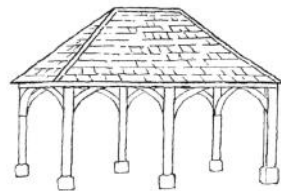


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## From the Editor

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Well, another packed edition of the Chronicle!

The Charlbury Festival will be happening from 8-16 June at various venues around Charlbury. See What's On for more details or the Charlbury website.

On 22 June, St Mary's will be running their Church Fete from 2-4.30pm - more details to follow so keep an eye out for posters and notices on the website.

On 29 June, our very own Beer Festival is taking place on the Cricket Pitch.

Of course, we have the Cornbury Festival on 5-7 July, then our own Riverside Festival (20-21 July).

Then a really big weekend of festivals with both Wilderness (1-4 August) at Cornbury Park and Countryfile Live (1-4 August) taking place at

Blenheim Palace.

Street Fair are still looking out for helpers; both on Street Fair day and the day after.

It is with great sadness that I have to report the death of Richard Cocks, chairman of the Corner House & Memorial Hall committee and also chair of ChOC. A lovely man, who will be sorely missed. Our thoughts go out to Jean and Richard's family.

Congratulations go to Andy Graham for being elected on to the West Oxfordshire District Council.

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

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Have a great summer!

*Susanna Finch*

**Please note the deadline for articles for the Autumn issue is 1st August 2019  
Please send all articles to *editor.chronicle@outlook.com***



## Charlbury Festival 2019

The 2019 Charlbury Festival programme is now complete. There will be concerts, theatre, film, literature events, creative workshops, heritage walks and much more. There will also be a number of special exhibitions running during the festival.

On the opening Saturday 8th June there will be children's activities at the Farmers' Market with storytelling, mask making and other creative activities with Charlbury Girl Guides, Little Wild Things and the Riverside Festival team.

There will then be a masked procession to The Bell Inn where Steamroller Printmaking will take place. Colin and Claire Bellamy will drive their steamroller from Witney to enable us to make giant linocut and monotype prints with their Wallis and Steevens Road Roller. Prints will include a giant linocut made by local artists, monotype prints with the theme of rivers made by Charlbury Primary School and prints made from brass instruments after flattening them with the steamroller.

There will be music from the Charlbury Buskers - come and hear some of the finest folk and contemporary musicians from Charlbury and surrounding villages, on an outdoor stage at this iconic town-centre setting.

On Saturday evening we will be entertained by Brickwork Lizards and The Four Wordsmen and enjoy a Moroccan meal in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

Brickwork Lizards is an Arabic jazz fusion ensemble based in Oxford. The Oxford Times said: "they are one of the most creative, and certainly eclectic bands the city has ever produced."

The Four Wordsmen, Ed Fenton, Adrian Lancini, John Lanyon and Rob Stepney, will share the love they have for letting words go out to play

Fab Cooks will create an evening of Moroccan food. Tickets £30.00 from Charlbury Deli and Cafe.

And all this is just the first day. The following eight days continue with an action packed programme.

Charlbury Festival is generously supported by the Charlbury Beer Festival, Charlbury Town Council and West Oxfordshire District Council. This support will enable many of the festival activities to be free, so do come along and join in.

So as you think about your plans for 2019, make sure you are not away between 7th and 16th June. All the festival activities are on the Charlbury Website and look out for your copy of the programme which will be delivered to your home.

Contact: [secretary@charlburyarts.co.uk](mailto:secretary@charlburyarts.co.uk)

*Tony Lloyd*

## The Neighbourhood Plan Process and Timetable

In the last report, I told you how Charlbury's Neighbourhood Plan will aim to ensure that the views and needs of the local community shape and direct future development in the town. I also explained the part that the Neighbourhood Plan will play in the planning system once it is approved. This time I want to let you know where we are in the process of producing the plan, what the next steps are, when they will happen and how you can get involved.

Producing a Neighbourhood Plan takes a lot of time and effort. The process is highly regulated as it needs to ensure that the plan is legally robust. If it isn't, the plan could be open to legal challenge which could render the plan unenforceable.

The Town Council is responsible for the Neighbourhood Plan. The work of producing the draft plan is being led by a steering group which includes three serving members of the Town Council plus other volunteers (currently six) who all reside in Charlbury. Two town councillors must be present at every steering group meeting and the group reports to the town council each month so that the council can review and approve documents and actions associated with the Plan.

### Pre-submission Consultation

Production of a draft plan is now nearing completion. After this draft has been approved by the Town Council it will be published and a formal public consultation will be held. This "Pre-submission" or "Regulation 14" consultation will last for a minimum of six weeks and our current intention is to

hold it during September and October 2019, after the summer holidays. Full details of the consultation will be publicised and every household in Charlbury will receive a leaflet before the consultation starts explaining the consultation process, telling you where the plan documents can be viewed, how to respond to the consultation and the date by which responses must be received. Other consultees will be contacted individually. Plan documents will be available online and paper copies will also be available to view at the Charlbury Library.

We urge you all to get involved in the consultation because this is YOUR plan. During the consultation, we will publicise and hold open drop-in events where you will be able to talk to town councillors and members of the steering group, to discuss the draft plan, ask questions and let us know what you think. We hope to hold two of these sessions at the September Farmers' Market and at Street Fair – please do pop in and talk to us.

At the end of the formal consultation period, we will consider all responses and recommend any changes to the draft plan. When the Town Council has approved the changes, the draft plan will be updated and then submitted along with the consultation statement to WODC who are the local planning authority.

### Post-submission process

Once the amended draft plan has been submitted to WODC, they will oversee the remaining processes required for the plan to be adopted. These processes include a further 6-week consultation, an inspection to ensure the legal soundness of the plan and finally a referendum of everyone on the Charlbury electoral register. If a majority of those voting in the referendum approve the plan, WODC will adopt it and its policies will be taken into account in deciding planning applications within the parish of Charlbury.

*Peter Kenrick*



## Charlbury Street Fair 2019

### "TIME"

#### Street Fair & Open Gardens

Charlbury Street Fair takes place on 21<sup>st</sup> September. Our Street Fair Committee has arrangements well in hand - entertainment is being arranged, sponsors approached, raffle prizes are being sought and we have applied for road closures - for Church Street and part of Park Street on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September for the Egg Throwing Contest (Fun!), and for Sheep Street, Church Street and part of Park Street all for the main event (More Fun!) and night time bands on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September (Even More Fun!). This year we have a theme of 'Time' as this year's Fair date coincidentally coincides with the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of famed clock and chronometer maker Larcum Kendall, in Charlbury.

The format and acts will be very similar to last year's Street Fair, keeping to the successful formula set by our past efforts.

Charlbury Open Gardens rapidly approaches—Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June - 2pm to 6pm. Don't miss this ever-popular event. It is your once-a-year opportunity to view a range of beautiful and inspirational gardens as you take a gentle Sunday afternoon stroll around the centre of Charlbury. Cream teas and a wide variety of delicious home-made cakes will be available throughout the afternoon so why not relax, take the weight off your feet and enjoy some well-earned refreshments!

There will also be plants for sale, a raffle and a Father's Day Quiz for children. This year the Open Gardens event coincides with the Charlbury Festival. They are offering story telling for children; see programme for details. Entry to all

gardens costs £5 for adults (under 12s free) and tickets will be available on the day from the Corner House garden.

If you want to help with either event on the day - or day after in the case of the Fair (there's a bit of packing and clearing up to do on Sunday morning) do please get in touch with either Steve Jones our Secretary or John Dora our Chair. You can contact us and read up-to-date information at [www.charlburystreetfair.org](http://www.charlburystreetfair.org)

See you all there!

*John Dora, Chair, CSF Committee*

Charlbury Open Gardens  
**Charlbury, Oxfordshire**  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019  
2.00pm to 6.00pm

Approx  
**9**  
gardens  
open

Your chance to enjoy a range of inspirational gardens around Charlbury, plus teas, cakes, raffle, quiz for children, sculpture trail, and more.

All proceeds will go to the Charlbury Street Fair which supports the Charlbury Corner House and Memorial Hall.

**Plant sales:** There will be plants for sale in the Memorial Hall.

**Cost:** £5.00 per adult, accompanied under 12s free.

**How to get event passports:** On the day from the Corner House Garden, Browns Lane.

**Location:** Oxfordshire. Use Sat Nav postcode: OX7 3QW (please verify before travelling)



## Charlbury Cricket Club

The outdoor season started with a crash, storm winds knocking over the club sightscreens and scattering our two sets of covers to all parts of the ground! With one of our mowers also juddering to a halt, it was a case of swift repairs in time for the first youth and league games at the beginning of May. Many thanks to the ground staff, particularly the mechanical expertise of Rob Jackson.

We now have four senior league teams and two women's teams which means both our fields will be hosting two Saturday games virtually throughout the season, as well as women's matches on the Sundays. Probably the heaviest commitment the club has ever made. Youth games are also provided for Under 11s, U13s, U15s and U17s, and also a series of midweek 20/20 friendlies.

The club's 1<sup>st</sup> team captain this year is Tom Nash, who has taken over from Josh

Hornsby. Tom is Charlbury born and bred and, like Josh, came through our youth coaching system. He has a naturally positive character and will be relishing the challenge of leading the team through its second season in the Cherwell League's division four. Another newcomer to captaincy is Stuart Duff who took the reins of our Oxfordshire Cricket Association team in division seven north. Andy Glass is captain of the Cherwell League 2<sup>nd</sup> team, Paul Jenkins of the 3rds and Victoria Strode continues as Ladies' captain.

The club will be playing host to many of the representative games for the county's U15 girls, many of whom are playing members for Charlbury. Naturally, we should be proud of them and what we are doing to enhance women's cricket which is certainly a growth area of the game.

So, plenty of cricket for all and let's hope, like last year, a fantastic summer of good weather.

*David Horne, club vice chairman*

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Charlbury's Own Cinema

ChOC News

We are very much looking forward to being part of the **Charlbury Festival** in June with our screening of **EOS: Young Picasso**. The film in July, **Fisherman's Friends**, is based on the story of the renowned sea-shanty group from Cornwall. There is no screening in August but we will be back in September with our autumn programme.

**All films are shown in the Memorial Hall - doors and our popular 'wine and beer' bar opens 45 minutes before the performance.**

Towards the end of June we will be holding our AGM, details will be posted on the Charlbury website and displayed on noticeboards in town.



**Sunday 9th June at 7.30pm:**  
**Exhibition On Screen: Young Picasso** Cert.U / 90mins

Pablo Picasso is one of the greatest artists of all time – and right up until his death in 1973 he was the most prolific of artists. Many films have dealt with the later years – the art, the affairs and the wide circle of friends. But where did this all begin? What made Picasso in the first place?

Too long ignored, it is time to look at the early years of Picasso; the upbringing and the learning that led to his extraordinary achievements. Three cities play a key role: Malaga, Barcelona and Paris. Young Picasso visits each and explores their influence on Picasso, focusing on specific artworks from these early years.

The film explains how this young artist acquired his craft. Looking carefully at two key early periods – the so-called Blue Period and Rose Period – the film takes us all the way to 1907 and the creation of a critical painting in the

history of art – Les Demoiselles d'Avignon. It was a painting that shocked the art world but changed it irrevocably. Picasso was only 25 years old. Working closely with all three Picasso Museums in Malaga, Barcelona and Paris, this film explains how he rose to great heights.

**Admission: Adults £7.00 / U15's £4.00**



**Sunday 14th July at 7.30pm:**  
**Fisherman's Friends** Cert.  
12A / 112mins.

Inspired by the true story of the Fisherman's Friends, an all-male acapella folk singing group from Port Isaac in Cornwall who in the noughties became an unexpected hit for their authentic sea shanties.

Danny (**Daniel Mays**) is a music executive who travels to Cornwall on a stag weekend with his mates and he's pranked by them into offering to sign up the local sea shanty singers, led by Jim (**James Purefoy**), Jago (**David Hayman**) and Leadville (**Dave Johns**). Something in the music speaks to Danny's romantic soul, and he makes it his mission to bring the Fisherman's Friends and their music to the world. **Admission: Adults £5 / U15s £3.**

*"... this gentle, sweet-natured comedy has warmth and a certain X factor of likability, helped by big-hearted performances from a cast including Daniel Mays and Tuppence Middleton." - Peter Bradshaw / The Guardian*

### ChOC Raffle:

Net proceeds from the raffle held at monthly film screenings are donated to charities and community organisations based in and around Charlbury. Donations in the region of £100 are made on average every three to four months. If you would like your organisation to be considered as a recipient in the future, please email [secretary.chocfilms@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.chocfilms@gmail.com) giving contact name, organisation and a brief description of how the donation would be used.



