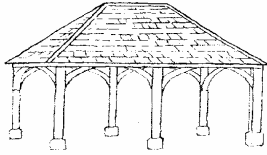


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For a town the size of Charlbury there always seems to be a surprising amount of things going on in the summer.

A glance through this edition of the *Charlbury Chronicle* will point you in the direction of three festivals; the **Riverside Festival** on June 20th and 21st, the **Beer Festival** on July 4th and **Cornbury Festival** on July 11th and 12th. On June 7th there are **Charlbury Open Gardens** organised by the Street Fair committee (preceded by an exciting **Jazz Lunch**), there is a wonderful **Sing-A-Long Mamma Mia** on June 26th, whilst July 15-18 brings a production of the musical **Moulin Rouge** by SHED Theatre. On July 13th there will be a **match against Bowls England** to celebrate Charlbury Bowls Club's 75th anniversary.

Further good news for the summer is that SHED Theatre have won an Edinburgh Fringe 'Sell-Out' Show Award, which deserves many, many congratulations. Congratulations, too, to the Rose & Crown pub which for the fourth time has been named North Oxfordshire CAMRA's Pub Of The Year.

There's lots of other news as well, so enjoy this edition of the *Charlbury Chronicle*, and have a great summertime in Charlbury.

Lynette Murphy

*Please Note: The deadline for the
September 2009 edition is August 1st*

CORNER HOUSE AND MEMORIAL HALL NEWS

The Committee would like to remind all users of these two buildings that **ONLY** Guide Dogs are allowed inside.

The report on the acquisition of new crockery and cutlery was a little premature. Apologies for this, but the reason for delay is that adequate, well-designed storage space has to be prepared before delivery can be taken - but it will come.

Some of the continuing work on the Corner House and War Memorial Hall is very visible with the painting of the front railings, which has just been completed. The Memorial Hall is now looking very fine after its restoration.

We hope you will enjoy all the events planned for the summer months.

Anne Gilbert

CANCER RESEARCH UK RACE FOR LIFE 2009

Gemma Cookham, the Event Manager for Cancer Research UK, is organising a Race for Life event for the first time at CORNBURY PARK on Sunday 26th July, 11am, and has asked us to highlight it in this edition of the *Charlbury Chronicle*.

Cancer Research UK's Race for Life 2009 is the UK's largest women-only fundraising event where women everywhere are invited to do something amazing and come together to simply walk, jog or run 5k or double the distance to 10k and raise money to help beat cancer. Go on line to find all the details.



MUSEUM NEWS

As you will know, the Charlbury Museum was awarded a WODC Heritage Grant last year for the renovation of the Post Office lamp that used to hang outside the then Post Office in Church Street over a hundred years ago. This lamp will be the centrepiece of this year's special exhibition at the Museum, the topic of which is postal and telephone services in Charlbury. This will tell the story of the Charlbury Post, and the coming of the telephone, and will include old photographs of the various buildings that have housed the Post Office in the past, and individual and group portraits of postmen and postwomen in years gone by.

The Museum's annual Plant Sale will take place in the Museum Garden on Saturday June 6th, from 10 a.m. Please come and support us on that day.

The Museum is open throughout the summer, on Saturdays from 10 - 12, and Sundays from 2.30 - 4.30. Come and find out more about the history of our Town and those who lived here.

Charles Tyzack



IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE MUSIC

For 363 days of the year the Millfield is a small tranquil island surrounded by the River Evenlode, much loved by Charlbury's dog-walking fraternity; for the other two days it's home to one of the best free music festivals in Britain attracting musicians from all over the country and music lovers of all ages.

From early days as a jazz picnic for friends, Riverside has grown into a major event for the town, but although it's attracting an increasing number of people from outside Charlbury each year, it is still a family event, run by volunteers, featuring local bands both young and old. It's still free; and still very much a community get together - starting in true Charlbury style on the Friday night beforehand (19 June), with a boisterous dancing display by the Charlbury Morris and Wychwood Ways outside the Bell at 7pm.

Come midday on the Saturday, this year, as every year, families and groups of friends will descend on the Millfield, with their collapsible chairs and picnic blankets and, hopefully, suncream, to settle down for an afternoon of snacking, chatting and music. Over the next two days more than 30 bands will play on one of the two stages – rock, jazz, folk, world music, blues – something for everyone.

This year we've introduced a special sectioned-off area for under-tens for the Do-ing, Do-ing Club, next to the Tea bar, where parents can sit down with a cuppa and watch their offspring enjoying themselves. Activities will include clay modelling, willow weaving, plastic bag weaving and the Great Graffiti Wall where kids can paint their own designs. There will be face painting and a bouncy castle, too.

Also back this year is the Community Awareness tent where festival goers can find out more about local 'green' initiatives, community projects and charities and where local groups can have their say.

If you don't want to bring a picnic, there is plenty of food onsite with a pig roast and stalls selling burgers and baguettes, hot dogs, noodles, curries and crepes.

Like all festivals, festival goers cannot bring bottles and cans into the arena, but the two bars and other refreshment stalls will be selling drinks at very reasonable prices.

If you would like to help with Riverside in any way, call Volunteer coordinator – Chris Johnson on 0797 950 3555.

Riverside is on Saturday 20 June: Noon - 10pm and Sunday 21 June: 11am – 8pm and there will be a Riverside stage once again at this year's Cornbury Music Festival on 11 & 12 July.

For more information and details of the musicians playing this year go to riversidefestival.charlbury.com,

Don't forget to pick up a Riverside wristband for £2 from The Rose and Crown, The Bell, The Good Food Shop or News and Things - every little bit helps keep Riverside free for all.

Kathryn Custance

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CHARLBURY STREET FAIR 2009

This year's theme is 'Back to the Future'

CHARLBURY OPEN GARDENS ON SUNDAY JUNE 7th:

This is the 11th annual Open Gardens Day. To celebrate we are holding a **JAZZ LUNCH**—so come along early for a cool, relaxed, Jazz Lunch with Nick Parker & Friends in The Memorial Hall at 12.30 pm. Numbers are limited for the lunch to 60 and you can either buy the tickets outside the Corner House on 30th May or 6th June, or you can contact Vic Allison directly. The ticket prices will be £8.50, as last year, so put the date in your diaries NOW before they all get sold out.

Garden tickets will be on sale at The Corner House from 1.30 pm on the day and the gardens open from 2-6 pm – great raffle prizes – Art displays by the children of Charlbury Primary School – teas and plant sale at the Memorial Hall.

For more information please contact Vic Allison 01608 811262 or email vic.allison@btinternet.com.

This year's Street Fair is to be held on Saturday September 19th, and we will have all the usual stalls, together with the evening parade and dancing in the street until 10pm. It always is a great day, so put this date in your diary and make sure you don't miss it. Organisations wishing to book a stall should contact Teresa on 07881 963328 or by email at t.laughton768@btinternet.com. There will also be the Street Fair Fun Run and 10K run through Cornbury Park, by kind permission of Lord Rotherwick, on Sunday 20th September. If you wish to help with the run or partake, then please contact Geoff Griffiths at g.h.griffiths@reading.ac.uk

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

HELP!! We still need lots of help on Street Fair day. Have you wondered about helping with the Evening Parade – selling draw tickets, making cakes and selling teas, helping on the BBQ – to name but a few! So to all of you, who enjoyed last year's Fair, please think about giving even just a few hours of your time. Please don't just read this and say 'well maybe I will help' – and then forget about it. Contact Susie Finch **NOW!** I look forward to hearing from you all. (susanna_finch@hotmail.com)

Susie Finch

NB. Will residents of Church Street and Park Street please note that we have been granted road closure permission for the 19th September 2009 from 9 am to 10 pm

THE BEER FESTIVAL MAKES IT “A DOZEN”

After its highly successful venue change in 2008, the 12th annual Charity Beer Festival should be inked into your calendar for 4th July this year starting at 12 noon!

