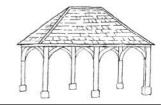
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From the Editor

Well, what a summer we had! Didn't need to go abroad—though some days perhaps it was too warm. Lets hope that the good weather continues into September for the Wychwood Forest Fair (2nd), Farmers Market (8th), the Ride & Stride Bike Ride also on 8th and of course our very own Street Fair on 14th and 15th September.

On this note, and having in the past helped organise the Street Fair, I would like to send out a plea to all to come and offer to help organise this event in the future. It doesn't happen on its own, and without the money raised, the Corner House and Memorial Hall would likely require funding from the Town Council, which would go on all our rates!

If you think you could give up just a small amount of time, then please do come and help! It really is great fun! New ideas are needed which can only come with new blood. So at the fair this year, go up to any red-shirted person and say you would be

interested in helping next year! Thank you in advance!

As it's the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI, the RBL are attempting to decorate Church Street with either knitted or crocheted poppies. If you would like to come along and have a "knit and natter", sessions will be held in the Corner House, dates to be decided but will be on the notice board and Charlbury.info.

Wool will be supplied but if you could please bring your own needles—4mm (old size number 8).

Hope to see you there!

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

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Susanna Finch

Please note the deadline for articles for the Christmas issue is 1st November 2018

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CHARLBURY STREET FAIR 2018

15 September

The greatest Community Event of the Year, Charlbury Street Fair, takes place on 15th September. This year's theme is the WIZARD OF OZ. This is also the theme of the ever-popular Tina's Children's Dance Show, and visitors and stall-holders are encouraged to join in by dressing up and decorating the stalls.

Charlbury Primary School Choir will be singing and entertainment during the day includes Charlbury Morris, Wychwayz Morris and Buskers, the Scouts' Climbing Wall, Classic Cars (down past St. Mary's lane into the Priory) and a Fire Service display.

Our Fair really begins on the evening of Friday 14th September with our Egg Throwing competition at the top of Church Street. We aim to have food for sale during the evening. On actual Fair day, Saturday 15th, our Fancy Dress Parade will be led by Street Fair King Finn Davies and Queen Grace Smith, just before the event is opened by radio celebrity Kathy Clugston at 2pm.

On Saturday evening we look forward to Dancing in the Street accompanied by bands *No Tools Required*, and *The Reaper*.

New for this year will be a Last Night of the Proms event – we are live screening the event in the War Memorial Hall on the evening of 8^{th} September (thanks to ChOC) – and the Hall will be bedecked in flags and bunting; there will be a bar and food – entry will cost £5 which will include treats. Tables can be booked in advance.

On the Fair day, the War Memorial Hall will see a BAKE OFF competition, with prizes for under 16s and adults - so do show off your creative culinary skills!

The Children's Fancy Dress – with prizes sponsored by the Co-op – awaits

anything to do with the Wizard of Oz - Dorothies, Totos, Tin Men, Lions, Scarecrows even perhaps Yellow Brick Roads? Just come along to the Playing Close (Co-op end) before 1.15 pm on September 15th, and join in the fun. Entry is free!

These thrilling entertainments will be among a host of other attractions – a Funfair, many Stalls, Tombola, Grand Draw, Silent Auction, Hot Dogs and lots to please all the family.

This year we thank principal sponsors who include the Co-op, the Bull Inn, the Bell Hotel, Fairfax Estate Agents and Cotswold Frames. Each one has generously offered assistance, sponsorship of the evening music and prizes for our Grand Draw and Silent Auction.

The Memorial Hall and Corner House benefit from the proceeds of the Fair.

Finally I'd like to extend thanks to our band of willing volunteers who, with their hard work and help, sustain the local tradition of the Fair, which continues to go from strength to strength!

For more information see

www.charlburystreetfair.org, Twitter, Facebook and Charlbury.info.

John Dora Chair of the Street Fair Committee

Please note that all entertainments are subject to availability on the day

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Will the people of Charlbury ever be able to influence development in the town?

With a robust Neighbourhood Plan for Charlbury we believe the answer to this question can be a resounding **YES!**

The process of producing the plan is taking a bit longer than we had hoped but please bear with us and we will get there! Remember too that this is **your plan** so we need to know what you think. Once we have a draft plan, approved by the Town Council, you will be able to comment on it through formal consultation processes. But before that, we will be at **Charlbury Street Fair on Saturday 15th September** so please come along and speak to us. Find out what we are doing, ask us any questions about the Plan and tell us what you think.

As we reported last time, recent proposed changes to the WODC Local Plan (WOLP) give greater protection to places such as Charlbury located within the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and these changes have emphasised the important role that your Neighbourhood Plan will be able to play.

Paragraph 9.6.29c of the proposed WOLP relates to the "Burford-Charlbury subarea" and states:

The proposed development of undeveloped land adjoining built up areas will be particularly closely scrutinised and within the AONB will only be permitted where there is convincing evidence of a specific local need such as needs identified through a neighbourhood plan or affordable housing needs specific to a particular settlement, for example through a rural exception site.

This means that planners will have to look to the Charlbury Neighbourhood Plan (CNP) to identify Charlbury's local needs. That is why this plan is so important and why, for the first time, we have a real opportunity to influence future development and answer "YES" to the question that introduced this article!

In the last report we told you we were assessing possible development sites to give us greater control over the mix and location of new homes. Because of the extra protection for the AONB within the Local Plan, we don't currently think that it will be necessary to include any such sites in the Neighbourhood Plan. Instead, we are looking to control the delivery of the housing that we need through strengthened "criteria-based" policies, applicable to all proposed new developments in Charlbury.

Affordability of housing remains the most significant challenge for Charlbury and we are therefore continuing to investigate a variety of ways of delivering affordable and lower-cost homes to the town. In addition to shared ownership schemes, self-build and other options, these may include the promotion of new "rural exception sites". (In recent years, three rural exception sites, promoted by the town council, have successfully delivered more than 40 affordable homes to Charlbury).

We are also actively trying to protect the town's existing stock of affordable homes (e.g. through restrictions to "Right to Buy") and to ensure that other affordability benefits are retained in perpetuity (i.e. are not just offered to initial occupants but are also available to future residents).

Finally we are trying to ensure that "local connection" priority is given to the allocation of all affordable housing in Charlbury to meet our local needs

Come and see us at Street Fair – support and get involved with YOUR plan.

Peter Kenrick



The Botany Spot

The onset of autumn is perhaps most apparent with the changes in the deciduous trees which surround us in this area of the ancient Wychwood Forest. Almost imperceptibly at first, the vivid greens of spring chlorophyll deepen and slowly, as September arrives, the leaves begin to show the faintest touch of yellow. The change of season gathers pace with the leaves turning bright yellow and orange with xanthophylls and carotenes showing through, as the chlorophyll starts to break down.

With the approach of October the fiery colours of the anthocyanins appear. The leaf canopy turns to crimson and gold with streaks of purple and russet brown.

A simple chromatography experiment reveals the separate pigments beautifully. Instructions can be found by using a guick Google search. The procedure generally involves crushing some coloured leaves, in a small volume of a special alcohol and then making a spot of the coloured solution on blotting paper or something similar. The 'chromatogram' is then placed with the bottom edge in some more alcohol and as the solvent rises up the paper it spreads the coloured pigments out, depending on their individual solubility (see the web for detailed instructions and safety information).

We have many wonderful specimens of trees in and around Charlbury which produce a dazzling display of autumn colour. The **Sycamore** *Acer pseudoplatanus* is amongst my favourites with wonderfully bright colours. The smaller leaved **Field Maple** *Acer campestre* is of the same genus as the Sycamore and its leaves turn a lovely 'buttery' yellow in the autumn hedgerow. Perhaps these English Maples don't quite rival the colours of their Canadian/USA relatives in the 'Fall', but

are splendid none-the-less.