## Charlbury Town Football and Sports Club

You may have noticed that work is underway on the new Football Club next to the Sports Pavilion on Nine Acres. It has been a bit of a trek getting to this stage and thanks are due to the Town Council for backing the project.

By way of a reminder; the Town Council held a Parish Poll two years ago about whether to borrow £200K for capital spending on town facilities. At the Poll, voters backed both the bids from the Community Centre and the Football Club and so the loan was secured.

The Club is grateful to the 74% of voters who supported our bid for £70,000. On the back of this demonstration of local support, WODC then granted £50,000 from its Community Facilities Fund.

So, with the major construction cost in place, the Club is now fundraising to get the money for fitting out the interior to a similar standard as the Community Centre, ie, quality furnishings, quality catering equipment and quality games equipment.

We plan to offer such things as Pool and Darts and Aunt Sally – all games which have disappeared from Charlbury in recent years, much to the despair of our more mature residents!

Charlbury already has a thriving Tennis Club, a pioneering Bowls Club and an amazing Cricket Club. The new Football Club will complete the set! We don't think that we will compete with any of the other clubs.

We simply want to provide a new social amenity space which represents football but, most of all, welcomes all the people who enjoy the lovely fields of Nine Acres.

If you wish to support the Charlbury Town Football and Sports Club in some way, please contact me: Phil Morgan, Committee member, on [philmorgan717@hotmail.com](mailto:philmorgan717@hotmail.com) or Mandy Cooper, Club Secretary, on [manda.28@outlook.com](mailto:manda.28@outlook.com)



## Charlbury Town Youth Football Club

Charlbury Town Youth Football Club will be hosting its annual 6-a-side Tournament on Sunday June 9th on Nine Acres Recreation Ground. Around 100 teams from all over Oxfordshire and beyond will be joining us for what is usually a fantastic day of football. This is our main fundraiser for the year so please feel free to come along and support our players and the club.

The Club are always looking to increase our player numbers across most age groups. The teams are all run by parent volunteers and we are always looking for help to run the club and coach the players. We are a fully inclusive club who cater for all abilities, offering a high standard of coaching, a safe, friendly and enjoyable environment, with fantastic facilities for our players to train and play their matches.

Should your children or their friends wish to have a free taster at one of our training sessions or if you would like more information on the football club, please contact our club chairman Adrian Westbury on [awestbury@ridge.co.uk](mailto:awestbury@ridge.co.uk), or go to [www.charlburytownyouth.co.uk](http://www.charlburytownyouth.co.uk) and click on the teams to find contact details for coaches at each age group.

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## Don't forget the Charlbury Beer Festival on Saturday 29 June

The Charlbury Beer Festival received some excellent national publicity in April, when the Sunday Times mentioned it as one of the reasons why Charlbury was on its list of the 101 best places to live in the UK.

This year's list was based on 'community, convenience and culture', all of which are important aspects of the Beer Festival.

We're a fundraising event which gives all its profits back to the community, in the form of grants for good causes – it's convenient, not just for Charlbury residents but also because it's so close to the railway station – and there's culture in the form of the CBF's Culture Club, along with live music throughout the day,

the World Aunt Sally Open Single Championship (which the Sunday Times also mentioned) and a range of children's activities.

This year's Culture tent is pleased to host a range of talks and performances, kicking off at 12.30pm with the Charlbury Primary School Choir, and finishing in the evening with a special show by the Charlbury Youth Theatre.

As always we're grateful to all our generous sponsors – and it's not too late if you want to sponsor a barrel yourself, perhaps to celebrate a wedding, a birth or an anniversary. Full details can be found on our new website, [charlburybeerfestival.org](http://charlburybeerfestival.org).

*Edward Fenton*

### Can you help us? Do you have any old deeds of property in Charlbury?

The History Group are now researching the old records showing the transfers of property in Charlbury from 1733 onwards. These records give lovely details about families, but very little about the exact properties they occupied. We've found a few details about the inns and malt-houses, glovers' pits and quarries, but can't identify where most people lived.

So we are trying to work backwards, looking at old property deeds to see if we can take the people named in them, and then possibly connect them back to those named in the records. So do you have your old property deeds, going back to the 19<sup>th</sup> and even (fingers crossed) back to the eighteenth centuries?

If you do, we would love to see them and if you allow us, to scan them. To this end, we are holding two sessions during the Exhibition of Historic Maps of Charlbury. The sessions will be on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June from 2.30 to 5pm in the Church. If you can come then, please do bring your old deeds along and we could scan them. If those dates are no good for you, and you would still like to help us, please do email Christine Elliott on [christine.elliott@ghostwind.com](mailto:christine.elliott@ghostwind.com)

*Note:* the Map Exhibition runs from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> June in the Church, 11am to 5pm, as part of the Charlbury Festival week

*Barbara Allison, for the Charlbury Society  
Historical Research Group*

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## A Day's Life: Alexa Frost— archivist at Blenheim Palace

*I first met Alexa when I went with a friend to the Blenheim Archives, and discovered she lived in Charlbury.*

We have lived in Charlbury since 2014, firstly in Ticknell Piece and now in Hixet Wood. We used to live in Woodstock but had always liked Charlbury. It has a lovely sense of community, there are lots of activities going on, and there is a strong sense of people belonging here. We decided to move here before our daughter Jessica reached school age. She now goes to the primary school here and likes it a lot.

I was brought up in a remote village in the Yorkshire Dales called Giggleswick, the sort of place with one bus a week. It was a land of farms, rolling hills, lots of sheep, and lots of opportunities to play outside. I return to the village occasionally but most of my friends have moved away. But I don't have a Yorkshire accent, the sounds I grew up with were of course my parents, none of whom came from the area, and my grandparents. Only one of my grandfathers was a Geordie. My parents have now moved to Worcestershire, my father is retired but my mother still works as a teacher. My husband Andrew's parents live locally. They are all very supportive of us.

I first started working at Blenheim in 2014, on a freelance basis while I completed my studies. I read Classics as an undergraduate at Oxford University. In my first week there, I was almost run over by a bus, as I wasn't used to watching out for buses. Sheep and tractors and cars yes, buses no. The big city was quite a culture shock, but I loved it. Then I went to Bristol to do an MA, and afterwards started a PhD in 2012 at Royal Holloway College. At the same time I was taking an Archives and Records Management qualification. So I was very busy, juggling motherhood and studying. I look back and think I was very lucky, being able to be at home with

our daughter for her first few years, before she went to school. Not many parents nowadays have that luxury.

My freelance work for Blenheim was to compile the various paper catalogues for the archives in the Palace. I became a permanent member of staff, the first professional archivist there, in September 2015. All the researches I had done as a student gave me a real insight into the needs of researchers, and I still feel it is a shame I do not have time at the moment to undertake any myself. The archives are becoming more organised now, and we have a clearer idea of what material we've got. One of my key roles is to catalogue the material we find. We have invested in archival software and so in future our cataloguing will be computerised. But archiving is often not that straight forward. For example, we have recently come across a huge box of receipts, rental payments, requests to visit the Palace, and so on, that may seem not worth keeping. But if we look at them a different way, they tell a story about people and communities over time, and that is worth keeping.

There has been an increasing interest over the years in local histories, and on verbal histories as well, which the documents we hold may help to draw out. We want to work with local communities, and help them to find out more about their local history. It is our way of giving something back to them. We feel we now have the space to make this possible and can give researchers with specific enquiries more opportunities.

The History Research Group in Charlbury [*Ed: full name The Charlbury Society Historical Research Group*] got in touch with me, and have become our pioneering group for working with local communities. Christine Elliot comes regularly to the archives and is helping to catalogue the material we have on the town. There are over 15 boxes marked 'Charlbury', full of a staggering amount of information about one place. The most recent box has a lot of information on

Fawler Mill. We have also sponsored a map of Charlbury for the forthcoming exhibition in June [*Ed as part of the Charlbury Festival*]. I have learnt a lot from working with Christine and her colleagues, and it is nice that we are not only helping the group but also being helped by them.

We also have Outreach programmes, working closely with the Education department in the Palace. Recently, I went into Charlbury Primary School when they were working on World War Two projects, one focus was on evacuees. Malvern College were evacuated to the Palace, the whole school was moved and set up inside the various parts of the buildings. There are some lovely stories of the welcome the evacuees received, and how the school was organised in the Palace. We could show the Charlbury children black and white photographs of the evacuees sitting on their beds in front of the magnificent tapestries. The Charlbury children really enjoyed the idea of a whole school, teachers and pupils, going to live and study at the Palace.

Another of my roles is to help preserve the archives for posterity. Some of our documents are not in very good condition, one example is our holding of over 300 manor court records which now are somewhat fragile. So we have a Preservation and Conservation budget included in our overall budget. I work closely with the Restoration team here, and with other archives like the TNA at Kew. I am very conscious that we need to capture modern material, especially looking at how the landed estates have changed over the years. This could include how far do people travel to work for the Palace, how many visitors it has had over the years and where do they come from, and so on. I am aware of changes over time, even in the short time I have been here.

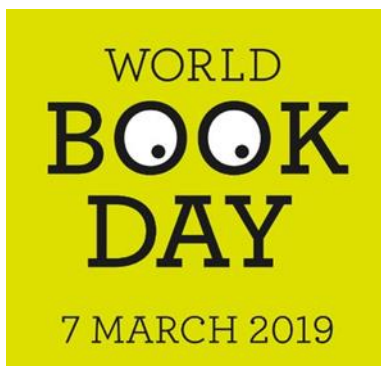
What is my day like? I wake early, about

5am by the cat, so I make the tea and give Andrew a coffee. He gets up early as well. He is a paramedic, and works shifts, though he did train as a chef. That means he does the cooking, which is lovely. I make sure we have clean clothes, do the shopping, and look after Jessica. I take her to school, and collect her most days. Blenheim is very supportive, and I can base my hours around my family. I used to work 16 hours a week, and could choose my days and times to some extent. Now, as my role has developed, it is important to have someone there every working day to answer queries from researchers and so on. So I work 30 hours a week, from 8am to 2pm Monday to Friday. Working there feels like being part of a family, the Blenheim family.

I love my job, it is different every day, and I am very fortunate in what I do.

*Alexa Frost was talking to Barbara Allison*





On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, Charlbury School celebrated World Book Day and everyone came dressed up as their favourite book character.

We all brought a pound in, which raised money so a book charity could buy books for people that are less fortunate than us. We ended up raising £165.

Mr Dunstan took the assembly where each class stood up and told everyone who they were; a few people from Year 6 stood up and told everyone what their favourite book was and why. We had a really fun day and wish we were here next year to celebrate it. A big thanks to our parents for setting up our snazzy costumes. *And thanks for the report go to Millie, Freya, Evie N and Grace S.*

*Characters from Harry Potter and Mary Poppins*





## 1st Charlbury Scouts Update

Welcome to Charlbury Scout Group's regular round-up of activities.

We have started our involvement with local environmental issues, with Beavers and Cubs sections both having a go at coppicing - thanks to Toby Swift from the Wychwood Project for sharing his skill and expertise with us. The plan is for Scouts to follow up with more woodland conservation in the autumn/winter - at the moment, they are supporting the Eco-brick initiative in conjunction with the Co-operative (incidentally, Charlbury Co-op is a charity partner for our Scout Group, supporting us with fundraising on a regular basis.

All sections made the most of the (darker) early Spring meetings with activities ranging from astronomy to torchlight trails and night hikes. Beavers had a wonderful evening of exciting experiments organised by a parent who shared her scientific knowledge with us! Cubs recorded their best ever time of three hours and 20 minutes for the Winter Challenge (9 miles along the Ridgeway in early March). Scouts had a back-to-basics camp in the sunshine at the end of March - then five Scouts undertook the Expedition Challenge, walking over two days along the Oxford

Canal and Oxfordshire Way with an overnight camp during Storm Hannah at the end of April.

Now we are looking forward to many more outdoor activities, including canoeing, backwoods cooking and tracking. There will also be some preparation for our tug of war teams prior to the West Oxfordshire District Camp in June! Last but by no means least, we send our congratulations to the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts who will be awarded the Chief Scouts Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards respectively at the County Awards Day in May - well done to all!

