories and her name is inscribed, more than once, on many of the cups.

Diana received the Queen's card on her birthday and, although she is now living in Shipton-u-Wychwood, her former regular Charlbury postman Rick Henderson was in attendance and gave her a bouquet of flowers and a lovely card of his own with some very touching words from her "Favourite Postman".

Howard Griffiths

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Walking with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens

It is 50 years this year since the AONB was formed in the Cotswolds in 1966. The initial boundaries encompassed

an area of 582 square miles (1,507kms) but, in 1990, they were extended to create the Cotswolds AONB as we know it today; the largest in England and Wales covering 790 square miles (2,038 sq kms).

Choose something that appeals to you in distance, location or title and come and join us, we'll be there whatever the weather! Sorry no dogs.

The Milk Story – A Family Walk

Saturday 4th June - easy

This family walk and tractor and trailer ride links two farms; one is where young cattle graze and the other where the cows are milked - by a robot!

Some car sharing - see website www.escapetothecotswolds.org.uk 2.5 miles. Please bring a picnic.

Numbers limited so please telephone 01993 831810 to secure a place.

Start: 10:00am in Salford near the Village Hall

Haymaking and Merrymaking

Tuesday 14th June – easy

Bledington is a typical Cotswold village with a green, a church, a school and a pub. The ducks waddling beside the stream complete the rural picture.

Hopefully we may catch a glimpse of orchids. 6 miles

Start: Bledington, park carefully near the green.

Contrived to please

Tuesday 21st June - easy

A pleasant stroll through the grounds of Blenheim Park with fine views of the house and the landscaped grounds, carried out by Capability Brown in 1764. 6.5 miles

Start: 10:00am Duke of Marlborough pub at junction of A44 and B4437 about 3 miles North West of Woodstock

In the Steps of the Bard

Friday 24th June - easy

A Midsummer's Day walk along the Shakespeare Way to the Rollright Stones is what dreams are made of. Did Shakespeare actually tread this track and was he influenced by this very special place?

6 miles

Start: 10:00am Salford near the village hall

Characteristics of the High Wold Landscapes of the Cotswolds

Sunday 26th June – strenuous

A walk towards Shipton under Wychwood with views of the Evenlode Valley. 12 miles.

Start: Leafield - near the school

A Windrush Valley Wander

Wednesday 6th July - moderate

A tour of the Windrush Valley from Burford visiting Shilton, Asthall, Swinbrook, Widley Copse and Fulbrook. We see the famous Fettiplace Monuments, hear about the Mitford sisters and enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Windrush Valley.

11 miles

Start: 10:00am Burford main car park.

What's in the Wychwoods?

Tuesday 2nd August- easy

This walk passes through three Wychwood villages and we discover the charm of these well kept places as well as revealing some of their amazing history.

8 miles

Start: 10:00am New Beaconsfield Hall Shipton under Wychwood

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1. Afternoon Tea; 2. Word of Warning;
3. White Elephant; 4. A Touching Moment;
5. A Splitting Headache; 6. A Score to Settle;
7. A Round of Drinks; 8. A Paradox;
9. A Leap in the Dark; 10. A Hole in One;
11. A Dark Horse; 12. A Large Overdraft

Dingbats:

1. Adder; 2. Ladybird; 3. Thistle;
4. Traveller's Joy; 5. Hedgehog; 6. Ivy;
7. Nightjar; 8. Stoat; 9. Groundsel; 10. Iris;
11. Greenfly; 12. Hemlock; 13. Thrift;
14. Nightingale; 15. Dog rose; 16. Bluebell;
17. Aphid; 18. Urtica Dioica; 19. Ragged Robin; 20. Lark; 21. Linnet; 22. Lords and Ladies; 23. Cotswold; 24. Redpoll; 25. Elm;
26. Ash; 27. Tansy; 28. Robin;
29. Selfheal; 30. Goldenrod; 31. Elder; 32. Aspen; 33. Tit; 34. Agrimony; 35. Natterjack Toad; 36. Shrew; 37. Magpie;
38. Apple; 39. Lizard; 40. Lichen

Garden Quiz:

Coffee Break Answers:

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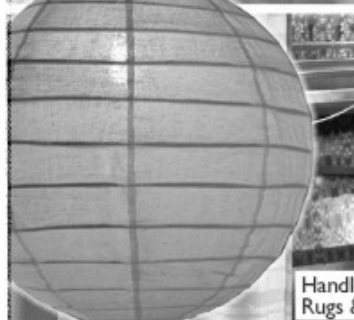
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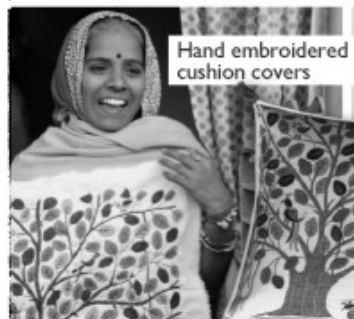


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