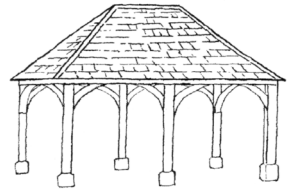


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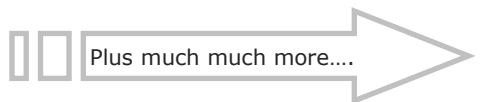
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From the Editor

Susanna Finch

First, may I start in thanking Lynette Murphy for her 19 years of producing the Chronicle.

I can remember the first one that popped through our door and thinking what a splendid idea and how interesting and informative it was.

Over the years the Chronicle has grown into a publication which is valued by the community and it continues to celebrate all that Charlbury and the surrounding area has to offer. From the useful Charlbury Community Directory to festivals; from Town Council reports to highlighting key issues in the area; it has had it all.

Recently Lynette was invited to a Champagne Reception at Ditchley Park to mark her contribution and David Cameron cited

"The Charlbury Chronicle, which I know you founded, is an excellent publication that highlights community news and activities."

I think that about sums it all up!

We didn't want to see The Chronicle disappear, and so the Chronicle team asked if I would take over the editorship and I hope that I can do justice to what Lynette has done in the past. Thank you so much Lynette.

On another note, Street Fair are still looking for new members for their team; please see the article on page 25.

March will see the new Town Survey being conducted. A copy will go to every household in Charlbury asking what residents would like to see in Charlbury in the forthcoming 20 years. Please do complete the survey. It is completely confidential. See more on page 7.

The Town Council will be up for re-election in May. Have you thought about putting yourself up for election? Would you like to represent Charlbury and help form its future? See the article on page 29 for more details.

And it's the Queen's 90th birthday in June. This will be marked by a Flower Festival in St Mary's, along with Open Gardens, Charlbury Pre-School and the Baptist Church, all taking part on 12 June. If any of you would also like to mark this day and have any suggestions, then please do contact Sarah Potter. See more on page 6.

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

editor.chronicle@outlook.com

I wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Susanna Finch

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

THANK YOU LYNETTE

Some nineteen years ago Professor Leslie decided to end the publication that he had done for many years, "Charlbury News" and so Lynette Murphy decided that Charlbury still needed some form of news sheet and gathered around her a team that helped produce "The Chronicle".

From the first she decided that it should be well produced and printed. The copy was checked several times. She also wished that the magazine should be free and delivered to all houses in Charlbury. A group of volunteers was formed to deliver it.

It quickly became used by Charlbury residents and groups; churches gave the times of services; the Town Council and councillors reported their activities; the Police used it to give information. There were reports from the clubs and newcomers appreciated information they got from Tot Bits and the advertisements (which paid for the magazine). There was also information about the local weather and many residents wrote about their hobbies and interests. There was much more and its success is indicated by the fact that copies have been found in the Bodleian Library. An article was also picked up in Australia and published in an Australian Railway magazine.

"The Chronicle" is published four times a year. Lynette had to pull it all together, which meant she had to plan things like holidays around it. Her dedication and vision meant that the publication she wanted was achieved and has served Charlbury well for nineteen years.

Thank you Lynette!

Diana Potten



CHARLBURY COMMUNITY CENTRE

appeal

I am delighted to announce that the Thomas Gifford Trust has now gone out to tender for the building of the Community Centre and, all being well with the bids, you should see building start later in the spring.

Over the years, the CCCA has raised over £215,000, but our efforts are not stopping here. The more we can raise, the better facilities and equipment we can afford. Even after the building is complete we will need to help out by raising funds to help with running and staffing costs.

Luckily, fundraising can be fun, and our fundraising efforts have led to a lot of great nights out for the people of Charlbury. For example, so far this year we have had a romping Burns Night celebration at the end of January and a delicious Valentine's Pop-up Supper in February.

Our next event is a **Screen Test Film Quiz Night** on 16th April. This should be fun for all the family, testing your observational skills as you answer questions on film clips.

There will be a **Classical Piano Recital** on 29th April, by talented Charlbury resident Daphne Clark and hosted by ChOCLIVE, which is partially in aid of the Community Centre.

We will be hosting a **Family Challenge Day** in July, which will involve games, sports and various challenges for people of all ages; so please keep an eye out for further details.

In June we will be at the Beer Festival with our popular Pimms Stall and in August we will have a stall at the Wilderness festival.

I therefore appeal to the people of Charlbury to continue with your excellent and enthusiastic support for our events, details of which can be found on noticeboards around Charlbury and on the events page of www.charlbury.info.

Also, please support the Sports and Social Club events as they are now raising funds to rebuild their club. You can still Buy-a-Brick (or rather your name in the lobby) for yourself, your family members, or as a present with a gift certificate by using the form printed opposite, or via the CCCA page on www.charlbury.info.

If you have ideas for fundraising, or if you can help us, then I would be delighted to hear from you at billandtanya@outlook.com.

Thank you,

Tanya Stevenson

If you wish to “Buy-a-Brick” as a gift and support the Community Centre Appeal, we can supply a certificate of the donation. Just tick here to indicate that you would like one delivered to you:



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Thomas Gifford Trust Charlbury Community Centre Update – February, 2016

The top seven questions about the new Community Centre (and the short answers) are listed below. If anyone has further questions, please contact me (details below) and I'll try to answer.

1. What facilities will be in the new Charlbury Community Centre?

Answer: A large, modern library with IT facilities; a full-size sports hall to accommodate a variety of sports including football, netball, tennis, cricket, basketball, volleyball, badminton, and others; a flexible community area with a café and separate youth area (funds allowing). This is what the town has asked for, funding permitting.

2. When will it open?

Answer: Construction is expected to begin in late spring, 2016. The Centre should open by September 2017.

3. Who will use the Centre?

Answer: The Centre is being developed by the Thomas Gifford Trust for the benefit of the residents of Charlbury and surrounding areas. The Centre will cater for the recreational and educational needs of people of all ages and a large variety of interests.

4. How will the Centre be managed?

Answer: As long as we can build the full

sized sports hall and the youth area, income from the Centre will support a full-time professional staff as well as the support of a core group of volunteers.

5. How is the Centre being funded?

Answer: The land is owned by the Thomas Gifford Trust. The new building is being funded by money raised by the Charlbury Community Centre Appeal, private donations, funds from the OCC, private and public foundations and grants, funds from the Town Council and WODC, and others including Southill Solar. Some funding has yet to be confirmed. The size of the proposed Centre means that once the Centre opens, it will be self-funding primarily from the revenue from the Sports Hall hiring fees.

6. What about the Sports & Social Club?

Answer: The Thomas Gifford Trust has worked alongside the S&SC to develop their own facility adjacent to the Centre. The S&SC committee is supportive of the new Centre and working to raise funds to develop a building for their use.

7. How do we get regular updates about the progress of the Centre?

Answer: Please see the Charlbury website www.charlbury.info/community/14. We will also put an update on the town notice board and in various publications and be holding a public meeting later in the year.

Marjorie Glasgow Chair, Thomas Gifford Trust
mglasgow@theridgegroup.com



Free Wi-Fi at Charlbury Library

Exciting news for 2016!

Free Wi-Fi will be installed at the library, funded through a grant from the Arts Council. Wi-Fi will be available by the end of March. We're also updating our public computers with two brand new machines for you to use from 10th of March. It's free to use our computers and you don't even need to be a member of the library; all are welcome. You can book a one hour session on the computer or just drop by for shorter sessions. You can also make colour scans free of charge and print for 20p per sheet.

Due to the Westgate redevelopment in the centre of Oxford, the main Central Library

will be temporarily relocating to the Castle Quarter but with limited stock available. Internet access, reference information, journals and music services will not be available so you may find it more convenient to visit one of the many other county libraries.

It's worth remembering that you can use your Oxford Central Library membership card at any Oxfordshire County Council Library. You can borrow up to twenty books and/or five DVDs and return them at any County Council library. If you reserve books you can also choose which library you would like to collect from. If you favour eBooks or e-Audio then you can download free of charge from one of the Oxfordshire Library Service eBook providers www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/ebooks-and-eaudio

Sally Moore – Library Manager

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11th/12th JUNE 2016

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Are there any flower arrangers out there who would like to help us? OR any Charlbury clubs, societies, businesses and individuals who would like to sponsor this celebration? If so please contact: Sarah Potter on 01608 810388 or sarahpotter@btinternet.com

**** WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW OF ANYONE WHO IS CELEBRATING THEIR OWN 90th BIRTHDAY THIS YEAR SO WE CAN INVITE THEM TO A FORTHCOMING SPECIAL EVENT.****

Open Gardens

12 JUNE 2-6PM

Once again we will be holding the 18th ever popular Open Gardens event on **Sunday 12th June, 2-6pm** offering a unique opportunity to view a variety of interesting gardens in and around the centre of the town.

If you would like to offer your garden to open, please contact Eileen Kenrick at:

sfgardens@charlburystreetfair.org or on 01608 811021.

This year we are delighted to be running our event alongside the "Royal 90" Festival of Flowers being organised by St Mary's Church as part of the national celebrations of the Queen's 90th birthday. A perfect opportunity to enjoy both events in a single afternoon!

You can find out more about the "Royal 90" event on the article alongside this.

The Open Gardens is run in order to help with the upkeep of the Corner House and Memorial Hall so do all come along and help this very worthwhile cause.

As usual, we will be offering refreshing tea and delicious cakes in the Memorial Hall throughout the afternoon.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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Town Survey Don't Forget Have Your Say!

The Town Council is undertaking a major review of Charlbury via a town survey. Every home should by now have their Household Survey plus Individual Surveys for everyone aged 16 or over. If for some reason your street distributor hasn't dropped yours off yet, let us know now on info@charlburyneighbourhoodforum.org or 07421 769110 and we'll get copies to you.

Fill 'em in!

Remember it's really important to complete both versions of the survey. You can do the surveys online or on the paper copies supplied. It's entirely up to you. The survey results will tell the Town Council how you think Charlbury should develop over the next 20 years. Even if you choose not to complete all of the questions, please fill in all that you can. Your answers will make a real difference. And the survey is completely **confidential**.

Questions?

If you have any questions, contact us on info@charlburyneighbourhoodforum.org or 07421 769110 and we'll get straight back to you. Charlbury Neighbourhood Forum is a group of local volunteers helping Charlbury Town Council.

Completed surveys

If you've completed the surveys online, let

your street distributor know.

If you've completed the paper surveys, you can either:

- return them to your distributor sealed in the envelope provided; or
- drop the envelope off at Charlbury Post Office.

If you haven't already, make sure you have your say! You can also add site-specific comments to our interactive map of the town at:

www.charlburyneighbourhoodforum.org.uk.

Don't forget to give us your completed surveys by 6th April.

Calling homeworkers!

If you work from home, whether employed or self-employed, please let us know on 07421 769110 or info@charlburyneighbourhoodforum.org.uk so we can include you in our survey of local businesses.