Beech Fagus sylvatica also produces some marvellous deep orange autumn colour and can be seen in the woods and in our gardens. **Spindle** *Euonymus* europaeus is a small tree or shrub found locally and is spectacular in autumn, with attractive yellow/red foliage and amazing fruits with vivid pink capsules that split to reveal bright orange seeds. If you are unfamiliar with this plant it can appear too bright to be a true English native, but it is! Sorbus aucuparia our native **Rowan** also produces very brightly coloured leaves in autumn with the added adornment of large bunches of orange-red berries (some of the cultivated varieties sport some other wonderful colours for the berries, pale pink, yellow and even white).

Dogwood Cornus sanguinea, though only a shrub, goes a very striking dark wine purple as soon as it gets a touch of frost and plays its part in the kaleidoscope of autumn colour.

Each species of deciduous tree has its own timetable. Some such as the Horse Chestnut Aesculus hippocastanum open their leaves early in the spring but are very quick to change colour and lose their leaves as summer departs. Some such as the **Pedunculate Oak** *Ouercus* robur are much tardier, both in developing leaves in spring and losing them again when summer ends, often hanging onto their rusty autumncoloured leaves even until Christmas. Ash Fraxinus excelsior is another tree rather slow to develop leaves in spring and is unusual in that it generally drops its leaves green (i.e. without turning colour) when autumn finally comes.

As well as enjoying walks in the countryside, living in this part of the world also allows us to visit many grand gardens with wonderful trees not commonly seen elsewhere. Within easy reach are the University Parks and the Botanic Gardens in Oxford, Harcourt Arboretum and some of the Colleges, particularly Wadham College, have some truly amazing trees with splendid autumn colour.

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ChOC News-Autumn 2018

Charlbury's Own Cinema

Towards the end of June we held the **ChOC AGM** at which the 2017/18 committee all agreed to continue through 2018/19. Details of the committee can be found on the Community pages of the Charlbury website,

There will be no screening in September as we are assisting at Charlbury Street Fair's event on Saturday 8th September, "Last Night of the Proms Party".

In October, we will be showing **Back To Burgundy**, this will include, before the screening, a wine tasting and talk by George Byrne of Haynes, Hanson & Clark.

Due to other commitments, our screening in November will take place on the first Sunday of the month, 4th November, instead of the second Sunday. The November film is the critically acclaimed multi-award winning, Three Billboards Outside Ebbings, Missouri.

Please be aware that the October and November films programmes will begin at 7pm!

Sunday 14th October at 7pm: Back To Burgundy Cert.15 / 1hr 50mins.

After a decade abroad, Jean learns of his father's failing health and returns to run the family vineyard with his strong-willed sister, Juliette, and his responsible younger brother, Jeremie. As four seasons and two harvests go by in picturesque Burgundy, the siblings have to reinvent their relationship and learn to trust each other in this tender and finely-textured saga. (In French, shown with subtitles). The film will be preceded by a complimentary wine* tasting.

*Afterwards, George will be happy to take orders for any wines that may appeal to you.

Sunday 4th November at 7pm: Three Billboards Outside Ebbings, Missouri Cert. 15 / 1hr 55 mins.

Furious at a lack of progress in the police investigation into the murder of her teenage daughter seven months earlier, single mother Mildred Hayes (Frances **McDormand**) rents three disused billboards outside her small Missouri hometown and uses them to display a highly provocative message. This upsets many of the townspeople, especially as the man singled out for heel-dragging, Chief of Police William Willoughby (Woody Harrelson), is known to be dying from pancreatic cancer. Willoughby's second-in-command, violent and bigoted mummy's boy Jason Dixon (Sam Rockwell), takes the accusation on the billboards almost as a personal and his determination to clear his superior's name puts him on a collision course with an increasingly reckless Hayes.

Written and directed by Martin McDonagh (In Bruges), Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri is a controversial, unflinching and deeply touching film. But it also operates as a blistering satire of small-town America and contains some genuinely hilarious dialogue. The movie is beautifully photographed and lovingly made and features a superb performance from Harrelson and career-defining ones from Oscar winners McDormand and Rockwell. A complete departure from recent ChOC offerings, Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri is a devastating portrait of a woman's grief and of the consequences when that grief mutates unstoppably into anger and retribution.

Please note: this film contains very strong language throughout.

All films are shown in the **Memorial Hall.** The doors and popular wine and beer bar open 45minutes before the screening. Admission is £5 for Adults and £3 for U15s (where applicable). At the Christmas matinee there is also Family admission priced at £12 (2 adults and 1 or 2 children). If you'd like to be more involved in ChOC do drop us a line to secretary.chocfilms@gmail.com or phone Richard on 01608 810032.



Walking with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens

The following walks are all a reasonable distance from our villages. The walks vary in distance and difficulty so you can choose something to suit your ability. Sorry but dogs are not allowed on walks with the Cotswolds Voluntary Wardens.

All walks are led by the Cotswolds Voluntary Wardens and as such are not "just a ramble in the countryside". The themed walks are a way of understanding and appreciating our Cotswold landscape. More information can be found at www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk

Sunday 9th September 10:00am *History of Chadlington & Surrounding area*

12 miles 5.5 hours

A strenuous walk exploring the history of this area.

Start: Chadlington village hall. Please bring a packed lunch.

Thursday 20th September 10:00am

Horrors and Harmony 6 miles - 3 hours

We follow some of the paths one of the great English composers of the 20th Century would have used and learn how this little corner of Gloucestershire influenced his works. An easy walk across fields and along tracks with a little incline.

Start: War Memorial, Bourton on the Water

Wednesday 25th September 10:00am

Visit the Woodpeckers
7.5 miles – 4 hours
Walk through part of Cornbury with views
over the Evenlode valley. Through
Topples wood - remnant of Wychwood
and Wilcot Manor. Lunch at the Plough in
Finstock or bring a picnic. Return to
Charlbury along a different route.
Start: Spendlove Centre Charlbury

Thursday 11th October 10:00am

Autumn in the Wychwood Forest

8.5 miles - 5 hours

This walk takes a route off public rights of way with the permission of the owner so an opportunity to see parts of the Wychwood Forest normally inaccessible. Please bring a packed lunch.

Start: Spendlove Centre Charlbury

Saturday 20th October 10.00am

The Alternative Three Hills Walk 10 miles – 5 hours

The popular annual Brailes Three Hills Walk takes place in early May using a route that includes access to private land that the public cannot normally use. This moderate alternative route still visits Castle Hill, Brailes Hill and Mine Hill but using only public rights of way. Please bring a packed lunch.

Start: Roadside parking near Brailes School OX15 5AP. Please park considerately

Saturday 20th October 10:00am

Burford and Two Churches

5 miles - 3 hours

A walk through the medieval town of Burford and out into the surrounding countryside into the Windrush Valley. Many lunch options in the church at the end of the walk.

Start: outside the parish church. Large free car park nearby.

Thursday 15th November 10:00am

The Saltway and Ditchley Park
5.5 miles – 3 hours

A circular walk exploring the eastern borders of the Cotswolds AONB and part of Ditchley Park, wartime retreat of Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

Start: Ditchley Park Gate OX7 4EZ

Saturday 17th November 9.30am

History of Hook Norton & Surrounding area.

12 miles - 5 hours

A strenuous walk exploring the history of this area famous for its ironstone. Please bring a packed lunch.

Start point - Crossroads in Great Rollright OX7 5RH. Please park considerately.

Tuesday November 20th 10:00am Eniov Views, Ancient Monuments and Warden's Wood

4 miles - 2.5 hours

This is a gentle stroll along the D'Arcy Dalton Way through the Sarsden Estate with good views across the Evenlode Valley. We visit ancient monuments and a new woodland planted by the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens. Start: Sarsden Cross, near Home Farm

Sarsden, OX7 6PW

Wednesday 28th November 10:00am

Stones and Ditches 8 miles - 4 hours Walk along Oxfordshire way to Stonesfield with views over the Evenlode. Then through Kingswood joining Shakespeare's Way to Ditchley Park with views of the house and past Grim's Ditch returning to Charlbury. A good reasonably priced meal can be had after the walk at The Bell Start: The Bell Charlbury

Rosemary Wilson



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The Cotswold Voluntary Wardens make a difference in our towns and villages, replacing worn out stiles with kissing gates, coppicing local woodland, planting trees and leading guided walks. They also work with schools encouraging children to interact with their local environment and learn more about the area in which they live.

