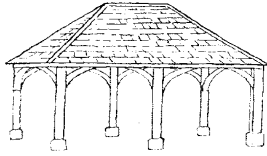


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Recently I asked a local shopkeeper how the Christmas trade had fared in this difficult financial climate and the reply was that it wasn't too bad, though slow to start. The point was made, however, that people who shop largely on the internet are causing problems with local trade and that everyone needs to consider carefully what the outcome might be if all our local shops were forced to close down. There is always an outcry when one of our shops has to cease trading, but by then it is too late to save them. We all need to think what we want for our local community - do we want a ghost town of boarded-up shops and empty streets, or would we prefer to support our shopkeepers and traders and help them to hang on through this recession and for Charlbury and its great community spirit to be able to keep going until things begin to improve. The choice is ours!

As was noted in our last issue, the Community Calendar, an initiative of Charlbury Chamber of Trade and Commerce, is no longer being produced for our middle pages. However, we have agreed to feature the Community Directory in the *Chronicle*, and it is to be found on page 39. It must be clearly understood that up-dating the entries of the various organisations listed is their responsibility

entirely and the *Chronicle* cannot be held responsible for any inaccurate information in the list. Please check the list and let me know if any changes are to be made for the June issue (deadline May 1st).

Richard Baldwin sent us the address which he delivered at the funeral of his aunt 101 year old Florrie Baldwin, who for most of her life lived and worked in Charlbury. We do not usually do this in the *Chronicle* but felt that in view of her very long life and connection with the town our readers might find it an interesting piece of twentieth century local history.

More local history is featured in a letter sent by Ann Toms enclosing a post card, circa 1946, of a group of Keep Fitters. It would be interesting to know of any further details. Please write and let me know if you can fill in some of the gaps!

Recycled paper: Some of the more keen-eyed of our readers might note that the *Chronicle's* 40 inside pages in this issue are printed on re-cycled paper. It costs a little more than usual, but we felt it would give a good example to others who might consider using it. We gratefully acknowledge a generous donation towards the extra costs involved. We would point out that



we are always delighted to receive donations towards the cost of providing the *Charlbury Chronicle* free to all our readers. In January paper costs rose by 9%.

To whom it may concern: Please note that after some period of confusion the editor's new postcode is now definitely OX7 3QY.

Lynette Murphy

Please Note: The deadline for the June 2009 edition is May 1st

CHARLBURY EXPO 2009

Ever wondered about all the different organisations there are in Charlbury and what they do? Want to be involved or just informed? New to Charlbury and want to meet new friends? Then you just cannot miss **Charlbury Expo 2009** which will be held in both the Corner House and Memorial Hall on Saturday 21st March 2009, from 10am to 4pm, to celebrate our vibrant volunteer community and to allow all of the local clubs, societies and other interest groups to promote themselves to the whole community.

Come along and be amazed at the range of activities and interests represented. Then get involved and enrich your life! Free entrance! Refreshments will be available to purchase.

Look forward to seeing you all there.

If you are involved with any volunteer organisation in the area and you have not yet signed up to take part in the Expo, please contact Peter Kenrick (01608 811021 or peter@kenricks.plus.com) for details.

Susie Finch



MUSEUM NEWS

The Charlbury Museum will open again for the first time after the winter break on the first weekend in April, the 4th and the 5th. Thereafter it will be open until the end of September, every Saturday from 10 to 12, and on Sundays and Bank Holidays from 2.30 to 4.30.

The Museum cannot function without its loyal band of volunteer stewards, to whom we are immensely grateful. If you think you might like to join them, do ring Jennifer Bartlett on 810312.

Many of you will have seen the DVD 'Memories of Charlbury', which was shown during the Street Fair last September. This is a revised version of the tape-slide show made in the 1970s, in which four elderly residents of Charlbury talk about the town in years gone by. Copies of the DVD will be on sale in the Museum when it reopens; the provisional price is £7.50

Charles Tyzack

CORNER HOUSE AND MEMORIAL HALL NEWS

The Committee hope that users will appreciate the new crockery and cutlery which are being provided and which will further enhance the many improvements taking place.

The Corner House will be getting a Public Entertainment Licence, identical to that already held by the Memorial Hall and therefore with the same regulations - and which will enable more small-scale events for the general public to take place.

Please keep using these two buildings with care and consideration and help us to look after the services available.

Anne Gilbert

REPORT ON CHARLBURY CEMETERY 2008

Spring flowering started very early with primroses in bloom in early December followed by the first snowdrops in early January. By late February the snowdrops and primroses were looking splendid with huge drifts of colour spreading increasingly down the slopes towards the graves.

The management of the cutting has now been passed over to Darren Clarke who has been looking after the flowers for many years. It is now possible to leave the wild flower areas unmarked and consequently looking more attractive as there are very few canes to be seen.

The saxifrage is still pegged up as these are harder to distinguish and new clumps of flowers may become established away from the main group. These fared a little better this year with a small increase up to 262 flowering stems.

The curbed graves produced their usual riot of flowers and proved a valuable source of nectar for bees and other insects. Unfortunately there was no sign of the orange hawkweed which may have succumbed to the very wet, cool summer.

As in previous years the cemetery proved attractive to birds particularly swallows and house martins and as always our resident birds such as blackbird and robin find plenty of food in the grassland.

Thank you again to the Town Council and Roger Clarke and to Darren Clarke for his excellent management.

*Louise Spicer
2nd January 2009*

Beating the Bounds - the annual Boundary Walk

Elsewhere in this edition you will find the notice from the Town Council of the Annual Parish Boundary Walk which this year will be on Sunday May 17th (Rogation Sunday).

As well as keeping up a centuries' old tradition this is our yearly opportunity to walk in places normally closed to the casual walker and to see parts of our countryside from unfamiliar angles. Last year, we were joined by our Vicar who conducted a short service at lunchtime. This harked back to the history of the walk which once was the occasion to bless the crops, pray for a good harvest and make sure all parishoners knew where their parish boundaries were. Judy hopes to join us again this year so why not come along as well?

The whole route is about 11 miles but there are several opportunities to join or leave the party at different points if you prefer not to walk the whole distance – one of the benefits of a route which encircles the Town!

The walk starts at 10.00 am from the old oak tree just before the turning to Leafield on Forest Road. I'll look forward to seeing you there.

(Even if you are unable to join the walk there is a need for drivers to give lifts to the start of the walk and to meet the party at road crossings. If you are prepared to give some of your time to help I will be pleased to hear from you (phone 810729).)

Tony Graeme

CHARLBURY STREET FAIR

Yes, it's that time again when we are starting to organise this year's **STREET FAIR**. For those of you new to Charlbury, this event is run to raise funds for the upkeep of the Corner House & Memorial Hall, which as you will know is constantly in use by members of the Charlbury community and really does need support in this way.

This year's Street Fair will be held on Saturday 19th September, and we will have all the usual stalls, together with the evening parade and dancing in the street until 10pm. It always is a great day, so put this date in your diary and make sure you don't miss it.

Open Gardens – June 7th – Calling All Gardeners:

This will be the 11th Open Gardens Day held as part of the Street Fair and it has been an enormous success from the start. Spring is here and like nature we are emerging from hibernation to plan this year's event! We are looking for volunteers to offer to open their gardens - of any type – large or small, formal or informal, established or new. Would you be willing to show your garden?

The atmosphere at Open Gardens has always been friendly and lots of tips and information are given and received. The gardeners put in a tremendous amount of effort but I think they would all say it is rewarding on the Sunday afternoon when so many people wander round genuinely interested in what has been achieved.

The gardens will be open from 2pm to 6pm. Tickets and route map available on the day from outside the Corner House from 1.30pm. Teas and plants will be on sale in the Memorial Hall and Garden Room. If you would like to open your garden, please contact Vic Allison on 01608 811262.

HELP !!

However, these events cannot be run without the full commitment of the whole community of Charlbury. We are always on the lookout for new helpers to join our merry band of men (and women!). We need super great new ideas to help achieve the same amount as we did last year – which was a record £14,000. If you would like to help, in any capacity, please contact Susie Finch at susanna_finch@hotmail.com - please do say you will come and help.

Finally, will residents of Church Street and Park Street please note that we have applied to WODC for road closure permission for the 19th September.

Susie Finch

CHARLBURY POETS

DIABETES

By Dee Moss

One day my neighbour asked me, 'Are you ill?'
So then I asked myself, but what is ill?
If ill is fingers sore from frequent pricks
And needing insulin four times a day ...
If ill is cutting out the food I love,
Like chocolate and creamy cakes and chips,
And needing loos so that I note
Where every Ladies is in each new town.
If ill is knowing that I am at risk
If I behave as drunk when not a drop
Has passed my lips -
Then I am ill.

So then I asked myself, but what is well?
If well is living every blessed day
With joy and thankfulness that I am alive.
If well is gratitude for insulin
And for the staff at Charlbury Surgery
Who monitor, advise, encourage me,
Then I am well.
If well is driving close beside the Thames
On my electric scooter
Then I know I'm well.

So now, at eighty three years old,
Still with the man I've loved for sixty years,
I want to shout it from the mountain tops,
YES, I AM DIABETIC AND I'M WELL !