After the universal praise given to the new venue at Charlbury Cricket Club last summer, demand for a wider range of everything will no doubt be met by the stalwarts of the Beer Festival Committee. For the serious beer festival goers the selection of beers will approach the half century mark, and the choice of cider and perry, collected from farms throughout the South West, will rise to ten. In addition, an exciting expansion in the choice of wines will be available plus soft drinks and Pimms.

On the entertainment side a wide choice of musical tastes will be catered for, with many of the popular artists from 2008 returning. The Cricket club will also have a top quality match that day, and you'll no doubt be able to cast your eyes over the rapidly growing new pavilion.

An even wider choice of tasty food should also be available in 2009. For more details of what's happening check the festival's smart website which is regularly updated at <http://www.charlburybeerfestival.org/>.

For Charlbury residents who are encouraging participation by friends from outside the town, the festival site strongly encourages the visitor to leave their car at home and to “let the train take the strain”. So you get beer and entertainment, in the form of top class club cricket and all day musical performances of every type to help keep them thirsty after their short stroll from the station.

A second large marquee will be added this year to provide more shade, or additional shelter from any passing showers, and the red shirted organizing committee will make everyone (from 8 months to 88 years) welcome. The extra space created by moving outside in 2008 was universally welcomed by younger visitors at a venue where Mums and Dads can feel relaxed enough to let their offspring let off steam whilst they sample Merlot or Mild, Porter or Pimms. So bring your rug along and enjoy the ambience of a beautiful day time venue with the kids.

In 2008 the location encouraged visitors from as far afield as the Black Country and London to come and get a real taste of the Cotswolds, and through the beer festival £10,000 was raised to support community projects throughout the town. Remember that drinking responsibly at Charlbury Beer Festival goes to support local good causes. So don't hesitate - come one, come all and sup for charity!!

Steve Vaux

CHARLBURY & DISTRICT GARDEN SOCIETY

CHILDREN'S CREATIVE WORKSHOP

CHILDREN'S CREATIVE WORKSHOP

FRIDAY 29th AUGUST: 2.30 – 4 pm
in the Primary School.

5 -15 years

A chance to create your entries for the Annual Show on 30th August.

Choose to do any of the following:

- A drawing or sketch of a garden
- A picture made with flowers, leaves etc
- A monster made of vegetables and/or fruit
- A floral arrangement in a kitchen utensil (bring your own utensil, flowers and foliage)
- A clay model of a creature

Cost: £2 per child (to cover cost of materials – all materials are provided, unless stated)

Booking essential : phone 811006 to book a place.

NB. Items made will be kept ready to enter into the Annual Show. They may be collected at 4.30pm on Saturday 30th August at the end of the show in the Primary School.

DO YOU FIND IT DIFFICULT TO READ THE CHARLBURY CHRONICLE?

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available in the Library

SHARPEN UP

Bring along your old tools to get them sharpened rather than throw them away and buy new.

Sharpening Services from Eynsham will be on hand at the Spendlove Green Waste Collections on 6th June and 4th July to sharpen secateurs, shears, loppers, knives, scissors, saws, screwdrivers, spades, planes.

They can also arrange to sharpen and service lawn mowers for you.

See the Green Waste entry on
www.cwag.org.uk for their price list.

**A DAY'S
LIFE
-
KIERAN
COOKE
JOURNALIST**

I am an early riser, usually about 6.30 a.m. and certainly no later than 7o'clock. I've always been a fan of the radio since working in it in the 1970s and listen to the World Service, "Farming Today" and even the shipping forecast! Then I do a regime of exercises to protect my back because it suffers from long periods in front of the computer. I also use weights for about 15 minutes. After a cup of tea I work for about two hours. This time of day is excellent because there are fewer distractions, also the brain is I hope fresher. I work on my writing; the opening paragraph is always essential to a piece. I also edit other people's work or rewrite articles. In recent years much of my work has been involved with the environment. I've been a reporter for 30 years and have had to tackle any subject that came along. Then, when I went freelance ten years ago, I started teaching journalists in the developing world, much of it to do with environmental issues. While I could teach basic hack skills I decided to reinvent myself and do a diploma in Environmental Conservation at Rewley House in Oxford. It has been invaluable; I edit books for the United Nations Environment Programme and have just finished a report for the World Wildlife Fund. I'm also part of a network of journalists who specialise in environmental assignments.

By 10 o'clock I'm ready for breakfast - usually a bowl of muesli and fruit - and then it's time to take the dog for a two to three mile walk. Charlbury is wonderful for this: yesterday my wife Gene dropped me off in Finstock and I walked back through Cornbury. Bridle paths and footpaths are one of Britain's greatest assets. Then it's back to work. I spent a lot of my younger years in the village of Ascott near Hook Norton and went to a primary school of only 20 pupils in nearby Whichford. There were three of us children - my older brother, who now lives in California and a sister, who lives in Italy. I was then sent to a Roman Catholic boarding school in Staffordshire - a tough, bleak place where the day began at 6.30 a.m. and caning was the norm. The only thing I was good at was running; my brother was also a good runner - so good that he ran away from the school. I lasted three years there and then did two terms in Chipping Norton, coming bottom of the form each time. Maybe it was something to do with girls being around. School reports then said it as it was: "I sometimes wonder why we bother with Kieran" was one comment. Then, another school in Herefordshire, a good place but I was still not applying myself and left at 16 with only four O levels. I joined a United Nations Association scheme and went to a kibbutz in Israel for a year. When I came back I did A levels at a technical college near Norwich, where my sister was then living. I applied for university - the only one that would take me was Hull and the only course that had a vacancy was South East Asian Studies. Hull at the time was a working fishing port. My memory is of struggling with Thai and Malay grammar amidst a strong smell of fish. After this I did a six month stint as a Co-op milkman in Oxford before going out to South East Asia, travelling through Malaysia, Thailand and Borneo before the money ran out and I went to teach in Japan. I bounced back to Thailand on a UNESCO scholarship, supposedly to study politics there. But then there was a military coup and the project wasn't possible so I fell into teaching and doing odd pieces of journalism, mainly for "The Bangkok Post". One of the few things I had been complimented on at school had been my essays and I had always had aspirations to write.

When I'm in Charlbury the morning's work is over at about 2 o'clock and we have a light lunch - maybe soup and tomatoes. The afternoon is a time for reading. I think it's impor-

tant to keep you're mind open - I'm a bit of a dilettante. It's also interesting to look at how others write. I've just read a book on Stalin and also re-read Graham Greene's "The Comedians". Reading is important as an escape. Once, in the late 80s, I was covering a brutal little war between Libya and Chad: each night I'd read P.G.Wodehouse just to forget what was happening around me. I often have a siesta for half an hour, a legacy of time spent in the Far East and Greece. After Bangkok, I went to Laos but picked up an eye infection and subsequently had an operation in Hong Kong. With money running out I managed to get a job with Radio Hongkong, working for four years as a general reporter and news editor. At this time I met my wife Gene, also working as a journalist. She'd been detained for overstaying her work permit and I went to interview her - and that was that!

In 1978 we returned to England and I answered an advert for summer relief work for news editors at the BBC World service. Live broadcasting is quite daunting as so many things can go wrong. I remember watching through the glass a wonderfully-voiced broadcaster reading the news, when, despite the red light being on, a cleaner walked into the studio and started waving his feather duster around, all the while going "Tum, Tee, Tum." I crawled into the studio and tried vainly to get the cleaner to go. There was an audience of millions: I wonder what they thought was going on? Gene at this time was helping resettle Vietnamese refugees in London. We moved in 1980 to East Oxford where Gene worked with Oxfam and I decided to leave the BBC - in those days considered a very rash move. I remember an old hand looking out at the cold, yellow London night and saying, "It's very cold out there on the street, old boy". I did four months reporting on the United Nations General Assembly in New York, boring work for a lot of the time, listening to interminable speeches with only the occasional dramatic moment. But New York itself was great. Then, for the next 15 years or so we alternated between stints in the Far East and Europe. I was a correspondent in Indonesia, Greece, Ireland and Malaysia, working for the BBC, Financial Times and the Independent. The terms were not exactly generous at first but we had some great times, seeing so many places. There were tense moments: I was thrown out of Indonesia after four years for offending the then fairly unpleasant regime. Once, in Istanbul, I happened to be one of the first on the scene after terrorists had blown up themselves and the congregation in a synagogue. The Turkish soldiers insisted I view the carnage. Those sort of images stay with you a long time. Our elder son Christy was born in Dublin in 1990, Dan the younger, came along in Malaysia five years later.