*Cheryl Horsey  
Group Scout Leader*

### P.S. - TREASURER VACANCY

Do you know anyone who would be able to take on this 'behind-the-scenes' but vital role in supporting the Group? Keeping the accounts up-to-date, reimbursing expenses and keeping track of subs on our online system - takes about 2 hours per month - please contact Cheryl on

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## Charlbury as I remember it from 1935 onwards

Passing the scholarship to go to the Grammar School was very exciting; Roy, Rosa and I all went a year early... mainly as the pressure from younger evacuees made Primary School places precious. Because of this, we all spent three years in the sixth form as we were too young to go to college at 17. Looking back, a year as a student teacher would have been more useful but that didn't happen. I must be one of the few that took Higher and A Level exams (and not doing too well in either!). Each of us became Senior Prefect and we were proud of that.

Inevitably, going to Chippy tended to be divisive – we became involved in plays, music and every team sport, so our focus was away from Charlbury and this was sometimes resented. Nevertheless, Guides, then Rangers, and the church choir anchored us firmly to our roots. Mum's friends apparently warned her that going to college would mean a future in a wider world and they were right... to mum's disappointment.

Roy had a place reserved to read maths at Cambridge but the sports and athletics he enjoyed during National Service decided him to become a PE Teacher. He didn't enjoy teaching though and retrained as an insurance broker, a profession much better suited to his temperament.

I went to Whitelands College in Putney – closely following my friend Gill (Brackenbury) then specialised in Speech and Drama in Sidcup, before teaching in Lewisham, Lausanne and Bath. Rosa went to Chelsea PE College in Eastbourne and spent her professional life as a Primary teacher and deputy head in Hemel Hempstead and Taunton. St Mary's, Charlbury was where she married Roy Parsloe in 1957 and I married Richard in 1960... it was still home to us of course, and we always retain many very happy memories and love to spend a precious weekend at Banbury Hill Farm from time to time.

Gran Archer died in 1959 and I had just landed a job in Switzerland and couldn't come back for the funeral. Mum suffered dreadfully from rheumatoid arthritis and when Dad retired, they moved to Taunton to be nearer to Rosa. Mum died at 64 and Dad lived with Rosa and Roy Parsloe until he was 90, when he quietly left us. Roy, my brother, spent most of his working life in Solihull and Kendall with his wife Brenda and two sons. A year after his retirement, he died of a brain tumour – he was 61 and had always been so fit. His two boys, have between them produced five children and three grandchildren, so the Tidmarsh name survives in Cumbria.

Rosa and Roy Parsloe have two sons, one of them teaching in Canada with his wife. I have two lovely daughters, two wonderful sons-in-law, three granddaughters and a grandson. The eldest granddaughter – now 26 – is to be married in October.

My husband, Richard, was, when we married, Personnel Manager of Austin Reed, so worked in Holborn and we lived in Blackheath. Later, he moved to a similar position in Bath – where he had grown up. Out of the blue, the company 'sold out' and he was out of a job and could find nothing in either Bath or Bristol, so I rushed off to the Education Office, where part-time teaching at a secondary modern, primary and village school kept us just solvent.

Richard, who had been a Lay Reader for many years, decided to retrain and teach theology so went to Bath Spa university for four years for his B. Ed. By then, I was teaching full-time at a newly established comprehensive school, in Bath, becoming head of year 9 and the two girls were at Bath High School. Richard, a one time choir boy at Bath Abbey, at last followed his dream and was ordained after two more years study. He combined his teaching post at the



boys comprehensive in Bath as a non-stipendiary minister in various villages until, for his final eight years, he came to a very rural group of four villages just outside Taunton!

I gladly gave up teaching at that point – 30 years is enough – and thoroughly enjoyed being a Rector's wife full time; singing in three choirs, joining the W.I. and doing a very busy schedule of visiting. I loved it... and my Charlbury background of rural life was a great help. Richard died in 2012, so I now attend St Mary Magdalene in central Taunton, spending each Wednesday in the coffee shop there, reading lessons and doing pastoral work – so I keep busy.

Having Rosa and Roy 10 mins walk away is a huge bonus which none of us could have anticipated. Roy Parsloe and I are now 86 and Rosa is 84... still very active in her church St Georges ; and a very talented calligrapher , teaching and executing the most beautiful work.

What a life with Charlbury a huge influence on those early days. How lucky we have been.

## Two More Special People

*Miss Marchant Comfort* lived in Gothic House in Church Street, giving piano lessons and playing the church organ. Her mother was Bessie Marchant who wrote a great many children's books in the 1920's – 30's. Miss Comfort was a talented musician and kept the choir in order with her skill and enthusiasm. After attending a course on church music she introduced us to Merbecke – his style of music was very traditional: plainsong - based and precise. There was some opposition but most of us took to it quickly and enjoyed the discipline. Her garden was full of beautiful plants, fuchsias, juniper and pansies I remember well. With my young family, I visited her regularly until her death.

*Mr Vic Brackenbury* who lived in Charlbury all his life and is still remembered for his work in the museum. He contracted infantile paralysis (polio) when he was four – just as his baby

sister Gill was born – and spent months in the Radcliffe as his condition was very serious. Treatment was harsh and visiting limited so he must have been a sad child with no idea of how his life had changed. Eventually he went to boarding school in Burford where the regime was strict and rarely catered for his callipers, built-up shoes and walking sticks. He stuck it nobly but was glad to have to go to Exeter where he trained as a watchmaker and ran a successful business in Charlbury. He never complained despite the pain and inconvenience he always endured.

Vic had a sturdy, old-fashioned wheelchair with hand pedals and would often accompany Gill and me on adventurous walks, always with Jet, his black cocker at his side. We would set off up Ditchley Road or Banbury Hill and go for miles, almost always ending in the muddy lanes and struggling to release the heavy chariot from bog like conditions. Gill and I had a length of rope with us and we heaved him through with Vic madly turning the pedals and all of us shouting with laughter. On the way home, we would stand on the back strut and hurtle downhill with Vic egging us on... no traffic in those days! Alan Widdows was Vic's best friend and a very good one. Vic learned to drive and had a Messerschmitt car. It was bright blue and looked like an aircraft fuselage. With this, his horizons widened and with Gill and me at college, he needed extra diversions.

Another of his passions was gardening; he specialised in roses and presented the Brackenbury Cup to the Horticultural Society. When his eye-sight deteriorated and he could no longer cope with mending the intricate parts of watches and clocks, he took up wood-turning and became an expert in his new craft. Gill had several beautiful pieces and others are in the museum.

I remember so his chuckling laughter and admire his acceptance of a horrible condition. What a man!

*Joan Jay (nee Tidmarsh)*



## News from Charlbury Garden Society

We continue to flourish with an expanding programme. We now have regular email newsletters and you can join on-line. For membership details please visit [www.charlbury.info/community/30](http://www.charlbury.info/community/30). You can join for £5 (£8 joint) which includes four evening talks a year, priority booking on outings and a regular newsletter reminding you of what's coming up.

Our ever popular annual coach outing will be in June and will take us to gardens near Bradford on Avon and Malmesbury. Details below. Additionally we now organise self-drive trips to gardens not usually open to visitors except by special arrangement. Two have been arranged so far this year. In May members enjoyed an afternoon in the beautiful gardens of Admington Hall near Shipston on Stour. There will be a second self-drive outing on 17 July. Details tba. Lifts arranged for non-drivers.

### Upcoming events

#### **Saturday 27 June: Coach outing to the Courts Garden (NT) and to Abbey House Garden in Malmesbury.**

Courts Garden is a hidden gem of a curious country garden, shaped by the vision of past owners, it includes herbaceous borders, topiary, a peaceful water garden, statuary, an arboretum, kitchen garden and a sunken garden. Abbey House Garden takes inspiration from the site's monastic and pagan past and uses microclimates to reflect the antiquity of its site. Borders are packed with 2,000 roses and sculpture is a defining feature with a recent emphasis on organic and sustainable practices. The coach will leave promptly at 9 am from the Spendlove car park. Cost: £30 (£22 NT members). For further information and to book contact Sarah Potter on 01608 810388 or email [sarahpotter@btinternet.com](mailto:sarahpotter@btinternet.com).

#### **Saturday 7 September: The Annual Flower & Produce Show**

Held in the Memorial Hall. There really is an enormous choice of classes to enter. This ranges from several vegetable, fruit and flower sections, eg. "heaviest marrow", a flower arrangement section for the whole family, all sorts of cookery, baking and jamming, handicrafts and photography. There's something for everyone including a children's section. To see what's on and how to enter go to the event on the town website and click the link to the schedule.

If you have an idea for an outing or talk, or new classes for our shows, please contact Nicola Morgan: [chairman@charlburygardensociety.org.uk](mailto:chairman@charlburygardensociety.org.uk) We are always happy to hear from anyone who wishes to join the committee or help at events. We are also glad of plant donations for our stalls at the shows and sales with the aim to help beautify Charlbury.

All around the region shows are being discontinued and some societies are closing. Let's keep ours flourishing and enhancing the community of Charlbury.

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## **Why do you think David Hare has become one of the UK's most successful writers?**

David Hare's forte is the fusion of ideas and politics with real, human dramas. He creates works that are deeply and genuinely entertaining but still have something to say about the world we live in. Skylight is David Hare's most produced work, not just because of its size and intimate scale, but because it manages to bring a real human tenderness and delicacy to the stage.

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The annual Ride and Stride is not just a good way of raising money for a very good cause; it is also good exercise and good fun for all the family. You set your own target, and, just when you think your lungs cannot cope with any more, you reach another church offering refreshments and encouragement and an excuse to stop and have a look round.

You do not have to be a churchgoer to take part and enjoy a really good day out. Nearer the time you will be able to get the sign-up and sponsorship forms in each of Charlbury's churches. You will also be able to sign up online at [ohct.org.uk/ride-stride/](http://ohct.org.uk/ride-stride/)

And for the third year in succession... for children of Primary School age there will again be a junior version – a bike rally round the five churches of Charlbury. Some forty children took part last year and enjoyed it enormously. Let's hope for great weather this year!

We really look forward to having you with us! More details later but put the date in your diary!!

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## theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

Charlbury WI continues to flourish with new members and new activities.

In addition to our speakers at our monthly meetings, we have craft workshops, theatre visits and recently went to see Calendar Girls at the New Theatre.

If you feel inspired to try new activities and make new friends then why not try Charlbury WI?

At our April meeting we had a visit from Helen Plumb, from Just Gems and in May we debated the WI resolutions, and for "light relief", we had a Pudding Tasting, provided by various members!

In June we shall be holding our coffee morning at the Corner House on 8 June, and Ian Paxton will come and talk about being a *Chilli Farmer* and in July Julia Miles will give us a talk on *Rag Bag and Cocktails*, time when she was abroad with her husband who was in the Diplomatic Service.

In August we have our "Summer Jolly" - so let's find out what it is!!

Just a reminder that the Yack and Yarn group of WI and non-WI members meets in The Bell, Church Street, Charlbury on the first Tuesday of the month, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. All are welcome, just turn up.

You are welcome to come along to the WI as a visitor to have a chat and see what we do, before deciding whether to join.

We meet on the third Wednesday of the month in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

Details of forthcoming events are on the Charlbury website or contact Miriam Evans, our President, at [charlburywi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk](mailto:charlburywi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk).

Susie Finch



## Charlbury Tennis Club

Charlbury Tennis Club welcomes all members young and old, experienced or

novices. If you are thinking about taking up or returning to tennis, Martin Jukes and other committee members will be running Rusty Rackets sessions at 11.00am for adult players on the first Sunday of every month. Come along and join in.

We have decided not to increase our subscriptions again this year and we are very much the cheapest club in the area. For an annual fee of just £160 for a family (up to 2 adults and 2 children up to the age of 19 years) and £75 for an adult single you can:

- Join in social club tennis sessions all year
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- Play tennis under floodlights on all four courts – summer & winter

If you would like to join, contact Nick Johnson [nckjj@aol.com](mailto:nckjj@aol.com) or Martin Jukes [mt.jukes@btopenworld.com](mailto:mt.jukes@btopenworld.com) You can use the courts to play with another member any time for free, but there is a small charge if you play with a non member. Please book your court at the Community Centre.