CHARLBURY

By John Collinson

No longer is there a stockade,
Which once for the 'Churls' was made
To keep them locked within at night.
But now there is an open sight.
Words may change but seldom die,
And there are two that strike my eye,
What's not 'stockade' they then call 'Bury',
Add the 'Churl' and we have 'Charlbury'.
Today a couple on their feet
Amble slowly down the street,
Pop aside for a bite of grub:
Then the paper, then the pub.
But no one thought this an odd world
When a Porsche stopped and the door unfurled,
Then a posh man, looking swell,
Walking languidly in The Bell.

You see, this is now everyone's town,
Be they in jeans, or wearing a gown.
Charlbury is yours, mine and ours.
See if you can find any prettier flowers?
The sun glitters down its rays
On the Farmers' Open Market days
Where products are in England born
Not sweated over from a Chinese dawn.
A drifting cloud increases sales,
Almost as often as it loses bails,
But it's the social pulse that brings
members in:
Increased of course by the strength of gin.
Ah well! I'd better see to myself.
That's if anything is left on the shelf.
Tread you all now the streets and see,
Walk in your freedom, for we now are all
free.



Gothic House, The Priory, Heathfield and Lydbrook are opening their gardens for the National Gardens Scheme early this year - on Sunday, May 24th 2-6 pm – Spring Bank Holiday weekend.

**A DAY'S
LIFE
-
SUE
WOOLLEY
-
ARTIST**

I get up about 7 a.m. and Joe and I have a cup of tea. I do my exercises because I think it is important to keep loosened up. I then prepare our breakfast, which is cereal and toast and after that I take our dog, Jake, for a walk. The length of the walk depends on the weather and I make the best of it if it is a bad day, looking at the countryside as if it's a painting. Things look different according to the light – on a dull and grey morning there is more clarity, - the drop of dew on a teasel stands out even if generally the atmosphere is muffled. Of course sun and cloud is my favourite light. I start work about 9.30 a.m. checking on phone calls and make a list of what I have to do. I usually visit building sites in the mornings. Since 1986 I have been doing artist's impressions of proposed developments for planning and marketing. It started with me doing a sketch of a farmyard in Leafield, which was being converted for holiday lets. Then Keith Woolley, who is my husband, Joe's, nephew, had just started his estate agency and he asked me to illustrate several properties. From there it began to snowball and I started working further afield - Surrey, Wiltshire, Northamptonshire and Gloucestershire. Now I am trying to be semi-retired, I do not travel as much. Nevertheless being freelance it is hard to turn work down! I usually meet the builder or the developer on site. I have to wear wellies, hard hat and clothing appropriate to the conditions. I am given the architects' plans and we decide what aspects of the development should be shown. I check what materials will be used and take photographs of the site. It is funny that however careful I am, there is always a portaloo in the photos and they come in the most garish colours! It is my job to be accurate but also to present the project in the most attractive way, showing how it may look when people are living there. Often Joe and I treat these jobs as a chance for a day out. We may go shopping and certainly have lunch out, either taking a picnic or possibly visiting a National Trust site.

At midday we have a light lunch and in the afternoon I will do my painting. Now that our sons have moved out, I have a workroom upstairs. I work fairly quickly and listen to Classic FM or audio books as I do so. In the summer it is Wimbledon or the Test Match. I have to get the details of my property work right, so I do a rough drawing on A3 and gradually make it more exact and this is what I will send to my client for approval. Once it has been approved, I then start the watercolour on art paper. This is not my only work – I take commissions for animal studies and paintings of landscapes or houses. With the recession, I can see that I will be spending less time illustrating property and doing more commissions.

I was always interested in art as a child. I was born during the war at Calcot farm near Tetbury in Gloucestershire. My father ran the farm and it is interesting that it has become Calcot Manor, which is now a hotel and spa. I went to the local village school until we moved to Totnes in Devon in 1950 on my father's retirement. I eventually took my O levels in Exeter and one of those was in art. I had no intention of studying art and planned to do horticulture. At this time my mother's cousin and her son, Colin Brown and his wife Margaret ran "The Bell" in Charlbury and were needing help. I decided to join them. I did all sorts of things and even ended up doing the cooking. It was here that I met Joe and we got married in 1965. By this time I had left "The Bell" and we lived in a flat above where Fairfax is today. At that time I was working freelance as a gardener. In 1968 we moved to our present house in Church Lane, where Richard was born in 1972 and Tom in 1977. When Richard was a baby, I had been doing some evening art classes

and I started painting in the evenings. I did some studies of flowers and sold them to shops in Witney. They were quite successful although one person said they could buy a print more cheaply in Boot's! It was an interest and the money was useful. At this time someone asked me to do a painting from a photograph of her cat, which had died. From that I began to get more commissions to paint people's houses, pets and animals. One person asked me to do some paintings for her husband of rare breed bulls. There were 12 and as she gave him a painting for his birthday and for Christmas, it took me six years. She then asked me to do six deer, so that was another three years work! By the time Tom went to school, the business had built up so I started exhibiting more widely and attended craft markets. When my property work started I had less time for this. Even so I have had some interesting assignments illustrating the Charlbury Town Appraisal and the Charlbury Town Trail and various local guides. I contributed to the Parish map. I did the cover for Lois Hey's "History of Charlbury" and Patricia Huth Ellis's "Poems from Grace Cottage". I illustrated William Jarvis's book "Jane Austin and Religion".

About 4 o'clock I stop painting and Joe gets us a cup of tea. I begin to prepare our 6 o'clock meal. After that it is time to give the dog another walk and that will be quite a long one in the summer. I find the evenings are also useful for getting painting done but I have several other activities. I have sung soprano in the church choir for nearly 20 years and we practise on a Friday night. I have served on the Conservation Committee for 25 years and find I can contribute from my experience of looking at buildings. It is important that developments in Charlbury are in keeping with its character. I also support the Wychwood project as a Friend. Joe and I are vice-presidents of Charlbury Cricket Club. I have always been involved with art in the town. I organised the Street Fair Arts and Crafts exhibition from 1981 until the Art Society was formed in 1989. I carried on with the Society Spring and Street Fair exhibitions until 2002. I was also involved with the art exhibition in St Mary's church on behalf of the Shorthampton Church Appeal and later another one for the St. Mary's appeal. More recently there was the "Arts and Flowers" exhibition for Christian Aid. I enjoy portrait and life drawing with the Art Society. Other activities I like, are going to CHOC and supporting CADS. The latter is only as an audience – I couldn't act my way into an old sock. We do not watch much television in the evenings but usually try to see the News at Ten. Then it is off to bed and I will read till 11.30 p.m. I go to sleep easily.

I have been so fortunate in my life in Charlbury. Also being a painter makes me look at things more closely wherever I am. As well as landscapes I never tire of looking at people, streets, industrial scenes. I imagine how I would make a picture of them. I am rarely bored anywhere, whether I am looking at a general or detailed scene. This is one of the gifts of being a painter – there is always something to see.

Sue Woolley was interviewed by Diana Potten

TOT BITS

As the World Book Day takes place on 5 March 2009 (see www.worldbookday.com for more details), this article looks at how important it is to expose babies and toddlers to books, and includes suggestions on how to read to the under 2s from the book "Baby Read-Aloud Basics" by Caroline J. Blakemore and Barbara Weston Ramirez.

Apparently, it is never too soon to start reading aloud to your child (or even bump!). This is obvious when reviewing some of the documented child development benefits of reading aloud: you can help your Tot to develop his/her listening skills, attention span and memory; increase the number of vocabulary words he/she hears and understand the meaning of those words. You can build strong foundations for learning to read by helping him/her to distinguish between letters, words and numbers - how to turn pages and grasp the concepts of words having meaning, and reading left to right/top to bottom. You can stimulate his/her visual development (by learning to get information from illustrations) and imagination (by forming images using sensual memories whilst listening to the storyteller). Perhaps most important of all, reading aloud can also be an incredibly bonding experience for you and your Tot (especially for Dads or Grandparents seeking to get more involved), promoting family togetherness and calmness. It also helps to develop a lifelong love of reading.

So, what's the expert advice on how best to approach reading to your Tot? If possible, make reading aloud a regular part of your routine, which will help your Tot associate reading with cuddly love

and attention. Choose a quiet spot free of distractions so your Tot can hear your voice clearly. Use "parentese" when reading to your Tot - apparently babies learn language best when parents speak with their parentese voices using face-to-face, baby-directed talk (i.e shorter sentences spoken in melodious tone using exaggerated facial expressions).

Your "parentese" should be tailored to your Tot's age. At birth, use your voice to direct your baby's attention to books that have brightly coloured illustrations or black and white patterns. Read in a rhythmic way with few interruptions to give a sense of the flow of language. Books with nursery rhymes are ideal at this stage. Once your Tot is about three months old+, you could start asking questions in response to his/her cooing or babbling so as to maintain your Tot's attention and encourage him/her to start thinking. Choose cloth books, board books (or other teething books!) and touch-and-feel books which stimulate the senses. Look out for books with illustrations that are engaging and well matched to the text. When your Tot is around a year old, start to talk about the meaning of vocabulary words in books that are part of your child's experiences.

Books which contain words and pictures about daily routines are popular, or those which label objects, toys and parts of the body. Also recommended are books with repetition encouraging your Tot to repeat a word or short phrase, or interactive books which ask questions or include lift-up flaps. With the older more independent Tot, use repeated readings of books to start animating stories in new ways, encouraging your child to mimic your ges-

TOTBITS

tures. Ideally, books should have a simple narrative structure, strong characters, events and outcomes. This is also a good time to introduce books that show various feelings, include hand and body movements or focus on your Tot's current interests.