When it came to "settling down", for a while at least, we looked at Charlbury. In the old days the family came to "The Bell" on special occasions. Like others we saw the advantage of an exit route to London and elsewhere by train.. We also realised it was a good place to bring up a family. I travel quite a lot and it has its moments. Once in Nigeria, where flying is an experience, we were just about to take off when there was an almighty explosion in one of the engines. The pilot jammed on the brakes and everything, including about fifty rolls of toilet paper, came flying down the cabin. One engine had been destroyed by a "bird strike." The plane stopped with about ten yards of runway to spare. Freelancing is insecure work but one great advantage is that I have seen the boys growing up and been around - possibly more than they would wish. Dan comes home from school at 4 o'clock and we do jobs around the house together or I may garden. I then put in another two hours work before supper at 8.30 p.m. Food is an important priority for Gene and this is always a special meal where the family discusses and argues. In the evening I catch up on the newspapers, some of them online. I go to bed about 10.30, and I might listen to "Book at Bedtime". I sleep well.

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Day's Life continued

One of the great aspects of journalism is that you meet people on all levels. For example, in the late 1990s I was sent to Havana to report on Fidel Castro's meeting with the Pope – billed as communism meets Roman Catholicism. I felt privileged to be there, watching it all, soaking up the atmosphere, pictures of Che Guevara on one side, the Pope on the other. But journalism is changing. Newspapers are facing increasingly tough times. There's an insatiable demand for news and, with mobile phones and other technology, journalists are called on at all times. In the old days you could disappear for days but as long as you came back with the story, nobody minded. Most of my former colleagues have retired. I can't afford to, neither do I want to. I'm glad I went into journalism when I did but I'm not sure I'd recommend it to a young person now.

Kieran Cooke was interviewed by Diana Potten

THOMAS GIFFORD'S CHARITY

We continue to make some progress on the proposed Spendlove development. Since the last edition of the *Chronicle* the trustees have confirmed Cottsway as their partner for the residential element of the development. Cottsway are a leading housing association in this district including the provision of affordable housing in Charlbury. In terms of the proposed 14-19 skills centre the local heads have decided that their preferred specialisation is Hospitality & Catering as there are not the facilities at the secondary schools in the district to support the relevant diploma courses for this subject. The intention would be that these facilities be shared with the community to the extent that this is practicable. As soon as we have received the specification for their requirements, our architect, David Saxby of 00 Associates, will prepare a revised plan for the trustees and their partners, Cottsway and OCC, to discuss with the West Oxfordshire planning department. This will put us in a position to update our feasibility and funding plans so that we can determine the basis on which the community centre can best be phased.

We are looking for a replacement trustee to join us and help us with our twin tasks of maintaining the Playing Close and developing the Spendlove site. No specific skills are required other than enthusiasm and commitment although relevant experience or background would be valuable. If interested contact the Secretary, Helen Wright, on 01608 811485 or helen@micklemore.plus.com, or Trevor Jones on 01608 810644 or trevor.jones@ophiopogon.com.

Following a tree inspection on the Playing Close in the autumn, we have recently had a tree surgeon remove overhanging and dead branches. I am looking forward to another successful Farmers Market on Saturday June 13th – hope to see you there.

Trevor Jones, Chairman of the Gifford Trustees

Porters Pond marks 20 years as a nature reserve

Porters Pond was created at Blenheim Farm Nature Reserve last October to mark the 20th anniversary of the site as a BBOWT nature reserve. Don and Pamela Porter generously donated the field to BBOWT in 1988 when they moved from Blenheim Farmhouse in The Slade to their house in the Enstone Road; they wanted the site to be preserved for prosperity and safe from being developed for housing. Don died in 2007 and Pamela died in April this year and the new pond is a fitting memorial to their enthusiasm for the natural environment.

Looking back at photos over the past 20 years shows how beneficial it is to plant native trees and shrubs such as hawthorn, guelder rose, hazel, spindle, wayfaring tree, and field maple. These native species grow really quickly and can be bought bare-rooted very cheaply. They now provide a substantial protective boundary to the site which is a woodland edge type of habitat providing homes for a wide diversity of wildlife.

Local volunteers have worked on the grassland for the past 20 years to reduce the strength of the grass and increase the range of wildflowers growing there. We've done this by cutting the grass twice a year and raking it off so it doesn't re-fertilise the soil as it rots down. We've also sown yellow rattle which is an annual parasite that feeds on grass and weakens its growth so it doesn't swamp the flowers. We've created bare patches into which we've directly sown local wild flower seeds. Our efforts have been rewarded by a colourful display throughout the summer which includes cowslips, marjoram, scabious, knapweeds and teasels which attract a host of butterflies feeding on the nectar. Look out in particular for marbled whites from June to August. We've also had white-letter hair-streaks - these depend on the regrowth elm suckers as caterpillars and as butterflies they feed on nectar from thistles and brambles - this butterfly dramatically declined in the 1970s at the time of the devastation of the elms by Dutch Elm Disease.

The new shallow pond is fed by rainwater running off the grassland and is likely to dry out in dry summers. This is typical behaviour for many ponds and pond life has evolved to cope with it. The pond has been fenced off to protect its edges which have been planted up with native plants and seeds. Robins were the first birds seen enjoying it – these bold birds turned up immediately just like when you're digging in the garden. Now you can see water boatmen and pond skaters which are always early colonisers of new ponds. This new damp habitat will increase the biodiversity of the reserve and the number and range of dragonflies and damselflies will increase.

The pond is being officially opened by BBOWT this August when Rod d'Ayala who designed the pond will be looking to see what has turned up this first summer. If you regularly walk through the reserve or maybe even if you've never been there, then please come along to the official opening of the pond on Sunday 16 August at 2.30pm. If you want to create a pond in your own garden then look at the Pond Conservation website www.pondconservation.org.uk which has lots of good advice.

Christine Elliott

COTSWOLD WALKS

A series of guided walks along two walking trails in the Cotswolds will take place this summer. The walks have been created by the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens, the voluntary arm of the organisation that oversees the Cotswolds AONB.

The new walks were created in response to popular demand along two walking routes designed by the wardens back in the late 1980s, the Wardens and Windrush Ways. These two 14 mile trails connect the Cotswold Way in Winchcombe and the Oxfordshire Way at Bourton on the Water and form a useful link in the network of long distance paths.

These guided walks will take place on the second Thursdays of June, July and August. They will consist of a series of circular walks that cover the entire length of both routes in 7 to 10 mile sections. The dates are Thursday June 11th , starting at 10 am at Guiting Power Village Hall; Thursday, July 9th, starting from the same point; and Thursday, August 13th starting from Bourton on the Water.

Throughout June, July and August there are a great many other walks to choose from starting within up to 8 miles of Charlbury and of varying lengths.

Full details can be found in the Spring/Summer edition of The Cotswold Lion, the Newspaper for the Cotswolds AONB. You can log on the their website at www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk

THE OXFORD GREEN BELT WAY

An illustrated and informative pocket-sized guide to the 50 mile circular walk in Oxford's Green Belt has been published. The guide has route maps and descriptions of the landscape, history and wildlife of the countryside surrounding the city. The Green Belt Way was opened by Boris Johnson MP last summer and created by the CPRE, and all parts are within easy reach of four park-and-ride sites and many regular bus services. The guide is divided into nine stages, with short or long walks to suit all ages.