We run five summer teams of varying levels which play in local leagues, either in the evenings or at weekends. Club sessions are on Monday 1.30 -3.00, Thursday evenings at 7-9 and Sunday afternoon 2-4. Also come along to our summer barbecue in June. Details to members later.

See you on court!

*Nick Johnson (Chair)*



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Pixies are invading Riverside Festival this year in homage to US alternative rock band Pixies, popular with 'cool kids' in school for over 30 years. The Pixies dynamic loud-quiet offbeat style has been a major influence on British rock music, inspiring bands such as Blur, Nirvana and Radiohead and, of course, Riverside performers throughout the 24 years the festival has been going. Magic Pixie dust will be sprinkled on stage with many acts performing Pixies covers; and throughout the festival site with a pixie fancy dress theme. Other varieties of fairy folk including elves, goblins and brownies will, of course, be welcome.

As always, we have a packed programme of music with more than 40 acts playing across four stages - rock, indie, jazz, and folk on the main two stages and all sorts on the Fringe and Buskers stages! Acts to watch out for include Riverside favourites The 2 Tone All Skas, eclectic Turkabilly band, Brickwork Lizards and the up-and-coming young Oxford band Outa Blue as well as four-piece Kanadia who will headline on Saturday. Kanadia's big and bold alt rock sound and impressive stage presence has won them a growing fan base in Europe and a big following across the Atlantic in Mexico, the US and Canada. If you have yet to make it across the Atlantic, but have a musical talent you can take a turn on the Buskers' Stage in the Tea and Cakes Tent. No pre-booking required; just turn up and have a go.

We're always pleased to promote the activities of local artists, craftspeople and organisations at Riverside. If you would like to be part of our Green Field site or are a member of a local group and would like the chance to attract new members or get your message across for free to the public, email [traders@riversidefestival.charlbury.com](mailto:traders@riversidefestival.charlbury.com)

In addition to the Riverside bar serving locally brewed real ales, the Pimm's and Tins tent returns along with the Riverside Gin and Tonic lounge and the popular Pre-School Tea and Cakes tent. There is also a wide assortment of stalls selling traditional family-friendly festival fodder.

As in previous years there will be plenty of free activities for children. This year some of our younger Riverside supporters are taking charge of fundraising for the kids' area and will be collecting money at Charlbury's Farmers Market on Saturday 8 June. Any donations will be very welcome.

If you've not been involved in Charlbury's Riverside Festival before, be part of it this year. Not only is it good fun, but it's also a great way to meet like-minded people. If you can help, even if it's just for an hour or two, email

[volunteer@riversidefestival.charlbury.com](mailto:volunteer@riversidefestival.charlbury.com)

Riverside Festival is on Saturday 20 July (12pm-10pm) and Sunday 21 July (11am-8pm) on the Mill Field, down Mill Lane opposite Charlbury Station. Only disabled and emergency parking is available onsite. With limited festival parking at the station and in the town, it's recommended you walk to the festival, if possible. Like all festivals, festival goers cannot bring bottles and cans onto the site, but, unlike other festivals, the bars and refreshment stalls will be selling drinks at very reasonable prices. Please leave dogs at home, only assistance dogs will be allowed in.

For the latest festival info

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



## **Greener Healthier Homes Charlbury & Cosy Homes Oxfordshire**

Sustainable Charlbury are collaborating on a major project called 'Cosy Homes Oxfordshire'. This project is a partnership between: Low Carbon Hub, a social enterprise based in Oxford working towards an energy system that's better for people and the planet; the National Energy Foundation – a national charity active in delivering the Affordable Warmth programme; and, RetrofitWorks – a cooperative that matches homeowners who want to retrofit their homes with local, quality assured assessors and installers. Together they have been awarded Government funding to address the need to renew our ageing housing stock and bring it into a zero carbon future.

The aim is to develop a retrofit scheme in Oxfordshire that will make it easier for homeowners to improve the energy efficiency of their homes, which could reduce energy bills, cut carbon emissions, and improve comfort, quality and wellbeing. It will offer a 'one-stop shop' solution for homeowners by linking them with skilled practitioners, backed with rigorous quality assurance measures and whole job coordination. It is based on a tried and tested model already being delivered in London by RetrofitWorks.

Charlbury has been chosen as one of five low carbon community groups to test different ways of encouraging householders to use the service to improve the energy performance of their home.

Anyone who is thinking about making improvements or changes to their house, whether now or in the future, should sign up to receive a home survey: <https://cosyhomesoxfordshire.org> or contact Sustainable Charlbury for more information: [greenerhomes@sustainablecharlbury.org](mailto:greenerhomes@sustainablecharlbury.org)

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## **Charlbury Day Centre**

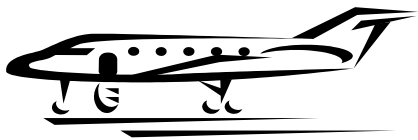
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The Centre is now a hub of happiness, laughter and fun, thanks to Karen our new manager. The members never have a dull moment on their Wednesdays. If anyone would like to pop in and see what goes on and stay for coffee (10.30 ) please do – you would be most welcome . Our membership is currently about 10- I say "about" deliberately, as we often have people away because of health problems, but we are always looking for new people wanting to join.

We will no longer be able to rely on Oxfordshire County Council to fund us and we are so grateful for some really generous financial donations recently. However we will need ongoing help and must raise funds ourselves. To that end we will be having a coffee morning at the Corner House on Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup> and hope that you can come and support us.

Finally, our wheel chair is also showing its age and we could do with a younger model. So if anyone knows of one that we could have, then please let me know.

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## The Botany Spot

Inspired by my latest reading material my theme this season is regeneration. Many of you will have read the book 'Wilding' by Isabella Tree (published by Picador). This amazing account relates the return to the wild of the writer's husband's family estate, Knepp Castle in West Sussex. After many years being farmed with 'modern' methods, the book describes how the countryside was allowed to go back to a more natural state and how this encouraged the return of many species of wild plants and animals which had been absent from the estate for a long time and are now rare throughout Britain.

In a local context, I began to see a parallel with the decimation of some of our wild plants for miles all round Charlbury, where the roadside verges have been dug up through recent months with the laying of fibre optic cabling for superfast broadband in the nearby villages.

Though very different in some respects, the 'rewilding' of these muddy swathes of verge will also provide an interesting if unintended experiment in the recolonization of the land by wild species. Worryingly, this spring, a local botanist friend found the contractors just about to dig up a bank she knew was populated by wild orchids and only just managed to prevent a wide trench being dug all the way through the colony of these plants. To my own knowledge, ground which had a wealth of wild flowers, including some **Sweet Violet *Viola odorata***, has been left as barren and stony earth.

So now for regeneration, one passage on page 111 of 'Wilding' fills me with some optimism 'the land's ability to regenerate

was equally astonishing and in the growing season it was only a matter of days before a patchwork of pioneer plants would appear where the sward had been opened' (in this case the damage was due to Tamworth pigs rather than Gigaclear).

Already I can see signs of some regrowth on our roadside verges including one remaining brave violet sending out a stolon (runner) from the parent plant onto the bare earth. The **Cow Parsley *Anthriscus sylvestris***, and **Hogweed *Heracleum sphondylium*** are trying hard to recover as is **Cleavers *Galium aparine*** also known as **Goosegrass**, **Velcro Plant** and less politely **Sticky Willy!**

I am hopeful that some of the more resilient annuals such as **Common Poppy *Papaver rhoeas*** and the other small quick growing opportunistic wild flowers which one finds on the sprayed ground at the side of fields, species such as **Scarlet Pimpernel *Anagallis arvensis***, **Common Field-speedwell *Veronica persica*** and the wonderfully scented **Pineapple Weed *Matricaria discoidea***, will find a foothold this summer on the disturbed soil.

I fear though, that the ultimate winners of the competition to take over the bare ground will be the real 'toughies' such as the **Common Nettle *Urtica dioica*** and the invasive grasses such as **Common Couch grass *Elytrigia repens*** – I will be on the lookout for the winners and losers in the battle which ensues.

On a more cheerful note, but still with a regeneration theme, some of the local farmers have made the decision to allow their hedgerows to grow to a greater height, trimming them less frequently and then not so drastically. The result is hedges which are much fuller of hips and haws in the autumn with a far more diverse range of plants in the actual hedges themselves and growing at the base in the shelter they provide. For all wildlife, both flora and fauna, this is a very positive and hopeful change.

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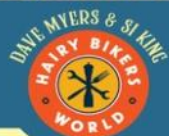
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One of the privileges of putting on the Cornbury Music Festival is to be able to do something worthwhile on the charity-front. We're pleased to offer tickets to local good causes (we're always over-subscribed so now limit the field to a 15 mile radius) but it's the actual engagement with local charities that is the most rewarding. We've had a great relationship with Banbury's Dogs For Good for a few years now and raised enough money to buy one of the brilliant assistance dogs. After the 'final' Cornbury in 2017 it was my visit to their open day to see the incredible work they do that helped me decide to carry on with this mad exercise. This year we've also partnered with Oxford charity Seesaw who do fantastic work with bereaved children and young adults. In addition to the local stuff we've worked for a few years with Médecins Sans Frontières aka MSF—probably the bravest charity in the World. They're first in at most disaster situations and stay when most other organisations leave. Although Cornbury is smaller than a lot of events that MSF attend, apparently our audience is one of the most engaged—they get a lot of sign-ups with us each year – very good to know.

Of course, we're not just about do-goodery. We love great music and I'm particularly thrilled that we've got such a stunning line-up this year including the very much revitalised Specials who've just had a No.1 album after some 38 years. Cornbury favourites Echo & The Bunnymen, Beverley Knight, KT Tunstall and The Shires are all returning along with majestic Saturday headliners Keane. We also field probably our best ever Sunday line-up with The Beach Boys, Alfie Boe, Paul Carrack, The Hothouse

Flowers, and The Kingdom Choir amongst others. I'm particularly excited to have finally persuaded Elkie Brooks to join us—I've always wanted to work with her—especially since I saw her at Cheltenham Jazz Festival a few years ago—she's properly amazing.

And if that wasn't enough, we've got a great comedy line-up with Lost Voice Guy and Josie Long, a fantastic selection of artists celebrating our 10th year with Caffè Nero including Squeeze frontman Chris Difford and the return of The Hairy Bikers Festival Feast restaurant. We sold out 1000 covers at its first outing last year and got 97% positive customer feedback – so we're giving this unique proposition another shot. This year's menu is based on their British Classics cook book.

I'm quite proud of keeping this festival on the tracks for 16 years but we depend on local support to keep it going. We're not some huge multinational whose only aim is to make lots of money but just a small dedicated team trying to make this whole enterprise break even. If you're at all interested in music, food, or giving some children a fantastic weekend do please come along.

The 2019 event is dedicated to my dear mother who died last year. She was a great supporter of the festival and came one afternoon in her 80th year. After a few hours I went to check up on her and got a classic understated reply when I asked how she was getting on - 'I'm in danger of enjoying myself' she said.

See you there!

*Hugh Phillimore, Cornbury Music Festival Director*

Cornbury Music Festival is from 5-7 July at the Great Tew Estate. To book day and weekend tickets and for more information

Visit: [cornburymusicfestival.com](http://cornburymusicfestival.com). Local festival fans can avoid booking charges by buying their tickets direct from the Chipping Norton Theatre box office.



## Charlbury Museum news

### **2019 is proving to be a busy year for the museum.**

From ploughs and potatoes to jam and Jerusalem, there's something for everyone.

### **Wagons, wool and wheat**

Step back with us to a time when fields were sown, weeded and even ploughed by hand, when harvest was a time for whole families to take to the fields to bring in the crops. A time when you could buy a hand-crafted wooden farm wagon for £30. Read about the great fire that destroyed Shilson's wool warehouse in Park Street one Christmas Eve, about the swelteringly hot day when a bull decided to cool off in the china shop in Sheep Street (yes, truly!) and find the tiny rubber boots made to protect a new-born lamb's feet.



A cart loaded with fleeces outside Shilsons woolstaplers in Park Street

### **100 years of the WI in Charlbury**

The Charlbury branch of the WI was one of the first to be set up in the UK. It was extremely active and popular in the 1920s when Lady Margaret Watney was Chair, and is once again thriving in the town. On display we have a beautiful WI banner embroidered by Charlbury ladies nearly a century ago, photos of past members, and the story of the Fruit

Preservation Centre which was said to produce the best jam in Oxfordshire during the second world war.