For those of you new to Charlbury, our local library is situated in the Corner House on Market Street. Your Tot is entitled to his/her own library card and can borrow up to 20 books at a time. This entitles you to reserve children books free of charge (online facility at www.libcat.oxfordshire.gov.uk - borrower number is found on your Tot's library card, and pin number needs to be obtained from our librarian, Mrs Penny Price). Finally, don't forget that your child is entitled to free books packs under the Book-Start scheme at 8 months, 18 months and also at three years of age (obtainable from our Health Visitor, Sally Miller, or local library - see www.bookstart.co.uk).

FREE ACTIVITIES AT LOCAL LIBRARIES:

Woodstock – first Wednesday of month 10:00 - 10:30; Witney – alternate Thursdays 10:00 - 10:30; Chipping Norton – first Tuesday of month 14:15-14:45; Oxford – alternate Wednesdays 10:30-11:00

STORYTIME FOR UNDER 8s

Witney:(Wednesdays 10:00-10:30 and Saturdays 3-4pm); Oxford: (alternate Wednesdays 10:30-11:00)

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP: The Baby and Toddler Group meets every Monday during term time from 9:30 to 11:30 am at the Memorial Hall and welcomes mums-to-be and babies as well as

pre-school children. There is a variety of fun activities and children especially enjoy having lots of space to use tricycles and ride on toys. Sessions include a craft, story time with juice and a biscuit, singing and sometimes parachute play.

In January the group was awarded a grant of £195 by the **Charlbury Beer Festival** Committee to purchase a children's workbench and tools, a range of fancy dress clothes and musical instruments. So please do join us – a friendly environment, a hot cuppa and conversation awaits! (£2 per family).

LITTLE FISHES: More songs, games, snacks and fun with this group aimed at babies and young pre-schoolers. You don't have to be someone's mum to bring a child along – childminders, grannies, nannies....all are encouraged to come down to St Mary's church to enjoy the company, the coffee, and the friendly atmosphere. Best of all, it's free!! Starting again after term on Wednesdays at 10:15-11:30 (possibly only on alternate Wednesdays – watch this space!).

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

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of 24 children per session and we have a high adult to child ratio. The sessions run, during school term time only, Monday to Friday - 9am to 1pm, so children will need to bring a packed lunch. Alternatively, you can choose to pick your child up at 11.30 to cover free Voucher Sessions only. Enrolment can be from as little as one morning a week to the full five day depending on your requirements.

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

Charlbury Pre-School would also like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to Andy Faulkner who has provided material and his time to refurbish to kitchen, he has done a wonderful job which is making life easier for staff and parent helpers.

Enjoy!
Carina Loweth

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

WANT TO LEARN CHINESE?

This is the Chinese character for 'heart'. When you see this incorporated into another character, that character has something to do with the word heart. Fascinating, isn't it?

Chinese (Mandarin) is growing in importance and learning it can be useful - and fun. If we can make up a small group (6 to 8), we can meet once a week in Charlbury, in the evening. We will learn to converse using 'pin yin' (the romanised form of Chinese) and characters will be introduced gradually. We will aim to begin the week of 30 March. Anyone interested, please call Gene on 811233, or send an email to: gnteocooke@hotmail.com

Gene Cooke

BURFORD NEWS

We have been asked to inform interested readers that **Burford Quakers (Society of Friends)** are celebrating the 300th anniversary of their Meeting House, a simple and beautiful building that has remained largely unchanged since the first stone was laid in 1709. There is a series of events to which the public are invited, and details can be obtained by contacting Vi Welbourn (01608 810854) in the first instance.

Burford Singers are putting on a production of Handel's Messiah on April 5th with the Cotswold Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Brian Kay. Soloists Lucy Crowe, Diana Moore, Ben Johnson, Derek Welton. Tickets from Red Lion Bookshop, Burford. See www.burford-singers.org.uk There will also be an opportunity to sing Elijah! at a workshop at Burford School on Saturday May 16th. Ring Jan Campbell on 01993 822412 for more information.

LIFE AT CHARLBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Comenius: Sue Ellis, Key Stage II Coordinator and Year-4 Teacher writes: "Part of our role as teachers of young people today is to equip them for life in a global society, and work in a global economy. In order to promote this international dimension in the curriculum, we are taking part in our second *Comenius* project which links us with partner schools across Europe: Budapest (Hungary), Ankara (Turkey), Maruggio (Italy), Carterton (UK) and Charlbury. *Comenius* is a range of programmes funded by the EU, which bring schools together to work on school-related projects. Many Oxfordshire schools participate and we are in the first year of a 2-year project. Staff and children are involved in learning about each other's cultures and gaining insight into other teaching practices, as well as becoming more aware about their place in a wider community. So far we have exchanged Christmas and Eid greetings cards, and welcomed visiting teachers to Charlbury. The teachers saw the children at work in the classrooms, made presentations about their own schools and were able to see some of our local tourist attractions. Later this term, our pupils will be researching and presenting facts about each partner country, as well as presenting "A Day in the Life of a Pupil" through photographs and video.

Extended School – 'My Time' The extended school provision at Charlbury Primary School is going from strength to strength. Toward the end of last term, there was a showcase event where all clubs did a demonstration to parents and fellow pupils. It was a fantastically exciting evening that beautifully represented the fun children are having after 'normal' school hours. That same week, Anneke and Louis, the 'My Time' managers, were interviewed for BBC Radio Oxford on the after school offer and how our school, being the first with this set up, could serve as a model across the county.

SATS: Now that all the national marking problems have been resolved, here finally are our SATS results for KSII for 2007/2008: 97% of year 6 children reached government target level in Science, 91% in English, and 81% in Maths. One whole level higher (level 5) was reached in those subjects by 47%, 34%, and 41% respectively. So very well done to all our year 6s!

CSA: The end of 2008 saw several successful fund-raising events for the school, such as our Quiz Night, Shopping Evening and Christmas Fair. After a well-earned break, the CSA are organising a Coffee Morning on Saturday 14th March in the Corner House. This is a great opportunity to buy some delicious home made cakes, try your luck on the raffle and take the weight off your feet with a decent cup of tea or coffee.

Although **Cornbury Festival 2009** is not until July, preparations for our, now famous, CSA Tea & Cake tent are already underway. We will need approximately 450 cakes to be made and frozen before the Festival and lots of volunteers to assist in the tent during the Festival itself. If you would like to help towards this major fund-raising opportunity, maybe by making a cake, offering sponsorship or giving time to help at the Festival, please contact Julie Ward on tel. 811292.

*Birgit den Outer
Parent Governor*



Local Meat and Two Veg

You can't really get greener than eating venison from the Forest on our doorstep. Not just because of its low carbon footprint but also the humane way that the deer are killed - being shot by trained marksmen they die without fear. Venison is a very healthy meat low in fat and cholesterol and high in Omega 3. The Fallow deer roaming Wychwood Forest were originally introduced by the Romans from Asia Minor for hunting; they live under cover of dense woodland and come out into the open to graze. Unlike the much smaller native Roe deer, they do very little damage to young trees but they seriously damage cereal crops. This means their numbers have to be controlled and they are culled between August and April. Fallow deer are 3ft at the shoulder, their colour is very variable but have cream spots in summer and have palmated antlers. They are smaller than the Formosan Sika deer seen within Cornbury Park which are just slightly smaller than native Red deer.

The Fallow deer are shot by members of the Wychwood Forest syndicate, these people are highly trained and very knowledgeable about deer. Older animals go to the game dealer but the meat from the younger animals less than 26 months old is available locally at the Charlbury Farmers' Markets in September, December and March, from Densham's the butchers in Witney High Street, and all the other local Farmers' Markets held monthly. Carcasses are hung in the fur for only 7-10 days, which means the meat does not develop a strong gamey flavour and is equivalent to other red meats for regular everyday use. Cuts available are steaks, diced shoulder, haunches, saddle fillets and mince. Venison can be said to be the original fast food, medallions cook in just four minutes and tenderloin works well cooked in puff pastry like Beef Wellington. Venison is not a difficult meat to cook but since there is no inter-muscular fat it is important to keep it moist by sealing, covering or basting well. While older cuts are often marinated to tenderise them, this isn't essential for young venison.

Local meat is available from Conygree farm on the Chipping Norton road (810250). They sell whole lambs and at Christmas they sell turkeys. The beef from Conygree Farm which has been hung for three weeks is sold at New Barn Farm Shop in Nineacres Lane. They also sell vacuum-packed frozen meat, together with pork and lamb from stock raised on their 12-acre smallholding on the Enstone Road. Together with 4 breeding ewes they have 3 rare breed sows: two Tamworths and a British Lop called Laura. The sheep feed on grass and the pigs feed on home-grown vegetables and pellets based on cereals from local farms. Straw and hay comes from the farm next door. The animals are slaughtered at nearby Long Compton which minimises the stress involved during transport. The shop sells their own chicken and duck eggs and also goose eggs in the spring.

Accompany the meat with your own home-grown vegetables and your local low carbon footprint meal will be complete!