The price of the guide is £5 and is available from CPRE Oxfordshire, Punches Barn, Waterperry Road, Holton, OX33 1PP, or from the Oxford Tourist Information Centre in Broad Street.

www.cpreoxon.org.uk

SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK AT CORNBURY

Romeo & Juliet
Sunday, June 28th
2.30 pm

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LIFE AT CHARLBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

May Day Celebrations

Following the success of last year, the school held its second May Day celebration on Wednesday 6th May at 1.30pm-3.00pm on the playground. Parents, Grandparents and friends came to watch as every class performed a traditional May dance. Years 5 & 6 boys performed Morris Dances after being taught how to Morris dance by local Morris dancers led by Pete Smith. Year 5 & 6 girls performed Maypole Dances after being taught how to dance around the Maypole by Kath Lucas. The school thanks Pete and Kath for their enthusiasm and support!

Governing body

The Chronicle reader may be interested to hear a little bit more about our governing body, chaired by the multi-talented community governor Sue Tokomine. Our governors meet around six times a year and also attend various sub-committee and working party meetings. In common with most governing bodies at primary schools, we have a Curriculum Committee, a Premises Committee and a Finance Committee. In addition to curriculum issues, the curriculum committee ensures that all the most recent policies and procedures are in place, and often deals with recruitment issues. Apart from overseeing school building issues and projects such as the one starting this Summer, our premises committee is also home to the "eco schools" group (see a previous Chronicle column on this project). This group is currently working hard towards obtaining the Silver award for the school by amongst other things, devising a longer-term energy-saving plan.

In addition to these three committees, we also have a Grants Committee, which works together with the CSA, a Healthy Schools Group and a Communication Working Party, which includes two parents with particular professional communication expertise. Its current focus is the creation of a new website that is to meet the requirements of a wide variety of stakeholders, such as parents, prospective parents, business sponsors and other organisations in the wider community.

Charlbury School Association

The CSA are looking forward to a busy summer term with many planned fund-raising events. The school will host a Ceilidh evening on Friday 12th June with the locally famous Scaley Ceilidh band. There will be lots of wonderful Irish/folk music to dance to and there will also be food and a bar. Look out for the posters with full information nearer the time.

We will be running a Coffee Morning at the Corner House on Saturday 13th June and a Car Boot Sale at Wychwood Paddocks on Sunday 28th June, so start sorting through your lofts, garages and kids' bedrooms soon!

Our Mobile Phone Recycling Scheme is underway so please remove the SIM card from any unwanted mobiles and drop them into the school office to help boost our funds.

Cake baking for our Tea & Cake Tent at Cornbury Festival has now started; we're aiming for a total of at least 400! Any offers of help to bake cakes, even just one or two, are very welcome, please contact Julie Ward on tel. 811292.

Birgit den Outer - Parent Governor

REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS GO ON LINE

Charlbury Medical Centre is offering limited patient access online. Once registered, you can order repeat prescriptions (and say where you wish to collect them), or enter change of address details, at www.charlburymedicalcentre.co.uk.

You can collect a registration document from reception, or ask for it to be sent by post.

You cannot use the system to email your doctor.

*This information taken from the
Charlbury website*

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Rose & Crown has deservedly been named North Oxfordshire CAMRA's Pub of the Year for the fourth time.

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*This comment by Richard Fairhurst was
taken from the Charlbury Website*



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SHED SELLS OUT!

SHED Theatre had a very busy and exciting 2008 so it really was the cherry on the cake to receive the following message recently: "*The Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society is pleased to inform you that the 2008 Fringe production of "Under Milk Wood" qualifies as a 2008 Fringe "sell out" show, having sold at least 95% of its Fringe ticket allocation throughout the show's run.*" We are told that this is awarded to only 8% of the hundreds of shows at the Fringe so we will proudly display this logo whenever we can! And it is good to have the opportunity now to repeat our grateful thanks to all of you who helped us raise the funds to get to Edinburgh.

Life never stands still for SHED and we are currently rehearsing our production of the musical **MOULIN ROUGE** which we will perform at the Memorial Hall from the **15 to 18 July**. This is the tragic love story of a young writer and a beautiful courtesan who meet at the Moulin Rouge, a night club where rich and poor men alike come to be entertained by the dancers. But things take a wicked turn when the club's patron, the Duke, creates a dangerous love triangle and the lovers find that not even love can conquer all. This is a lively and colourful production with familiar contemporary songs – don't miss it! And keep an eye out for us at the Cornbury Festival where we will be doing the Tango from the show.

With over 40 members, rehearsals for all the elements in the show – acting, singing and dancing - are an interesting challenge. And on top of that, our dancers have to do it all in very high stiletto heels! But it is all great fun and we know you will enjoy the show. You are advised to get your tickets as soon as they are on sale as there will be fewer seats than usual given the size of the cast and the room required for the big numbers! See you there!

Finally, but most importantly, we really appreciate all the support shown to SHED down the years by local people, the Town Council, the *Charlbury Chronicle* and parents – thank you so much.

Moulin Rouge tickets will be available at the end of June – look out for posters for details.

Trish Fraser

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LITTER PICKING

Many thanks to the small but noble band of litter pickers who spent a very satisfying two hours in April collecting rubbish deposited on the streets and pathways of our small town.

I hope to make this a regular event (actually, I don't - I wish people wouldn't drop it in the first place!). Twenty four sacks were filled in this short space of time. Special focus was given to the area around the Spendlove site, the station area, the Rochester Place passage and the lay-by on the Burford Road near the Chadlington turn, which cannot have been tidied up in years.

I don't want to get boring on the subject, but your town council tries very hard to keep the town looking clean and tidy. We are very fortunate to live in such a lovely spot. It's such a shame that a small number of people choose to deface it by dropping litter.

- Take your litter home, or use the bins provided.
- Don't drop your receipts and wrappers outside the Co-op and other shops.
- Keep the area outside your own home free of rubbish.
- Pick up litter when you see it. This will encourage others. Put a bag in your pocket when you go for a walk or drive.
- Talk to your kids about it. Encourage them to feel proud of our town. Cigarette ends are litter. Use the bins!!

We plan to have a further blitz in the autumn. Watch this space.

Thank you.

Councillor Gareth Miller

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A ChOC Extra Event

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Our sixth beautiful boutique **Cornbury Festival** is on sale with our most eclectic line-up ever - Sugababes, Scouting For Girls, The Pretenders, Sharleen Spiteri, Magic Numbers, The Damned and rising stars like Ava Leigh, Teddy Thompson and Lara & The Tears. We obviously feel ours is the most beautiful festival ever - simply 'cos we spent most of last summer checking out the competition! Our favourite testimonial comes from Mike Scott of The Waterboys - 'Cornbury's a quintessentially English event - good natured, inclusive, slightly eccentric with echoes both of an old country fayre and a garden party about it'. Enough said we feel. Now that our chums at the meteorological office tell us it's going to be a 'barbecue Summer' you better hurry up and join us.

*From Sound Advice Newsletter by
Hugh Phillimore*

TOT BITS

FANCY TAKING YOUR TOT OUT FOR A PICNIC? In the hope of many more sunny Spring days to come, I've been looking at different outings in the Cotswolds which might be of interest (please refer to websites for further info on entrance fees, opening times, directions etc).

Most of you will already know about the **Cotswold Wildlife Park and Gardens** (Burford; tel: 01993 823006; www.cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk), but it is worth a mention in case you don't. It consists of 160 acres of landscaped parkland with all sorts of animals to look at including lions, penguins, flamingoes and many more. There is a train ride to tempt your Tot which helps you to get your bearings on your first visit. The large playground area (with a merry-go-round in the busier season) is a great place to stop for a picnic.