What next?

The survey results will be revealed at a public meeting in early summer. The Localism Act gives communities more power to have their say on the future of their areas by developing a Neighbourhood Plan. The idea is that your responses and comments will feed into a Neighbourhood Plan that will set a framework for Charlbury for the next 20 years.



CHARLBURY AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Crikey is it March already? What happened to winter? Well CADS have survived another Christmas pantomime and it seemed Aladdin proved a great success and enjoyed by both audience and cast on equal measures; and why not as everyone loves a pantomime.

But CADS are not an idle society and are in full swing preparing for their spring production "Dancing at Lughnasa" written by Brian Friel and to be directed by Sue Haffenden.

This multi-award winning play is about five impoverished spinster sisters in a remote part of Ireland in 1936. With them lives Michael, son of the youngest sister. Also their brother, Jack, who has returned from missionary work in Africa. The events of that summer are related by the grown-up Michael, unfolding a tender study of the women's lives in rural Ireland.

This has been made into a film, with Meryl Streep; Performance dates are Thursday 19th, Friday 20th and Saturday 21st May at the Memorial Hall and tickets will be available from the usual outlets closer to the time.

Upcoming events CADS AGM - Thursday 10th March, 7.30pm at the Methodist Church Hall, Fishers Lane, Charlbury, and then one of our fabulous coffee mornings will be held on Saturday 7th May at the Corner House, Charlbury and everyone is welcome.

CADS theatre group serves Charlbury and its many surrounding villages, and always **ACTIVELY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS**, especially if you are interested in working back stage. Please contact the Chairman or any member to find out more. Check out our Facebook page Charlbury Drama (CADS) and our web page www.charlbury-drama.com

Tim Widdows
Chairman—CADS

Charlbury Art Society

We welcome anyone with an interest in art, as well as practising artists and beginners. Our monthly talks are advertised on our website www.charlburyarts.co.uk, which also has lots of information about exhibitions, classes and art-related events, and also in the Leaflet.

On Saturday 2nd April members will be exhibiting in the Memorial Hall in conjunction with the Garden Society's Spring Show, so lots to please the eye, plus tea and cake!



May 21st to 30th is Artweeks in Charlbury, when over 30 artists, most of whom are CAS members, will be showing their work, in studios, churches and schools. As we are keen to promote art among the younger folk, we are delighted that the Primary School and the Pre-School are both taking part again.

Do look out for the **Trail Map**, which we hope will arrive with your May leaflet – keep it handy for an enjoyable afternoon stroll around Charlbury.

More information at www.artweeks.org



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Charlbury Music Class



Booking is now open for the 2016 season of music appreciation classes held at The Bell Hotel in Charlbury on occasional Wednesdays under the umbrella title Exploring Music. Subjects include the life and music of Franz Liszt, and Shakespeare and Music. The first class is on 6 April, when the subject is Water Music. All classes start at 10.30am and finish at 3.20pm. Lunch is available (not included and not compulsory).

The classes have been run for many years by Dr Kate Eckersley, with a very informal style. No technical knowledge is expected of those attending, and there are no assessments. Average attendance last year was 24, and new members are welcome. A single class costs £20. There are discounts for block bookings, with all five classes for £84. For full details phone Peter Fry on 01993 359189

Charlbury Day Centre

There was potentially a number of difficulties facing the Day Centre that all revolved around the County Council's proposal to stop our funding in October. This funding covered the salary of our coordinator and for the rental of the Garden Room in the Memorial Hall and would have been be a formidable sum of money to raise from another source.

However we heard on local radio on the evening of 16th February, after the Council budget meeting, that they had a change of heart and reversed the proposed cuts for day centres in Oxfordshire. We wait to hear the details, but if true, this will be fantastic news for our members and for all the wonderful volunteers who support us.

Now that we are more certain of our future I can mention that we have no one currently on our waiting list, so if anyone knows of someone who would like to join us please contact me, Bob Tait on 01608 810150 or our secretary Carolyn Connolly on 01608 819001. Also we are looking for someone who can stand in for our manager, when she is on leave. Again if you are interested please contact either of us.

Bob Tait
Chairman—Charlbury Day Centre

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Charlbury Museum News

Charlbury Museum reopens on Easter weekend: Saturday March 26, 10 – 12pm & Sunday March 27 and Easter Monday, 2.30pm – 4.30pm.

Two new exhibitions will be on display: Charlbury Sports & Clubs – featuring historical memorabilia and photos;

the second exhibit puts the spotlight on Bessie Marchant (1862 – 1941), a prolific writer of adventure novels featuring female heroines. She lived at Gothic House in Church Street.

The permanent collection in this unique museum reflects the heritage of the town, such as the gloving industry and the Quakers in Charlbury – discover the gems of Charlbury history in our town's museum.

Opening times for the Spring/Summer season: Sat.: 10am-12pm, Sun: 2.30pm-4.30pm, and Bank Holiday Mondays 2.30pm-4.30pm.

Are you interested in becoming a volunteer steward at the museum?

The Stewards' Evening is on March 18th at 6pm. A tour of the new exhibitions will be followed by a talk on Bessie Marchant by Jennifer Bartlett in The Corner House.

To join Charlbury Museum Stewards and attend the above event please contact:

charlburymuseum@elmstead.plus.com

Special events: Annual Plant Sale & Coffee Morning will be held on **June 4th**. Donations of plants for this fundraising event would be gratefully received. Please see notice board for more details in May.

And finally, news of a forthcoming publication: Charlbury Museum is busy working on a book,

"Charlbury during the First World War"

...stories of Charlbury soldiers and sailors, womens' work in wartime, and life on the Home Front, a fascinating insight into Charlbury during 1914 -1918.

Watch this space for more news of our book!

Sue Rangeley

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A Day's Life: Eric Pradel

I am a second-generation American. My paternal grandfather came from Ulm in Germany, and emigrated to the USA, settling in Princeton, New Jersey in the 1930s. This was not a good time to be a German in the USA, and initially he had a hard time being accepted. Fast-forwarding just a few years and a change of location, I was born in Chicago and have lived in various places in the States, including New Jersey, Illinois, Michigan and Florida.

I moved to the UK in 1998; first for three years in London, and since 2002 I have lived in Charlbury. Thinking about it, come next month I will have lived in Charlbury for 14 years, which is the longest I have ever lived in one place. My family and I love living here; our daughter goes to the primary school, and we owe much of our social life to her, having made good friends with lots of other primary school parents.

Our daily routine varies, according to my wife Sarah's shifts. She works for the BBC, and I work for Oxford University Press (OUP) in Oxford. One of us will take our daughter to school, and the other picks her up in the afternoon. Sarah is on a late shift tomorrow, so I'll be up at 5am, be in the office by 6.30am, and then be back to pick up our daughter from school in the afternoon. It's an erratic schedule, but it's still a huge improvement on my previous one, when I worked in radio in London. The company I worked for made travel bulletins for radio stations. I had a great time there, but on a good day, the commute took nearly two hours each way. And with train travel, good days are in the minority.

When Sarah got her job at the BBC, we decided to move from London and live somewhere between my work (at that time) in London, and hers in Wiltshire. We looked in Oxford, but housing was just as expensive as London, with the added cost of my train fares to think about. We then looked at the area around Oxford, and saw a nice house to let in Combe, which we liked, but it wasn't feasible due to the very limited train services to and from Combe.

From the timetable we saw that every train on the line seemed to stop at a place called Charlbury. So we tried here, looking at several places and chose The Old Sweet Shop, thinking we might stay for six months or so. 14 years later, we are still here.

I worked in radio for a number of years in the States. I took a degree in Broadcast

Engineering in Detroit - my first degree was in Mathematics - then had several jobs in local radio stations, ending with working for a Florida radio station called Sunny104.3 FM. This station had just pinched a very popular morning-show team from a rival station, and I was asked to produce their show. It ran from 6am to 9am, which meant getting up at 3am.

The work was very demanding, and I was never away from it. As soon as the show finished, I had to think about the next one, and look for new guests, new jokes, local news items to follow up on, in order to fill the three hours. But even though it was very challenging, it was also very rewarding.

For example, along with many other radio and TV stations from across the USA, we were invited to broadcast our show live from Disneyworld for three days during its 25th anniversary, and got to meet all the characters; one of the three days happened to be my birthday, and the voice-actor who does Goofy came by to wish me a happy birthday. I still have a recording of it, on cassette tape.

I started working for OUP a few years after I was made redundant from my job in London. Friends and family members said I should go into teaching, and I did my PGCE, but soon realised that teaching wasn't for me. Fortunately, my training put me in a good position to get my job at OUP as one of the editors of mathematics books for secondary school students and teachers.

After three years, I moved over to our International team, so now I get to work not only on mathematics resources, but on many other subjects as well. Also, I now get the opportunity to be involved earlier in the editorial process, and discuss with authors the development of their manuscripts.

I enjoy it enormously and work with a great team of people - I think that 90% of my enjoyment from any job comes from the people I work with. (Mathematicians always like to quantify things!)

At the weekends, we often find ourselves at one or more of our favourite places in the area: Blenheim Palace, Wychwood Wild Gardens and Cogges Farm. If the weather is bad, Burford Garden Centre is a good place to wander around. And of course there is Oxford: we love the museums there. If the weather is good, we enjoy the woodland walks locally.

Eric Pradel was talking to Barbara Allison

CORNER HOUSE NEWS

Two small fold-up tables and one chair have gone missing from the Memorial Hall. Please can they be returned; they will cost over £250 to collectively replace.



The new Hall kitchen is proving very popular and new imaginative events are being held as a consequence. This is great, but can users please thoroughly clean the cooker and associated appliances, otherwise commercial cleaning charges will retrospectively apply.

On the occasions that the caretaker is on holiday the premises need opening or securing. If you are able to help me in covering these periods, please do get in touch, as several long standing key holders are stepping down.

Stephen Andrews

*Chairman
Corner House & War Memorial Hall
01608 811212
stephen.andrews@phonecoop.coop*

Lunch for Lawrence



On Wednesday, 2nd March 2016 we will be launching our annual 'Lunch for Lawrence Week' at The Lower Town Hall, Chipping Norton.

Our lunches will be served from midday until 2.30pm. Our Bloxham and Hook Norton volunteers will be holding a lunch at the Ex-Servicemen's Hall, High Street, Bloxham on Friday 4th March and the Charlbury Pastmasters will be serving lunch at Charlbury War Memorial Hall on **Friday, 11th March** from midday. Free entry.

Why not hold your own lunch and raise much needed funds for our nursing team.

When: 2nd March - 11th March

Where: Your home, work or school

What: Soup and a bread roll or tea/ coffee and a slice of cake

How much: Ask your guests to donate what they can.

We can supply a collecting box for your lunch. Contact: verityfifer.lhnt@gmail.com

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All our hosts have owned dogs in the past but now enjoy looking after dogs without the long term commitment. They love canine company and benefit from the additional exercise and social interaction that comes with looking after a dog.