Christine Elliott

REPORT ON AMENDMENTS TO BUS SERVICES THROUGH CHARLBURY

The new bus timetables have been printed, and it is hoped they will have been delivered to all Charlbury households, (thanks to those distributing *The Leaflet*) by the end of January. Many of you will have noticed the confusion and doubling up of Worths and RH transport on the Witney/Chipping Norton route, which is causing amazement and bewilderment. Whilst there will obviously be some “settling in” with the new services, should the muddle continue it is intended to bring the matter up at a future Transport Meeting with Oxfordshire County Council. The Charlbury Railbus is now operating a reduced service, but with better publicity it is hoped it will be fully used.

Amazingly, however, while the new bus timetables were being printed, OCC learnt that Stagecoach were actually going to amend their timetables with effect from January 25th, and that the 20A route would now be known as the S3. Stagecoach have been asked to distribute their new timetables to strategic places – The Library, Post Office, etc. but further information can be found from www.stagecoachbus.com/oxfordshire .

Meanwhile, below are the major alterations :

Stagecoach services S3 (formerly 20A)

Charlbury to Oxford:

Monday to Friday: **07.12** ex- Chipping Norton (07.30 ex Charlbury) leaves all points as far as Woodstock 5 mins. earlier.

16.30 ex Charlbury now runs five minutes earlier throughout.

Saturday: 06.32 and 07.12 ex Chipping Norton leave 1 minute later

8.16 ex-Chipping Norton (18.45 ex-Charlbury) **NEW**

Oxford to Charlbury

Monday to Friday: Unchanged

Saturday: 17.45 retimed beyond Oxford

If you have any concerns or comments on the bus services, please pass them to the Town Clerk, Roger Clarke (810608) who will ensure they are forwarded to the bus companies concerned.

*Councillor Helen Bessemer-Clark
Town Council Transport Representative*

LOCAL AUTHOR

"Mother" - A talk by Juliet Heslewood on Friday March 6

Mother is the title of a book by Juliet Heslewood, a celebration of the powerful relationship between sons, daughters and their mothers, seen through a collection of 40 portraits of their mothers by artists as diverse as Rembrandt, Rossetti, Van Gogh, Kahlo, Hockney and Kokoschka.

After graduating from London University (History of Art) and the University of Toulouse (MA in Eng Lit), Juliet spent 25 years living in France, leading study tours and writing (her previous books include *Introducing Picasso* , *A History of Western Painting* (for young people), and collections of world folk tales). She now lives in Charlbury.

The publication of *Mother* is being celebrated with an illustrated talk by Juliet in the Corner House on Friday March 6. Tickets available from Evenlode bookshop for £2.50 (and on the door only if space permits). Buy the book at the same time: it's a bargain at £12.99 in hardback.

FLORRIE BALDWIN

17th June 1907 - 6th November 2008

Florrie was born on 17th June 1907 in Abinger Hammer in Surrey but came with her parents Tom and Florence (Tot) Harris to live in Charlbury 3 months later. Tom's father was the Licensee of The Bull in Sheep Street, but an offer for young Tom and his family to live with his father and mother at the pub was firmly declined by Tot. Instead they moved into 3, Crawborough Villas and Tom traded as a carpenter, joiner and undertaker out of the barn at the Bull. Incidentally Florrie's grandfather handed over the Licence of The Bull in 1912 to his brother-in-law Albert Bowen, who ran the pub for 39 years until 1951. Albert's daughter and Florrie's cousin Eileen, married name Jackson, was born at The Bull and is still a resident in Charlbury.

Florrie's father was a talented carpenter and joiner. He worked for Libertys in London and made some of the linen fold panelling for the Houses of Parliament. In addition he was an early member of the Royal Flying Corps, an auxiliary fireman, and town councillor in Charlbury for over 40 years. Florrie and her younger brother Bill were as a result drawn into the Charlbury community and maintained a keen interest in its development throughout their lives.

She went to the primary school in the town, and later to Milham Ford School in Oxford. On leaving school she went to work at Elliston & Cavells in Oxford eventually becoming one of their buyers and gaining valuable experience for what was to come later. Her teenage years spanned the roaring 20's and she loved to go to the local dances, play tennis, hockey, swim in and punt on the Evenlode.

Florrie met and, eventually, in 1933, married Mervyn Baldwin, the second son of Edgar and Cicely Baldwin, local shop owners. Mervyn became fully involved in helping his mother and father in the family clothes and shoe shop, known as Bon Marche in Sheep Street, in the mid to late 1930's. In due course Mervyn and Florrie took over the shop and the village rounds on the retirement of his parents and ran this very successfully until the late 1950's when they sold up and went to live, in retirement, at The Firs on Pound Hill, Charlbury.

Florrie's saddest and most difficult years were from 1934 to 1948. In this time she tragically lost three children, a boy and two girls the longest surviving being Faith who lived for 6 years and 9 months. Florrie never showed any bitterness at their loss but, showered her love on all children that she met. One such young visitor arrived just before Christmas. In the sitting room at The Firs there is a deep window seat where Florrie arranged all her Christmas parcels, those to be given on one side and those already received from kind friends on the other. Silence reigned for some time and then the door opened into the next room where the grown ups were enjoying tea and the small visitor went to Florrie and handed her all the labels detached from both sets of parcels saying "Here you are Florrie". Some would have given the offender a good telling-off, but Florrie just laughed gave him a hug and sorted it all out later.

The illness and death of the girls was at the time of the second world war, so in addition to this she had to cope with Mervyn being called into the Fire service at Gosport in 1941 and having to help her in-laws in the business. Remarkably she also

looked after evacuees, and one of them Brenda Christie came up from Surrey to be at her funeral.

It is remarkable to tell that a school friend of Florrie, Dora Edmonds nee Milton, was born in Charlbury on 12th May 1907, just over a month before Florrie. Dora later moved away but they corresponded regularly throughout their lives until she died also aged 101 some 9 days before Florrie.

The post war years were austere but the Charlbury community pulled together and local families made the best of difficult times. Florrie was working full time in the shop but found time to be involved with amongst others, the Guides, the Street Fair and to become a trustee of the Downer Trust.

As mentioned before, Mervyn and Florrie retired from the shop in the late 1950's and moved to live at The Firs on Pound Hill. It is evident from letters and comments that visits to the Firs were fondly remembered by many, many people, young and old alike. Everyone was welcome and they had the knack of making you feel you were just the person they most wanted to see. It is testimony to her popularity that friends came to her funeral, on a winter's day from Guernsey, and other far off places in the UK to say goodbye.

Good things come to an end and sadly Mervyn died in 1995 after 62 years of married life. Florrie stayed on at The Firs for 10 years with the great help of professional carers, the meals on wheels service, friends, relatives and especially Stan and Christine Blake, who supported them both over many years. Florrie suffered with severe arthritis for some 40 years and was confined to a wheelchair for nearly 15 of those. She moved after a spell of particularly poor health to the Ramping Cat Nursing Home at Burford in early 2005, after completing a stay in Charlbury of 97 years. It is sobering to think that when Florrie first lived in Charlbury there was no mains water or electricity and that the horse and cart was still a common form of transport.

In conclusion, Florrie was as loving, caring, interested and kind a lady as I am ever likely to meet, and it has indeed been a real privilege to have known her.

This tribute was given by Florrie's nephew Richard Baldwin at her funeral in November

PRICE REDUCTION ON MEALS ON WHEELS

Charlbury Meals on Wheels is pleased to announce that with effect from March 1st, the price for weekly meals will be reduced to £2.00 per meal. During these difficult financial times we are fortunate to have a completely volunteer staff which allows all meal proceeds to be used to purchase ingredients for freshly-cooked, delicious meals.

If you would like to begin receiving a meal delivered to your home at noontime on Tuesdays, please contact Marjorie Glasgow on 01608 810 161. Meal deliveries are made to homes in Charlbury, Stonesfield, Spelsbury, and Chadlington.

We hope to add five to ten more customers for regular delivery. Meals on Wheels happily accommodates customer's needs for delivery changes due to travel, doctor's visits, and the like. If you have any questions, please call Marjorie.

**CHARLBURY & DISTRICT
GARDEN CLUB
CHILDREN'S CHALLENGES 2009**

The Scariest Scarecrow

Spring Show on March 28th 2009
Make a scarecrow to frighten even the bravest crows, either on your own or with a friend. Bring your entry to the Spring Show in the Memorial Hall
Free entry

**The Great Potato Race
Spring/Summer 2009**

**How heavy a crop can you grow
from just one seed potato?**

Potato Growing Kits will be available from the Farmer's Market on March 14th 2009. (*all necessary instructions and dates will be included*) Bring your crop for the Big Weigh-in to the Summer Show on 20th June 2009 at the Memorial Hall. Entry fee: 50p

**The Tallest Sunflower ~
Summer/Autumn 2009**

Collect your Sunflower seeds and instructions from the Farmer's Market on March 14th 2009 or the Spring Show on 28th March 2009 in the Memorial Hall. Judging *in situ* prior to the Annual Show in September. Results and winners to be announced at the Annual Show on September 5th 2009. ~ Entry fee: 50p

Both Challenges open to 5-14 year olds.
Small prizes for all completed entries.
Instructions and advice sheets available on collection of kits.

New for 2009 Children's practical workshops on the Friday afternoon prior to each show.