### **Local and Family History event**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June Anne Downer Room, Corner House**

**10.00 – 12.30, 1.30 – 4.00**

A chance to explore the wealth of material which lies behind the scenes at the museum. Peter and Diana Bennett will help you browse through our large collection of photographs and maps, dip into land surveys, rate books, tithe records, shop billheads and accounts, records of the poor, the school, the manor court and other fascinating documents. They will also do their best to help with local and family history enquiries.

*No charge, but a donation to Museum funds appreciated.*

*Enquiries to 01608 810197.*

### **Dates for your diary:**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June Plant sale, Museum Garden 10am. Coffee morning Corner House from 9.30am

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June Local and Family History Event. Corner House 10am–12.30pm, 1.30–4pm

**And watch the Charlbury website for news of our wagon's return in August**

This will be quite a spectacle – don't miss it!

### **Museum opening hours:**

Saturdays 10.30am – 12.30pm  
Sundays & BH Mondays 2.30 – 4.30pm  
Also open Saturday afternoons 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2.30 – 4.30pm  
and Fridays in August 10.30am – 12.30pm

*Judy Dod*



# Coffee break page

Compiled by Pat Court

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## Summer Quiz

### General questions

1. Who met and fell in love with Marge Bouvier in a 1974 Summer Camp?
2. What was the first name of Clegg in the sitcom "Last of the Summer Wine"?
3. "In the Summertime" was a debut single for which British rock band?
4. Castel Gandolfo is famous for being whose summer residence?
5. What is the Italian word for "summer"?
6. Which city hosted the Summer Olympics in 1960?
7. Which British seaside attraction is 158 metres tall?
8. What was the name of the ITV holiday show fronted by Judith Chalmers which ran from 1994 to 2003?
9. Esther Summerson is the heroine of which novel by Charles Dickens?
10. The Summer Isles lie off the NW coast of which country?

### Seaside Towns (anagrams)

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15. PURE SWEET MARONS

### Seaside Towns (cryptic)

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17. Milk containers
18. You'll need this when you change the lock
19. BBBB BBBB
20. Mother's entrance

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# What's On in Charlbury

## June

- 1—Town Council Surgery, Corner House, 10-12noon,
- 1—Museum Annual Plant Sale and coffee morning, Corner House, 10-12pm,
- 4—Yack & Yarn, The Bell, 7.30pm
- 7—Charlbury Primary School Choir, St Mary's, 5pm
- 8—Farmers' Market, Playing Close, 9-1pm
- 8—Charlbury Festival begins
- 8—Knit In Public, WI at Farmers Market, 9-1pm
- 8—Charlbury WI Coffee Morning, Corner House, 9-12pm
- 8—Charlbury Festival, Print Making & Music behind The Bell, 2-4pm
- 8—Charlbury Festival, Charlbury Buskers behind The Bell, 2-6pm
- 8—Charlbury Festival, Brickwork Lizards & The Four Wordsmen, Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
- 9—Charlbury Town Youth Football Club Six-a-side competition, Nice Acres
- 9—Chilson Open Gardens, 2-5pm
- 9—ChOC, "Young Picasso", Memorial Hall, 7.00pm
- 8-9—Charlbury Festival Photograph Competition, St Mary's, 11-5pm
- 9—Charlbury Festival Heritage Town Walk, Museum, 10am
- 10—Charlbury Festival, Lifting the Latch, Memorial Hall, 1pm
- 10—Charlbury Festival, Charlbury Recorders, Baptist Church, 7.30pm
- 11—Charlbury Festival, Lunchtime Organ Recital, St Mary's, 1pm
- 11—Charlbury Festival, Voices Unlimited, Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
- 12—OVO Women's Tour Cycle Race
- 12—Charlbury Festival, We Need to talk Islamism, Friends Meeting House, 1pm
- 12—Charlbury Festival, Talking Jazz, The Shed, 8pm
- 13—Charlbury Festival, Lunchtime Piano Recital, Memorial Hall, 1pm
- 13—Charlbury Festival, Walkers are Welcome, Bell Car Park, 2.30pm
- 13—Charlbury Festival, Literature Evening, Friends Meeting House, 8pm
- 14—Charlbury Festival, Mambo Night at The Speakeasy, The Shed, 8pm
- 15—Charlbury Festival, Local Family & History Event, Corner House, 10-12.30pm, 1.30-4pm
- 15—Charlbury Festival, King Cod & The Whispering Knights, Spring Cottage, Sheep Street, 2pm and 4pm, Charlbury Youth Theatre
- 15—Charlbury Festival, Children's Art, St Mary's, 10-12pm
- 15—Charlbury Festival, Shadow of the Desert, Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
- 16—Heritage Walk led by Jody O'Reilly looking at 19th century additions to Charlbury Museum, 11am
- 16—Street Fair Open Gardens, tickets Corner House from 2pm, teas Memorial Hall, 2-6pm
- 16—Charlbury Festival, Story telling, Green Room, 2-5pm
- 16—Festival Finale, Memorial Hall, 7pm
- 18—Ladies Luncheon Club, Cotswold Hotel & Spa, 12.30pm
- 19—WI, Chilli Farmer, Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
- 22—St Mary's Church Traditional Summer Fete, Churchyard, 2-4.30pm
- 26—Age UK Film, Charlbury Community Centre, 2pm
- 26—Quiz at Community Centre, 7.15pm
- 27—Garden Society, Outing to Courts Gardens & Malmesbury Abbey, 9am
- 29—Charlbury Beer Festival, Cricket Field, 12.30—late

## July

- 5—7—Cornbury Festival, Great Tew
- 6—Day Centre Coffee Morning, Corner House, 9.30-12pm
- 6—Oxfordshire Reads, Library
- 13—Summer Reading Challenge
- 14—ChOC, Fisherman's Friends, Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
- 16—Ladies Luncheon Club, Cotswold Hotel & Spa, 12.30pm
- 17—WI Meeting, Ragbag & Cocktails, Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
- 20-21—Riverside Festival, Mill Field
- 24—Age UK Film, Charlbury Community Centre, 2pm
- 24—Quiz at the Community Centre, 7.15pm
- 30—2 August—Charlbury Churches Holiday Club
- 30—2 August – Sports sessions for primary school aged children, 1.45-4pm, Charlbury Community Centre. (Following on from St Mary's Holiday Club morning sessions)



## What's On in Charlbury

### August

1—4—Wilderness Festival, Cornbury Park  
 3—Town Council Surgery, Corner House, 10-12 noon  
 20—Ladies Luncheon Club, Cotswold Hotel & Spa, 12.30pm  
 21—WI, Summer Jolly!  
 25—Big Apple Takeaway, will be the first having to start 2 weeks earlier than normal so we don't lose the fruit which is ripening earlier because of climate change.  
 28—Age UK Film, Charlbury Community Centre, 2pm  
 28—Quiz at Community Centre, 7.15pm

If you would like to include your event in this list, please contact me at [editor.chronicle@outlook.com](mailto:editor.chronicle@outlook.com) just stating your organisation, time of the event, and place of the event.



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## Weekly events

### Monday

9.30am—Toddlers Group, Memorial Hall  
 9.30-11.45am—Pilates, Community Centre  
 11-1pm—Pickleball, Community Centre  
 1.30-3pm—Tennis Club  
 1.15—3.30pm—Strength & Balance, Community Centre  
 6-7pm—Yoga, Community Centre  
 7-8.30pm—Scouts, Scout Hut  
 7-9pm—Pilates, Community Centre  
 8-10pm—Badminton, Community Centre

### Tuesday

10-12pm—Bump to Two, Community Centre  
 11-12pm—Well Baby Clinic, Community Centre  
 6pm—Bowls Club  
 8pm—Wychwayz Border Morris, The Shed  
 7-8pm—Barre Fit Class, Community Centre  
 7-9pm—Netball Club, Community Centre

### Wednesday

9-10am—LeanGym, Community Centre  
 9.30-11am, Stay & Play, Community Centre  
 10—11.30 am - Yang style Tai Chi, Methodist Hall  
 11.15-12pm, Toddler Gym, Community Centre  
 11.45—12.45pm - Qigong and tai chi principles, Methodist Hall  
 2.15-2.45pm - Rhymetime, Charlbury Library  
 3—4.30pm—Walking Football, Community Centre  
 6-7pm Hatha Yoga, Community Centre  
 7.45pm—Bell Ringing, St Mary's  
 8-10pm—Volleyball, Community Centre

### Thursday

10-12pm—Font Café, St Mary's  
 10-12pm—Pickleball, Community Centre  
 1,30-2.30pm—Pilates, Community Centre  
 4—5pm—Sports Activity Club for 8-11 year olds, Community Centre  
 5—6pm, Basketball for age 11+, Community Centre  
 5-6.15—Beavers, Scout Hut  
 6.30—8pm—Cubs, Scout Hut  
 6.30-7.30pm—Circuit Training, Community Centre  
 7-9pm—Tennis Club  
 7.30-8.30pm—Pilates, Community Centre  
 8-9pm—Walking Football, Community Centre

### Friday

9.30am—Exercise for 50+, Memorial Hall  
 10-12pm—TG's Coffee Club, Community Centre  
 2-5pm—Tennis Club  
 7pm—Choir Practice—St Mary's  
 7-9pm—Youth Club, Community Centre  
 8-10pm—Pickleball, Community Centre

### Sunday

10-11am, Circuit Training, Community Centre  
 2-4pm, Tennis Club



## Women's cycle race route revealed

Full details of the route of the OVO Energy Women's Tour professional cycling race have been unveiled.

It will start in Henley with a Big Bike Breakfast on the morning of the race, Wednesday 12 June before crowds cheer off competitors in the 145 kilometre-leg that will finish outside Blenheim Palace.

Oxfordshire's county, city and district councils announced last month that a stage of the OVO Energy Women's Tour, the UK's most prestigious women's cycle race, had been agreed to race through the county for the next three years.

From Henley, stage three will traverse the Chilterns via Pishill to Watlington, before returning via the climb of Britwell Hill to Sonning Common and Goring.

Crossing the River Thames at Wallingford, the route will pass through Didcot, Harwell and Wantage, crossing the Vale of White Horse to Faringdon,

before looping through the West Oxfordshire towns of Burford, Charlbury and finally Woodstock in the closing kilometres.

Oxfordshire is anticipating economic and health benefits from hosting the prestigious event, with cycling fans expected to visit the county to watch the race, generating additional business for restaurants, bars, hotels, B&Bs and shops.

In a comparable stage in last year's race in Warwickshire, additional local expenditure linked directly to the event totalled £2m by around 100,000 spectators. Nearly two-thirds (63%) came from outside the county and 67% of spectators said they were inspired to cycle more often.

Yvonne Rees, Chief Executive of Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell District Council, said: "We are delighted to welcome the Women's Tour to Oxfordshire, with a start in Henley, a tour of our fantastic countryside and the finish at Blenheim Palace – this will be a fantastic stage".

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## Charlbury Pre-School, Spring 2019

Charlbury Pre-School is a charity, run by a dedicated team of fully qualified staff and managed by a committee of parent volunteers. There are lots of opportunities for parents and other volunteers to get involved and share their skills.

Thank you to everybody who attended our AGM, to our brilliant committee and our volunteers for giving up their time to keep improving the pre-school. Our lovely old building requires lots of TLC. A big thank you to Andrew Wright who has coordinated a team to fix up the playground where the children will spend lots of time playing and exploring this summer.

The pre-school outdoor area has a garden where the children continue to grow fruit and vegetables all year round. The food is picked and prepared by the children to be eaten at snack time and used for cooking too. We've got new outdoor storage, a gazebo for shade, a new pond area and a water play feature coming soon. All of the new equipment and resources are paid for by grants and fundraising events.

We've received a grant from Blenheim Palace this year and are excited to be taking the children (and as many willing parents as possible!) to visit the palace in

June. In July we'll be proudly saying

goodbye to another great group of children and their parents as the children go on to various Primary Schools. We will miss them all!

This summer we're looking forward to selling ice creams at the Charlbury Beer Festival on 29<sup>th</sup> June. Come and see us to help raise funds or contact us if you'd like to help out. We love the beer festival!

We will be running the tea tent at Riverside Festival again on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July – we will have seating and an open mic stage to enjoy with your teas, coffees, homemade cakes and treats. Next door will be a tent full of activities for children. We love Riverside!

Future fundraisers include a Fish & Chip & Quiz night on September 28th and a Halloween disco for the children on 1<sup>st</sup> November... Save the dates and look out for announcements!