The wardens operate in five districts covering the whole of the Cotswolds and total some 350 Cotswold Voluntary Wardens. It is fair to say that on every day of the year there are wardens somewhere in the Cotswolds actively engaged in keeping the Cotswolds special.

Rosemary Wilson Chairman East District Cotswold Voluntary Wardens

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We invite you to take part in the appeal organised by Teams4u to bring the joy of Christmas to a vulnerable child or family in Eastern Europe. Leaflets will be available in the Corner House and churches and details can be found on the website www.teams4u.com. Collection date will be Saturday 10th November at the Baptist Church, Dyer's Hill from 10am - 12 noon.

If you are a knitter, hats, gloves and scarves are most welcome as well as stocking fillers such as stationery items and toys. Alternatively you can choose to fill a box for the home or family. Please include a donation of £2.50 to cover transport costs.

If you need help with covering or obtaining a shoebox, please get in touch. Surplus empty shoeboxes are also welcome.

Many thanks. Joan Belshaw Tel 01608 810130



Wychwood Forest Fair Sunday 2nd September

The Wychwood Forest Fair is a popular annual event, held on the first Sunday in September, celebrating the diversity and richness of the natural world and the working and leisure activities of local people living within the bounds of the old Royal Hunting Forest of Wychwood. The Forest Fair is a major fundraising event to support the local wildlife and landscape conservation work of the Wychwood Project.

This year's Fair takes place at Lodge Farm, Ditchley; thanks to the generous support of Robert Hobill, Farm Manager, Lady Eva Wills, Dr Catherine Wills and the Director of MD Hamilton Farms for providing the beautiful venue.

We were last here in 2015, when a glorious day ensured a great turn out and a wonderful day enjoyed by all.

We are hoping for some new sights for you to see which may include the following:

- Horse loggers with a demonstration of horses at work
- Sheep dog herding ducks
- Chainsaw carving
- A pig display
- A roll in the hay stage two

It will be open from 11am to 5pm.



WI News

Charlbury Ladies Lunch



Charlbury WI continues to flourish with new members and new activities. In addition to our speakers at our monthly meetings, we have craft workshops, theatre visits and we will be present at The Big Feastival demonstrating various skills. If you feel inspired to try new activities and make new friends then why not try Charlbury WI?

As you read this we will have just enjoyed our "Summer Jolly", a walk past Cornbury to dinner at The Plough, Finstock.

June brought Jen Best who came and gave a fascinating talk about Dorset Buttons and in July Carol Anderson gave us an insight into Glove Making in Oxfordshire.

We are looking forward to Rosie Dennington's take on Corsetry and Couture in September's meeting and in October, Frances Barnsley will inform us about the work of Midwives in Mongolia and Myanmar. In November we will be looking for the Lost Villages of Oxfordshire with Muriel Pilkington.

You are welcome to come along to the WI as a visitor to have a chat and see what we do, before deciding whether to join. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Details of forthcoming events are on the Charlbury website or contact Margaret Jowett at

charlburywi@gmail.com

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

Jo Murphy

We are a group of ladies who meet for lunch on the third Tuesday of the month at Witney Lakes.

We have a delicious two course lunch followed by an interesting talk on various topics.

Recent talks have been about volunteers transporting essential supplies by bike to hospitals in an emergency - to updates in dentistry by Kam Patel.

In September we have a visit from a Trading Standards Officer talking about Scams!

Our October meeting is a talk by Witney Museum giving us reasons to visit this interesting place in our locality. In November the Fire and Rescue Service are sending an officer to talk on Fire Safety.

Our Christmas meeting takes place on the second Tuesday of December. We welcome partners and friends to join us for an excellent three course lunch and a light hearted quiz to end an eventful year.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact either Frances Canham 01608 811176 (francescanham@hotmail.com) or Gill Grason 01608 810154 (gillgrason@btinternet.com).

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CHARLBURY PROBUS CLUB

Charlbury Probus Club is a great way to meet new people over a good lunch and to listen to interesting talks. If you are new to Charlbury or have recently retired then this might be something that you want to consider. We are a group of men from a wide variety of backgrounds and we meet once a month on the first Wednesday at Witney Lakes for lunch and a drink, have a chat and listen to talks on a number of interesting and varied topics. Although membership is currently limited to men we do hold quest events where wives or partners are welcome and also arrange regular trips and visits to places of interest and concerts.

Last year these outings included a matinee visit to the Watermill Theatre near Newbury, a trip on the Severn Valley Railway, and an afternoon concert at the Birmingham Symphony Hall. In previous years we have had trips to Kelmscott Manor, the former home of William Morris, followed by a trip on the Thames including lunch, and to Stratford on Avon with a visit to Shakespeare's birthplace, also followed by a trip on the river with lunch included. This year our annual coach trip travelled to Dudley to the home of the 'Black Country Museum' which included a short canal boat trip into the tunnels under the hills of this historic mining area. To start the year off, or to see out the old one, we hold our annual dinner around the third week in January each year.

Our annual visit to the Watermill Theatre near Newbury will this year feature that wonderful musical 'Sweet Charity'. We will also be making our annual coach trip to the Birmingham Symphony Hall on Tuesday the 27th of November where Mirga Grazinte-Tyla will again entertain us conducting the orchestra playing some Brahms and Tchaikovsky.

Unlike traditional Probus Clubs we now have a very relaxed attitude to dress and ties are not expected, smart casual wear is fine. The cost of lunch is currently £17.50 which includes a draw for a bottle of wine. The annual membership fee is £15.

If you are interested in joining us then you may contact any member, or the secretary (see below) and your first lunch will be completely free and allow you to experience one of our meetings before you decide to join us, which we very much hope you will do. The Club is run by a committee elected by the members and our Annual General Meeting, which was a lively affair with some interesting debates, considers what we will be doing in the coming year

We always welcome new members, if you are interested in joining or simply want to find out more about us please contact the Secretary at this address or email:

Mike White, Ashmead Cottage, The Slade, Charlbury, OX7 3SJ or mike.ewhite7@gmail.com.

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The Charlbury Patients Participation Group

A central aim of the CPPG is to facilitate communication between The Medical Centre and patients, so we are pleased to announce that the 1st Newsletter has now been printed and copies are available online and at the surgery. Also, that on Saturday 9th June the CPPG held an open morning at the Medical Centre. Approximately 40 patients attended the open morning. 107 written comments were received and some patients spoke directly to Welsey Rouse, the Practice Manager. The majority of the comments were positive but an analysis of the comments identified two main area of concern.

1. Obtaining Appropriate Appointments:

- Patients have difficulty getting through on the telephone at 8:00 am and by the time they do, all the appointments may have been allocated.
- Patients are concerned that they have insufficient consultation time with their GP.
- Patients are concerned that they often have to wait a long time for non-urgent appointments.
- Some patients have expressed concerns about reception staff asking for details about the nature of their complaint.

Responses:

The OCCG (Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group) is in the process of reviewing the telephone booking system. However, patients should be aware that an on-line booking system is available. It is also worth bearing in mind that a telephone consultation with the GP or a Practice Nurse consultation may be more appropriate than a GP visit.

- If a patient has more than one condition that they wish to discuss, or they expect that the consultation may take a long time a double appointment should be requested.
- As in most practices, the waiting time for non-urgent appointments is about three weeks.
- Reception staff are trained in managing sensitive information appropriately and often need to know the nature of the complaint in order to allocate an appropriate time slot, or to decide whether a patient needs a same day appointment. If in doubt they will discuss with medical colleagues.
- 2. There were some comments about difficulties in communication and obtaining information about the Medical Centre.