Further details for all children's events and activities from Wendy Clifford
01608 811006

Letters to the Editor

From Marjorie Glasgow on Horses, Cars and Bicycles:

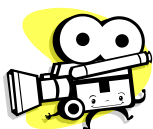
Horses and riders around Charlbury are fortunate to have excellent bridle trails nearby. Riders do, however, need to use the roads to get to the trails and are very grateful for the courtesy shown by drivers as they slow their vehicles and pass horses carefully. Riders are particularly grateful for this courtesy when riding with children, or riding horses that are acting like children! Riders also deeply appreciate bicyclists who alert riders by saying 'coming on your right' as they approach from behind. With cyclists' silent mode of transportation, they are easily missed by horses and riders until they are about to overtake making accidents more likely.
*Bobwell Farm,
Charlbury*

From Stewart Moss

Walking the dog in Clark's Bottom this morning I was disgusted with the shameful amount of litter & rubbish left behind. I'm sure nobody would want to stop all the children of Charlbury sledging and enjoying the snow, but parents must make their children more responsible for their environment. Charlbury is a beautiful town but not when its residents cover it in plastic & rubbish through pure laziness. This morning there were plastic bags, fertiliser bags, lumps of polystyrene, bottles, cans (even beer), sweet wrappers etc etc. I carried some back to put in the dustbin, but there is still a lot to be collected. The field belongs to the Ditchley Estate and is used for cattle grazing much of the year – but somebody even broke the chain and padlock on the gate to save them climbing over it! If people abuse the use of the field nobody should be surprised if the privilege is lost.
Hundley Way, Charlbury

NB The Editor received this letter on February 7th (just before the Chronicle was to go to the printer) and whilst children were still enjoying themselves on the snowy slope. This is not the first occasion that litter has been left due to the actions of a thoughtless few, and possibly explains why the gates have remained locked, thus denying dog-walkers the opportunity of using Clark's Bottom as has been done for many, many years.

News from ChOC: Charlbury's Own Cinema



Wow! *Mamma Mia!* certainly brightened up January for us. So much so that with the generous support of Jenny Nicholls, Cally Robson and friends we hope to have a singalong evening of *Mamma Mia!* in June. So dig out your platforms and your flares and let us know that you are keen to come and relive the colour and the music.

Until then we have a lively and varied programme of films with up to the minute action in *Slumdog Millionaire* (Danny Boyle has just won 'Best Director' award for this film) and a beautiful and contemplative film for Easter. Join us on Easter Sunday, 12th April, for *Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter...and Spring* (2003, Cert 15), a life-story set among Korea's stunning mountains and tranquil lakes. *The Duchess* (2008, Cert. 12) will be our film for this month with Keira Knightley as Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire, Charlotte Rampling as her mother and Ralph Fiennes as the Duke. The 2009 film, *The Young Victoria*, being filmed at Blenheim has figured prominently in full colour in local papers recently. We will be showing this film in Charlbury in June, but more information on that in the next issue of the Chronicle.

Dates for the coming months:
Sunday 8th March: *The Duchess*
Sunday 12th April: *Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter...and Spring*
Sunday 17th May: *Slumdog Millionaire*
All films start at 7.30 in The Memorial Hall, Charlbury.

In the last year or two ChOC has shown films in conjunction with other Charlbury organisations, *An Inconvenient Truth*, for example, with Sustainable Charlbury and *The Good, The Bad and The Ugly* with the Street Fair organisers. We would like to strengthen and develop our links with other community groups and local businesses in this way so if you would like to collaborate with us on any such venture do get in touch.

To contact ChOC about the singalong *Mamma Mia!* or any aspect of our films ring Ed on 01608 811196. Take a look at Ed's ChOC website <http://www.day-books.com/chocweb.htm>
To receive our monthly newsletter by email ring Hilda Reed on 01608 810423.

Hilda Reed

CHIPPING NORTON MUSIC FESTIVAL MARCH 6 - 21 2009

There are classes in Chipping Norton Town Hall most days between these dates, anyone is welcome to come and listen to the performances and the adjudications.

Some of the Festival highlights are A Youth Jazz Band Challenge on March 6th; A Harpsichord Recital at Chastleton House on March 8th; a String Master Class on March 13th; Guy Johnston & Tom Poster in Concert on March 15th; Festival Concert on March 21st - and much more.

Tickets for all events from Jaffe & Neale (01608 6411033) or for further information email secretary@cnmf.org.uk

CLUBS, GROUPS, SOCIETIES

CHARLBURY GARDEN SOCIETY: SHOW AND SPRING SALE

The Society's Spring Show this year is on the 28th March. You do not have to be a member to enter exhibits, and, even if you don't enter an exhibit, the spectacle of the Memorial Hall filled with a host of golden daffodils is enough to make the heart dance. For children, there is a competition for best Easter card, basket and bonnet and for an egg-head (see show schedules in local shops for details). The Garden Society Show is held in conjunction with the Charlbury Arts Society Spring Exhibition.

Looking a bit further ahead, the annual sale of bedding plants and hanging baskets is on 23rd May, also in the Memorial Hall, starting at 9.30.

The Best Kept Garden Competition will be judged in late spring. There are separate classes for large, medium and small gardens, and for best tub, window box or hanging basket.

Rob Stepney

THE PROBUS CLUB OF CHARLBURY

The club comprises retired PROfessional & BUSiness men ,and sponsors a monthly luncheon. Additional activities (2009) include a tour of the Houses of Parliament, a lunch with Mr David Cameron, an outing to a stately house and gardens, and a concert (autumn) visit to Birmingham Symphony Hall.

Hon Secretary: (Prof) Michael Marsh,
01608 810029

CHARLBURY CRICKET CLUB

Cranes may have fallen silent all over the country as a result of the recession but the cricket ground should be a hive of activity over the coming months as work begins to build our new pavilion. The plans have recently been finalized and, thanks to Lord Rotherwick of Cornbury Park, a 25-year lease on the land has been secured. So, at a cost of £180 000, we will be going ahead with the construction of a plush new building incorporating changing rooms, showers and a function area. It is anticipated that the Club will be able to start taking advantage of these new facilities by the end of June. Every effort will be made to minimize disruption to local residents whilst the building work is taking place but if anyone has any concerns please direct them to a member of the Club and we will do our best to resolve them. I should stress that we have received no national funding for this project whatsoever: all of the money has come either from donations (both corporate and personal) from the local community or as a result of the Club's own fundraising efforts. However, we still need more financial help. Although sufficient funds are in place to build the basic "shell" of the pavilion, additional money is needed to complete the interior, and in particular to install a kitchen and bar, and to fit out the function area. We will therefore be writing to every household in Charlbury in the near future, asking for contributions that will allow us to complete the pavilion to a high standard. We know that the people of Charlbury and the surrounding area have already given extremely generously to help the Club recover from the disastrous floods of 2007; please help us again as we take this important step forward in our development. We are now a Community

CLUBS, GROUPS, SOCIETIES

Amateur Sports Club with charitable status and thus can benefit from tax relief if donors are able to Gift Aid their contributions. Thank you all for your continued support.

Derek Collett

CHARLBURY SCOUTS AND GUIDES

MAY DAY FAIR on

Bank Holiday Monday 4th May

1.45 pm: Parade starting at the Scout Hut

2 pm: Crowning of the May Queen, Playing Close

2 - 4.30 pm: Celebration of 50 years of continuous Brownies in Charlbury and 25 years of May Day Fairs. Traditional May Day festivities including dance displays, tug-of-war, stalls and Grand Draw.

THE CHARLBURY SOCIETY

Friday March 13th: Conrad Keating on 'Alice Stewart -the woman who knew too much?'

Friday April 3rd: Dr Charles Mould on 'Merlin, The Ingenious Mechanician'

Friday May 29th: AGM followed by Hugh & Joan Belshaw on 'Volunteering Around The World'

Meetings are held in the War Memorial Hall at 730pm

2009 - The Charlbury Society's 60th Anniversary Year: 1949 saw the Society's first meeting, and if you have any recollections of that occasion, the people attending and our early days, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Brian Murray, Chairman, 819091

CHARLBURY BOWLS CLUB

The Club is currently applying for status as a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) with the Inland Revenue. More news on this in the next edition. Members are enjoying the indoor season, with friendly games against local clubs, and matches in the West Oxfordshire Indoor League where we have two teams competing successfully.

The annual Dinner Dance and prize giving was held in November, a good night was enjoyed by over 75 members and their guests.

The Club will be represented at EX-PO2009 in the Memorial Hall on March 21st - come and say hello if you are passing.

There will be a Bingo evening at the Club is on April 6th, come and try your luck.

The Club's Open Day is on Saturday 18th April at 2pm, come and join us and have a try at bowling on a superb green - or just watch. You are assured of a warm and friendly welcome. Tuesday is practice night both during the indoor and outdoor season.

We are looking forward to good weather, and a enjoyable Summer's bowling. New members are most welcome, all ages; men women and youngsters. You are never too young or old to play this skilfull game.

David Homewood Secretary 811321

Please contact Julia Caston 810240 if you wish to include article in this section

TOWN LITTER PICK!

Calling all willing volunteers! Town spring clean - SATURDAY 4 APRIL 11 am. Meet on The Playing Close. Do come and help spruce up the town for Easter! Maximum two hours but come for as short or as long a time as you can manage. Gloves and bags provided. Further details from Gareth Miller 811410.