Registrations for September 2019 are now open. Please contact us

[admin@charlburypreschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@charlburypreschool.org.uk) 01608 811200 if you would like to arrange a visit.

There is also lots of information on our website [www.charlburypreschool.org.uk](http://www.charlburypreschool.org.uk)



### RAINFALL REPORT—2018

The rainfall measured at Lees Rest between 1 January and 31 December 2018 was 845mm/27.8 ins, a lot wetter than 2017 despite the drought and heat of the summer.

The wettest month was March with 123mm/4.92 ins and the driest was February with 32mm/1.28ins. Snow fell in both these months.

Lees Rest is about a mile and a half east of Charlbury so the rainfall in the Town Centre may have been completely different!

*Nick Potter*



## News from the Charlbury Patient Participation Group

### NEWS FROM THE PRACTICE

#### Missed Appointments

Between January and Easter the Practice reported **243 missed appointments**. This is time that could have been used by other patients, and has a financial impact on the surgery. Patients are urged to cancel their appointment if no longer required, preferably giving 24 hours' notice, so that it can be offered to someone else. Please note that a missed appointment is logged onto the patient's record.

#### Hospital Referrals

Patients frequently report long delays in referrals especially for appointments with the MSK (musculoskeletal) service. For any concerns about the referral process, patients should ring the surgery and ask to speak to one of the secretaries, Sandra Jeffs or Julie Maxwell who will be able to advise. The Surgery has recognised the importance of providing time to chase up referrals through a very complicated administrative system within the NHS and have made expanded Secretary time available accordingly. However, it would be a great help if anxious callers could put their questions calmly and clearly.

#### Staffing.

Dr Singh and Dr Slowther, both working part-time, have been welcomed to the Practice which is still recruiting for another GP. The patient population of Charlbury is expected to increase from 5,500 patients to 7,000 in the next five years.

When a GP is off sick it is difficult always to provide same day appointments and it would be helpful if patients could be understanding. Unfortunately, during a recent period of understaffing there were instances of verbal abuse to reception staff.

### Surgery Door

Following a comment from a patient to the PPG, there is now a notice in place to ring the bell for assistance with the door at the entrance to the surgery, if required. The request for an automatic door is on hold awaiting funding.

### NEWS FROM THE JR

#### Gynaecology Services at the John Radcliffe Hospital

Gynaecological services are currently under pressure due to staff shortages. While patients in need of urgent care will continue to be seen at the JR, non-urgent referrals may be directed to other hospitals.

### NEWS FROM THE PHARMACY

The Pharmacy is now closed for lunch between 1:00 and 1:30pm.

Many over-the-counter medications such as paracetamol, aspirin, ibuprofen, and ant-histamines cost far less to buy than to prescribe. Paracetamol, for example, costs £1.49 to buy whereas a prescription costs the NHS £10. If possible, patients should be prepared to buy these medications rather than asking their GPs for prescriptions.

#### Reminder of some of the services which the Charlbury Pharmacy offers

- Minor ailment advice: eg cuts, grazes, sore throat, infected eyes
- Chronic condition advice, eg diverticulitis, asthma, eczema.
- Blood pressure monitoring
- Dispensing of appliances
- Inhaler technique service and inhaler recycling
- Vaccination
- Emergency contraception
- Weekly prescription delivery service to homes in Charlbury, Finstock and Stonesfield
- Advice on new medicines
- Medicine use review (MUR) ensuring the patient understands the purpose of the medication, when to take it, effectiveness and possible side effects. A copy of this consultation is

sent to the patient's GP.

- Provision of Dosset boxes
- Signposting to other services within the NHS

**Remember to allow sufficient turn-around time for repeat prescriptions, at least 48 hours, ideally 7 days.**

## **CHANGES TO THE PROVISION OF PRIMARY CARE**

The introduction of Primary Care Networks (PCNs) is a new government initiative that plans to link together GP practices with the aim of providing greater integration with community services at Primary Care Level. This will be operating from July 1<sup>st</sup> 2019.

Charlbury Practice will join Burford, Broadshires, Carterton and Bampton to form the Rural West Primary Care Network with 31,000 patients. Dr Vivienne Austin from Burford Practice will be the executive GP for this Network. In addition to Practice Nurses already in post, PCNs will employ pharmacists, physiotherapists, paramedics and social prescribers to allow GPs to focus on the sickest patients and allow longer appointments to patients who need them. The Rural West PCN plans to employ a clinical pharmacist, a counsellor, psychology services and a paramedic.

## **HEALTH NEWS: THE BLANDFORD FLY**

The Blandford Fly can give a nasty bite during the summer months. They are found near water and there has been a marked increase in the number of people affected by these bites. The insects fly less than 0.5m from the ground so the bites usually affect legs and ankles and can result in large blisters and purple lesions. Local irritation, swelling, pain, joint pain and even fevers can occur. These symptoms can last for several days or longer.

### **To avoid being bitten:**

- Wear clothing covering feet and ankles
- Apply insect repellent especially near rivers streams and grasslands areas.

## **What to do if bitten**

- Clean the bite with water and pat dry
- Do not scratch as this will spread the fly saliva and may lead to infection
- Apply a cold compress or ice pack
- Take oral anti-histamines (eg cetirizine, loratidine, chlorphenamine)
- Take analgesics (eg paracetamol, ibuprofen) if in pain.
- Hydrocortisone can be applied locally to reduce inflammation and a local anaesthetic (eg lidocaine) can help pain relief. Creams and sprays are less painful to apply than ointments.
- Antihistamine creams and sprays are not recommended, as they may cause skin reactions
- Cover large blisters with a dry non-adherent dressing
- For swelling (oedema) in the ankle and feet, elevate and rest legs for a few days.

**Seek medical help (phone 111 or see a GP)** for discomfort, swelling or red lines in the groin or armpits, a persistent high fever, or spreading redness or hotness around the bite (longer than 3 days).

**Seek immediate help (phone 999)** for problems with breathing, swelling of the face or tongue, dizziness, nausea, chest pain. This could be anaphylaxis requiring immediate medical treatment.

We wish you all a pleasant and bite-free summer!

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## CRAG News

**CRAG's brand new presentation on refugees** for older school students was well received on its first showing in April to around 80 sixth formers at Wood Green school in Witney. It is expertly put together by Fran and Hilary, who will take it round to as many local schools as possible to raise awareness of the issue among school students. **Any teachers who are interested in our coming to their school should contact CRAG for details.**

**Fundraising continues not just to bring in money but to enhance the Charlbury community too!** The first four **concerts** of the 2018/19 season have raised **over £4700**, topped up to almost **£8000** with income from other events, including the **Bring and Buy** (£882). By the time you read this, the café we are running in St Mary's during most of Artweeks should have taken that to **well over £10k. Thank you to the many people who contribute so much time and effort to these occasions.**

Our latest donations have gone to **Refugee Community Kitchen**, providing daily hot meals for asylum seekers stranded at Calais and Dunkirk, and to **Asylum Welcome** in Oxford, where they help resettle refugees and asylum seekers. Their **hardship fund** supports the increasing number of vulnerable young asylum seekers in the city, many of whom are homeless and destitute.

Our **Tea concerts** go from strength to strength! This, our third season of concerts, has not only been enjoyed by our capacity audiences - the artists love them too! These are **world-class musicians** who have performed with major orchestras and made numerous recordings. But they too feel passionate about raising funds for something close

to their own hearts - and they all say how much they enjoy the reception that Charlbury gives them. It is win/win all round! So next season we will be blessed with having several artists returning. We really are very lucky.

Our exciting plans include **another piano recital by Margaret Fingerhut** which will form part of a national concert tour to raise money for refugees. We will also have another concert with **the clarinettist Tony Pay** who will be joined by friends to perform the complete '**Quartet for the End of Time**' by Messiaen. Those who were present at his last concert will recall his haunting and evocative playing of one movement from this piece for solo clarinet.

Finally, **the pianist Maggie Cole will also be returning** to give us another concert of music-making with her friends.

And on December 8 **the Somerville Choir** will be giving us a concert to celebrate advent. It is all very exciting.

Last season we introduced **season tickets** for the complete concert series. These not only offer a reduction on the price of each concert; they also **guarantee you a good seat!** This is becoming an ever more valuable asset, as some of the concerts have had standing room only. These tickets are well worth purchasing, so look out for details later in the year.

The 80 or so people who attended CRAG's **talks on the criminalisation of humanitarian volunteers**, either in Charlbury or in Chipping Norton, might be interested in a new IRR report on the subject, *When witnesses won't be silenced: citizens' solidarity and criminalisation*, which is free to download from its website, [www.irr.org.uk](http://www.irr.org.uk).

**For more information about CRAG**, including details of what we collect

Visit <http://www.charlbury.info/community/crag> or email [charlburyrefugee@gmail.com](mailto:charlburyrefugee@gmail.com)

Jon Carpenter





## News from Charlbury Library

First of all...is there anyone out there who has a few hours spare each month to volunteer at Charlbury Library? Like so many of Oxfordshire's smaller libraries, we run with a mixture of paid staff and willing volunteers and we could always do with extra volunteers to add to our rota. Duties could include shelving books, unpacking deliveries, assisting customers with their enquiries, arranging our book displays, and generally helping to keep the library tidy, welcoming and accessible for our customers. Volunteers always work either with staff, or other volunteers, so no one is expected to work alone, and you can always stop for an excellent cup of coffee at the Community Centre's café in your tea break! If you want to find out more, please pop into the Library or leave your contact details by phone or email (see information below).

The Library is also glad to provide volunteering opportunities for young people embarking on their Duke of Edinburgh Award, whether it's for Bronze, Silver or Gold. If you enjoy reading and being in a community environment and have an hour to spare once a week after school (Wednesdays or Fridays only) we'd be very happy to help.

On 13<sup>th</sup> July, Oxfordshire Libraries will be launching their Summer Reading Challenge, with the theme this year being "Space Chase" to tie in with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first moon landing. We will be visiting local primary schools nearer this time to encourage children to join up to the scheme in their local library. If they want to participate,

they will need to read 6 books of their choosing during the summer holidays,

solving clues and gaining stickers as they progress, and gaining a certificate and a medal at the end. There will also be a Mini Reading Challenge for pre-schoolers. Many parents reported back to us after

last year's Summer Reading Challenge that they were really pleased their children had joined the scheme, as it was just the incentive they needed to keep reading through the holidays. Watch out for more details in libraries soon.

Oxfordshire Reads is a scheme for older children/adults and this will also run through the summer, starting on 6<sup>th</sup> July. The customer just has to complete a postcard by recommending two books they've read recently (or listened to – audio books count too), with a few comments as to why they found the books so good, and then they are entered into a prize draw. There will be many prizes on offer, such as tickets for experiences or days out, gift cards, and nice treats to eat or drink so it will be well worth entering. Details will be available in the library soon.

If you've got pre-schoolers, don't forget we run a free Rhymetime session every Wednesday (term-time only) from 2.15-2.45pm. It is run by volunteers who sing nursery rhymes and simple songs with the aid of musical instruments and puppets and everyone has fun!

*Julie Ward*

*Manager Charlbury Library 01608 811104  
charlbury.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk*

## CORNER HOUSE AND MEMORIAL HALL

Office: 01608 810879

Office hours: Mon 9.30am - 11.30am; Wed & Sat: 9am to 12 noon  
(closed first Saturday of every month)

Emergency Contact: Jackie Hague (01608 810713)

# Charlbury Church Services



## Charlbury Baptist Church, Dyer's Hill

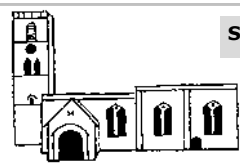
Contact: Secretary (01608 810107)

**Sundays** Service at 10.30 am. Fourth of each month with Methodists in Fishers Lane

**Thursdays** 7.30 pm at the church for midweek study/discussion (except during Lent)

[charlburybaptistchurch@gmail.com](mailto:charlburybaptistchurch@gmail.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/dyershill/>



## St Mary's C of E Church, Church Street

St Mary's Church, Charlbury and All Saints Shorthampton

Full details of all church services are available in the Leaflet or in the Church porch or on p. 39

Vicar – Revd Dr Sally Welch Parish Office (01608 810230)

[www.stmaryscharlbury.co.uk](http://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 Sue Terry (01608 811033)  
email: [sueeterry@btinternet.com](mailto:sueeterry@btinternet.com))



## 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 Mass. 9.15am every Sunday at St Teresa's.  
9.00am on second Sunday of each month at St Kenelm's Enstone.