Responses:

- The Medical Centre Website has been updated and has a lot of useful information
- Feedback from patients and carers can be achieved by putting a note in the suggestion box in the surgery, or via the CPPG e-mail Patientgroup.charlbury@nhs.net.
- Information is also available via the CPPG Newsletter and The Charlbury Chronicle.

Other Issues New GP

The Practice is pleased to announce that a new GP, Dr. Kate McIntyre started work in the Practice in July. She is currently working four sessions a week and has a special interest in dementia, palliative care and chest diseases.

Advance Directives (Living Wills)

According to the British Government, every adult with mental capacity has the right to agree to or refuse medical treatment. In order to make their advance wishes clear, people can use a living will, which can include general

statements about wishes, which are not legally binding, and specific refusals of treatment called "advance decisions" or "advance directives". This is only for an advance refusal of treatment for when the person lacks mental capacity. To be legally binding, the advance decision must be specific about the treatment that is being refused and the circumstances in which the refusal will apply. To be valid, the person must have been competent and understood the decision when they signed the directive. Where the patient's advance decision relates to a refusal of life-prolonging treatment this must be recorded in writing and witnessed.

Any advance refusal is legally binding providing that the patient is an adult, the patient was competent and properly informed when reaching the decision, it is clearly applicable to the present circumstances and there is no reason to believe that the patient has changed his or her mind.

If an advance decision does not meet these criteria but appears to set out a clear indication of the patient's wishes, it will not be legally binding but should be

taken into consideration in determining the patient's best interests.

Age UK's factsheet 72 "Advance Decisions, Advance Statements and Living Wills" gives more information. It is available online, or by calling Age UK Oxfordshire on 0345 450 1276.

An increasing number of people are concerned about the way their end of life care will be managed, and there is some confusion about who should be asked to witness a Living Will or Advance Directive.

NB. It is **not** appropriate for a patient's GP to witness an Advance Directive.

Prescriptions:

The Practice would like to remind patients to allow plenty of time to order repeat prescriptions especially before Bank Holidays. Do not wait until the medication has run out. It may take several days for the Pharmacy to obtain the product.

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A Day's Life—Richard Fairhurst writer, cartographer, web-builder & volunteer

Many people will be familiar with Richard's name from the Charlbury website, especially if they read the Forum section. I was interested in what else he found time to do. I began by asking him about living in Charlbury

We have been living in Charlbury for about 19 years. I was working near Reading while Anna was working in Oxford and we wanted to find somewhere else to live. I've always lived in the countryside, I'm not a city type at all. As many people do, we drove round Oxfordshire, came into Charlbury, and thought it was lovely. There seemed to be lots going on -we looked at the noticeboards- and of course there was the train station. We just fell in love with it. The second time we came for the afternoon, it was the day of the Beer Festival, in the Memorial Hall then, and at that point we were sold.

We rented Armada Cottage when we first came to live here, then moved to Nine Acres Close. Now we are in Market Street. We know that one of the Albright family once lived in our house [Ed: it may have been part of the first shop run by the Albright family, according to 'Charlbury of our Childhood' by Caroline *Pumphrey*]. Now several members of our families have moved here: my sister & her husband came seven years ago, Anna's parents live here now, and later this year my mother is moving here from Church Stretton. And we realize that we all seem to know different groups of people.

What do I do? I think these days they call it a portfolio career, I do different things, working from home. I write, design maps, build web-sites and do a lot of voluntary work. My wife Anna works full-time as head mistress of Brize Norton Primary school, which is now part of the Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust, an armslength academy trust. One demanding job is probably enough for us, especially with our two-year old Sebastian.

For the last twenty years or so, I have written about waterways, that is canals & rivers. For many years I was editor of Waterways World and I still write articles for them and draw their maps. Before that, I had a job at the old British Waterways (now the Canal & River Trust), running their website. One challenge for the website was to get more people to visit the canals. Most people don't know that canals are in their area: so for example if you go out of Piccadilly Station in central Manchester and walk down the ramp you are walking over the canal. It's hidden away, a secret Narnia-like space. We have our own narrow boat, moored at Worcester. It's so easy: we hop on a train and we can have a day on the boat. At Worcester the canal comes down from Birmingham and then goes out into the navigable River Severn. There are 58 locks between Worcester and Birmingham, 30 of these forming a flight [Ed: at Tardebigge]. Many people like to travel on the canals without really going beyond them, but having Sebastian, an active boy, forces us to slow down, and stop off at places. I used to be part of a canal restoration group, called the Waterways Recovery Group. Our region, covering mostly the South Midlands, is called the Bit in The Middle! I used to go digging with them. I've met Simon Walker in Charlbury since and found out he is the chairman of this group!

I work as a freelance now, writing articles about waterways and drawing the maps to illustrate them. I have always loved maps, and drew one of our village in Leicestershire when I was 7! I am a self-taught cartographer really, and all my work is done on the computer. I've called my company 'Systeme D' from a French phrase that means getting things done, even adapting & improvising as necessary. The phrase was popularised by a famous New York chef Anthony Bourdain. I draw maps for various clients: the Canal & Waterways Trust, West Oxfordshire & Oxfordshire County Councils, walking & cycling maps, the Parks Trust of Milton Keynes (which owns and manages all the parks in the town) and so on.

Since 2004, I have been involved with the OpenStreetMap project. Any computer map has to have a large database underlying it. These databases are highly prized, and there are only four world-wide ones in existence: Google maps, TomTom, Here (now called Here WeGo) and OpenStreetMap. The OS map database only covers the UK. OpenStreetMap is a non-profit organisation and its database has been made by volunteers. Gradually more and more people have become involved and it now has over a million volunteers. It has been a huge amount of work but now we have made a map of the whole of the world, which is free for people to use. Two Charlbury people have been involved with two crucial pieces of software: mine was on how you draw the roads on the map, and Artem Pavlenko, who used to live on the Slade, on how the data was turned into a beautiful looking map. We are volunteers, but a spin-off has been some paid work from it. So for example, I developed the map of Charlbury in Church Street [Ed: on the wall of the Rose & Crown: there's also one on the side of the Co-op], based on OpenStreetMap data.

I design websites, and built the Charlbury website. I would like to slowly change how it works, and make it easier for community groups to put their own information on. At the moment, I'm doing some work for a company who has a website for its clients to manage their existing buildings. Essentially it is an indoor map –where radiators, fire alarms etc are, and I am building this website for them.

I also do a lot of voluntary work, sometimes spending too much time I think. I play the electronic organ in Church. I started to play the piano in school when I was 7or 8, and at University, I played piano accordion in a ceilidh band. On a field trip, the organist in a church in Leicester let me have a go, and I enjoyed it. I used to go to the 8am service in St Mary's, and Betty Stokes suggested to Anna that I play the organ for the services. So now I play for the 9.45am Sunday service and for funerals and weddings. The old pipe organ in St

Mary's was taken out in the re-ordering in the 1990s and was in poor condition. It cost about £20,000 to get the new electronic organ, while a new pipe organ would have cost over 10 times that. Electronic organs use recordings of notes played on good pipe organs, and ours is a lovely instrument.

I also run the church choir with Denise Summers. Four times a year we have Choral Evensong, that's basically Cathedral music in a parish church. We have used pieces by, for example, Charles Stanford and Herbert Howells. One of the highlights for me of the church year is the 5.30pm service on Christmas Eve, (though it isn't everyone's favourite). It's terrific to see so many people in the church, including, once, Archbishop Rowan Williams.



I was a director and chair of the Charlbury Deli & Café for three years. The old Deli was not doing so well, and we needed to come up with a plan to revitalise it. After a lot of hard work from many people, and a stroke of luck finding the new premises at the Old Bank, the new Charlbury Deli & Café is up and running and is a terrific asset for Charlbury. I am also a Town Councillor, and currently Vice-Chairman. I volunteer with Sustrans, the cycle route charity, and am their co-ordinator for the volunteer groups in this part of Oxfordshire. You may have seen our blue signs up, to indicate quieter cycle routes. These routes are useful for tourism and local business. I do a fair bit of cycling but it isn't easy getting out of Charlbury -you always have to go up hills here.