If you would like loving care for your dog while you're away, or if you're someone who would like to find out more about becoming a host for us, please get in touch.

Charlbury Garden Society Spring Show



The Society's Spring Show will be held on **Saturday 2nd April** in the Memorial Hall. As well as daffodils, there are classes for other spring flowers such as tulips, hyacinths and hellebores. Children can enter an Easter hat or bonnet, a pot of spring flowers they have grown themselves or cupcakes. You do not have to be a member to exhibit.

Bring your entries between 9.30am and 11am. Schedules and entry forms will be available at the station, pharmacy, library and post office. Full details are on the Society's website and in the members' guide. The flower show is organised in conjunction with the Charlbury Art Society Spring Exhibition and will open to the public at twelve noon, immediately after the judging.

Before the Spring Show, on **Thursday 17th March**, we have a talk on Butterflies, Local and European, by Martin Gascoigne-Pees; 8pm in the Garden Room of the Memorial Hall.

The Wilson-Lade Cup for the best cultivated allotment is awarded at the Flower and Produce Show in September but judging can take place at any time of the year.

Charlbury and District Garden Society

Children' Competitions 2016

The Great Potato Race
for 4 to 8 year olds

The Tallest Sunflower
for 9 to 14 year olds

Kits are available to purchase for 50p per entry at the Farmers' Market on 12th March and at the Spring Show on 2nd April in the Memorial Hall.

NB: Numbers are limited to 30 in each competition, so it will be 'first come, first served'

Further details from:
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Join the GROWING movement

We are starting up a Community Supported Agriculture programme that allows members to invest in the production, growing and distribution of locally grown produce.

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We are proud to be an honest hub of environmentally minded growers who farm with nature and have you at the heart of everything we do;

from the kitchen garden to the playground, from the workplace back to the home...it doesn't matter where, you can be part of this. The rest of Europe is already doing it; we're just playing catch up!

In essence it's a veg box scheme, but the difference is that, as a member, your subscription directly pays for the cost of growing in advance so the farmer knows how much to grow, for who and when...no waste.

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As members, you'll get a say into what we grow next year and receive updates on the highs and lows of growing crops. Each week you'll receive a basket of fresh vegetables and salads straight from the kitchen garden reflecting the realities of the season with varieties chosen for flavour rather than shelf life and transportation.

No lengthy food miles, no extra packaging jamming up your recycling bin, just tasty food, colourful, sometimes wonky, just you and local farmers investing in each other and enjoying the good life and REAL FOOD... then there's the recipes, our 'edimentals', our wild cooking, our real food events... and the cider...

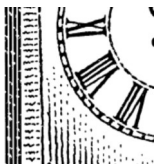
Ok we know you don't want to miss out - It's early days but we'd like to know who you are and make sure you're on the list for receiving our first crop later this year and to fill you in on our events.

We'd be delighted to hear from anyone who would be interested in joining us as a member, cultivator, volunteer, side line supporter, or just to find out more.

Contact Emma for more details:

chadlingtonkitchengarden@gmail.com or

visit the Charlbury Green Hub stall at the Charlbury Farmers' Market on Saturday 12 March and talk to Christine.



Town Clock Progress

As many will have noticed, the scaffolding around the church tower has now been removed. This does not mean that the

work on the clock is complete - far from it.

The scaffolding allowed us to get at the hands on the clock face and remove the rods which drove them. This was all refurbished before Christmas, so now we are beginning the work on the clock itself.

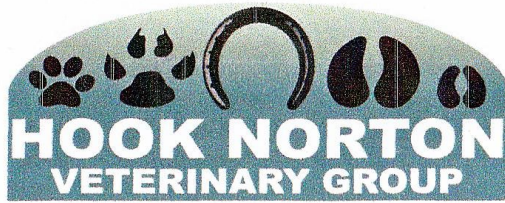
The clock actually consists of three mechanisms. They are: the Going, which keeps the time; the Quarters, which strike

the quarter hours, and the Hours, striking the right number on the hour. Each of these can be worked on separately, so we might at some time have the quarters without the hour, or the hours without the quarters, or a stopped clock altogether while the going is repaired.

At the moment we are starting work on the Hours, many parts of which have been removed and taken away for attention.

So at the moment the regular marking of each hour will be missing. We will keep you updated on the progress of this project, all made possible by your generous donations. Thank you.

Mike Summers



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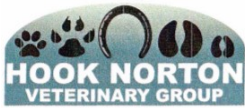
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COMPULSORY MICRO-CHIPPING OF DOGS

From 6th April 2016, all dogs over the age of eight weeks must be micro-chipped and registered on an approved database. This will be enforced by local authorities, police constables and community support officers.

There are no upper age exemptions, and a dog is only legally exempt from being micro-chipped, if written confirmation by a veterinary surgeon is given for health reasons, upon a secretary of state approved form.

Under the regulations, a dog is considered micro-chipped when:

- The dog is implanted with a chip
- The keeper's details are registered on an approved database.

For dogs already micro-chipped, the details on the database must be correct and up to date, so if you move house or change your telephone numbers, these details must be changed accordingly. If not, the dog will no longer be considered to be micro-chipped under the regulations.

Failure to comply with the above regulations will result in a 21 day notice being served, and if the dog is not micro-chipped and registered, or has the details updated within this time, the keeper will be liable to a £500 fine.

This all sounds very George Orwellian, however, there is sound reasoning behind this. It will allow puppy farms to be traced and made accountable, and may make those responsible think twice about breeding indiscriminately.

Sadly, dog theft is on the increase, and although the new regulations have deliberately chosen the title "keeper" as opposed to owner for those submitting their details, you are far more likely to be re-united with your beloved dog if you can be traced through the micro-chip. All veterinary practices, police stations and dog wardens, as well as animal charities, possess microchip scanners.

Similarly, once micro-chipped, you can report your dog as missing to the database on which your dog is registered. A note will then be put onto your details so that if your dog does turn up and is scanned, the relevant people

will be told. This is really useful if your dog has been stolen and potentially sold as it will alert the potential new owners that they are in possession of stolen property.

From a veterinary surgeon's point of view, micro-chipping allows us to identify straying dogs and those which may have been unfortunate enough to be involved in a road traffic accident. We can then contact their owners and either give them the happy news that their dog is at our surgery enjoying a drink and a snack, or is being treated if involved in an accident. For this reason, it is important to add as many telephone numbers to the database as possible. It is extremely stressful to be out there looking for a pet, so if we have had the dog brought in, it is a real benefit to be able to make contact with the owner as soon as possible.

At present, it is not compulsory to micro-chip cats. However, as "free agents" they are far more likely to stray and the micro-chip can be an essential tool in re-uniting them with their owners.

The act of micro-chipping takes two seconds and the chips are inert, so please chip your pets!

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Charlbury Angling Club

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

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

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

Charlbury Bowls Club

Ticknell Piece Road, Charlbury

Open Day – Saturday 23rd April 2:30pm

Bowls is a sport for everyone to try and I promise you, you will receive a very warm welcome here at Charlbury Bowls Club. Why not come along to our Open Day where one of our members will be happy to show you the ropes. It costs nothing to try... unless you want a drink from our fully stocked bar!

There's plenty of parking and spectators are also welcome. If you can't make the Open Day just turn up any Tuesday evening from 6.30pm.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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

RAINFALL REPORT 2015



The rainfall measured at Lees Rest between 1 January and 31 December 2015 was 692mm/27.68 ins, the driest year since 2011. The wettest month was November with 120mm/4.8 ins and the driest were April and June both with 17mm/0.68 ins.

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



Charlbury Cricket Club

Any half decent game of cricket needs a roller to provide a safe and reliable wicket to play on.

Charlbury Cricket Club has been fortunate in that for the past 50 years or so we have been able to turn out several thousands of wickets with what must be one of the oldest such machines in the county. It was made by Greens of Leeds and, according to one of our dependable groundsmen Rob Jackson, ended up in Charlbury in the 1960s when the late Bill Parsons, then club captain, spotted it while playing a game against Banbury Twenty Cricket Club who had just purchased a replacement.

Bill, who also used to prepare Charlbury's wickets brought it home but the machine had its challenges. The ignition had a handle start and, according to senior club members, the only man who could ever turn it single-handed was former town fireman Eddie Abbey!

Times moved on and the roller was installed with an electric starter, only to be submerged in the 2007 summer flood, when a new engine was also fitted. Since then, rather like older sportsmen with their knee and hip replacements, it has shown its own signs of old age and we are faced with significant investment to meet the club's annual demands of preparing up to 90 or so wickets for all our youth, men's, women's and representative home matches.

The 2016 outdoor season will soon be upon us and our management committee are preparing plans for an up-to-date replacement. We are looking into grants and loans, and it goes without saying that locally funded donations and sponsorship would be a real help. We are a community club and visitors and new players are always welcome, with our senior league season starting earlier this year, on Saturday April 30th.

www.charlburycricketclub.com
David Horne, vice chairman

CORNER HOUSE AND MEMORIAL HALL

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Emergency Contact: Steve Andrews (01608 811212)



Charlbury's Own Cinema

ChOC and ChOCLiVE News



**Friday, 29th April at 7.30pm - War Memorial Hall
New Grand Piano Recital**

Our film programme over the spring starts in March with Macbeth, Shakespeare's celebrated Scottish-set play; this is followed in April by the return of Daniel Craig as James Bond in Spectre, and, in May, Maggie Smith stars in The Lady in The Van. In addition to the film screenings, please note details of the piano recital taking place at the end of April.

All ChOC films and ChOCLiVE events take place in the Memorial Hall. Doors and our popular wine and beer bar open 45 minutes before the film screening or live event.



**Sunday, 13th March at 7.30pm
Macbeth** (Cert. 15 / 1hr 50mins).

Macbeth, the Thane of Glamis, receives a prophecy from a trio of witches that one day he will become King of Scotland. Consumed by ambition and spurred to action by his wife, Macbeth murders his king and takes the throne for himself.

"Blockbuster battle scenes, spine-tingling staging, utterly believable performances: is this as good as Shakespeare on film gets?" - Robbie Collin, The Telegraph

"Michael Fassbender and Marion Cotillard are a dream-team pairing in Justin Kurzel's charismatic, but unsubtle, retelling of the Scottish play" - Peter Bradshaw, The Guardian

Admission: £5



**Sunday, 10th April 2016 at 7.30pm
SPECTRE** (Cert 12A / 2hrs 25mins).

Daniel Craig is back in his fourth Bond film.

A cryptic message from Bond's past sends him on a trail to uncover a sinister organisation. While M (Ralph Fiennes) battles political forces to keep the secret service alive, Bond peels back the layers to reveal the terrible truth behind SPECTRE.

"hold-your-breath action and ghosts of 007 past" - Robbie Collin / Daily Telegraph

"uproariously entertaining" - Peter Bradshaw / The Guardian

Admission: £5 / U15s £3.