Weekday Mass. 9.30am on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at St Teresa's.

Parish Priest. Fr Tony Joyce, Holy Trinity, Chipping Norton (01608 642703). Charlbury Catholic Parish

Council joint chairs: . Clare Carswell and Mike Flanagan  
([chair.stteresaschurchcharlbury@gmail.com](mailto:chair.stteresaschurchcharlbury@gmail.com))

Website: <https://stteresaschurch-charlbury.com/>



## Churches Together in Charlbury

Churches Together supports the work of Christian Aid across the world. Our Lent lunches and Lent talks this year raised over £1760 for people whose homes and farms had been devastated by the cyclone which hit Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe in March. Sadly a second cyclone hit the same area in April and more people suffered.

Every year we see more evidence that the climate is changing. Christian Aid and other aid agencies are trying to support people who have very few resources to fall back on when disaster strikes. The demand on these agencies is increasing due to more unpredictable weather, droughts as well as floods. Christian Aid's vision is for a better world, free from poverty, where everyone has enough to eat and can live without fear of their home and crops being destroyed.

Right now, millions of the world's poorest people are feeling the worst impacts of climate change, and experts predict more floods, drought and extreme weather patterns to come. For those living in poverty, this means more hunger, conflict and insecurity, and a more uncertain future for all of us. In this country we have had serious moorland fires already this year, due to high temperatures and low rainfall,

destroying peat and the wildlife that lives on the moors. Such conditions put our agriculture and water supplies at risk and create more air pollution.

Greta Thunberg, school strikes, Extinction Rebellion, a BBC documentary with David Attenborough have all been bringing the urgency of the problem to our attention. On 26 June there will be a mass lobby of Parliament - 'The Time Is Now' - to tell MPs that it is time to act on climate change. This summer the Government will decide whether to end the UK's contribution to global warming by committing to a net zero emissions target. They will also have a chance to protect the natural world by passing a strong Environment Bill. This is our opportunity to push for bold and timely action.

The lobby is being organised by the Climate Coalition which represents 130 organisations including Christian Aid, Cafod, Friends of the Earth, the Women's Institutes, Global Justice, RSPB, the National Trust, Oxfam and many others. More information is available from [theclimatechange.org](http://theclimatechange.org) or any of the organisations in the group. Look for 'The Time Is Now' and sign up!

*Rosalind Scott*  
*Secretary to Churches Together in*



### What's On at St Mary's Church

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 6pm Choral Evensong  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 9am Messy Church for Father's Day  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 6pm Ignite - contemporary worship service

*St Mary's Traditional Church Fete*  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2pm - 4.30pm.  
Stalls, teas, games, tombolas, family fun

*Churches Together in Charlbury Holiday Club*

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August.  
10am - 12.30pm. Primary school age children. Contact: [parishoffice@stmaryscharlbury.co.uk](mailto:parishoffice@stmaryscharlbury.co.uk) to book a place. Sports sessions also available in the afternoon.

### Local opportunities for people living with dementia and their carers to socialise and join in activities

Dementia Friendly Charlbury (DFC) is aware of the following regular events aimed at supporting and engaging people living with dementia and their carers. We have tried to provide up-to-date (as at 1 May 2019) information and contact details but, if you are interested in going along to any of these activities and having difficulty in contacting the organisers, please get in touch with Dementia Oxfordshire on 01865 410210.

You can contact DFC via Meryl Smith on 01608 810192 or Sue Smith on 01608 811007.

#### Chatterbox

Popular social coffee morning facilitated by Age UK. All welcome 1st Thursday of each month The Corn Exchange, Witney

#### Witney Dementia Café

3rd Wednesday of each month, 10.30 – 12.00

Relaxed group for people living with dementia and their carers run by Alzheimer's Society  
Richmond Village, Coral Springs Way  
OX28 5DG  
Contact: Suzi Morgan on 01993 894000.

#### Memory Café, Chipping Norton

Penhurst Gardens Care Home, New Street, OX7 5ED  
Last Wednesday of the month, 2pm to 4pm.  
Free friendly café for people living with memory loss or dementia and their carers,  
Contact: Penhurst Gardens 01608 698055

#### Golden Memories

3rd Thursday of each month

Wesley, Room, Witney Methodist Church, OX286HG 10.30 – 12.00

Contact Julia on 07827 235426

An opportunity for all those with a diagnosis of dementia and their carers to meet together with coffee and cake in a relaxed setting. Each session will include a different activity or speaker.

#### Like Minds

Like Minds is for people with young onset dementia who are interested in coming together to share time, experiences & ideas.

Monthly - 2nd Week of Month (Fridays), 10am - 12pm

The Fleece, Church Green, Witney, OX28 4AZ

Young Dementia UK 07503 198720

#### Witney Dementia Carers Support Group

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Month 1.30pm - 3pm

Richmond Village, Coral Springs Way, Witney, OX28 5DG

Contact: Suzi Morgan on 01993 894000.

#### Chipping Norton Dementia Carers Support Group

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 10-12.15 p.m.  
Highlands Day Centre, Burford Road, Chipping Norton OX7 5EE

Contact: Helen Harman 07964 037255

#### Lights Up!

Dementia friendly sociable groups filled with stimulating activities, shared with laughter and fun! Including reminiscence, music, crafts, poetry, outings, exercise and more! For more information contact Kelly Gough at Guideposts on 01993 893577

Chipping Norton 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month 10.30—12.30 currently at Highlands Day Centre, 73 Burford Road, OX7 5BE but moving in due course to

Penhurst Gardens Care Home, New Street, OX7 5ED; Witney 2nd & 4th Monday of each month 10.30 - 12.30pm at Bethany Room, Witney Methodist Church, 40 High Street, OX28 6HG

### Music and Wellbeing Group

For people living with dementia and their carers. An uplifting music group welcoming all. We sing, use accessible instruments to play music and improvise. Carers, Family and friends welcome.

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in the month 10.30am - 12pm

Upper Hall, Methodist Church, High Street, Witney, OX28 6HG

Contact: Lucy Baker / Rachel Oscroft on 01993 893560

### Relaxed Performances and Films

The Theatre, Chipping Norton  
Relaxed Screenings are open to everyone but are particularly suitable for people living with dementia and their carers and for those with learning disabilities. Tickets are £5 and carers go free.

*Stan and Ollie* 3 June 10.30

*La La Land* 15 July 10.30

Contact The Theatre for further details about their regular series of Relaxed Screenings on 01608 642350

*Meryl Smith*

### Charlbury Exhibition Foundation

**Vacancy:** *volunteer secretary and treasurer* to the Charlbury Exhibition Foundation (CEF). CEF is a small local charity that gives grants to further and higher education students in Charlbury and owns the Old Grammar School, currently occupied by Charlbury Pre-School.

We need a new secretary and treasurer (a combined role) to manage the charity's accounts, organise two meetings of the committee a year, and take minutes of those meetings.

For further information or to apply please email [kathrynfairhurst@hotmail.com](mailto:kathrynfairhurst@hotmail.com).

## The Cotswold Wardens have been busy

Since the beginning of the year, the local group of the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens has been very active in and around Charlbury. Tasks undertaken have included woodland maintenance and coppicing in Centenary Wood, as well as carrying out several jobs in and around the Wigwell reserve.

Winter and early spring are the best times of year for tackling the very invasive blackthorn in Centenary Wood, and little by little we are making progress. Cutting back the thorn bushes creates new open areas amongst the bigger trees, as well as making it easier to dissuade new thorn growth with brush-cutting later in the year. And many of the hazel trees have now reached the stage where coppicing allows new growth to spring from low-down, as well as providing materials that the Wychwood Project can use for hedge-laying.

At Wigwell, we have replaced the decking on the footbridge over the brook, and have changed the stiles at each end of the bridge for new self-closing gates. Making access easier for footpath users is one of our key objectives, and at the Pound Hill end of the reserve, below the burial ground extension, the permissive path has been realigned and fenced to keep cattle from churning it up. What's more, you can now cross the brook on the brand-new boardwalk, avoiding the really muddy bits there altogether!

And in the same vein, we have made a big improvement to the kissing gate into the Mill Field, providing more space there so that buggy- and wheelchair-users can get through without difficulty. The job included laying new paving slabs to make using the gate even easier. We hope that you agree!

To learn more about the Wardens and what we do, visit <http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk> or contact Tony Merry on 811022 or at [tonyherry@gmail.com](mailto:tonyherry@gmail.com).



## Charlbury Town Council news

### Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on Friday 29th March in the Memorial Hall, with addresses from Town Council chairman Peter Kenrick, county/district councillor Liz Leffman and district councillor Andy Graham, and representatives of Charlbury organisations. Peter summarised the Town Council's work in the last year, including the many grants awarded; responses to planning applications; support for the Neighbourhood Plan; the new community service awards; and much else. Nicolette Lethbridge was re-elected as the APM representative on the Conservation Area Advisory Committee, and Christine Elliott as the APM representative on the Centenary Woodland Committee.

### Train service update

We understand that the newly lengthened platforms at Charlbury railway station will finally be coming into use in May, following a software update to the trains.

There are no significant changes to the timetable this May. However, in December, an all-new timetable will come into effect with faster journeys. As well as retimings, GWR are planning one extra early evening service. The current 16.22 departure from Paddington (17.25 from Oxford) will be replaced by a 16.48 departure and will no longer call at the 'halts'; instead, there will be an additional stopping service starting from Didcot.

GWR has confirmed that it is not currently advancing any plans for a car park extension, though new plans may be drawn up if funding is available. Meanwhile, we have repeatedly expressed our concern to GWR about the limited bike spaces on the new trains but unfortunately they refuse to countenance any improvement to this. Charlbury Town Council is concerned that future

service proposals being put forward by the North Cotswold Line Taskforce do not result in any improvement for Charlbury, and in fact a worse service in the Worcester-bound direction. We will be lobbying to have these amended.

### 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)

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Robert Caston for receiving the High Sheriff of Oxfordshire's Award for his contributions to Charlbury life, and in particular his stewardship of Nine Acres over many years; and to Marjorie Glasgow for receiving the British Empire Medal.

Congratulations also to Charlbury Town Football Club on winning the double – both the Witney & District Premier League title and the John Fathers Junior Shield.

Congratulations to Andy Graham on his re-election as district councillor for Charlbury and Finstock, and thank you to Philippa Phelan, Liz Reason and Sue Richards for their campaigns. Charlbury had the highest turnout of any district ward which is something to be proud of.

And finally, congratulations to everyone whose contributions to Charlbury life were saluted by the *Sunday Times* this spring by the town's inclusion in their '101 Best Places to Live' list. The newspaper wrote that "social life here is definitely lively, but it's all about the people and the pubs, rather than being seen"; that we have "an excellent new community centre" and "thriving sports clubs"; and that "Charlbury is at its most fun during the summer"!

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### **In brief**

- If you are visiting the cemetery with a dog, please make sure you keep it on a lead and do not allow it to foul graves or tributes – thank you. Unintentional damage to graves and tributes can be very upsetting to relatives and friends.
- Thank you to those who assisted with the annual Boundary Walk on Rogation Sunday, and to those landowners who supported the walk and gave permission to cross their land. Particular thanks to Cornbury Park for opening their gates to allow a safer walk.
- In the light of a recent nearby bus service withdrawal (the 11 in the Hanborough/Freeland area), please do continue to use Charlbury's buses and ensure they remain financially viable.

### **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 26th June, 24th July and 21st August, with planning applications considered on the Monday before (8pm unless there is a speaker).

The next open 'surgeries' are scheduled for the Corner House from 10am–12pm on Saturday 1st June and 3rd August: please check on the Corner House noticeboard and the Charlbury website in advance.

You can email Roger Clarke, the Town Clerk, at

[charlburytc@btinternet.com](mailto:charlburytc@btinternet.com) or phone 01608 810608 (9am–5pm weekdays, not weekends or bank holidays).

*Richard Fairhurst*



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## From County & District Councillor Liz Leffman

01608 810153 [liz.leffman@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:liz.leffman@westoxon.gov.uk)

As I reported several months ago, a merger recently took place between Cherwell District Council and Oxfordshire County Council, and this has now been in operation for six months. This came about because of the decision by the Secretary of State to turn Northamptonshire into two unitary authorities, due to the county's financial difficulties. As a result, the partnership between South Northamptonshire and Cherwell had to be broken up, and Cherwell found itself unable to survive financially on its own.