Richard Fairhurst was talking to Barbara Allison



Charlbury Community Centre

CHARLBURY Community Centre

Rewind to September last year and the Community Centre was only just opening to the public.

Reflecting on the first twelve months, we can see just how much has been achieved and how much more can be done: a lot of new people have joined the library; the number of sports on offer in the town has multiplied; there are more and more ways for groups and individuals to get fit; and a steady number of people use the welcoming café area for work, research and socialising. There is something organised for every age group – from babes in arms to activities designed specifically for the wellbeing of elderly people - and everything in between!

Looking ahead

We're realising just how lucky we are to have the exceptional skills of Jenny and Jason, and the range of opportunities their experience opens up for both team sports and personal fitness. Jason's circuit training sessions on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings and his Lean Gym on Wednesday mornings continue to be popular. Together with the daily Community Gym, and personal training sessions, we hope there's something to suit everyone and no excuse not to get fit!

Jason is also a star-quality children's party organiser! According to one very happy mum: "The Community Centre is a great location for this kind of event. Jason did a great job of keeping 30 seven-year olds organised playing football. They all had a brilliant time and we're so lucky to have this facility in Charlbury!" A typical party offering is an hour's sports session in the main hall, followed by food and more partying in the Thomas Gifford Room.

We have various new classes starting in September, including Hatha Yoga on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings, Art History Sessions on Thursday afternoons and new junior sports clubs. There's a strong possibility baby massage will be a new offering too.

Under-5's sessions are excellent value and good fun, so please come along on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings with your little ones. The Bump-to-One session is being expanded to Bump-to-Two, so mums-to-be can bring their other children who are not yet at preschool. Dads and other carers with young children are welcome too, of course.

Youth club has been running on reduced hours over the summer, but is now back to two hour sessions (7-9pm on Fridays) and has an entry fee of only £1. As we have to restrict numbers to 35 each club night, make sure you get there on time!

There are new Junior Sports club sessions starting this term. Primary school-aged children can come on Thursdays from 4 to 5pm for a general sports club, and there is a new basketball session on Thursdays from 5 to 6pm for those aged 11+ (other sports are available if people prefer). These are £3 per session and we need lots of people there to make them work.

We have made improvements to make it easier to book our in-house sessions online and to prevent queues at reception. For example, you can now pay for your Sunday, Wednesday or Thursday circuits sessions at home, so you don't have to wait at the desk to pay. Find the link on the bookings tab on any page of our website (once in the bookings site, use the "search for sports courses" button).

Reaching out

We know that there are people in Charlbury who struggle to get into the centre of town, perhaps because it's too far, they have reduced mobility, or lack the confidence to take the first steps on their own. So we're joining forces with All Together In Charlbury (ATIC), the



local 'helping hand' scheme that matches volunteers with people who need help with transport, practical tasks or moral support. If you, or someone you know, would like some company, see what the Community Centre has to offer, or to get transport to one of our sessions, call ATIC's friendly call-centre at the Volunteer LinkUp office on 01993 776277. There is a small charge of 45p per mile (minimum charge of £4, where applicable, but where there are multiple passengers this charge can be shared).

Now more than ever, people need opportunities to get together, so the Community Centre is now offering a Friday morning coffee club between 10am and midday, where you can get (lower than usual price) hot drinks and cakes, and be sure there will be others there to talk to. Board games are available as well and this club can evolve according to what the people who come would like to do.

In addition, the Age UK film club restarts on the 28th September at 1.15pm, and the Strength and Balance classes continue on Mondays at 2.30pm.

Don't forget that the library is available for borrowing and returning books seven days a week. This has proven very successful due to its location in a thriving Community Centre - the number of loans has increased dramatically, as has the number of members. Our library was recently featured on BBC Radio Oxford as a shining example of a modern library set -up.

On 26th September the library will host the first author talk, entitled 'Andreï Makine and the Joys of Living in the Moment'. Geoffrey Strachan will talk about and read from his translations of the French novelist's luminous stories of 20th-Century Russian lives. The £5 cost will include light refreshments.

There is also a free Rhymetime session every Wednesday at 2.15pm in term time for those aged 0-5.

Fundraising

We still need to raise extra funds to help with the running costs of such a large building, which is staffed for so many hours. Forthcoming fundraising events include another Variety Show on 10th November in the Memorial Hall (tickets £12) and our popular monthly quiz nights in the centre (tickets £5) - the next ones are on 19th September, 24th October and 28th November.

First Birthday Party

All in all, we are really happy with how it's gone for the first year and we feel it's now time to celebrate! On Friday 7th September, 5-7pm, we would like to invite you all to our first birthday party. There will be a barbeque kindly catered by Ed Bradbury, and drinks of all types available from the cafe.

Charlbury School Choir will again come and entertain our guests. We hope to see you there and we thank you, the people of Charlbury, for your continued support.

Please follow us on Facebook: @Charlburycommunitycentre, or Instagram: charlbury.community.centre or Twitter: @CharlburyComCen

Our website gives up-to-date information about all that is on offer and all our events, as well as being a means of contacting us: www.charlburycommunitycentre.org.uk

Tanya Stevenson, Trustee, The Thomas Gifford Trust

STUDENT GRANTS

Are you under 25, live in Charlbury and have a guaranteed or continuing place for a University or College course or an apprenticeship? If so, you may be eligible for a grant from the Charlbury Exhibition Foundation.

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- Schools you have attended
- The University or College name (or your employer for apprentices)
- The course and level (e.g. BA) and your year of study (or for apprentices, the type of apprenticeship and level)
- Your home address in Charlbury

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD SALE Saturday November 10th 2018 10am – 12 noon Memorial Hall, Charlbury

Once again we shall be holding our traditional Christmas Card Sale in the Memorial Hall.

The various charities taking part sell not only cards, but also a huge variety of different gifts for Christmas, jewellery and decorations.

There is a stall selling lovely home-made cakes and savouries, together with our now famous raffle.

Refreshments, including our delicious mince pies, coffees and teas will be on sale throughout the morning.

Contact Clare Flson 01608 810310



Charlbury Bowls Club

The summer season started in late April with a very cold open day, followed a week later by a very hot one! And what

a success. Twenty-one new playing members were recruited to our vibrant club with two-thirds new to the sport. Many have now progressed to appear in friendly matches and some to one of the various league teams.

The men's team was promoted from division three to division two of the Oxfordshire League last season and at the time of writing we are sitting exactly in mid table and on course to achieve our target of a consolidation year. Our ladies joined the West Witney team to enter a joint team in the West Oxfordshire league and similarly sit half way. Many West Oxfordshire Mixed League and friendly games, as well as county and club competitions have provided a full programme. The very hot, dry weather has meant that the Oxbrew Bowls Green at Ticknell Piece Road has not been at its best but all surfaces have suffered in the extreme weather.

Off the green, much work has been undertaken at the clubhouse to improve the facility for members and guests.

The green will close in late September as we move indoors for six months of short -mat bowls when we enter two teams in the West Oxfordshire League. New bowlers are always welcome - all that is needed is a flat-soled pair of shoes, like trainers, and we can provide the rest including bowls. Why not give this very social sport a go? Anyone interested can roll-up for free six times before deciding whether to join - and even then new members are just £20 for the winter. If you are interested simply email enquiries@charlburybowls.co.uk or simply come and speak to us at Charlbury Street Fair, and we will arrange for you to come to one of our new member sessions.

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Museum News: 100 years since the end of WW1

On 11 November 1918, a telephone rang in Charlbury and Arthur Whinney in London told his wife the momentous news that the war was finally at an end. The news soon spread. At



11.45 the headmaster at the school announced a half-day holiday and celebrations began. The church bells were rung, flags hung out, and a thanksgiving service held in St. Mary's that evening. The general feeling was one of thanksgiving rather than merrymaking.