In the last issue of The Chronicle we mentioned details of the replacement piano for the Memorial Hall. John Marfleet is currently restoring and retuning the grand piano in readiness for the first recital which will be by Daphne Clark. On this occasion, the net proceeds from the box office will be split equally between the Charlbury Community Centre Appeal and Corner House and War Memorial Hall Charity.

Tickets priced at £6 for adults, £4 for U16s and students, will go on sale at the beginning of April at Charlbury Post Office and also on-line at www.wegotickets.com.



**Sunday, 8th May 2016 at 7.30pm -
The Lady in The Van** (Cert. 12A / 1hr 40mins). Based on real events,

Maggie Smith stars as the vagrant who for fifteen years lived in her van parked on the driveway of the playwright, Alan Bennett (Alex Jennings).

Admission: £5 / U15s £3

Volunteers

We are often asked to provide technical support for other local organisations wishing to screen films.

In order to facilitate these requests we need a few more 'tech savvy' volunteers who would be confident in setting up and using the projection equipment.

If you would like to know more, contact Richard on 01608 810032 or Clare on 07769 723328.

Donations to local organisations

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 four to five months.

If you would like your organisation to be considered as a recipient in the future, please email secretary.chocfilms@gmail.com giving contact name, organisation and a brief description of what the donation would be used for.

Jackie Hague
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Solar power for the people!

It's taken nearly three years to get to this point, but Southill Solar – the community's own solar farm – could be generating its first electricity in August this year. All we need now is the money!

On the evening of 17th February, around 100 people came to the Memorial Hall to celebrate the launch of Southill Community Energy's (SCE) share offer. That means the opening of our bid to raise £3 million between now and the 8th April from the people of Charlbury, Finstock and Fawler in the first instance, from those who live in Oxfordshire, and then further afield.

£3 million may sound a daunting number. But the share offer aims to generate an annual return for investors of 5% over the 25 year lifetime of the solar farm; a rate of interest that is much higher than most conventional savings and investment schemes. The community benefit society will also return around £750,000 to the local community to support schemes which will improve the energy performance of new and existing community buildings, as well as creating a wildflower meadow and planting orchards in the field.

SCE has had a supportive partner on its doorstep! Lord Rotherwick of the neighbouring Cornbury Park Estate, who suggested an ideal site, south-facing and close to an electricity substation.

And, amazingly in no time we managed to form a project team of experienced and skilled volunteers from within the town of Charlbury. So this really is a community scheme developed by the community and, we hope, to be owned by the community.

The project got planning permission in July 2015, and was able to register for the government's solar subsidy in September

2015, just before the renewables scheme was cut drastically.

So Southill Solar farm has a 20-year guaranteed income through the Feed In Tariff, as well as being able to sell its electricity into the grid.

Investing in Southill Community Energy is a triple bottom-line investment:

- ◆ good for the environment
- ◆ good for the community
- ◆ good financial sense

It offers a good stable return of 5% for 25 years beating anything on offer from the banks right now. With a minimum investment of £250, this is a great chance to do something to provide for your retirement, a child's future or just a rainy day.

Investing is quick and easy through Ethex, the UK's leading positive investment marketplace, at ethex.org.uk <http://ethex.org.uk>

Our ambition has been to produce an exemplar community solar farm model, one that a community can call its own. Southill Solar would have been impossible without the level of community involvement and support that we have achieved. So go for it! Make your investment now.

Liz Reason

Director of Southill Community Energy

Directors: Tim Crisp, Liz Leffman, Nicola McConville, Als Parker, and Liz Reason with Mark Luntley an adviser to the board.



Singing For Better Breathing

Thursdays from March 3rd 11.30am

Glyme Hall, Burford Rd, Chipping Norton (next to the leisure centre) Cost £4

This group is aimed to help people with chronic lung conditions to improve their breathing, meet new people and have a lot of fun singing together

Contact: Kath Lucas 01993 868487
kath@songspace.co.uk



Toad Patrol



For generations each spring, toads have migrated from the fields above Fawler to spawn in the pond near the river. Frogs jump but toads

crawl and their problem these days is that they have to cross the main road in Fawler. They do this at dusk on warmish damp evenings in early spring which often means rush-hour. This is the time of busy traffic, too much of it travelling too fast, so many toads are killed.

Residents from Fawler, Finstock and Leafield are trying to help reduce the death toll. During the short period of the migration, which last year started at the end of February and finished by end of March, we take it in turns to patrol each night. We pick the toads up in buckets and deposit them on the other side of the road where they have easy access to the field leading to the pond.

We organise a rota and patrol in pairs but there really are not enough of us. Will you join us? We wear Hi-Viz clothing and the site is a registered Toad Patrol with national charity Froglife. Froglife provides us with free insurance and advice as part of its long running 'Toads on the Roads' project. We report the numbers of toads we know to be safe at the end of the season to Froglife to provide data to help with this national conservation project (www.froglife.org/what-we-do/toads-on-roads).

Please contact Harriet Kopinska (harrietkopinska@googlemail.com) tel 01993 891667 or me (mrsstacey@hotmail.co.uk) 01993 891267, for more information.

If you are unable to join us actively, please ask your friends and neighbours who drive through Fawler to be alert when the toad warning road signs appear and to drive extra slowly.

Hilary Stacey

The Charlbury Branch of the Royal British Legion

is now 90 years old! The Branch was founded on 13 January 1926. The Legion itself was only founded in 1921 and so Charlbury Branch is amongst the oldest in the County and possible the country too. We have not had a special celebration but hope to support the events planned for the weekend 11-12 June in celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's Official 90th Birthday.



The Poppy Appeal for 2015 raised £5,411.02 in Charlbury and surrounding area [Finstock, Fawler, Chilson, Shorthampton and Cornbury with Wychwood]. This is an increase of £86.54 on 2014. We would like to thank all those who collected and contributed.

The Poppy Appeal Organisers for Charlbury and the surrounding villages are Pam Rolls [01608 810042] and Ian Parsons [01608 810822]. Anyone who would like to help the 2016 Poppy Appeal in any way is asked to contact either Pam or Ian.

The Annual Band Concert was given by the Accidentals, another wonderful evening. Please note in your diary for 2016 that the concert will take place on Friday 11 November. During the evening the following Poppy Appeal collector awards were announced:- Cyril Kerry for 30 years, Rosa Charlesworth - Finstock for 20 years, Louise Spicer 10 years, and Howard Griffiths and Alison Pritchard for five years.

On the afternoon of Sunday 8 November wreaths were laid at the War Memorial which is in the Memorial Chapel inside St Mary's Church. For the Charlbury Branch Mrs Jane Parsons M.B.E., for Thames Valley Police Sgt Carl Goodman, for Charlbury Town Council Cllr. Peter Kenrick and for Oxon Fire and Rescue Service CM Dave Evans.

The Kohima Epitaph was read by Clive Dytor MC, a former Royal Marines Officer.

The salute was taken by Lord Rotherwick, a former officer in the Life Guards.

The wreaths remain at the Memorial until Candle mass when they are removed and the Branch wreath is relocated to the War Memorial Hall, a living War Memorial.

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

CHARLBURY FARMERS' MARKET on the Playing Close between 9am and 1pm on Saturday, March 12th

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

Charlbury Refugee Action Group

Back in September the refugee crisis was big news. Over 70 people attended a meeting in the Memorial Hall which discussed ways Charlbury people could help, and more than 20 offered to put up individuals or families either temporarily or for longer periods. Over 100 people signed a letter to David Cameron saying that Charlbury could take more than its proportionate share across the country. But the government decided not to allow this, and eventually introduced a very limited scheme of its own.

Charlbury Refugee Action Group was set up a few weeks later to raise awareness, but also raise funds. An Art Café to coincide with the Christmas Artweeks exhibition in St Mary's Church raised nearly £500, divided between organisations serving hot food to refugees on the Greek island of Lesbos and in the 'Jungle' camp at Calais. We also collected clothes, tents, tools etc. to go in a lorry to Lesbos.

At Christmas we invited people to leave a space for a refugee at their dinner table, and donate £10 to our collection. This raised an amazing £700. More warm clothing, footwear, sleeping bags and tinned food went to Calais and Dunkirk via our friends in Hooky, along with £200 to buy gas and water over there. And in January we raised a further £440 with a bring and buy of unwanted gifts.

All this enabled us to contribute £400 to the Elpis Centre which is offering temporary welcome, food and medical care to new arrivals on Lesbos; a further £200 to organisations constructing weatherproof shelters at Calais; and £150 each to Médecins Sans Frontières and Help Refugees, both of whom can respond with financial help where it is most needed on the ground.

CRAG has two big fundraisers in the immediate future. There is a Ceilidh (with bar) on Saturday 19 March in the Memorial Hall (doors open 7pm) with the Finstock Festival Band, caller Kath Lucas. Tickets £10 from the PO and Cotswold Frames.

Then on Friday 6 May we have a Quiz and Chili evening with bar at the Memorial Hall. Doors at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets available nearer the time.

And, to coincide with Oxfordshire Artweeks, we shall have another pop-up café in St Mary's on Bank Holiday Monday 30 May, serving coffee, snack lunches, teas and scrummy homemade cakes from 11.00am, alongside some outstanding local art and craft.

If you wish to support charities and grassroots volunteers yourself, groups we are particularly impressed with include Doctors Without Borders, Positive Action in Housing, Help Refugees, and CALAID.



Membership is free, and now numbers over 100. To join, simply email charlburyrefugee@gmail.com and ask to go on our list. CRAG has a web page with up to date news about the refugee situation across Europe and beyond: just go to www.facebook.com/charlburyrefugee. Things change rapidly, and we post a daily news bulletin which includes details of many more individuals and organisations in need of financial support.

Jon Carpenter (secretary)

News from Cornbury Park

On 16 April we welcome back the challenging obstacle race that is the Monster Race – registration is at www.monsterrace.co.uk.

From 10-12 June we will be hosting the Field and Country Fair. This fair celebrates the British Countryside and is presented by Time Inc. UK, home to a stable of country and sporting titles, including The Field and Country Life.

Wilderness Festival held two public meetings at The Bell in January at which local residents shared their views about the festival with the organisers, and heard about plans for 2016. Wilderness returns to Cornbury Park from 4-7 August this year and at the time of writing, a few discounted tickets for locals are still available from Charlbury Post Office, but are selling fast!

The Local Discounted tickets are very popular with Charlbury residents and although this year Wilderness have doubled their allocation of cheaper tickets for locals, they will sell out, so those wishing to buy them are always advised to buy early to avoid disappointment. Once the discounted tickets have sold out, then the full price tickets will be available to buy from the Post Office.

More details about the festival can be found at www.wildernessfestival.com

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



Probus Club of Charlbury

In March, at our AGM, *Charlbury Probus* will enter its 33rd year of continuous activity.

Probus was born from Rotary with the aim of promoting and encouraging a spirit of friendship through regular meetings and social activities.