On a much smaller scale, a sweet place to see traditional breeds of farm animals and have a picnic is at **Cogges Manor Farm Museum** (Witney; tel: 01993 772602; www.cogges.org). This is a working museum featuring a Victorian farmstead where your Tot can watch regular feedings of the animals and milking of the cows. In the Manor House, you can see the domestic staff doing their chores, and your Tot might like to dress up in Victorian costume in the playroom which also includes period toys. There are also lots of special weekend events on in May through to the end of August.

If your Tot loves baby animals then now would be a good time to visit **The Waterfowl Sanctuary & Children's Farm** (nr

Wigginton Heath, off A361 towards Banbury) (tel: 01608 730252; www.waterfowlsanctuary.co.uk), which is a rescue centre caring for sick, injured and neglected animals. It has a "Cuddle Corner" where your Tot can handle baby animals under strict adult supervision (but beware: the baby rabbits, guinea pigs, ducks and fowl may be for sale!). There is also a children's playground with picnic tables and a Thomas Engine to climb on.

Another great day's outing with picnic facilities is at the **Cotswold Farm Park** (nr Guiting Power, Cheltenham; tel: 01451 850307; www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk). Here your Tot can make friends with baby animals and see eggs hatching in the incubators in the Touch Barn, or have a go at bottle feeding a lamb or goat kid in season. Seasonal demonstrations of lambing, shearing and milking take place in the Demo Barn. There is plenty for the more active Tot to indulge in, including an adventure playground, Play Barn (where Tots 3+ can ride on their own battery operated tractor or self-propelled roller racers!), "Jumping Pillow" and the Cotswold Lion Maze.

As my Tot loves mazes, a place we like to visit is **Blenheim Palace** (Woodstock; tel: 08700 602080; www.blenheimpalace.com), in particular the Pleasure Gardens where the world's second largest symbolic hedge maze is located. There is also an adventure playground, some picnic tables and a Butterfly House where your Tot can see exotic tropical butterflies flying around freely (some Tots or adults may not like such close encounters with them). You could also take a free miniature train ride from the Pleasure Gardens to the Palace.

TOT BITS

If you think your Tot might enjoy a pick-your-own fruit experience, then head to **Millets Farm Centre (Frilford on A415; tel: 01865 391555; www.milletsfarmcentre.com; no entrance fee!!)** between June and September. If fruit picking with your Tot sounds too daunting, then you could always just visit the farm animals (including the rather unusual curly red haired Mangalitzas pigs) and play area or have a go in the "Maize Maze" (opens 16 July). Picnic facilities can be found at Phoebe Trafalgar Wood which offers woodland and wetland walks along the banks of the River Ock.

Finally, for those of you with train-loving Tots, take a picnic with you to Cutteslowe Park (North Oxford, parking at end of Harbord Road) and check out the miniature railway where rides on suitcase-size steam engines can be had on Sundays during the Summer. There is also a large playground, aviary, duck pond and mini-golf. Don't forget the **Didcot Railway Centre (tel: 01235 817200; www.didcotrailwaycentre.org.uk)** which has many special events, including Steamdays with rides on the trains and Days Out with Thomas (next one not until 2-4 October).

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP : The Baby and Toddler Group meets every Monday during term time from 9:30 to 11:30 am at the Memorial Hall and welcomes mums-to-be and babies as well as pre-school children. There is a variety of fun activities and children especially enjoy having lots of space to use tricycles and ride on toys. Sessions include a craft, story time with juice and a biscuit, singing and sometimes parachute play. So please do join us – a friendly environment, a hot cuppa and

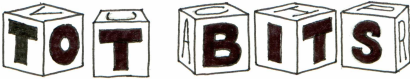
conversation awaits! (£2 per family).

CHARLBURY PRE-SCHOOL: Charlbury Pre-school is a thriving, voluntary-run organisation that seeks to provide education through play for children from 2 1/2 to 5 years, and support for their parents. The Pre-school is open to every family in the community and welcomes both fathers and mothers, other relations and other carers, including childminders. It welcomes people from all cultural, ethnic, religious and social groups, with or without disabilities.

The pre-school aims to enhance the development and education of children in a community based group. It is led by a dedicated group of play leaders and their assistants. There is a maximum of 24 children per session and we have a high adult to child ratio. The sessions run, during school term time only, Monday to Friday - 9am to 1pm, so children will need to bring a packed lunch. Alternatively, you can choose to pick your child up at 11.30 to cover free Voucher Sessions only. Enrolment can be from as little as one morning a week to the full five day depending on your requirements.

Pre-School premises can be hired either on Saturdays from 2pm or all day Sundays - providing an ideal environment for a birthday party. There are two rooms, child friendly tables & chairs, a kitchen and even enough room for a 10'x10' bouncy castle. Pre-school premises are available for hire in the afternoons during the week either on a permanent or temporary basis. Please contact us for further information or to arrange a visit 01608 811200.

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LITTLE FISHES: Sadly the Little Fishes group that took place at St Mary's church is no longer running anymore due to minimal demand. Kate Shawcross would like to thank everyone involved in the group over the many years that she has been responsible for it. In particular, she would like to thank Hilda Joy-Jones who helped to lead the group, Penny Nairne and her team of helpers who provided the drinks and snacks, Sue Holliday for her help with leading the music and for everyone who came with their children/grand children and made it such fun. Should anyone wish to restart the group in future, please contact Judy French at the Vicarage (all the materials have been kept).

*Please send all TotBits information
to Carina at
ccloweth@btinternet.com
01608 810870*

Just the job for you?

The post of secretary to the Charlbury Business Community (a membership organisation made up of several small companies and a lot of people working from home) has just fallen vacant. Could that be just the opportunity you are looking for...?

How would you like:

- a (very) part-time job where you meet other people who work locally?

- a chance to make new friends and network with people who share your interests?

- the opportunity to make Charlbury a better place to live and work, and more attractive to 'appropriate' tourism?

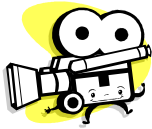
- to help people who work here (whether from home, like most do, or for a small company) get the advice and support they need?

- to see Charlbury Business Community (CBC), which represents the interests of the 300 or so people who work here, grow its membership and improve its services to the town?

- to promote two-way communication with local authorities (the town, district and county councils) to ensure they have our best interests at heart?

That's a taster for the job of secretary to the CBC, and it's vacant now! Why not apply? There's a very modest honorarium, to some extent the job is what you make it, you won't be doing it primarily for the money (though it might help), and the only fixed events in your calendar would be a committee meeting one evening a month and a 'networking lunch' every month or two. Most communication is by email and we have around 40 members (you'd help us increase that number).

If you'd like to know more, contact the chair, Jon Carpenter, at jon@evenlodebooks.co.uk or phone 819117, or call into Evenlode Books for a chat.



News from ChOC: Charlbury's Own Cinema

The summer programme

By popular request we shall be returning with Jenny Nicholls and friends for a sing-along evening with **Mamma Mia!** on Friday 26th June. Find out all about this event from Jenny on page 17 of this issue of the *Chronicle*.

Our films for the summer months are as follows:

Sunday 14th June: **Frost/Nixon** (2009, Cert 15, 118 mins)

Sunday 12th July: **The Young Victoria** (2009, Cert PG, 104 mins)*

Sunday 9th August: **Man on Wire** (2008, Cert 12, 94 mins)

All films start at 7.30 in The Memorial Hall, Charlbury.

*We occasionally have to reschedule films if licences from distributors are not available to us in time for our advertised screening. At the time of writing, it looks as if this may be the case with **The Young Victoria**. If this is so you can rely on us, with the expert help of Chipping Norton Theatre, to find a good alternative.

Up to the minute information on our film schedule is available on the 'Events' page of the Charlbury website and on Ed's ChOC website: <http://www.day-books.com/chocweb.htm> complete with stills from the films. We also publish a newsletter each month which can be picked up from Charlbury library or emailed to you direct if you contact Hilda Reed on 01608 810423.