Relief was accompanied by mourning for the men who would not return home. Particularly sad was the death of Eddie Sirett, son of the Baptist Minister, killed just one week before the war ended. It was many months before surviving servicemen were discharged but that Christmas "..... many soldiers were reunited with their families, being home on leave. All but two of the men who have been prisoners of war have returned to their homes, some of them after terrible experiences of hardship." [Oxford Times, 4 January 1919].

In 1919 the government introduced bronze medals for the families of servicemen and women killed. These were soon nicknamed Death Pennies - some commemorating Charlbury men are on display in our special WW1 exhibition. Many women's lives were shattered both emotionally and financially by the loss of their main bread winner. A war widow's pension was introduced but hardly covered basic living costs, and many widows depended on help from charities. A fund was started for a war memorial and commemorative stained glass window in the church - the memorial was carved by John Kibble at a cost of £670. A Peace Carnival was held over the weekend of 18-21 July 1919 with a cricket match, fancy dress parade, fireworks and sports.



Peace carnival 1919 outside the Old Fire Station, Pooles Lane

Read the stories of the men and women who served in the war in the Museum's book **Glover, Tailor, Soldier, Sailor**, available from the Museum or from Cotswold Frames. £8 per copy

The museum is hoping to put on an event in November to commemorate the end of the war. Look out for notices on the Charlbury website for details

The WW1 display and Wychwood Forest exhibition run until the end of September. The painting by William Bowly of **Duck Shooting in Cornbury Park** will be on display after its expert restoration – it is very evocative of the forest 200 years ago.

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Farewell to Charlbury Evergreens

Charlbury Evergreens Club has closed after running for 65 years. For the past 26 years it has been run very successfully by Ken and Margaret Taylor with two meetings being held every month. They have both worked tirelessly during this time organising day trips, holidays, coffee mornings and meals at Lyneham Golf Club.

It has always been a popular club and well supported. But due to falling membership and no one willing to take over it was decided to close. The last meeting was held on Thursday 26 July.

There were mixed emotions but it finished in a party mood with refreshments and wine. Entertainment was provided by Rosemary Parsons reading Pam Ayres poems, Ray and Jan sang two songs and Ken Taylor who sang some songs.

We thank Ken and Margaret for all their hard work over the years and wish them good luck in the future.

Janet Barnett



Ken & Margaret at the farewell party

Photo courtesy of Leah Fowler

Our annual series of monthly talks and presentations begins on:

Wednesday 12th September at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, when Paddy Gallagher presents "Smarter than my Camera" – an exploration of the possible when the automatic button on a modern camera is turned off.

Wednesday 10th October: Clare Carswell will introduce three Young Artists who will talk about their work and show examples. 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

From Friday 19th to Sunday 21st October, the Society will celebrate 30 years of existence with a Special Exhibition in the Cornbury Room of The Bell Inn, Charlbury. Private View to be held on the Friday evening. All artist members are encouraged to enter one work, to be exhibited in a high quality gallery style environment. Enquiries to The Secretary on 01608 810911.

Wednesday 14th November: The AGM will be followed by Vivian Leng in conversation with Philippa Phelan on the Chinese artist Chen Zizhuang. 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

Contacts:

secretary@charlburyarts.co.uk membership@charlburyarts.co.uk

Do you have any information on Charlbury's wells?

The Charlbury Society's Historical Research Group is carrying out a new project on the wells that supplied the town's water before houses were connected to the new mains supply in the 1890s. Do you have any knowledge of the location of individual wells (most houses had their own well), or any maps, photographs or other documents relating to wells in and around the town, that you would be happy to share with us?

If so, please get in touch with Rhona Walker on 01608 811414 or at rhonawalker@gmail.com

Charlbury Society

The Society finished off their 2017/18 season of talks at the Memorial Hall with the Annual General Meeting, which brought to an end the term of office of our chair, Anne Lawson-Porter.

We are grateful for the leadership Anne has brought to the Society and while we do not yet have a replacement chair, the committee has a most interesting and varied programme for the next year.

Following the AGM, we had a presentation by well-known Charlbury resident David Pollock on the architecture of our town. A large crowd of members and visitors had gathered to hear this talk, and they were rewarded with fascinating detail of the stories behind many of the buildings of Charlbury. The conclusion reached by David is that we have a lot of houses and shops which are considerably older than sources such as the list maintained by Historic England suggest.

We held our annual outing on 12th June to Croome Court, a National Trust property not far beyond Pershore, Worcestershire. Over 30 of us enjoyed our day there, with the house and extensive gardens to explore. Croome has had a chequered history, at various times a family home, school for disadvantaged boys, support for the Royal Air Force in World War II and a centre for the Hare Krishna organisation. Each has left its mark on the place and now the trust has a restoration program to reveal each of these life stages of the property.

Our new season gets under way on 12th October with a talk on Cotswold plants and wildlife, but to show the changes over the past 50 years. Botanist Camilla Lambrick, and Alan Larkman, an ornithologist, come to us with extensive knowledge of their subjects, so it should be a most interesting and informative evening. Given our present very dry summer, the talk should have added relevance.

In this year of the centenary of the granting of the right to vote to some women, in November we have Katherine Bradley from Oxford Brookes University to speak on the subject, and in December Brigadier David Innes will tell us of Oxfordshire's military heritage in a talk entitled 'from the Black Prince to Helmand Province'. We are looking forward to extending a warm welcome to our friends of the Charlbury branch of the Royal British Legion at this meeting.

The Society will have a stand at Charlbury Street Fair on 15th September, when we will have a selection of books on local topics for sale, and the opportunity for current and new members to pay subscriptions.

The committee have put together a programme packed with interest for the coming season. Full details can be seen on our notice board on the front of the chemist in Market Street, and individual meetings will appear on the events pages of the Charlbury web site. We look forward to greeting members and visitors at our events.

Peter Bennett, Treasurer pkbennett@btinternet.com

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As usual, I will run a stall for this charity at the Street Fair and would be grateful if you could contact me regarding bric-abrac, toys etc.

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The Makers' Monthly Market



This exciting new venture starts on September 20th. It is an evening monthly market - similar to farmers markets but with a few craft stalls too. Everything is made locally. It is being run by the Freeman collective headed by Patricia Freeman with son in law Pradeep and his sourdough bread (The Bread Shed) and chef Fabio Di Clementi from Italy.

The event will be every third Thursday with the exception of October which has the Harvest Festival Supper, so we will be on October 25th. Anyone making food and wanting to take part please contact

patriciafreeman5@gmail.com

Sir Patrick & Lady Penny Nairne

On Sunday 23rd November 1947 my father, **Patrick Nairne**, took the train out to Charlbury with a young Oxford student, **Penelope Bridges**, with whom he was greatly enamoured. Walking in Cornbury Park that afternoon, he asked if she would marry him, and she accepted. Little did they know that after 35 years (and six children later) they would come to live in Chilson, and then for the last years of their lives, in Charlbury itself.

My father believed that some of the other important events that happened in his life - from distinguished military service in WWII to a high-flying career in the civil service - took place in November. Which is why, when late in life he started to write about his life and times, he coined the term: *The Coincidence of Novembers*.

Since my father died in 2013, I have been sorting all of his papers, and came upon extensive autobiographical writings. So I have been inspired to edit a collection and am titling it,

The Coincidence of Novembers

I am working with the publisher Unbound, and am keen that those who knew my parents should have the chance to be subscribers to this special book, the link to which is: https://unbound.com/books/the-coincidence-of-novembers/

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Plight of the Bumblebee

Wild bumblebees need our help. The wide use of pesticides and the decline of wild flowers in the countryside means we need to select flowering plants in our gardens to give bumblebees a good safe supply of food. Bumblebees need nectar and pollen from the crocuses of early March right through to the Michaelmas daisies of autumn. They will repay us, not just by being a delightful sight and sound in our gardens but also by pollinating our tomatoes, peppers, strawberries, apples, pears, etc, etc.