We welcome applications for membership from (retired) men from a wide range of backgrounds and interests living in Charlbury and surrounding villages, whether newcomers or long term residents of the area.

We meet over lunch on the first Wednesday of each month at Witney Lakes; the lunch is followed by a 45 minute talk from a diverse range of subjects, two of the most recent being on 'Chipping Norton Railway' and the 'Last Naval Hero (David Beatty)'.

We hold four events each year starting with our Annual Black-tie Dinner in January; a trip to the Watermill Theatre, and a day outing which last year was a ride on the Gloucester & Warwickshire Steam Train from Toddington to Cheltenham Race Course; finally we arrange a visit to the City of Birmingham Concert Hall. Wives, partners and friends are warmly invited to join us on all events.

New members are encouraged to apply for membership either through an existing member or you can simply write to the Secretary.

We also maintain a list of Friends of Probus, which is essentially a list of partners of ex-members as well as others who may wish to be included on any of our events.

Contact: Steve Cavell, Flat 6 Wychwood House, Enstone Rd, Charlbury OX7 3QR.

Tel: 01608 811504 or email stephen.cavell@yahoo.co.uk

Charlbury WI

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

Our new year got off to an enjoyable start with an entertaining evening spent playing Beetle Drive, with the added plus of six new ladies signing up as members.

A local speaker - Linda Bull from Stonesfield - gave an excellent talk on the subject of women's health and stroke prevention in February.

Our upcoming spring meetings are an interesting mix - Bayley, an enthusiastic young member from Charlton WI who recently joined the WI 'speaker circuit', will be giving advice on voice projection and public speaking in March (also our AGM and 7th WI birthday)

At our April meeting we're having a member-led craft workshop which is always popular and to which visitors are very welcome; and speaker Alistair Borland from SERV (the voluntary motorcycle courier service that delivers medical essentials out-of-hours, including blood, x-rays, drugs and donor breast milk, will be talking to us about the work done by their 'blood bikes' in May.

Another date for the diary is our spring Cake Sale and Coffee Morning on Saturday 12th March at The Corner House. Do pop down to find us after your visit to the Farmers' Market - we'll be selling our usual delicious cakes, biscuits and preserves and there will be an Easter themed raffle with chocolate prizes. All funds raised will be going to support the valuable work done by volunteers at the Charlbury Day Centre.

Details about any of these events, and what we have in store for the rest of the year, can be found on the Charlbury website, while information about all sorts of WI related matters can be had by following our Facebook page (Charlbury WI, Oxfordshire).

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

Details of forthcoming WI meetings and Yack & Yarn sessions (first Tuesday of the month, also at The Bell) can be found on the Charlbury website, or contact *Pat Hill* (President) on (01608) 810714 or *Louise Cashman* (Secretary) on (01608) 676995.

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FESTIVAL TIME IN CHARLBURY

We are so lucky to have numerous festivals in Charlbury and surrounding areas, and here the Beer Festival, Cornbury Festival, Riverside Festival, Wilderness and Street Fair give us some information on what is to come. More details will follow in the June edition, but just a little information so that you don't miss the dates.



'And the Charlbury Beer Festival would like to thank ...'

Are you one of those people who love reading the acknowledgements

sections at the start of books, or the lists of donors in museums, galleries and community centres? I certainly am – and perhaps there are more of us than you might think.

I love reading those lists because they're full of stories. Sometimes you have to imagine the stories – at other times they're more explicit. Take the magnificent Benefactors' Bridge at the New Ashmolean, for example. Along with the names, you'll find poetry, history and humour, and lines such as 'In memory of those happy years spent with Sir Arthur Evans at Youlbury', and 'Love & gratitude to Papa, Laja Kanshi from India, who in 1959 whilst drinking tea in Singapore decided to come to Oxford'.

The Charlbury Beer Festival committee are grateful to all the local businesses and other groups who sponsor barrels each year. Without your support, we couldn't raise as much money for good causes as we do. In recent years there's been a growing trend for people to sponsor a barrel to mark an important event: a wedding, a significant birthday, or an anniversary. It's a way of making an announcement – of telling a story.

The 19th Charlbury Beer Festival takes place on **Saturday 25 June 2016** and, as we always say, it's not just about the beer: there'll also be live music, good food, children's entertainment, talks, comedy, workshops and games. If you'd like to mark a special event by sponsoring a barrel, please visit our website:

www.charlburybeerfestival.org
Edward Fenton

We are delighted to report that, as a result of last year's events, we were able to donate £11,000 to the Corner House and War Memorial Hall. Thank you for helping us achieve this.

We have now fixed our schedule of events for 2016 so here are some dates for your diaries. We look forward to seeing you there!

Open Gardens: Sunday 12 June more information on page 6.

Friday 16th Sept: Annual Egg Throwing Competition Outside the Rose & Crown as usual.

Saturday 17th Sept: - STREET FAIR

The main event! Children's Fancy Dress Parade and Art Competition. Stalls, food, entertainment, dancing, games, grand draw, auction, fun fair and much more. Once again we have a great line-up of evening entertainment planned in the street including, yet again by overwhelming popular demand, the "**Village Idiots**" from Stonesfield. Hurray!

If you would like to take a stall, either commercially, or to promote your local organisation, please email csfstalls@charlburystreetfair.org.

Street Fair Fun Run and Walk

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

**** STREET FAIR NEEDS YOU - COME AND JOIN US! **** If you enjoy Street Fair, come and get involved and help us to make it even better! Give us the benefit of your ideas! There are so many ways in which you can help – just a few hours can mean so much! Please get in touch at

info@charlburystreetfair.org.



FESTIVAL TIME IN CHARLBURY



**RIVERSIDE
FESTIVAL 23
& 24 July**

HANDS UP!

Ever wondered how Charlbury manages to hold a free music festival every year? The answer is simple – people like you volunteer to run the show.

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 and enjoy the best summer party around. Before the Festival, our team of volunteers select acts, book stallholders, order supplies, organise publicity and arrange children's activities.

Then for the weekend itself we need volunteers to assemble stages, set up sound systems and erect fencing, marquees and stalls; pull pints and pour Pimm's; sell programmes and T-shirts, help with the recycling, run the kids section and generally keep the festival-goers happy. If you would like to help, even if it's just for an hour or two, please email

volunteer@riversidefestival.charlbury.com

We're also on the lookout for local talent. The Festival features more than 40 acts playing across three stages, rock, indie, jazz and folk on the main two stages and all sorts on the Riverside Fringe stage. In recent years we've welcomed everything back to the Fringe, from song and dance acts to performance poets and a contortionist.

If you would like to take a turn email fringe@riversidefestival.charlbury.com to ensure a slot. If you would like to be considered for one of the other stages, email music@riversidefestival.charlbury.com.

Riverside returns to the Millfield, opposite Charlbury Station on Saturday 23 July (12noon-10pm) and Sunday 24 July (11am-8pm).

For the latest festival info go to www.riversidefestival.charlbury.com

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SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

If you've not visited the Cornbury Music Festival since it relocated up the road to Great Tew, give it a go this year. This family friendly festival always has an amazing line-up featuring true legends, rising stars, original rockers, and the best of the local music scene and this year is no exception. Piano virtuoso Jamie Cullum, tops the bill on Friday with 80's acid jazz pioneers Soul II Soul and R&B chart-topper Lemar. Bryan Ferry, headlines Saturday along with the fabulous All Saints, Power of Love singer Gabrielle Aplin and country star Lucinda Williams.

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

The Festival also showcases Oxfordshire's music talent on the Riverside stage, run by the team behind Charlbury's Riverside Festival. Each year Cornbury Music Festival works with local schools, rewarding talented young musicians with free tickets to attend the festival and sponsoring the annual Battle of the Bands competition at Chipping Norton School, the winner of which gets the chance to play at the festival along with the Chipping Norton School Band.

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

There's a convenient shuttlebus service from Charlbury station to and from the festival site. For a timetable, more information and tickets go to www.cornburymusicfestival.com

WILDERNESS

Thursday 4th ~ Sunday 7th August 2016
Cornbury Park, Oxfordshire

WILDERNESS FESTIVAL LOCAL RESIDENT TICKET INFORMATION

Wilderness Festival tickets have been available from Wednesday 17th February at:

The Charlbury Post Office, 8 Market St, Charlbury, OX7 3PN

Adult tickets will be discounted to residents within the postcode OX7 3** for this year's festival.

In the light of your feedback we'd like to ensure that the maximum number of immediately local residents get to enjoy Wilderness this year. Therefore we are doubling the number of tickets available from 2015 and maintaining the catchment area of OX7 3**

To avoid disappointment please carefully read the details below:

Local Adult Tickets (18+): £115
(discounted from £175-£188 full price)

Full price Adult tickets will be available once Local Adult tickets have gone...

Young Person (11-17): £80
Child (0-10): £5
Car Parking: £15

In order to redeem your tickets you **must** provide the following on point of purchase:

A photocopy of a recent utility bill or bank statement (within the last 3 months) including a full name and an address containing the post code OX7 3**

A credit / debit card, passport or driving licence in which the full name matches that of the utility bill

All tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

There is a maximum of 4 adult festival tickets permitted per household and a maximum of 4 child OR young person tickets per adult.

You will be purchasing a barcoded, printed ticket that will need to be exchanged for a wristband in order to gain access to the event. Exchanges can be made on Thursday 4th through to Sunday 7th August.

You will need to bring proof of address and identification with you for the wristband exchange.

Ticket exchange will be available from South Hill, North Lodge and Crane Hill entrances. Opening times will be advertised on line at a later date.



FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS AT THE CORNER HOUSE

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

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

Come and meet your friends!

PLEASE NOTE:

Distribution of the *Charlbury Chronicle* each year will be during the last week of February, May, August and November.

If you receive more than one copy, please notify the distribution coordinators, Brian and Shelagh, on 01608 819091

If you know of someone who does NOT receive a copy, let Brian and Shelagh know and the necessary arrangements will be made for future deliveries.

- Q: The Charlbury Speakeasy - what's that??
- A: *It's a sort of night-club/live music club that happens on a Friday night once a month.*
- Q: Cool! What sort of music?
- A: *Well, a mix – more jazz than other things maybe but all really high quality artists.*
- Q: Expensive?
- A: *No, it's bring-your-own and it's cheap!*
- Q: Where is it?
- A: *It's in The Shed in Nine Acres Lane*
- Q: Oh, that scruffy old shed....?

The Shed is a special sort of place. It doesn't look much – it's a shed, let's face it, and pretty scruffy from the outside – but inside it's got a stage, a sound and lighting system, seats and toilets and when it's set up for a show it becomes a magical performance venue. It's got great acoustics and a "shabby-chic" atmosphere that performers and audiences love.

It's owned by West Oxfordshire District Council and managed for the community by a small group of local trustees. When the wonderful Shed Theatre Company closed its doors a few years ago The Shed was in danger of being underused and we thought it would be a tragedy for Charlbury to lose the Shed. This was one of the reasons why a small group of us* decided to start the Charlbury Speakeasy.