ChOC links in Charlbury

Response to our article in the last Chronicle has been brilliant. We invited collaboration with other Charlbury organisations

and already we have linked up with Sustainable Charlbury to show **The Age of Stupid**, Franny Armstrong's powerful film which looked back from a climate-changed world to 2008 and asked why we didn't act while we had the time. A sobering but tremendously stimulating film.

A similarly positive response has come from our request for sponsorship. If you, too, would like to sponsor one of our films please contact Margaret Godel on 01608 811321.

ChOC AGM

Our AGM in April was a lively review of a busy year with the committee being re-elected as before.

Sharp increases in the costs of film licences, equipment and hall hire, as well as the end of our funding from the 'Movies on the Move' initiative, mean that we will be increasing ticket prices from September when individual tickets will be £4.50 while carnets of ten tickets will be available at the current individual price of £4.00 a ticket.

Warm thanks were extended to the Memorial Hall and Corner House committee for their continued support and particularly for the provision of blackouts which not only look good but make film nights so much better for us all.

We look forward to seeing even more new faces there during the summer.

Hilda Reed

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CHARLBURY CRICKET CLUB

The Club's new pavilion continues to ascend skywards from its position at the top of the cricket field. All being well, it should be in use before the end of the summer. An appeal for funds to complete the interior of the building has been launched by kind permission of the distributors of The Leaflet and all households should have received our letter by now. If you missed out and would like to receive a copy then please contact the Club's President, Malcolm Harper, on 01608 810464. Included in the letter is information on our new scheme, the Friends of Charlbury Cricket Club. In return for a modest contribution to the Club, you can show your support for cricket in Charlbury. Friends will be entitled to watch cricket at the ground, buy a drink from the bar and participate in special social events that we are planning to run from time to time. Details of all events taking place at the Club as well as many other useful items (fixtures, match reports, membership information, etc.) can be found on the Club's excellent website, which has recently been overhauled in readiness for the new cricket season. The website can be found at www.charlburycricketclub.com. Finally, the Club is running a Summer Raffle in aid of the Pavilion Fund. Tickets are £1 each (or £5 for a book) and the draw will be made on September 1st. The prizes are as follows: first, £250 in cash; second, two tickets to the Nat West ODI between England and Australia at Lord's on September 12th; and third, a magnum of champagne. If you want to buy tickets or would like some books to sell, please contact Colin Olliffe (Chairman) on 01993 704108 or Malcolm Harper on the above number. Good luck!

Derek Collett

CHARLBURY BOWLS CLUB

This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the Bowls Club; we are holding a special game to celebrate this with a match against Bowls England on Monday July 13th. Sylvia Everett is president of the Oxfordshire Women's Bowling Association this year, and we will be holding a match on Friday July 10th in celebration of this. We are proud to have been asked to host mens and ladies County semi finals matches this year; the Club has superb green and good facilities which are very popular. Do feel free to come and watch. The Club has recently been granted Community Amateur Sports Club status. Members are enjoying the start of the outdoor season, with friendly games against local clubs. The Ladies are having a regular "roll up" on Thursdays, with their matches to start soon. The Men's Oxford League matches start soon, we are hoping for a good year for all our teams. We are always delighted to see new faces, whatever your age come and have a try, there will be someone to show you the ropes!

We are looking forward to good weather, and an enjoyable Summer's bowling.

New members are most welcome, all ages; men women and youngsters. You are never too young or old to play this skilful game.

*David Homewood ,Secretary
01608 811321*

*Please contact Julia Caston (810240)
if you wish to submit an article for
this section*



PUTTING BACK THE TRACK

This was the theme of a high profile gathering at Charlbury station on the evening of 20th March. The event was arranged so that Transport Minister, Lord Adonis, could formally launch the programme to reinstate some 20 miles of double track on the Cotswold Line. Also present, were Rt. Hon. David Cameron, M.P., Lord Faulkner of Worcester (President of the Cotswold Line Promotion Group), the Managing Director of First Great Western and other senior members of management. Network Rail sent a top level deputation and various local authorities sent representatives. The Cotswold Line Promotion Group was represented by its Chairman, Derek Potter, plus several other Officers and Committee Members.

A celebratory cake was cut (*see picture on left*) and, in their speeches, Lord Adonis and David Cameron welcomed the long overdue doubling of

the track.

Details are now emerging about the schedule for the work, which will cause the line to be closed for various periods:

From **18th July to 3rd August (0500)** and from **24th August to 1st September** NO TRAINS will serve Charlbury as the line will be completely closed between Oxford and Worcester. Buses will replace trains during these periods. A similar line closure is now scheduled for the half term week 26th to 30th October.

From **3rd August (0500) to 23rd August** the line between Oxford and Moreton-in-Marsh will be open and a train service will operate. It is not known at this stage whether these trains will run through to/from London. Buses will replace trains between Moreton-in-Marsh and Worcester.

Late night services will also be affected on **Mondays to Thursdays** from 13th September until the end of the current timetable in mid-December. This will affect the 2020 and 2148 trains from London, which will terminate at Oxford, with bus replacement onwards. In the opposite direction, Charlbury's 2206 and 2345 to London will not run. Instead, buses will call at 2329 and 0158 to take passengers to Oxford, but there will be no onward connections.

John Stanley

BEES, HONEY AND OUR FOOD SUPPLY

‘...honey bees are like the canary in the coal mine ... they are giving us an early warning...’

Do you realise that one third of the food we eat depends on pollination by insects and that 80% of insect pollination is by honey bees? Ninety crops are dependent on pollination - these include apples, pears, plums, soft fruit berries, nuts, cucumbers, runner beans, courgettes, melons, squash, rape and cotton and the seed production of cauliflowers, cabbages, onions and carrots. The countryside would originally have had lots of wild bees and other insects but modern agricultural monoculture, loss of hedgerows and pesticides have virtually destroyed wild pollinators and the world's commercial food supply chain is now reliant on colonies kept alive by bee keepers. The value of pollination by honey bees is £190 million in the UK alone.

But here comes the catch - there is now a worldwide problem with honeybees dying out. In America there are serious problems with Colony Collapse Disorder where beekeepers are suddenly losing 90% of their hives and are having to buy in new colonies from Australia which is the only country free from the Varroa mite. The UK lost a third of its honey bees in 2008. This global environmental catastrophe is threatening to bring global agriculture to a standstill and is intricately tied to the way we have changed the planet.

The problem is that honeybees are under stress from several sources – climate change, pesticides and the Varroa mite which spreads disease. Geoff Burroughs from Halcyon Honey Farm in Charlbury says bees are getting confused by the unexpected weather patterns and changes to the timing of flowering that they are not used to. Our local bees are very dependent on the sycamore, chestnut and lime trees which are flowering 2-3 weeks earlier than they used to and the bees have to become active earlier to tie in with that. But warm early springs in March and April followed by drops in temperature in May can be disastrous for the bees. Queens start to lay early, hive populations rise quickly and the honey brought in during the early warm spell is quickly consumed and isn't able to be replaced if the temperature is too cold for the workers to go out to forage.

The increase in systemic pesticides in agriculture means that seeds are treated with pesticides which are then present in the plant throughout its life cycle and inevitably get into the nectar and hence into the bees. Autopsies of bees in the USA found single bees containing 25 different agro-chemical pesticide, herbicide and fungicide residues. Chemicals are not tested for their effect in combination and are likely to affect the bees immune system as well as their lifespan. The long-term effect is pushing the bees over the edge.

Honey bees are like the canary in the coal mine, they are giving us an early warning about the state of the planet. Bees are not just about honey but about providing vital food sources for all of us. We need to change our own behaviour and create an environment not just for now but for generations to come. After all, a world that is kind to honey bees has to be good for the rest of us too.