CENTENARY YEAR FOR CHARLBURY FOOTBALL CLUB

The *Charlbury Chronicle* has been told that the Charlbury Town Football Club is celebrating over one hundred years of football this season.

Charlbury was the first team to play in the newly founded Witney & District League in 1908, when it took part in a match against Long Hanborough .

The club intends to hold an anniversary game with Long Hanborough during the current season.

Information and photographs about the history of the club would be most gratefully received by the editor (contact details on page 40).

BRING AND TAKE

You can now bring along spectacles, CDs, batteries, lightbulbs and also **PAINT** to the next **Bring & Take**

on Saturday 14th March
at the Memorial Hall.

Paint needs to be reusable in its original container and in usable quantities (more than 1 litre of emulsion paint and half a container of gloss and eggshell paints).

Were you one of Leah Fowler's Brownies 50 years ago?

If so we would love to hear from you? Please contact Fiona Snell on 01608 810565 or e-mail fiona@snellfamily.me.uk

NB See article in Clubs & Societies section on page 22

CHARLBURY FARMERS' MARKET

The next Farmers' Market will be held on the Playing Close on **Saturday March 14th 2009** between 9am and 1 pm. The contact address is: Studio One, Sheep Street, Charlbury OX7 3RR. Tel 01608 811559.

Please support local growers and producers

ARTWEEKS IN CHARLBURY

Artweeks in Charlbury starts this year on Saturday, May 2nd and ends on Sunday May 10th. There will be at least seven Open Studio sites in the town. Brochures for the whole of Oxfordshire will be available locally during April in shops, in the library and other places. There will be posters and banners indicating the individual studios, and maps showing where in the town the studios are sited.

Please come and see our work, which ranges from painting, pottery and sculpture to textiles, printmaking and stained glass.

Jennifer Bartlett

SUSTAINABLE CHARLBURY

You will be seeing some colourful stickers going up in Charlbury windows this spring. We are teaming up with Cotsway Housing Association to launch our **Count Me In** campaign. We want to find out what actions - small and large - people are taking to reduce Charlbury's impact on the environment, and what Sustainable Charlbury can do to support you to do more.

We are doing a pilot at the end of March and hope to cover all of Charlbury over the coming six months. If you get a survey through the door, please fill it in and put the sticker up. You will also find us at the Bring and Take on 14th March, and at Charlbury Expo ON 21st March. Please come and meet us.

The Sustainable Charlbury Team

CHARITY BRIDGE DRIVE

A Bridge Drive will be held on Thursday, March 26th at 2 pm at the Memorial Hall.

It is a friendly afternoon for bridge players of all levels, with a delicious tea.

Tickets are £7.50p and available from Julia Caston (810240), and all proceeds go to the Arthritis Research Campaign

Rev Malcolm Cook

Prayers and best wishes for the future for Revd Malcolm Cook who has retired from ministry from all at Charlbury Baptist Church.

CHARLBURY SHARECROPPERS

Is your garden too big for you?
How about letting someone else grow vegetables in your garden?

Register with
Charlbury Sharecroppers on
www.cwag.org.uk
or phone 811831.

Not enough room to grow your own vegetables? Register with Charlbury Sharecroppers (www.cwag.org.uk or phone 811831) who will find space in someone else's garden for you.

THANKS

As we go to print when we are covered in a thick layer of snow a reader has asked to put a note in to thank Mike & Vicky at Charlbury Dairy for managing to deliver milk to our doorsteps at 5 in the morning in spite of the difficult weather conditions. It is hoped everyone will support this great service so that it can keep going!

We should also add a word of thanks to the paper boys.

EDITOR'S APOLOGIES: The writer of December's article on Charlbury Fair Traders on page 34 was Alan Burroughs, and not Mike Burroughs as printed.

CHIPPING NORTON SCHOOL STUDENTS' BAND TO PLAY AT CORNBURY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Charlbury students make up over 10% of the roll of our school. Around 150 students catch the buses to Chipping Norton, returning straight after school or opting to stay on for one of the many activities on offer such as: Maths Clinics, Art and Tech clubs, music lessons, sports training and fixtures or homework club before catching the late bus back.

Our talented band **Relay** has been awarded the ultimate prize of playing a set at the opening of the Cornbury Festival this July. Hugh Phillimore, the Festival organiser, led the school's *Battle of the Bands* judging panel on the night of 28th January together with Head teacher Simon Duffy and Assistant Head, Linda Savory.

In this, the fourth year of the contest, 11 bands were vying for the title and the standard was extremely high. The 25-strong school Jazz band and the hugely talented CNS Allstars gave vintage performances during their guest spots. It was an entertaining evening, bursting with musical energy and some humour when the newly formed staff band Beteachika wowed the crowd during the judges' deliberations.

The winners, Relay, who also won last year, are a trio who have already cut a CD to raise money for a Cancer charity and play gigs locally. This is just one example of the way Chipping Norton encourages and celebrates talent and reaches out to the community.

We have enjoyed **Performing Arts Specialist status** for several years and

are now gearing up to take on **Science** as our second specialism.

If you want to know more about Chipping Norton Secondary School do ring us on 01608 642007 or email office@chipping-norton.oxon.sch.uk .

CHARLBURY POLICE NEWS

The *Charlbury Choice* leaflet will be changed to a monthly news letter which can be found in The Corner House, News and Things, the doctor's surgery, and also in the Charlbury Police Office.

I would like to tackle speeding in and around Charlbury, so if anyone has any problems on the roads near to where they live, please get in touch.

I would like to mention parking once again, especially outside the Co-op and in the centre of Charlbury. Please do not park illegally on the double yellow lines or on the pavement.

Also could I please remind people that Ditchley Quarry is now a no-go area.

It is now private property, but there is evidence to suggest that people are still going in to the quarry, so may I stress that for your own safety you should please **KEEP OUT**. The quarry is also a site of Special Scientific Interest.

Wesley Smith
Police Community Support Officer



CHARLBURY WEATHER REPORT

November 2008 continued the trend of the previous 5 months producing a below average daytime maximum temperature. The figure was 47.4° compared with the average for the previous 19 years of 48.97°. The highest temperature was 57° and the lowest 37°. At night, temperatures ranged from 48° to 29°.

Autumn 2008 (September to November) was also colder than average at 54.92° (19 year average 56.85°).

December 2008 became the seventh consecutive month below average. The figure was 41.35° compared with the 19 year average of 43.63°. The highest temperature during the month was 52° and the lowest 31°. Night time minimum temperatures ranged from 41° to 24°.

2008 came out at 56.46° compared with the 19 year average of 57.67°.

January 2009 was the second coldest in the 21 years that these records have been kept. The average day maximum was 39.77° - only 1997 was lower at 39.19°. The 20 year January average is 44.38°. Day maximum temperatures ranged from 47° to 29°, with four days in the first ten not rising above freezing. Night time temperatures ranged from 43° to 18°.

Whether history will repeat itself remains to be seen, but after a cold January in 1997, we had a reasonably good summer and that year ended above average.

John Stanley

CHARLBURY RAINFALL

Nick Potter's annual report

The rainfall measured at Lees Rest (which is about 1½ miles due east of the town and about 500ft above sea level) between 1 January and 31 December 2008 was 1221 mm (48.84 ins). This is more than 4 ft and the wettest year since these records begin in 1983, making it the wettest for at least 25 years. The wettest month was January (170mm/6.8ins), the wettest in these records, and the driest month was February (25mm/1in) despite the Leap Year. In fact, 29 February made no difference to the figures as there was no rain on that day. March (128mm/5.12in) was also the wettest in these records.

AGE
Concern

OXFORDSHIRE CITY & COUNTY
Sole Mates Footcare Service
Volunteers needed in Charlbury



Due to our success in providing an invaluable footcare service of basic toenail cutting and a foot massage to those who can't reach their feet, we need more help!

How can you help? You can volunteer to be a **Sole Mate**, treating clients every six to eight weeks in the comfort of their own homes at times to suit you (no qualifications needed). What is the treatment? It consists of soaking the client's feet in a relaxing warm footbath with lavender, trim and file the toenails and finish with a soothing foot massage!

What do we offer you? The opportunity to be part of a friendly team, free training to give a new skill, paid travel expenses, equipment for treatment supplied and continual support.

For further information contact Age Concern Oxfordshire:

Ann Mason on 01295 278040 or

e-mail on annmason@ageconcernoxon.org.uk or

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I came across this photo the other day of the Keep Fit class in Charlbury - I thought perhaps some of your readers would remember the names, if not the faces. I would guess that it was taken 1946-1950 as I remember the teacher, who lived I think in Chipping Norton - Miss Haughton?

I will enlarge, if possible, on the names my mother wrote on the back of the postcard:

Annie Townsend worked at Mr Ernest Price, the Bakers in Sheep Street.

Sybil Brice - daughter of Mr Brice, the owner of the garage opposite The White Hart (Brice & Price) (Mr Price was the father of Jennifer Bartlett.)

Freda Hadland, I think lived in Woodstock Road. Could have been Gomm before marrying.

Kate Barnard - my mother - wife of E T Barnard, the butcher in Church Street.

Muriel Cooper worked at the Pharmacy with, or before, Mr Fred Perkins - was it Mr Jull (not sure of spelling). She lived in the cottages in Church Lane.

The 2 Smiths - I believe were sisters and lived at The Talbot in Thames Street.