Another reason was – well who wouldn't like somewhere to go on a Friday night, to hear great live performances, to have a drink, to meet friends and to not spend a lot of money? What's not to like about that?

We want the Speakeasy to be an institution unique to Charlbury. We want audiences to feel part of the show. We want the style to be chatty and informal. We try to find professional-quality musicians with Charlbury connections or with personal connections to us. Every third Speakeasy has an "open programme" so local performers can apply, bringing huge fun and variety to the Speakeasy stage.

And, really importantly, we want Speakeasy audiences to hear a mix of music and spoken word performances so alongside the music you'll always hear some poetry or comedy or drama or journalism or story-telling. We really value this combination.

It looks as though Speakeasy audiences do too. This is only the Speakeasy's second season but it's often hard to get a seat and the atmosphere is fabulous.

Youth theatre is back at the Shed (hooray!) and the place is being used more but it's important to hang on to things like this so we hope people will go on supporting the Speakeasy and enjoying top-class live performances on their doorsteps!

* The Speakeasy team is: Simon Fenn, Sally Fenn and Jonathan Luxmoore. Charlbury Speakeasy is a non-profit social enterprise. Door takings are shared between The Shed and the performers.

The Speakeasy happens on the third Friday of every month from October to June. Programme details are at www.charlbury.info/community/83.

To contact the team or to join the Speakeasy mailing list

email: charlburyspeakeasy@gmail.com

CHARLBURY MEALS ON WHEELS

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

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



Charlbury Town Council Report No. 78

May 2016 elections

All 12 seats on Charlbury Town Council will be up for election on Thursday 5th May. With several long-standing councillors stepping down, now is your chance to really make a difference to the future of our town.

There's no job profile for a town councillor and you don't need to pass an exam. What's important is that the Town Council represents all ages, backgrounds and viewpoints in Charlbury, and is determined to help our town thrive.

The timetable for the elections is:

- **Early March:** Nomination papers available from Charlbury's Town Clerk (Roger Clarke, 01608 810608, charlburytc@btinternet.com) or West Oxfordshire District Council's Returning Officer (01993 816410, elections@westoxon.gov.uk).
- **Thursday 7th April, 4pm:** Nominations close. Candidate list published immediately afterwards.
- **Thursday 5th May:** Election. Polling takes place in the Memorial Hall. Results are usually announced early the next morning.

If you'd like to find out more about what's involved, why not come along and watch our meeting on March 23rd? The meeting is open to the public, starts at 7.30pm, and there's no obligation to stay for the full time. You can, of course, also speak to any current councillor or to the Town Clerk.

Bus services

Following discussions with Pulhams Coaches, we are delighted to report that the X9 bus service to Witney and Chipping Norton is likely to continue in operation, despite the withdrawal of Oxfordshire County Council's subsidy.

Pulhams hope to continue to run the peak service largely as at present, but make some reductions on lesser-used off-peak services. This will enable them to run the X9 and its sister X8 (Chipping Norton-Kingham) service with two buses, rather than the present three.

Details are subject to confirmation, and we hope to post a proposed timetable on the Charlbury website when we receive it from Pulhams. Changes will take effect following the end of subsidy in June.

The C1 railbus service is set to end. Unfortunately Go-Ride, the current operators, have confirmed that the level of subsidy is such to make it uneconomic commercially. Thank you to everyone who has supported the railbus in the past.

(The S3 Oxford bus already runs without subsidy and is unaffected.)

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall on April 15th at 8pm. Do come along and find out more about the work of the Town Council in the last year. If you have a resolution that you wish to be considered by the meeting, please submit it in writing to the Town Clerk at least seven days beforehand.

Boundary Walk

The Annual Parish Boundary Walk will take place on Rogation Sunday, 1st May, led by Tony Merry. It starts at 10am at the old oak tree on Forest Road (B4437 to Burford) at the top of the hill, nearly a mile past the railway station. The walk crosses land not normally open to the public by kind permission of the landowners. There will be a break for lunch at Model Farm, Ditchley, for which we are very grateful to Rob & Maxine Hobill. We need volunteers for stewarding and chauffeuring on the day – if you can help, please contact the Town Clerk.

In brief

- We would like to record our appreciation to Lynette Murphy for producing the Charlbury Chronicle for the last 19 years. Good luck to Susie Finch as she takes on the editorship.
- Thank you to all the town centre residents and businesses for illuminated Christmas trees, to Geoff Burroughs for donating the tree for the Corner House, and to the team of volunteers led by Liz Walton who organise this beautiful display every year.
- In the event of a sudden cold snap, if you notice that any of the salt bins are empty, please call Roger Clarke (01608 810608). Please remember that the salt is for use on public roads and footpaths, not private driveways!

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- The town council precept, part of your Council Tax, has been set at £87,158 for 2016/17, giving a Band D rate of £68.44. This is an increase of 1.67% on the current rate.



- Please take a few moments to check your boundaries and cut back overhanging branches and excessive growth so that the pavements are kept clear for pedestrians.

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 23rd March, 27th April, and 18th May, with Planning & Correspondence two days before (8pm unless there is a speaker). The May meeting is the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, at which the Chair and Vice-Chair are elected and nominations to committees made.

The next open 'surgeries' will be in the Corner House from 10am-12pm on Saturday 2nd April and 4th June.

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

Richard Fairhurst

From County Councillor Rodney Rose

07919 298277 rodney.rose@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Summary of OCC budget meeting on 16th February 2016

Oxfordshire County Council have come together to agree a series of planned amendments to the budget that had been proposed by the authority's cabinet in January.

Children's centres and day services for the elderly all benefit from the changes. The council still needs to make £69m of savings up to 2020. However negotiations between political groups have led to the savings being configured in a different way.

Councillors met on February 16 and heard speeches from campaigners. The meeting was then adjourned so that councillors could re-examine the budget and reach common ground.

Councillor Ian Hudspeth, the Leader of the Council (Conservative), Councillor Liz Brighouse (Labour), the leader of the Opposition, and Councillor Richard Webber,

the leader of the Liberal Democrat group, said:

"We felt strongly that, given the unprecedented financial position that Oxfordshire County Council in particular and local government in general is facing, we had to come to a cross party agreement on what is best for Oxfordshire.

"These changes and the agreement we have made are also very much in response to feedback from local residents including those who spoke to the council earlier today."

Summary of changes

- A total of £2m of savings relating to Early Intervention Hubs and Children's Centres will now not take place. An original £6m saving on Early Intervention Hubs and Children's Centres - agreed by the council at its annual budget meeting in February 2015 - will still take place. No decisions have been taken at this stage on how this £2m will be spent.
- A total of £3m of savings relating to day centres (including transport to day centres) will now not take place. Instead they will be replaced by a saving of £1m from 2017/18 resulting from a full review of all day services for older people.

There will be a further £300,000 contribution to the budget from reserves.

The net result of this is that the council will be able to set a balanced budget in 2016/17 but still has £15.2m of savings to make as opposed to the previous figure of £11.2m. The new £4m of unidentified savings all fall in 2017/18.

Other important elements

- A cross party board of county councillors will be created to consider maximum benefit of use of the £4m of temporary funds awarded by central Government on February 11.
- The council will commit to a full review relating to a workplace parking levy looking at implications and with a view to implementation as early as feasible.
- There will be a review of the number of cabinet members

There will be a free vote for all councillors on the subject of a full and timetabled consultation relating to unitary government to discuss this issue on a cross party basis with district, town and parish councils with the clear aim of bringing it to fruition.



In February I handed in the petition to save the X9 bus service from cuts to bus subsidies. Altogether nearly 900 people signed the petition, which is a huge percentage of our local population. Many people told me that they regard the bus as a lifeline. Some are older, and can no longer drive, others are young people who need to get to college or to work, and cannot rely on the help of parents, who may be otherwise engaged. For some people it is the only way that they can get to see members of their families in nearby communities.

The response that I had from the County Council was simply to say that cuts are inevitable, but we have yet to find out what they will look like. It is likely that there will be cuts to the timetable though the bus route should not be removed altogether. I will continue to campaign to ensure that we get a decent service that will be as well used as it is at present.

During the Christmas period, the Spendlove recycling point was a disgrace with fly-tipping a regular feature. I had to contact West Oxfordshire officers on several occasions to get it cleared. Thankfully, in recent weeks it has been a lot better. I will continue to keep an eye on it, but if anyone sees anything dumped there, please let me know. Leaving pieces of cardboard, polystyrene, bags of clothing etc. outside the bins is technically fly-tipping, but I do realise that there is nowhere else for it to go without a long journey to a recycling centre, so I am continuing to work for a proper recycling centre nearby with the Town Council and with officers at WODC.

A social enterprise café is going from strength to strength after picking up glowing reviews from customers.

The café, operated by the Yellow Submarine charity in the Windrush Leisure Centre, Witney has earned a string of five star reviews on TripAdvisor, as well as attracting a growing number of regular customers.

The success of the venture just six months after it was officially opened has delighted everyone involved with the venture, not least the young people who operate it.

Ian Rigsby, 27, who has worked as an apprentice at the café since last September, said: "I used to have a job as a cleaner but this is much better as I feel my confidence has really grown, I really enjoy working here; the best part is meeting customers and I would love to carry that on into a full-time job."

Yellow Submarine employs seven apprentices and four trainees in Witney and at its sister café in Oxford with local apprentices attending a customer service course at Abingdon and Witney College.

Paul Stanton Humphreys, Head of Enterprises at Yellow Submarine, said: "We are delighted with our success in Witney and the café will continue to grow. "It is not just about the feedback we are receiving on TripAdvisor and social media, customers are coming back time after time and telling us about the brilliant service and how good the café looks."

The project is run in conjunction with WODC, which provided more than £30K towards renovations and GLL, the leisure contractor which manages the centre on the Council's behalf.

Cllr James Mills, the District Council's Cabinet Member for Leisure and Health, said: "It is fantastic to see how the café is thriving in such a short space of time."

Yellow Submarine provides opportunities for young people with learning disabilities in Oxfordshire and the café will be run by some of the adults that it works with, giving them the opportunity to gain valuable work experience and new skills. For more information see

www.yellowsubmarine.org.uk/cafe

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Charlbury Church Services



Charlbury Baptist Church, Dyer's Hill

Contact: Secretary (01608 810107)
charlburybaptistchurch@gmail.com
Sunday worship normally at 10.30 am
Maundy Thursday: 7.30 pm Worship
around the Lord's Supper
Easter Day will be a shared service with
the Methodists



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.
Vicar – Revd Dr Sally Welch Parish Office (01608
810230)
www.stmaryscharlbury.co.uk



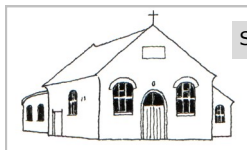
Friends' Meeting House, Market Street

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



Methodist Chapel, Fishers Lane

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



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

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

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHARLBURY have several shared activities, including the Bible Study Fellowship. For further information contact Rosalind Scott - rosalind.scott@hotmail.co.uk or ring 01608 810562

Churches Together in Charlbury

For Churches Together in Charlbury this has become a busy time of year. During Lent, which runs for 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Easter, we offer a series of talks on a theme we hope will be of interest to everyone and a weekly lunch of bread, cheese and home-made soup to raise money for Christian Aid. This year donations will be given for assistance to refugees from conflict in Syria and Iraq.