Amazingly, tomatoes are only pollinated by the buzz pollination of bumblebees – or a C128 tuning fork – honeybees just won't do! The bumblebee grasps the tomato flower with her legs, she bites into the top of the anther on the stamen, and her powerful chest muscles vibrate so much that the pollen hidden inside spills out all over the hairs on her body which she then grooms into the pollen baskets on her legs.

Adult bumblebees get energy from feeding directly on sugary nectar from flowers but the growing young bumblebees back at the nest need the high protein found in pollen.

There are about 270 species of bee recorded in the UK, of these, 25 are bumblebees but only six bumblebee species are commonly seen. However, if you have the right selection of flowers in your garden you will be very likely to see all 6 species. Identify a bumblebee by looking at its tail: red, white, or buff, then look at the coloured bands on its body and then its face (https://www.bumblebeeconservation.org).

Bumblebees need a range of flower shapes because different species have

different length tongues through which they suck the nectar up from the flowers. Some need flat flowers like sunflowers and some need the long tubes of foxgloves and honeysuckle.

Those of you visiting the new Health Centre at Chipping Norton might have noticed the bumblebee-friendly bed of flowers at the entrance, this was planted in September 2016. The selection of plants was recommended by Applegarth Nursery at Chippy, where you can always be sure to find plants that are good for bees.

Most bedding plants are not beefriendly because they have been bred for showy flowers at the expense of good pollen and nectar.

So instead, select aquilegias, marjorams, nepetas, betony, hyssop, salvias, rosemary, calamintha, and pulmonaria - have a look at lists of suitable flowers and shrubs on https://friendsoftheearth.uk/bees/beefriendly-plants-every-season.

Climate change is undoubtedly affecting the range of bumblebees, species are generally having to move north to try to find suitable habitats. In the UK we now have the tree bumblebee from France which is easy to recognise with its tan coloured back, this nests high up and has a liking for nesting in bird boxes. Our native bumblebees generally nest underground in old tunnels under hedgerows made by small rodents.

Only the queens overwinter, so hopefully they will survive the coming winter under the plentiful hedgerows around Charlbury, make their nests in the spring and then the newly emerged workers will make a bee-line for your garden. Yes, bumblebees really do fly in a straight bee-line to feed regularly on their favourite flowers, what's more they cover distances of 2-3 miles at 30mph!

Christine Elliott Charlbury Green Hub

STAYWELLTHISWINTER

NEW AND IMPROVED FLU JABS THIS YEAR!!

Every year the influenza vaccine changes, depending on what particular strains of the virus are considered to pose the greatest risk for that winter season. It has been reported that the vaccines used in the past few years, have provided very limited protection against observed virus strains, leading some to conclude that it is a waste of time getting vaccinated.

This year, the NHS will be providing eligible patients with one of two types of newly developed and improved vaccines.

Adjuvant trivalent vaccine – this contains the usual three latest vaccine strains, but the "adjuvant" refers to an additional ingredient which is designed to increase the body's immune response to the vaccine. This will be available to people 65 years and over, as it has been found to be most beneficial for this patient group.

Quadravalent vaccine – this contains four vaccine strains instead of three and will be available for those under 65 with certain medical conditions:

- Diabetes
- Pregnant women
- Lung disease including severe asthma
- Heart disease
- Kidney disease
- Liver disease
- Lowered immunity due to disease or treatment (e.g. steroid medication or cancer treatment) or removal of the spleen

- Neurological disease
- If you are involved in caring for someone whose welfare may be at risk if you fall ill

ITS QUICK AND SIMPLE

It is such a quick, simple thing to do and nothing to be frightened of. The injection itself is a tiny 0.5ml via an extremely thin and short needle in the upper arm.

Most people describe the experience as painless. The side effects you may suffer from are a bit of a sore arm, localised skin irritation and in some cases, mild cold-like symptoms.

IT CAN NOT GIVE YOU THE FLU!!

The viruses in the vaccine are inactive so it is IMPOSSIBLE for the Flu jab to give you the flu.

For those who qualify for a free NHS flu jab, there are two options; at your local GP practice on specific days or via appointment OR at any time at your local pharmacy.

For those not entitled to a free NHS vaccine, The Co-Operative pharmacy in Charlbury offers an inexpensive private flu jab service.

There is no reason not to have a flu jab this year. Get it early, get protected early and you can help protect yourself, your loved ones and the community from this potentially serious illness.

> Ben Sherwood Pharmacist

This information has been provided by the Co-Operative Pharmacy Charlbury.



Charlbury Christmas fair

Come and join us for our second annual Christmas Fair in aid of the Corner House and War Memorial Fund.

Sunday 2nd December 2018, 11am-4pm

War Memorial Hall, Browns Lane, Charlbury

Lots of Unique Gift Ideas for Everyone

-
Hot and Cold Refreshments
-
Fabulous Raffle Prizes

Entrance is £1 (includes a Raffle Ticket), children free.

All proceeds donated to the Corner House and War Memorial Hall Fund





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What's On in Charlbury

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

September

- 2—Wychwood Forest Fair, Lodge Farm, Ditchley, 11am onwards
- 9—Big Apple Takeaway, 2.30pm, Playing Close 7—First Birthday party, 5-7pm, Charlbury Community Centre
- 8-Ride & Stride p.40
- 8—Farmers Market, 9-1pm, Playing Close
- 8—Last Night of the Proms, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 12—Art Society, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 14—Egg Throwing in Church Street 6.30pm
- 15—Charlbury Street Fair 1.15pm onwards
- 19—WI Meeting, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 19—Quiz Night, 7.30 for 8pm, Charlbury Community Centre
- 20—Makers Monthly Market, 5-8pm, Memorial Hall
- 22—Complementary therapies information session, 11 am-2 pm, Charlbury Community Centre
- 24—Autumn Bingo at Charlbury Bowls Club
- Price reduced and even bigger and better prizes! Arrive early to secure a table. Doors open 6.30pm, starts 7.30pm, bar
- 26—Author talk by Geoffrey Strachan 7.30pm, Charlbury Community Centre
- 28—Age UK Film Showing, 1.15pm, Charlbury Community Centre

October

- 1—Deadline for application for grants to Charlbury Exhibition Foundation
- 6—Bring & Take, 9.30am at Memorial Hall (with delivery of electrical items to 23 The Green on Saturday 29th September)
- 6—Town Council Surgery, 10-12pm, Corner House
- 7—CRAG Concert, 3pm, Memorial Hall
- 10—Art Society, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall 12—Charlbury Society, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 13—Garden Society Coffee Morning & Plant Sale, 9.30am, Corner House
- 14—ChOC—Black to Burgundy, 7pm, Memorial Hall
- 17—WI Meeting, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 18—Garden Society, Buffet Supper & AGM, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 18—RBL AGM, 8pm, Corner House
- 24—Quiz Night, 7.30 for 8pm, Charlbury Community Centre
- 26—Age UK Film Showing, 1.15pm, Charlbury Community Centre
- 31—Deadline, midday, for Grant Applications to Town Council

November

- 3-RBL Coffee Morning, Corner House
- 4—CRAG Concert, 3pm Memorial Hall
- 4—ChOC—Three Billboards outside Ebbings, 7pm, Memorial Hall
- 9—Charlbury Society, 7.30pm
- 9—RBL Annual Band Concert, Memorial Hall
- 10—Charity Christmas Card Sale, 10am-12 noon, Memorial Hall
- 10 Variety Show, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 11—Remembrance Day Parade, 2.30pm Spendlove Car Park
- 14—Art Society, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 21—WI Meeting, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 21—Secure Paper Shredding, 6.30pm, One Village
- 28 Quiz Night, 7.30 for 8pm, Charlbury Community Centre
- 30 Age UK Film Showing, 1.15pm, Charlbury Community Centre

Weekly events

Monday

9.30am—Toddlers Group, Memorial Hall

1.30-3pm—Tennis Club

2.30pm—Strength & Balance, Community Centre

7-8.30pm—Scouts, Scout Hut

Tuesday

10-11am—Bump to One, Community

Centre

11-12pm—Well Baby Clinic, Community

Centre

6pm-Bowls Club

8pm—Wychwayz Border Morris, Scout Hut

Wednesday

9-10am—LeanGym, Community Centre 10-11am, Stay & Play, Community Centre 10-11.30 am - Yang style Tai Chi,