Chapman - know the face but can't remember anything at all.

Amy Yerrill (nee Longshaw) was daughter of the grocer Mr Arthur Longshaw, next to the Rose & Crown.

Rosa Sturdy I think lived in Crawborough.

Sorry I'm a little vague, but I'm sure that sons, daughters, grandchildren, nieces or nephews will fill in the picture.

Ann Toms (nee Barnard)

**** Note from Editor: I asked for some personal details from Ann Toms - she was born in Church Street at the butcher's shop below The Rose & Crown in 1934. After her marriage she lived in Oxford, and then returned to Charlbury in 1963 where she lived at Royal Oak Cottage until 1987 and has lived in France for the last 18 years.*

THOMAS GIFFORD'S CHARITY

Report by Trevor Jones, Chairman of the Trustees

Despite the difficult economic circumstances, the trustees continue to follow through on opportunities to develop the Charity's Spendlove site for the benefit of the town in line with the Co-operation Agreement entered into with Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) last year and the outline proposals noted in previous Chronicle reports.

We are having encouraging discussions with one of the local housing associations which we hope will lead to a partnership shortly. These discussions are about the construction of shared-ownership affordable homes coupled with new library and adult education facilities. This will enhance the funding available for additional community facilities on the site.

At the same time we are having further conversations with OCC about incorporating a skills centre within the development. This centre would provide a centrally located learning resource for 14 -19 learners in rural West Oxfordshire. The centre would offer courses in some of the new Diplomas that government is introducing as part of its programme to provide more relevant learning options for young people. Facilities would reflect work based environments, offer relevant experiences and link learning to wider world situations. Government funding is available for this valuable project and we are examining ways to make it part of the development – the trustees believe this can work with some joint use of adult education and community facilities.

As soon as we have agreed the principles of development with the housing association and OCC along the lines above we will be rolling out a funding strategy to secure the balance of funds required for the community facilities, in particular an action plan to achieve the balance of the Charlbury Community Centre Appeal target – the Appeal now stands at over £137,000.

Energy saving light bulb myth buster

Why use them? Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) use 80% less electricity, save you about £3 a year each, and last up to 12 times longer than old fashioned tungsten bulbs.

What are they? Think of them as compact versions of the strip lights in work places since the 1950s.

Have they improved? You can now get all shapes and sizes, fittings and levels of brightness, including 150W equivalent and dimmable options. A recent blind test of 761 shoppers, found that 64% preferred the light from them.

Is it better to leave them running? No, switching them on uses the equivalent electricity as leaving them on for a few minutes. Most now light instantaneously.

How should I dispose of them? Use the service your municipal tip provides for the safe disposal of fluorescent tubes.

Is mercury an issue? Ironically, installing CFLs ought to help reduce the need for coal-fired electricity production - a major cause of global mercury emissions. CFLs contain mercury - about 5mg. Locked into its tube, this is harmless.

What should I do if I smash one? Ventilate the room for 15 minutes. Put on your rubber gloves, brush the bits into a bag, seal it and drop it at the tip next time you go.

Are tungsten bulbs banned? No. Manufacturers have agreed to withdraw them for sale, starting with 100W this year, 60W in 2010 and 40W in 2011.

Where can I find out more? Contact the Energy Saving Trust on **0800 512 012**.

Spring Church Services

Baptist Chapel, Dyer's Hill



Sunday Services at 10.30 am

Church Secretary: Pippa Nash (811797)

St Mary's C of E Church



Full details of all services in Church porch
or see *The Leaflet*

The Rev'd Judy French, The Vicarage, Church Lane,
tel: 810286

www.stmaryscharlbury.co.uk

Friends' Meeting House, Market Street



Meeting for Worship at the Friends Meeting House
at 10.30am

For further details contact: Dinah Clements (811787)

Methodist Chapel, Fishers Lane



Morning Service normally each Sunday at 10.30 am
Weekly detail, and any changes from normal time or
venue, appears on the Church Noticeboard

Further information from Gill Grason (810154)

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



Sunday Mass at 11am at St Teresa's & at St Kenelm's, Church Enstone at 9am
Daily Mass: 9.30 am preceded by Morning Prayers at 9.15 am
Holydays: Mass at 9.30 am and 7.30 pm

Confessions before Mass or on call at Presbytery

Rev Canon David Evans Ph.L., 5 Enstone Road, Charlbury OX7 3QR
tel: 810576 or see www.communicate.co.uk/oxford.stteresacharlbury

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

Recycling in crisis: true or false ?

Perhaps you have already seen the article about waste in 'Creating Futures' from WODC this month ? If you haven't (and I know how easy it is to miss that sort of thing !) or even if you have, forgive me if I cover somewhat the same ground. It is such an important issue and some things are worth repeating.

Everywhere I go people are saying things like 'what is the use of recycling when the press is full of news about how there is no money to had for recycled waste anymore--- some councils are dumping it in landfill---some councils are hiring (at great cost) disused buildings to store the recycled waste until the market changes'—etc.etc.

It is certainly true that the market is bad at the moment and the money that one could get for recycled material has declined. It is also true that some councils have had trouble disposing of their recycled material. However, when this matter was discussed before Christmas by the all-party Environment Committee we came to a unanimous decision that none of West Oxfordshire's recyclates would go to landfill and, so far, there has been no necessity to store them either.

The money one can receive in better times when recyclates are sold is not the only or the most important reason for recycling. It is absolutely essential to cut down on the amount of waste going to landfill. This is mainly for the good of the planet but also, because if we send more than a certain amount, very expensive fines will be charged and these will have to come out of the taxes paid by all of us.

It seems very hard to get this message across and scare stories about recycling going to landfill do not help. However, one public relations problem when trying to reassure people is the fact that WODC uses three different kinds of vehicles. This is the main reason why people get confused about the destination of their recycling (and also if there is any point in sorting it).

Firstly there are two kinds of vehicle which collect only recycling: one sorts the material at the kerb and the other mixes the recycling up and it is sorted at the depot. Clearly, if you have sorted your own recycling and the first kind of vehicle arrives then it is helpful. However, it is not essential and if the second kind comes your recycling will be mixed up anyway, to be sorted later. The third kind of vehicle has two sections, one for refuse and one for recycling. So, in this case people may well see recycling and waste put into the same vehicle but they will go into different compartments and have different destinations.

If it's all so confusing for people why use these different vehicles ? Because they are the ones that our contractor already has and also, the third kind, which collects both refuse and recycling, can be more environmentally efficient in rural areas. I hope this has answered some of the most urgent concerns.

District Councillor Glena Chadwick



CHARLBURY TOWN COUNCIL REPORT No. 50

Councillor Nicolette Lethbridge

The Town Council would like to thank everyone who put up decorations, lights and Christmas trees outside their houses and businesses, and the Charlbury Business Community who organised two late evening openings of shops and stalls. There seemed to be more lights than ever this year which helped compensate for the dreary weather. Geoff Burroughs kindly donated the Corner House tree but was not responsible for the blue lights which were not universally popular!

At the Annual Town Council Reception on 11th February a presentation was made to our Town Clerk, Roger Clarke, by the Vice Lord Lieutenant for Oxfordshire, Malcolm Cochrane DL, to mark his 30th anniversary as Parish and Town Clerk.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be at 8pm on Friday 17th April in the War Memorial Hall. Please come and find out what your Council has been doing and ask questions and make comments. The Annual Meeting of the Town Council will be held on 20th May and the dates for the Council's other meetings can be found on the Town Council notice boards; all meetings are open to the public.

The Annual Boundary Walk will take place on Rogation Sunday (17th May) starting at 10am at the Old Oak Tree on Forest Hill. It is hoped that as many people as possible will join in for at least part of the 11 miles; there will be a break for picnic lunches at Model Farm Ditchley by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Hobill. The Town Clerk would welcome any offers of help with stewarding and chauffeuring.

Local Government Elections for the whole County Council will take place on Thursday June 4th June, (present Councillor for our area is Sue Haffendon, Conservative), together with the election for the European Parliament for which Charlbury is in the South East Region. The Polling Station will be in the War Memorial Hall.

The Town Council Precept 2009. The Town Council element of the Council Tax for the next financial year has been set at £72,569 as compared with £73,257 for 2008/9. This money is used for the Town Clerk's salary, general maintenance

and grass cutting, upkeep of Nine Acres recreation ground, the Corner House and the War Memorial Hall, insurances, building up capital sums for projects such as the Community Centre and Sports Pavilion, repaying a loan for the cemetery extension and making grants to local organisations. A full list can be inspected by arrangement with the Town Clerk.

As regards public transport, discussions are still going on with the County Council about installing an additional bus stop on The Slade. The new bus timetables are out and have been delivered to all households with the Leaflet. However please note that since these timetables were printed Stage Coach have altered some of their bus times. Any problems with the new bus services will be brought up at a future Transport meeting with the County Council. The Railbus continues to run but at a reduced service and we would encourage people to use it whenever possible. The Town Council shares everyone's concern at the cancellation of the 9.38am train and, together with others, including the CLPG, is pressing for an improved timetable. Please see the separate notice about bus timetable changes on page

The Town Council is having meetings with District Council Planning and Housing officers and the Enabling Officer of the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council as regards providing the Affordable Housing needed in Charlbury and some useful progress has been made.