This year's talks are entitled 'Mindful Journeys' and are on the theme of pilgrimage and spirituality. Talks in March will cover Medieval pilgrimage through France, focussing on one of the churches visited by pilgrims on their way to Santiago de Compostela, followed by a recent experience of walking the pilgrim route through Spain to Compostela and finally an exploration of John Bunyan's great story, 'The Pilgrim's Progress', describing the whole of life as a pilgrimage. Talks are on Tuesday evenings in St Mary's Parish Church at 8pm.

The Lent lunches are held on Fridays from 12 to 2 pm in a different church each week and although it is meant to be a frugal meal, there is an element of competition between groups preparing the delicious soups. But the main purpose of the lunches is to bring people together to enjoy each other's

company and to raise money to help people elsewhere who are in desperate need.

On Friday 4 March we will be joining Christians all over the world by taking part in a service, prepared this year by women in Cuba, to celebrate the Women's World Day of Prayer. In many countries this annual event is a special day; one of the few occasions when women take the lead in church activities. Through these services we learn about life in another part of the world from the women's point of view. Everyone is welcome at all these events.

After Easter we will be planning for Christian Aid Week – 15 to 21 May this year – when we collect money to combat poverty through the work of Christian Aid's partners in over 50 countries. Funds raised are used to help people of any faith or cultural background. We also hope to learn about the experiences of refugee families coming to live in West Oxfordshire and to find out if we can support them in any way.

Christian Aid's purpose is to act as a good neighbour wherever people need a friend. We also aspire to be good neighbours both here in Charlbury and further away.

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

St Mary's Easter Services

Palm Sunday: 20th March - 9.30am
Procession from The Bell and Parish
Communion

Compline: 8pm - Monday 21st March,
Tuesday 22nd March, Wednesday 23rd
March.

Maundy Thursday: 7.30pm Holy
Communion - 8.30pm Vigil

Good Friday: 9am Holy Communion
10am Children's Service - 2pm Hour at
the Cross

Easter Sunday: 8am Holy
Communion - 9am Holy Communion at
Shorthampton - 9.45am Parish
Communion

St Teresa's Easter Services

Palm Sunday: Mass 9.00am at St
Kenelm's Enstone and 11.00am at St
Teresa's Charlbury

Penitential Service: Monday 21st
March 7.30pm

Last Supper Mass: Wednesday 24th
March 7.30pm - Watching at the Altar of
Repose - Compline 10.00pm

Good Friday: Sung Tenebrae 9.15am -
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm
- Stations of the Cross 7.30pm

Easter Saturday: Sung Tenebrae
9.15am - Easter Vigil 8:00pm

Easter Sunday: Easter Mass 9.00am
at St Kenelm's Enstone and 11.00am at
St Teresa's Charlbury

Charlbury Baptist Church

Will be holding a **Coffee Morning** at the Corner House April 23rd 9.30am-noon.

We are also joining in with St Mary's, Open Gardens and Pre-School for the **Royal 90**. So please do visit our garden and exhibition on the Open Gardens trail June 11/12th.



Coffee break page

See if you can complete this Number quiz—all answers are from 1 to 30; each number only appears once. Answers are on page 40.

1. How many miles in a marathon—apart from the extra 385 yards
2. If 27 solid cubes are formed into one big 3x3x3 cube how many individual cubes, at most, are visible from any single angle.
3. A rugby ball is approximately how many inches long?
4. What is the Atomic number of silicon
5. How many dots are there on a standard die
6. The Russian "Crimea Highway" trunk road from Moscow to the Crimea is the M ..?
7. How many sides does a triacontagon have?
8. How many unique dominoes are in a standard "double six" set?
9. What number turned on its side (90°) is the symbol of infinity?
10. The Marvel Comics superhero team led by Mr Fantastic was the Fantastic?
11. What is the larger number of the binary system?
12. Japanese haiku poems loosely comprise how many syllables?
13. How many degrees (plus a half) north and south of the Equator are the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn are respectively ?
14. What number is Hurricane on the Beaufort Scale?
15. What number are Greek deka and Latin decem?
16. How many books are there in the New Testament, conventionally?
17. How many legs (or arms) are most usually on a starfish?
18. The lunar month is an average of (....?) days, plus 12 hours, 44 mins and 12 secs?
19. What is the age of majority in Japan?
20. Which anniversary is symbolised by silver?
21. How many stripes are on the American Flag?
22. What is the length of a cricket pitch, in yards?
23. What is the only number that equals twice the sum of its digits?
24. The early/mid 1900s American vaudeville comedy act was called the? Stooges?
25. Any line of three numbers in the "magic square" (a 3x3 grid of the numbers 1-9) adds up to what?
26. How many sides are there on the cells of a beehive ?
27. What is the diameter of a 45rpm gramophone record?
28. How many carats is pure gold?
29. You are blissfully happy if you are on Cloud ...?
30. How many pieces does each player begin with in a game of chess?

Compiled by Pat Court

Dingbats

Base	ROOD	JOB	STRUGGLE
01	02	03	04
YMWY	OTSQ1	Idea an	OK PM
05	06	07	08



NEWS FROM OUR PCSO

I've had a few calls relating to door to door sellers in Charlbury and surrounding areas.

Please see below for more information about pedlars. Some callers may be genuine and others not. The advice I would give is not to buy at your

door. Most sellers never have the correct identification cards; these door sellers tend to make their own unofficial cards.

I would also suggest a door chain. This allows you to open the door only six or seven inches and also prevents the seller looking over your shoulder to see what belongings you have in your property. It also prevents them from sticking their foot in the door and using hard sales tactics.

A number of people have said that they are reluctant to install a door chain just in case people need to gain entry to their property in an emergency. Door chains are to be used when you open the door to people; you don't need to have the door chain on all the time.

To be a pedlar, it is necessary to:

- trade on foot
- carry the goods with you (although case law has suggested that a small means of transporting goods may be acceptable)
- generally keep on the move, pausing to make sales.

Certificates are issued by the police in the area in which one has resided for the previous month. A pedlar must be above 17 years of age, a person of good character, and in good faith intend to trade as a pedlar.

Once issued the pedlar is entitled to trade in any part of the UK providing the certificate remains in force. Certificates are not required by commercial travellers, sellers of fish, fruit, or victuals or people selling at markets or fairs. It is necessary to produce the licence on request.

If you see the pedlars operating in the area, please contact police, by calling 101.

Wesley Smith

Charlbury Playgroup



From new-borns to pre-schoolers all are welcome at Charlbury Playgroup. Held on Monday mornings 9.30am – 11.30am (during the school term) at Charlbury Memorial Hall it's a fun and social way to start the week for both children and adults!

There is lots happening every week and depending on what mood your little one is in (we know this can vary!) they usually find lots to keep them occupied.

We do a weekly craft activity, some messier than others! We have lots of ride on toys, indoor slides and tunnels to burn off energy. Dressing up and a play kitchen to stimulate imaginations. Or for a quieter more focussed play there are puzzles, books, building bricks to name a few.

We are very lucky to hold the group in the Memorial Hall; it not only gives the children lots of space to do all the above activities but also allows us to have a calmer carpeted area for the non-movers which is accompanied by soft play-mats and sensory toys.

After all this stimulation the children (and adults) are usually in need of a halftime break. We sit together and listen to a story or two and have a freshly prepared healthy snack.

Sometimes we have a singsong accompanied by the children shaking various instruments and often we are lucky enough to have a piano playing parent whose skills wow the children!

Our playgroup is run by the fantastic parents/guardians who attend the group. So thank you to all past parents/guardians who have kept the group going and to the current volunteers who do a great job.

Charlbury Playgroup is a great opportunity for the adults to see old friends, share a cuppa with new friends or just grab five minutes when your child is busy having fun.

We love to see new faces so please do come along you will be warmly welcomed.

Arantxa Tyrrell
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The CSA has been working hard to support the school raise much needed funds for

various projects through the organisation of events. In collaboration with Charlbury Beer Festival, Charlbury Town Youth Football Club and the Guerrilla Disco Collective the CSA has sold chips, hosted two quiz nights and participated in a silent disco during the past few months.

Other events that have been particularly enjoyable for the children have included a winter fair, a book fair and most recently a Valentine's disco.

The CSA has been working with the school on funding priorities so that the money raised benefits children in the school either by enhancing the school environment or the children's school experience.

In order to support the school with its wide ranging music initiatives enjoyed by many children, the CSA and Guerrilla Disco Collective bought the school some new instruments. These included an electronic keyboard, an electric guitar and amp. School bands such as The Radical Raspberries and The Other Direction have been able to make good use of the instruments as well as children benefiting in their class music lessons and the after school singing club.

The school is also planning to revitalise parts of its outdoor space, in particular the woodland area in the school playground. It is hoped that some of this area will be cleared so that new grass and living willow structures can be planted. This will then form an area that can be used for outdoor play and/or outdoor teaching opportunities for the children.

The CSA is currently collaborating with the school on this initiative. The CSA also contributes to occasional curriculum enriching activities.

The CSA contributions reduce the cost of these events for parents. This year the CSA will be collaborating with the school to open its doors for Artweeks on Saturday 21st May. It is very much hoped that members of the community will visit the school to enjoy the children's artwork and their home baked cakes.

Tara Midgen
CSA Chair

Little Wild Things

Little Wild Things is a small community interest company based in Charlbury, and run by Chris Donaldson, Charlotte Hansford, and Becky Coyne. We provide outdoor nature play for young children in a patch of local woodland and are dedicated to creating positive outdoor experiences.

Children and their parents can get involved with all forms of fun in the outdoors from Gruffalo hunting to digging for worms. By being a part of Little Wild Things we hope children will become confident outdoors and will be happier and healthier for it.

Our sessions run for two hours and include a break for story and snack, plus tea and delicious homemade cake for the parents. In addition to all our lovely activities you can enjoy our cosy yurt, the mud kitchen, tree swing and climbing area.

We run between February and December each year and we've got tons of exciting adventures planned for our first term in 2016. We're searching for super-worms and spiders, enjoying some magic with our woodland pixies and trolls and becoming fossil experts! Then we'll finish everything off with an egg themed Easter party and some scrummy marshmallows on the camp fire!!

Your child can join the fun through their pre-school throughout the week or at one of our family sessions on Monday and Thursday mornings and Tuesday afternoons. We also run events and workshops for all the family in the school holidays and you can even come to us for a wild woodland birthday party! You may be snail racing, digging for treasure, painting with mud or just building a good old-fashioned stick den – whatever you do we guarantee you'll have fun!