Christine Elliott

Atlantic Baptist University Oxford Study Programme 2009

This year's Canadian students have now left Charlbury taking their memories with them. They were all hugely grateful for the many kindnesses and great friendliness which they received from the Charlbury community.

Here are some of their observations:

One memory I have of Charlbury is during the snowfall that shut London down—which amused us Canadians no end. The group was walking to the train station and as we approached the bridge a snowball fight started up. A group of local boys from Charlbury met us coming the opposite way and joined in our game. It was great fun.

I will always remember the Wednesday Quiz night at The Bull. Although my team never did well by any standards, I could always count on Quiz night to be a mid-week relief from my studies. The atmosphere in The Bull is very friendly and I was so glad that I had the opportunity to take part in this very British tradition.

Charlbury is now my favourite town in the world. Thank you to those at the Farmer's Market, The Expo, the Co-op, on the streets, and wherever else, you are all what makes this town a magical place. Thank you also to Clive for putting a section of Canadian questions in the Quiz! We won that night!

Thank you to those who volunteered to drive our group on outings, your love and knowledge of the area was inspiring and appreciated. And thank you most of all to our organizers and hosts. You are all my favourite people in the world and I don't know how to express my gratitude for all that you have done for myself and the group.

Living here in Charlbury has been an amazing experience. Not only is your town beautiful, but you yourselves were very welcoming, and made us feel at home from the outset. One highlight which I will always treasure was the Morris dancing at the Charlbury expo, which made my day.

Living in Charlbury is like living in a fairytale. The houses of stone, the majestic landscape, and the dream-like walking paths all combine together to make a beautiful town. My heart-felt thanks go to all the people of Charlbury for making my stay and experience here so wonderful.

I had heard so much about this town called Charlbury from friends who had been here before on the ABU-Oxford program. They would get this wistful expression on their faces and tell me how wonderful it was and how much they miss their "home" in the UK. Now I understand what they were all talking about. I have had an incredible time and I'm really going to miss the church bells at St. Mary's!

Thank you for welcoming all of us loud Canadians to your town.. Thank you for putting up with our invasion of the Station platform every mid-morning. I will miss the sense of community and all the individuals that made my time here so memorable.

I have not only appreciated the kind people of Charlbury, and the parrot at the end of Nine Acres that greeted me every morning, but I came to view this place as home. For me, this was because of the pleasant people who would greet me on the pavement, the cheerful employees at the Cooperative, and the welcoming Baptist Church community.

Charlbury is peaceful and serene, a quaint small town where visitors feel safe upon arrival. My thanks and appreciation to everyone in Charlbury for making my stay in England one of comfort, enjoyment, and good memories.

I have enjoyed living in Charlbury for the last three months very much! From our very first Sunday lunch at the Baptist Church, to the CADS production of 'Cold Comfort Farm,' life in Charlbury has been very busy and great fun.

People in Charlbury aren't afraid to stop and lend you a hand. Just the other day, a random lady noticed I had missed the train, and drove me 15 minutes away just so I could get back on my feet!

I have so many memories - shopping for fresh vegetables at the Farmer's market, listening to a jazz concert at the Shed, I even learned a little local history by visiting the Charlbury museum. I especially liked the high wheeled tricycle as well as the old pictures of the town.

The ABU-Oxford organisers are grateful to all those who offered Homestay accommodation:

Gill Colman, Liz Cummings, Judy Dod, Leila & Tom England, Sue Godfrey, Eileen Hipgrave & Geoff Martin, Deborah & Mark Hofman, Sue & Mike Mahony, Sally Simpson.

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

Lee Belcher, Joan & Hugh Belshaw, Rosemary & David Booth, Clare & Martin Elson, Marion & Harry Speight, Rita Finch, Jan & Howard Griffiths, Elizabeth Hardie, Hilda & Michael Jones, Nicolette & John Lethbridge, Pippa & Jonathan Nash, Liz & Bob Tait, Gwen Wearing.

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CHARLBURY WEATHER REPORT

In the March issue, I reported that we had
eight consecutive months of below average
temperatures. This became nine in
February 2009. The first 14 days
were particularly cold and snow was ex-
perienced on several occasions. The day-
time temperatures ranged from 31° on
2nd to 55° on 27th. The average was
43.43° compared with the 20 year aver-
age of 46.23°. At night, minimum tem-
peratures ranged from 24° to 44°.

As a whole, the winter averaged 41.46°-
20 year average 44.40°.

At last, the pattern was broken in **March
2009**, which produced an above average
daytime temperature of 52.84° (20 year
average 51.34°). The warmest day was
58° on 22nd and 26th. The coldest was
44° on 5th. At night, lowest temperatures
ranged from 28° to 46°.

April 2009 continued the warming trend
with an average daytime maximum tem-
perature of 58.67° (20 year average
56.60°). Temperatures ranged from 52°
on 12th to 66° on 15th and 22nd. My
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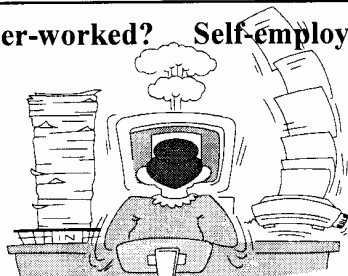
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Marjorie Glasgow



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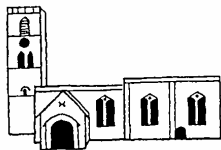
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www.stmaryscharlbury.co.uk

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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHARLBURY have several shared activities,
such as the Bible Study Fellowship, Good News Group and Luncheon Club.

CHANCEL REPAIR LIABILITY

In the distant past, the rector of a parish received the "great tithes" of the parish, and had some glebe land on which to grow his crops. During the Middle Ages, bishops gave Abbeys etc. permission to "appropriate" certain rectories. This usually meant that the abbey took the valuable tithes and the rector's glebe, but had to assume

the rector's obligation to repair the chancel of the parish church. When glebe land was sold after the dissolution of the monasteries, it became law that the owners of former glebe land could be forced to pay for repairing the chancel of the parish church.

During the 1990s, the owners of the relevant land at Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire, refused to repair the chancel, despite the liability being specified in their title deeds. After litigation and appeals, in June 2003 the House of Lords ruled that the old law about chancel repair liability was still valid. The Government then changed the rules. All chancel repair liabilities based upon the ownership of land will now cease on 13 October 2013 unless they have been duly recorded by the Land Registry. This provides obvious practical and pastoral problems for the affected parishes.

Meanwhile a new insurance industry has developed. Nowadays anybody wishing to sell even a tiny piece of land in a parish, such as Charlbury, where the incumbent is called "Vicar" rather than "Rector", is urged to insure against the possibility of having to pay for repairs to the chancel of the parish church. The fee for the insurance is usually less than the cost of showing that the land was not part of the rector's glebe, especially if, as at Charlbury, the case involves a long legal

document written in Latin!

The Vicar and Churchwardens of Charlbury would not wish to sue anyone for the cost of repairing the chancel. Therefore they have consulted the Parochial Church Council [PCC] about this matter. The PCC was told that Eynsham Abbey became responsible for repairing the chancel when the Abbey "appropriated" the rectory of Charlbury in 1296. However ownership of the glebe land which had belonged to the rectors of Charlbury was part of the financial provision made in 1296 for the Vicar and his assistants.

On 9 March 2009 the PCC of Charlbury passed a resolution saying that they were not aware of any claims for chancel repair liability in the parish and that they would not pursue any such claims in perpetuity. Therefore people wishing to sell, or to buy, any land in the parish of Charlbury no longer need to buy insurance against hypothetical chancel repair liabilities.