There was a good deal of concern about how this might work, as it is an unusual structure, but it is proving to be very interesting. I am a member of the committee that oversees the partnership, and we are using this as an opportunity to bring together services from the County and the District, which we hope will result in a much better service to local residents. For example, Trading Standards, which is a County responsibility, is now working closely with Environmental Health, which comes under Cherwell, and there is a shared senior officer. Similarly, we have recently appointed an officer to oversee housing, which is Cherwell, and social care commissioning, which is County. By bringing these two functions together, we hope to see better integration of extra

care housing into new developments in the district. A similar working arrangement is also being piloted between children's services at County and the well-being team at Cherwell.

At the moment, this will only affect Cherwell, but it is the hope of many of us on the committee that this will herald a new way for councils across the county to work co-operatively with each other, to offer the best possible service to residents. Whether West Oxfordshire will want to go in this direction remains to be seen, but I am hopeful that they will see the advantages and want to get involved. I continue to take a very active interest in recycling across the County and have recently been concerned that our recycling rates have started to decline.

The problem is that when recycling rates are reported, the figures include food and green waste as well as dry items, and of course green waste varies according to the time of year.

I am working with officers to find out if the decline is due to changes in people's recycling of packaging, plastics, paper etc. Perhaps we are all getting better at using less packaging? I hope that in future that will be the case, but in the mean time we need to make sure that everything that can be recycled is recycled.



### **All Together In Charlbury – a local helping hand**

#### **If you need:**

- ◆ Transport to appointments or activities/ visits
- ◆ Occasional household tasks/gardening
- ◆ Shopping
- ◆ Help with a form or letter or something else
- ◆ Someone to pop in for a chat

**Local ATIC volunteers are here to help  
– call 01993 776277**

### **CHARLBURY FARMERS' MARKET on the Playing Close between 9am and 1pm on Saturday, June 8th**

Charlbury Farmers' Market is administered by Thames Valley Farmers' Market Co-operative Ltd. and organised by Geoff & Janet Burroughs.

Any queries, please contact Geoff or Janet on the contact details below.

Email: [burroughs871@btinternet.com](mailto:burroughs871@btinternet.com)  
tel: 07969 208518, 01608 810260



**From District Councillor Andy Graham**

07908 832632 andyg2439@gmail.com

Thank you Charlbury residents for electing me for a second term. I will do my best to continue to represent you all whatever party you voted for.

The most important thing is to ensure we preserve and enhance local services and hold the Conservative administration to account by challenging reports and decisions they make.

In particular, the issue of infrastructure is put high on the agenda so that joined up strategic thinking can help to ensure our bus services, roads, transport, health and environmental issues are given priority when developments are planned.

We need to ensure that whilst preserving the Cotswold exceptional and unique character, we do not fall into the trap of introspection and have a visionary approach to preserving the natural environment and supporting community initiatives, so that future generations can live and work here in a sustainable way..

The Local Plan may well guide us but the recent proposals to explore the concept of status of the Cotswolds as a National Park, whilst challenging, should not be ruled out but rather respectfully seen as an opportunity to engage residents so that all options are explored.

I look forward to engaging with you and on your behalf over the next four years.

Respectfully yours

*Cllr Andy Graham*

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**Ladies Lunch Club**

We are enjoying our new venue at the Cotswold Spa Hotel in Chipping Norton, and the staff have been very helpful.

We have had some excellent talks and our recent visit to the Food Waste Depot proved to be very enlightening.

We look forward to future talks in June on *Holiday Safety & Scams* by Wesley Smith our local PCSO, Paddy Gallagher is talking in July about *My Favourite Animal* and in August we have a visit from Michael Blunston of the Sri-Lanka Tea Board.

We welcome old and new members on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. We have a two course lunch followed by tea/coffee and an entertaining talk at 12pm for 12.30. Interested? Contact Gill Grason on 01608 810154 or Frances Canham on 01608 811176.

We are also arranging trips to the Mini Works at Cowley, Oxford and a visit to a National Trust Property by coach in September.

*Gill Grason*



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## Charlbury Society

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The Society will have finished its winter lecture season by the time you read this, and the last ones have been full of interest.

Jonathan Luxmoore has spoken of his many years experience as a journalist in Poland, covering the time of great upheaval in 1989. He has travelled extensively in other eastern European countries and could give us a first-hand insight into the differences between those places and the United Kingdom.

In March we were rather closer to home, with a talk by our committee member Tony Merry on our local river, the Evenlode. Tony took us from what is reckoned to be its source, describing the varied countryside along the way. But it was not just a scenic tour, for we became aware of the many problems facing the Evenlode. While we live in a fairly unspoilt part of England, our river is not always in great health, and there are serious pollution problems which need to be faced.

We then moved on to local milestones. This talk arose from a project between the Charlbury Society, Charlbury Museum and the Milestones Society in 2017 to repair the milestone on the Burford Road, two-thirds of the way up the hill from Charlbury station. It had been broken into several pieces. By a combination of these three organisations, and a local retired stonemason, we were able to bring the stone back to its standing position, and in one piece.

At the same time, we checked our other local stones. The next one on the Burford Road is in Biggerstone Hollow, right on the bend, and was completely overgrown. We had it cleared, and now keep an eye on it to make sure it will always be free of undergrowth. Another, towards Enstone, has also been cleared.

As a result of this, in April we had Derek Turner, Oxfordshire representative of the Milestones Society, speak to us about milestones and the development of roads from the turnpikes of the early 1800s. The stones you will see by the roads around here date from the establishment of the Charlbury turnpike trust in 1800. Some toll houses still stand, and these date from those times.

In May we had our Annual General Meeting, and in June the expedition, an event established in the early years of the society. This year we have a full coach going to Chavenage House, near Tetbury, which many will recognise as 'Trenwith' from the Poldark series. The house has a long history, and should make for a most interesting day.

The Society will then break for the summer, returning on 11 October for the first talk in our winter series. This will be 'Peculiar Ground: A Wychwood Story', by Lucy Hughes-Hallett, a talk around her novel set in an ancient house in Wychwood Forest.

We will also be celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Charlbury Society and the Museum. On 25<sup>th</sup> May 1949, a meeting was held at the school to establish the Society. John Kibble, stonemason and author, was the first president, with Alfred Searle, a consulting chemist elected chairman and Mrs. Evelyn Evans, a doctor's widow, made secretary. The first lecture was held in August, with a talk on Cornbury Park, followed by a tour of the house at the invitation of Oliver Watney.

The Society went from strength to strength and we hope to be part of the town for at least another 70 years.

*Peter Bennett  
Chairman & Treasurer*



## Charlbury Community Speedwatch News

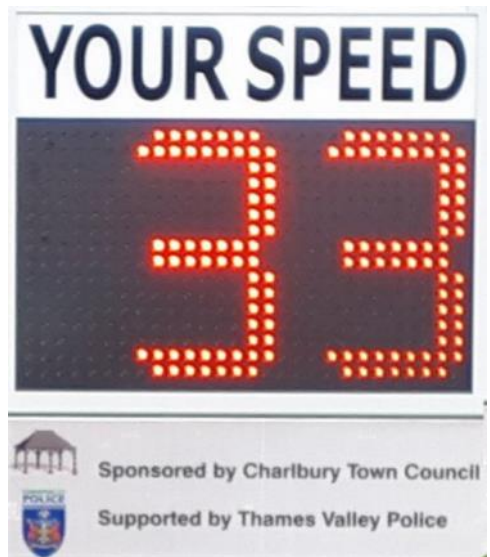
Your Community Speedwatch Team has had a busy start to 2019, with 19 Sessions up to the end of April, compared with 22 Sessions in the whole of last year. Overall, 25% of vehicles are exceeding the 30mph speed limit compared to 32% this time last year, showing an improvement.

Our new Speed Indicator Device, now affectionately known as "SID", is fully operational and is showing drivers their speeds as well as recording speed data of vehicles travelling in both directions. Our prime purpose is to educate drivers and SID not only shows their speed but says THANK YOU if they are within the limit or advises them SLOW DOWN or TOO FAST. It also advises SCHOOL ZONE if near the school or children's nurseries. It is very gratifying to see the brake lights come on when drivers get the message.

We recently conducted a series of informal discreet surveys to compare speeds with our fully-visible formal Speedwatch Sessions. Although speeds on The Slade were only slightly higher when operating informally, other sites such as Woodstock Road, Enstone Road and Forest Road showed very high speeds, with nearly 75% of vehicles offending. We cannot be on site all the time, so only road layout improvements will provide a lasting solution. This is something we have already proposed to the Town, District and County Councillors.

We will continue to provide driver education by deploying SID as much as

possible but we will also continue to forward vehicle registrations of offending drivers to the Police. So far in 2019 we have forwarded over 150 registrations for follow-up action. The Police do not tell us who warnings have been sent to but we have been told that generally across the region most offenders are local to their Speedwatch area.



So please do drive within the limit and even more slowly if the conditions dictate.

If you would like to help by joining the team or want to suggest a location for monitoring please contact us on [charlburycsw@gmail.com](mailto:charlburycsw@gmail.com).



## A guide to buying local seasonal food

I am often asked where to buy local seasonal food and grass-fed local meat so I thought I'd produce a short summary for easy reference. By carefully planning your shopping trips, combining with other activities, or shopping in your lunchtime, you might be able to shop and eat well every week without racking up additional car miles. . . and you will be supporting local producers who will get a much better income from your direct sales.

**Charlbury Farmers Market**—2nd Saturday in March, June, September, December

**Monthly Makers Market** - Charlbury Memorial Hall every 4th Thursday 5-7.30

**Woodstock Farmers Market** - 1st Saturday and 3rd Saturday every month

**Chipping Norton Farmers Market** - 3rd Saturday every month

**Witney Farmers Market** - 4th Friday every month

**Oxford Farmers Market** - Gloucester Green 1st & 3rd Thursdays every month

There are also morning markets every weekend in Oxford: Saturdays at Headington, North Parade and East Oxford; Sundays at Summertown, Wolvercote and Lake Street. Apart from farmers' markets, there are also lots of opportunities to buy direct from local producers either from farm shops or by arrangement. Apart from these markets, there are also lots of opportunities to buy direct from local producers either from farm shops or by arrangement.

**Charlbury Deli** is happy to talk to people about selling their spare garden produce in the shop

**The Kitchen Garden People** provide a weekly salad bag and fresh picked vegetable share all year round (including

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**Church Lane Produce at Spelsbury** (2 miles away) Front door honesty stall open every day, seasonal vegetables and eggs.

**Chadlington Quality Foods** (3 miles away) sell Charlbury's Bread Shed sourdough bread on a Tuesday and Friday and also sell spare garden produce.

**The Market Garden shop at Mill Street, Eynsham** (9 miles away) Own grown vegetables from Long Hanborough. Other locally produced, organic and ethical foods. Frozen local meat: pork from their own Sandy and Black pigs, beef from the North Aston dairy herd. North Aston milk and ice cream. Local sourdough breads. SESI detergent refills. Faith in Nature toiletries refill. BioD refill. Bulk refill station for organic dry foods. Open Monday-Saturday.

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**North Aston Organics** for vegetables and **North Aston Dairy** (11 miles away) Charlbury is not in their delivery area, but you can make regular orders and collect on a Friday or you can buy vegetables from the honesty stall at the

farm. Dairy produce includes milk, cream, yoghurt, and ice cream and needs to be ordered for collection every Friday on a regular basis. In the same village as Nicholson Nurseries' Garden Centre & Yurt Café

**Daylesford Organic Farm Shop & Restaurant** (11 miles away)

**Wykham Park Farm Shop**, near **Banbury** OX16 9UP (14 miles away) for local and home grown produce, including Longhorn beef.

**Cultivate Mobile Farm Shop** Sunday morning at Summertown Market. Also order online for deliveries in Oxford on a Friday or for collection at Kidlington (11 miles away) on a Thursday.

**Skylarks Organic Box Scheme** based in the local market gardening counties of Hereford & Worcestershire and delivered to Charlbury each week

**Cornbury Park Venison** available August to January from **Denshams Butchers** in Witney (7 miles), also at Charlbury Farmers Market and other local Farmers Markets.

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For more details and website links, see the Local Seasonal Food webpage on the Charlbury Green Hub website  
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