For more information and lots of lovely pictures please see our website - www.littlewildthings.org.uk and if you have any questions please do get in touch.

We look forward to seeing lots of you in 2016!





We have a new front door!

We are continually reminding our children to say, "Thank you"; we need to set a good example and say a huge thank you. Thank you to the Beer Festival, Charlbury Town Council, Charlbury Horticultural Society and the Charlbury Exhibition Foundation who have kindly donated money to the charity. Thank you

as well to all the individuals that came out in the freezing rain in December to buy cakes from the Pre-School at the Farmers' Market.

Over the next few months we are taking part in two exciting community events. The Pre-School will be part of Artweeks and open on 28th & 29th May. We will also be opening our doors again for the Street Fair Open Gardens on 12th June. The teachers and children are having lots of creative fun preparing for both events.

We will also be at the Farmers Market, on the Playing Close on 12th March where you can get the best bacon sandwich for miles around! And did you know that anyone can hire Charlbury Pre-School at the weekend? This is currently charged at £35 for 4 hours.

There are still a few places for this academic year and we are accepting applications for the next academic year. We are registered for funded places. Please call (01608) 811200, come and visit and let us open our new front door to you and your child.

www.charlburypreschool.org.uk



Charlbury Scout Group

If you think Scouting's just about knots, woggles and big shorts, then be prepared to be surprised. It's how Richard Branson, Barack Obama and David Beckham got their start in life.



Charlbury Scout Group consists of three sections of mixed gender groups of all abilities, meeting in our own dedicated hut in Nine Acres Lane.



Boys and Girls from the ages of six to fourteen enjoy the privilege of being a member of the world wide Scouting movement.



All leaders and helpers are fully trained and DBS vetted. Many leaders have previously been young members of the Scouting family in Charlbury themselves.

Beavers (from Age 6)

For many of the young people this may be the first time away from the home comforts and family security. Our leader Cheryl and her team ensure that this experience and adventure is truly one to be remembered, along with the ability to work together as a team and help promote self motivation.

Cubs (from Age 8)

Cubs, our largest section is 100 years old this June. Packs will be celebrating at Cornbury Park this year, thanks to our Akela Marcus,

who is also on the District Events team.

Cubs learn many skills in a fun yet structured environment and quickly become proficient and confident members of their teams. Helping in the wider community improves self esteem and allow Cubs to grow as individuals.

Scouts (from Ages 10½ to 14)

Michael our inspiring leader, once a Cub himself, mixes new technology with the love of outdoor adventures. Scouts change lives by offering young people fun and challenging activities, unique experiences, everyday adventures and the chance to help others so that we make a positive impact in our community.

Many scouts use their membership to go on and achieve Duke of Edinburgh awards, which undoubtedly boosts any young person's credentials.

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Bear says..."Two things matter in life: following your dreams and looking after your friends. That's what I love about Scouts"

Bear Grylls
Chief Scout



NEWS FROM CHARLBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

After a well-deserved Christmas break, teachers and pupils have returned to school for a busy winter term. Here are some of the highlights.

The first few weeks were filled with the exuberant sounds of the Senior Choir practising for their annual trip to the Birmingham Genting Arena, where they participate in the amazing Young Voices concert.

The evening sees thousands of primary school children singing together, led by a professional conductor with a live band. It is a thrilling experience for the pupils, and a very impressive show for the parents.

The choir also shared some of their Young Voices songs with everyone at the Charlbury Day Centre. The pupils just wanted to continue singing and the audience really appreciated the golden oldie songs.

Our Foundation Stage pupils have had a particularly interesting term as they investigate their 'Understanding the World' topic. They were invited to our local fire station where retired firefighters Mr Cross and Mr Evans showed them around.

They were visited by nurses Mrs Nichol and Mrs Martin Porter who talked to the children about hygiene and keeping healthy.

They also had a very exciting visit from Mr Frost and his colleague, who not only talked about the work of a paramedic, but brought along their ambulance for the children to explore!

It is wonderful that so many in our community come to inspire the children by sharing their experiences. It is always worth mentioning The Knowledge Well project, which strives to strengthen our school-community relationships and broaden children's understanding of their world.

Individuals come to meet the children to talk about or demonstrate their work, or share information about different cultures and

languages. We would love to hear from any of you that could spare an hour or two to help enrich the pupils' learning. Please contact the school (01608 810354) or visit the school website.

www.charlbury.oxon.sch.uk

We are very fortunate to have two parents with first-hand knowledge of celebrating Chinese culture.

Both Mrs Hutchings and Mrs Grierson joined teachers to explain and celebrate Chinese New Year. Children heard about how the holiday is marked in China, got involved by making related arts, crafts and food, including some incredible Mandarin writing.

On 8th February the whole school dressed in traditional Chinese dress, or wore something red and celebrated the Chinese New Year with a fantastic assembly led by Mrs Grierson.

Years 5 and 6 are also exploring a different culture this term, though an extinct one! Their topic on the Ancient Greeks culminates in a full day of interactive activities, led by members of a fantastic outreach initiative, *History Off The Page*.

The children dress up and participate in role plays and craft activities, create drama performances, recreate the Athens market place and top the day off with a feast – a truly immersive educational experience.

Early in March, the whole school will celebrate World Book Day. Children choose their favourite character from a book, then dress up to join a parade of characters in assembly. Each child also receives a £1 World Book token. Sharing their favourite books is a great way to spread enthusiasm for reading.

Finally, by the time you read this, children will have participated in 'Clean for the Queen' ready for the Queen's 90th birthday. The whole school will be out with their rubber gloves on to spruce up the school environment, ensuring that Charlbury Primary School makes the whole community proud.

Catherine Ball & Suzie Williams
School Governors

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Walking with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens

The walk details all have titles, this is because walking with the wardens is not just a ramble; the aim is to help all walkers to understand and better

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

Heythrop Park and the Upper Glyme Valley

Sunday 10th April - moderate (9 miles)

A Neolithic burial chamber, two deserted medieval villages and the lovely River Glyme.

Start: 10:00am Enstone Sports and Social Club, Cox's Lane, Enstone

Characteristics of the Farmed Landscapes of the Cotswolds

Sunday 17th April - strenuous (12 miles)

A walk towards the Rollright ridge in this quiet corner of Oxfordshire.

Start: 10:00am Chipping Norton Town Hall

Ancient Woodland, a holy well and hopefully Bluebells

Tuesday 19th April - easy (5 miles)

The ancient Wychwood Forest once covered much of West Oxfordshire. There are still considerable parts accessible and on this walk we will hopefully be blessed with a stunning display of bluebells.

Start: 10:00am The Royal Oak Pub, Ramsden

Burford, the Windrush Valley and Two Churches

Saturday 23rd April - easy (5 miles)

A walk starting in the beautiful Cotswold town of Burford. The walk will include the medieval church of St Oswald. May be muddy in parts if there has been heavy rain.

Start: 10:00am St John's Church, Burford

In and Around Charlbury

Tuesday 26th April - easy (5 miles)

A morning walk starting in Charlbury and taking in the peaceful villages of Taston and Spelsbury before returning along the Evenlode Valley.

Start: 10:00am the Spendlove Centre, Charlbury

A Prime Brownian Landscape

Saturdays 30th April & May 7th - easy (6 miles)

There is much to talk about in Blenheim park, of both pre and post Brown [Capability that is]. Trees play a major part in his palette and there are some fine examples at Blenheim to see and discuss in this tercentenary of his birth.

Start: 10:30am Combe Gate

Bluebells in "Foxholes"

Tuesday 3rd May - easy (7 miles)

Starting from Shipton under Wychwood, the walk passes through Bruern woods reaching the beautiful Foxholes Nature Reserve where masses of bluebells should be in flower.

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

The Secret Forest of Wychwood

Tuesday 10th May - moderate (8 miles)

This walk reaches parts others don't!

A circular walk partly off Rights of Way in the Wychwood Forest, returning through Cornbury Deer Park by kind permission of Lord Rotherwick.

Please bring a packed lunch to be consumed "somewhere in the Forest"

Start: 10:00am Spendlove Centre, Charlbury

The Very First

Saturday 21st May - easy (6.5 miles)

A walk from the village of Church Enstone along the Glyme Valley to the grounds of Kiddington Hall. This was the first Landscape project of Capability Brown completed in 1760.

Start: 10:00am The Crown Inn at Church Enstone [off A44 towards Oxford]

Coffee Break Answers:

Number Quiz:
 1. 26; 2. 19; 3. 11; 4. 14; 5. 21; 6. 2; 7. 30; 8. 28; 9. 8; 10. 4; 11. 1; 12. 17; 13. 23; 14. 12; 15. 10; 16. 27; 17. 5; 18. 29; 19. 20; 20. 25; 21. 13; 22. 22; 23. 18 (1+8=9, 2x9=18); 24. 3; 25. 15; 26. 6; 27. 7; 28. 24; 29. 9; 30. 16

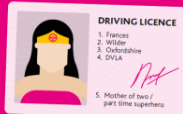
Dingbats:
 1. Baseline; 2. Back Door; 3. An Inside Job; 4. An uphill struggle; 5. Upset Tummy; 6. Back to square one; 7. An afterthought; 8. Alright on the night

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Would you like to help those who cannot get to doctors and dentist appointments? Oxfordshire County Council has teamed up with Community First Oxfordshire, to launch the new 'Be a real life superhero – give your community a lift' campaign. The campaign is appealing for volunteer drivers to support their local community transport scheme and for communities across Oxfordshire to set up new community led transport schemes where there is a need.

Who benefits? Elderly and disabled people in communities across Oxfordshire need real life heroes to give them a lift. They need help with transport to get to appointments, shops and to clubs and to access the day to day occasions that most of us take for granted.

Is community transport really so important? Yes - community transport schemes give people access to transport, where they may otherwise have none. Community transport provides support in both rural and urban areas. There are community transport schemes in both Enstone and Stonesfield—we should set up one here in Charlbury.

Expenses are reimbursed and you can do as many or as few journeys as you wish - drivers living in villages are particularly needed.

Visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/volunteerdriver or call 01865 883488 to find out about community transport groups near you and who to contact to offer your support

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C9837 Wesley Smith

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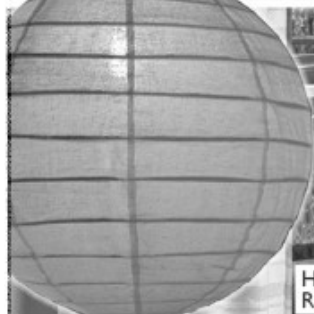
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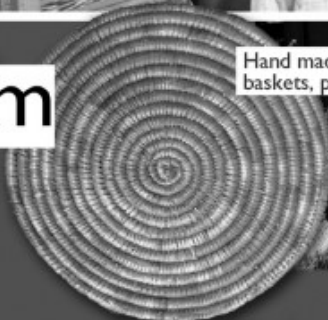
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