The Council is concerned about the traffic problems in the town and is seeking ways to address the matter. Ideas from the public are welcome. Something to be avoided is shifting problems from one part of the town to another.

Finally we are able to report that last year's Street Fair raised £14,000; a brilliant result which should encourage more people to volunteer to help run it this year.

To contact the Town Council email Roger Clarke (Town Clerk)
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DO YOU FIND IT DIFFICULT TO READ THE CHARLBURY CHRONICLE?

Please ring the Editor on 810549 to request
a large-print copy

A large-print copy is always available in the library

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – CHARLBURY BRANCH

The Poppy Appeal for 2008 raised £4,621.47 in Charlbury and the surrounding area [Finstock, Fawler, Chilson, Shorthampton and Cornbury with Wychwood]; another record including a generous donation from Churches Together in Charlbury. We would like to thank all those who helped to raise this sum, both donors and collectors, and particularly those who gave so generously. If you would like to help with the 2009 Poppy Appeal in any way please contact the Poppy Appeal Organiser, Mick Charlesworth on 01993 869283.

The Charlbury British Legion Darts Cup for the Open Pairs was held at Ye Olde Three Horseshoes and won by Barry Dodman-Edwards with Nicky Harris from Leafield.

The Annual Band Concert The Band Concert was given by the Accidentals. The evening was great fun and a great success and we would like to apologise for getting the band's name wrong in some of the publicity for the event. During the evening Poppy Appeal collector certificates were awarded to Nick Potter and Barry Canham (both 5 years) and to Diana Potten after the event, also for 5 years.

Wreaths were laid at the War Memorial in St Mary's Church on Remembrance Sunday by the Charlbury Branch (Mrs Jane Parsons MBE - Charlbury Branch Secretary), Thames Valley Police (P.C.S.O. Wesley Smith) and Charlbury Town Council (Cllr Reg James, ex RAF). The Kohima Epitaph was read by Nigel Walsh. The wreaths remain at the Memorial until Candlemas when they are removed and the Branch wreath is relocated to the War Memorial Hall.

Branch Funds

As a result of guidance from the Charity Commission the National Headquarters of the Royal British Legion have ruled that Branches may no longer hold more than £1,000 and that surplus should be forwarded to a control account with the sum being made available to the Branch on demand. The Charlbury Branch Committee was enthusiastic about this directive as the bulk of funds held by the Branch had been donated in support of the needs of the serving and ex-service community in the Charlbury area. Rather than send the surplus to a control account the Branch has donated it to the Sir John Thompson Fund which is used exclusively for supporting cases in Oxfordshire. It is a fact that there are very few cases in the Charlbury area. Sir John Thompson, who lived at Spelsbury, was a member of the Branch as well as being Legion County Patron, Lord Lieutenant and Commanding Officer of the Oxfordshire Yeomanry during the War. If any member would like more information please contact the Branch Treasurer, Brian Murphy, on 810549.

The trip to the Poppy Factory in October was great success but took a lot of organising for which thanks go to Jane Parsons. Ideas for future days out are welcome, and members are asked to contact Jane. One might be to go to the Windsor Castle Royal Tattoo (13-16 May); another might be to visit the National Memorial Arboretum at Arlewas in Staffordshire, near Burton on Trent, now one of the top visitor attractions in the Country.

Branch Website The Branch now has a website which can be accessed at www.CharlburyRBL.org.uk

Branch Coffee Morning Will be held on Saturday 9 May in the Corner House. For information please telephone 810822.

Assistance: For further information about the work of the Legion, how to join or how to obtain assistance, please contact Nick Potter (Branch President) on 810388 or Derek Fowler (Branch Chairman) on 811706

Report from District Counsellor Mike Breakell

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The District Council planners have now produced a public document entitled Shaping Futures, which aims to show just how a sustainable community strategy for the next ten years could develop. This document should provide a basis for community debate and discussion that will lead to the local development framework that will soon replace the present District wide Local Plan which many of us are so familiar with. In theory this framework will sit within the County and particularly Regional strategies that we hear so much about. Much of the past discussion has centred around housing provision in a time of growth, but now we are entering a recession it remains to be seen what difference this will make. In this area, it would appear that the provision of new housing, no matter how affordable, will be limited, and the emphasis may well be on retaining services and employment opportunities instead. In short these matters are certainly still up for debate and for once time may be on our side.

Report from District Councillor Glena Chadwick

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Most of what I want to say this month is elsewhere in the Chronicle (*see Recycling in Crisis: True or False on page 33*). Apart from the Christmas gap it's been business as usual with much emphasis for me on rubbish (as ever!). I am also on the Standards Committee and as the law keeps changing this has involved some long, but extremely interesting, coaching forums to make sure we are all competent in applying the new legislation.

What to do with used batteries?

Don't put them into landfill or the black boxes but drop them into one of our special collection boxes

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Charlbury Area Waste Action Group



www.cwag.org.uk

Do you have good quality unwanted items in your home?

Bring & Take

Memorial Hall
Saturday
14 March

Items can be brought in between 9.30am-11am and taken from 10am-12 noon

This is a cashless event where anyone can take items they want at NO cost

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Green Waste Collections

First Saturday every month
10am-12noon

Spendlove Car Park

Bring Tetra Paks along too for separate collection

Charlbury Area Waste Action Group



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2nd May
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3rd October
7th November
5th December

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Report from County Councillor Sue Haffenden

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At next week's Full Council meeting we set the Annual Budget, including of course the Council Tax. Every Directorate has to produce a balanced budget, checking pressures and assessing priorities for the forthcoming year, which is then submitted to us Councillors in our Scrutiny Committees to approve their suggestions.

Throughout December we scrutinise these very full and complicated budgets and send our recommendations for improvements to the January Cabinet meeting. The Cabinet will present the final Budget to Council on February 10th. It is always a very long drawn out day as each year all political parties submit their own budgets and we thus have to discuss, reject and finally approve the budget we think most appropriate for the year ahead. I sit on the Adult Social Services Scrutiny Committee and am vice-chairman of the Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Committee: both are big spending Directorates, concerned as they are with people and their needs. The first Committee decides the level of spending for our increasingly ageing and vulnerable population. Adults with learning disabilities are increasing every year and need support and the Council has statutory obligations imposed upon it by Central Government, so that there is less and less local discretion as to how our central revenue grant and the council tax is spent.

This year, in the wake of the Baby P case, we have thoroughly reviewed our Social Services procedures and have agreed to propose the addition of four more social workers. We have an experienced social services team in Oxfordshire but no Directorate dealing with the Children's Protection Register can ever feel complacent. At our last Scrutiny meeting we learnt of the horrendous amount of time (60% minimum) social workers spend on their compulsory paper work: all time taken away from face to face contact with vulnerable families. We have asked our local MP's to look into this, as they have with the police paper work.

Adult Services also includes Cultural services, like museums and libraries, and I am delighted to report that funding for Cogges Farm museum has at last been put on a sure footing. I hope all parties will support the present administration's proposals.

At January's Full Council we discussed and approved the Draft Oxfordshire 2030 strategy: a document drawn up over the last 18 months, by partners across the public, private, voluntary, community and faith sectors in the County. It is a statutory requirement by this Government and has led to an enormous work load for all concerned to produce a blueprint strategy for the County up to 2030. The document makes interesting reading, dealing as it does with the economy, the environment and quality of life of all residents. If you wish to view it: www.oxfordshirepartnership.org.uk/oxfordshire2030.

Nature Conservation/Climate Change

Oxfordshire Nature Conservation Forum (ONCF) brings together organisations, groups and individuals involved in nature conservation, and works with them to help co-ordinate and focus our county's approach to biodiversity conservation. As part of our work ONCF compiles a FREE, weekly environmental email bulletin with information about local walks, talks, debates, job vacancies, training in species identification/habitat management, etc, anything in fact to do with nature conservation and climate change in Oxfordshire. Anyone can advertise THEIR event for free so long as it is relevant and not for profit. (A small charge is made for items that are relevant and profit making). The bulletin is posted to 1,500+ people weekly and is growing rapidly.

To subscribe to the bulletin, see a copy, or to discuss submitting an item please e-mail cynth@oncf.org.uk or call Cynth on 01865 407034. www.oncf.org.uk

CHARLBURY COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

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in the Community Directory to notify any changes to the Editor

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CHARLBURY'S POLICE OFFICERS

We now have two Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) **Stephanie Blake** and **Wes Smith** who are working out of the Charlbury Police Office at the Spendlove Centre. Opening times are: Mondays 12 noon to 3pm; Fridays 9am to 12 noon. To contact your PCSOs call 0845 8 505 505.

We need your help! Thames Valley Police are asking for volunteers to help run the Spendlove Centre office and join the existing volunteers. We need help with front counter duties which will typically involve: recording lost and found property; recording driving documents; handing out crime prevention literature; taking details of non-urgent enquiries.

The office is open Monday afternoons and Friday mornings but more volunteers will help us to increase these hours. Volunteers can be anyone: over 18 years of age, who is discreet, reliable and trustworthy, who is good with people and has the ability to listen, who can take accurate messages, and who is friendly and approachable whilst still being calm and efficient. All applicants will be required to complete an application form and give the names of two referees. All volunteers are required to have a police check prior to acceptance onto the scheme, and then have an informal interview with their local co-ordinator. If you are interested and would like to apply, please contact me:

Rosie White, Volunteers Co-ordinator,
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