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Thoughts of retiring County Councillor Sue Haffenden

I gave my fourth and final Annual report on County matters on April 27th at the Finstock Parish Council AGM and at Charlbury on May 1st. I explained that I am standing down as your County Councillor for health reasons (chronic back condition, worsening with age!) but have learnt so much from the last four years and have worked hard in so many areas. I stood for the Council because of my love for this part of West Oxfordshire and all things related to rural and village life. I am also deeply interested in education at all ages and services for older people, so it was natural to apply to be a member of the two Scrutiny Committees that deal with these issues. I little thought I would be thrown in at the deep end and be immediately appointed Chairman of the Adult Social Services Committee and Chairman of the Adult Learning Disability Trust.

Two years later, when I thought I had just about mastered all the different service areas, I was appointed Chairman of the Children's Scrutiny Committee, another vast area to get my head around! One of the most enjoyable things about these Scrutiny Committees is that they act like a Select Committee in the House of Commons: act as a critical friend to Cabinet policy and decisions, become a voice of you, the public, and undertake reviews. I was delighted to undertake four such reviews to influence policy in these last four years: two on education, one on help for carers in the community (ie those families who care for elderly or disabled family) and a very long and far reaching review on the Demographic challenge facing the County up to 2026 . This last review enabled us to interview an incredible number of expert witnesses in the field of social services, health care, housing, transport, education, leisure services, mental health etc. We also visited many residential homes, day centres and smaller supported living accommodation. This research will stand the County in good stead for years to come as they confront the challenge of the increasing numbers of elderly in our population who rightly expect a good quality of life. Although I am not standing again for the Council, I have been asked to stay on as Chairman of the Learning Disability Partnership Board, so will continue to lobby on its behalf for funding, respite care and general health and employment needs of such a vulnerable group. I have also recently been appointed as a governor to the Springfield Special School in Witney, so that I may link children with disabilities to the work of the Adult Board. I will also continue as a member of the Oxford Educational link with Eastern Cape, South Africa, which I was honoured to visit last November as Chairman of the group. This was funded by the Commonwealth Office and allows Local Authorities in UK to mentor Councils in third world and developing countries. Oxon has had a link with Eastern Cape for the past ten years, with education , tourism and waste management projects up and running plus a very successful micro-credit scheme. Chadlington School is twinned with one such school and I was able to meet and exchange presents with their teachers. I will continue as Governor at Finstock and Charlbury Schools for as long as they want me, and my particular interest is in the Curriculum and the literacy schemes especially. I am very impressed by the introduction and success of the phonics scheme in Finstock school and look forward to more time in our local schools, which I believe are so vital to the future of our rural communities

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CHARLBURY TOWN COUNCIL REPORT No. 51

The present Town Council's first year has just finished, culminating in the Annual Parish Meeting held on May 1st. The Council would like to apologise for the change of date to this meeting and to thank the 35 members of the public who attended.

The Council has had a busy year. Steady progress is being made with providing more affordable housing in the town. The cemetery extension is now in use and plans to informal landscaping being discussed.

The County Council has plans for reducing the carbon footprints of street lighting all over the county, including Charlbury. The Town Council considers that this is not something to be rushed into without full public consultation and are considering, amongst other options, arranging a Public Meeting in the Autumn. The police are to hold a meeting with residents and the appropriate authorities to discuss the traffic problems in Thames Street and Dyers Hill. Overhanging branches still make some pavements difficult to walk on and the Council would again ask residents to cut back the offending branches. The Council would like to thank Councillor Gareth Miller for organising a most successful and enjoyable litter clear on Saturday 4th April and hope that even more people will turn out to help on future occasions. However this is an ongoing problem and the Council would encourage residents to keep the area outside their houses clear so that we can all be proud of the appearance of our town.

The Riverside Festival has been granted permission by the Council to use The Mill Field free of charge on 20th/21st June subject to conditions and issue of a Licence by WODC. Hopefully the weather will be fine and it will be as successful as last year.

People have been asking which notice boards they can use to advertise various events etc. The situation is this: The Town Council has three notice boards; on the Corner House wall, opposite Five Ways Store and next to the Enstone Road bus stop. These are managed by the Town Clerk and details of meetings and other Local Government notices can be found on them. The Town Council also provides

Public Notice Boards at these sites and a fourth at the junction of Crawborough and The Slade for the public to advertise community events IN CHARLBURY. They are not for events outside Charlbury or for commercial use. They are self policing so please do not put up your notice too early and please take it down after the event has taken place. The notice board outside the War Memorial Hall, which was donated by CADS, is for events in the Hall only. (Various Associations, Clubs and Churches have their own boards around the centre of Town and some shops will put up advertisements.) It is against the law to pin notices on lamp posts and telegraph poles.

With regard to public transport, Paul Worth, who can be contacted by telephone (01608 677322) or email worth.coaches@ukonline.co.uk has indicated that he would welcome feedback on the current bus service provision and scheduling on the Witney Route, which runs almost parallel with the RH service. The OCC Environment Dept are aiming in the future to upgrade the electronic information service at bus stops throughout the County. We have been assured by the County Council that they hope to complete the new bus stop on The Slade by the end of May. The doubling of the railway line through Charlbury is due to start soon and we have been told that initially the Oxford to Worcester line will be closed 18th July to 3rd August and 24th August to 1st September and the Moreton to Evesham 3rd to 24th August. The Council are having meetings with Network Rail to discuss their plans for a pedestrian footbridge to the second platform and the possible extension to the station car park; Network Rail intend to put up copies of draft plans at the station.

The Council would remind everyone that the elections for the European Parliament and for the County Council will be held on 4th June.

Finally The Council has sent a letter of sympathy to David and Samantha Cameron on the death of their son Ivan.

To contact the Town Council e-mail The Town Clerk (Roger Clarke) at charlburytc@btinternet.com or telephone him on 01608 810608

Councillor Nicolette Lethbridge

Report from District Councillor Glena Chadwick
telephone 01608 810555 *chadwick@glena.plus.com*

It is interesting how many years end at different times: the Christian year, the Chinese year, the academic year, the financial year and even the local government year all end at varying points. In the last few weeks there has been a flurry of AGMs and end of year reports looking back over the last period of parish, town and district councils.

Personally I have continued to serve on the Environment, Standards and Audit committees and the Climate Change group; all of which I have found interesting and enlightening in different ways. In Environment we have basically been trying to fine tune the new waste contract for October 2010 and pursue the aim of reducing what goes to landfill, and maintain West Oxfordshire as a clean and beautiful place to live in---an aim that would be easier if people dropped less (or no) litter !

The Audit committee looks critically at WODC's performance and can seem rather dry but is necessary. The Standards committee is there to maintain high standards in all the local councils and to hear complaints about any possible breach. Again it is very necessary and challenging, not the least because the regulations change frequently.

The Climate Change group have heard many excellent presentations on subjects like zero-carbon homes and are aiming to reduce WODC's carbon emissions.

Some of the most satisfying work of the council is allocating grants to worthwhile organisations like Charlbury Cricket Club and the Wychwood project who do so much to enhance the life in our area; an area which I think it is a privilege to represent.

Report from District Counsellor Mike Breakell
tel: 01993 868201 *michael.breakell@westoxon.gov.uk* or *mjbreakell@aol.com*

The document Shaping Futures has now been produced by the District Council and refers to more support for key issues like local service provision, health care for an ageing population, younger people's needs, community security, and affordable housing.

Affordable housing is being addressed in Charlbury by the on going discussion between landowners, the housing enabler from the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council, the Town Council, and Housing Associations and hopefully provision will be made for over twenty units in due course. Of course the current economic constraints make everything more difficult and this also applies to the Local Development Framework which considers such issues over the longer term.

In Charlbury key issues including parking in the town and at the station, and the need to retain retail facilities in town, in this time of austerity when sustainable issues for the longer term are of such importance too. Meanwhile on going planning matters are discussed at the monthly Uplands Planning Sub Committee which takes place on the first Monday afternoon of each month in Witney and which is always open to the public. Visit the West Oxfordshire Website to find out more, or contact me on michael.breakell@westoxon.gov.uk or on 01993 868201

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CHARLBURY'S POLICE OFFICERS

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