Methodist Hall

11.15-12pm, Toddler Gym, Community

11.45-12.45pm - Qigong and tai chi principles, Methodist Hall

2.15-2.45pm - Rhymetime, Charlbury Library

2.30—4pm—Walking Football, Community Centre

6-7pm Hatha Yoga, Community Centre

7.45pm—Bell Ringing, St Mary's

Thursday

10-12pm-Font Café, St Mary's 11.45-12.45am Hatha Yoga,

Community Centre

4—5pm—Junior Sports Club for 8-11 year

olds, Community Centre

5—6pm, Basketball for age 11+,

Community Centre

5-6.15—Beavers, Scout Hut

6.30—8pm—Cubs, Scout Hut

6.30-7.30pm—Circuit Training, Community Centre

7-9pm—Tennis Club

Friday

9.30am—Exercise for 50+, Memorial Hall 10-12pm—TG's Coffee Club, Community

Centre

2-5pm—Tennis Club

7pm—Choir Practice—St Marv's

7-9pm—Youth Club, Community Centre

Sunday

10-11am, Circuit Training, Community Centre

History of Art Classes

Juliet Heslewood is returning to Charlbury this autumn to continue her popular History of Art classes. These are informal sessions, often with much discussion. The subjects are wideranging (many suggested during the last sessions) and they offer the chance to understand many aspects of Europe's artistic past. Classes will run on Thursday afternoons from 3.00—5.00pm at the Community Centre and cost £10 per session, pay at the door. There will be a break for tea at the Centre's café.

The classes are:

6th September:

Three Artists of the First World War

13th September:

Changing Architectural Styles: Temple &

Fortress from the Greeks to the

Renaissance

20th September

Artists' Lovers

27th September

Painters of Peasants: From Bruegel to

Chagall

11th October

The Sea! The Seaside!

18th October

Japanese Art and the Impressionists

25th October

Impressionist Sculptors

1st November

Van Gogh: A Life in Places (to be followed by a book launch at Jaffé &

Neale)

8th November

Dada and Surrealism



NOVEMBER **ARTWEEKS EVENTS** IN CHARLBURY

There will be a number of Artweeks Exhibitions at a variety of locations during weekends in November, particularly 17th and 18th, 23rd and 24th. Full details and a trail map will be distributed nearer the time.



DEMENTIA Dementia 2020 Engagement

The Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) aims to achieve a better understanding of the experiences and needs of people living with dementia, in order to shape better policies. This is why, on its behalf, the Government has appointed an independent research company Opinion Research Service (ORS) to recruit people to join a Dementia 2020 Engagement Panel.

The Panel is an opportunity for people with dementia and their carers to tell the Department of Health & Social Care (DHSC) what would make their life easier and better.

In 2015 the 2020 Dementia Challenge stated its aim to make England the best place in the world to live well with dementia. The DHSC wants to hear from as many people as possible to ensure that they properly reflect the experiences of people with dementia and their families and carers.

The DHSC will use this feedback to shape policy, inform and improve the ongoing delivery of the Dementia 2020 Implementation Plan and to influence and improve the delivery of front-line dementia care services to ensure they better meet the needs expressed by people with dementia and their carers.

If you have received a diagnosis of dementia or are a family carer for someone with a diagnosis of dementia and think you would like to join the Panel, ORS would like to hear from you. The Panel is open to anyone with a recent diagnosis of dementia. study's main focus is on people diagnosed since January 2015. However, if you were diagnosed before this, ORS would still be interested to hear from you.

Once on the Panel, participants will receive questionnaires (one every quarter), which will take around 10 - 15 minutes to complete. The questionnaires can be sent to panellist, via email or

post, according to your preferences. Membership of the panel is entirely voluntary and you can withdraw at any time without the need to give any reason.

In some cases, some participants might be asked to take part in interviews or group discussions, to talk more in detail about their experiences. Invitations will be sent only to sessions which are relevant to you and in your local area, and there is no obligation to take part in them

ORS are also very happy for carers to join on behalf of a person with dementia. They recognise that in some cases the person with dementia may not be able to actively participate or may need support to participate. The Panel questionnaires and interviews will always take this into account.

There are different ways to join the

- Online using the link: www.opinionresearch.co.uk/ dementia2020panel
- By calling ORS on 0800 311 2126 or 01792 535337 and either ask for a registration form to be posted out to you or register over the phone (leave a message if you call out-of-hours and ORS will get back to you).

If you would like further information about the Panel, contact Claire Thomas at ORS on 01792 535337 or email her at claire.thomas@ors.org.uk

Full information about the Panel and the surveys being carried out is available on the ORS website: www.ors.org.uk/ surveys/dementia2020

The Panel is now into its Phase 2 survey dealing with living with dementia and people's experiences of dementia services. Phase 1 can be found on the link above, together with the report. There is an opportunity now to complete both questionnaires, if you would be interested - the consultation process on all aspects of living with dementia is ongoing.

Meryl Smith



Concerts for Charlbury and donations for refugees

Since Charlbury Refugee Action Group was last in the Chronicle, Alison Eastwood and her friends have raised over £900 with an extremely popular Safari Supper. The Baptist Church also held a coffee morning and plant sale that raised over £300. Thank you to all who took part in both events.

Most of the money we raise goes to the charity Help Refugees to fund their work in northern France and Greece, much of it carried out by volunteers. Do check www.helprefugees.org/about/ to see their partners on the ground and the people they are helping to shelter and feed.

CRAG (Charlbury Refugee Action Group) still collects emergency aid for people still stuck in the Calais area and Paris. There are two ways you can help. Contribute the most needed items (email charlburyrefugee@gmail.com for the emergency list). Or fill your car or van and drive it to Calais. We can supply details. You can do it in a day, but two is easier!

The tea concerts are back!

Looking ahead, the 2018/19 season of extremely popular **Tea Concerts** opens on Sunday October 7. We are very honoured to present our third series of varied concerts by world-renowned artists, all of whom give their time and talent to raise money for refugees. All start at 3pm and last one hour. We serve tea and homemade cake. Bookings and enquiries to charlburyrefugee@gmail.com or 01608 811378.

Sunday October 7—Flute and piano recital

Philippa Davies, flute and Maggie Cole, piano

The programme will include the Bach B minor flute sonata and Poulenc's sonata for flute and piano. Philippa Davies has an international reputation as one of the finest flautists currently performing. Described as 'a first rate virtuoso' with exceptional eloquence', Philippa has had a broad and varied musical career as a soloist and chamber music player. She will be joined at the piano by Maggie Cole who enjoys an international musical life playing and recording on harpsichord, fortepiano and modern piano. Their recording of Bach's Flute Sonatas is on Avie records.

Sunday November 4—Fretwork Consort of Viols

This well known early music ensemble, the viol consort Fretwork, was founded in 1986, since when they have performed all over the world and recorded over 40 albums. They will present a varied programme of old and new music.

Fretwork's founder member, Richard Boothby, will be appearing for the third time at the CRAG tea concerts. To hear some of their music, go to www.fretwork.co.uk/listen/

'Fretwork is the finest viol consort on the planet.' Stephen Pettitt, London Evening Standard

On Sunday January 6, we shall celebrate the new year and the turn of the seasons with words and music from the extraordinary guitarist and vocalist Brian Boothby (www.brianboothby.co.uk).

Later concerts in the series will include the Bach Goldberg Variations for solo harpsichord with Alastair Ross (February 17) and a recital by the flute and recorder player Rachel Beckett (March 24)

For further information please email charlburyrefugee@gmail.com. Ask to sign up for our newsletters. And do check the Charlbury website 'Events' page.

Jon Carpenter



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Belly-dancing, latin dancing, ballet dancing, jazz dancing, boxing, hip-hop, Pilates inspired moves, and more. Good at toning all your body and developing co-ordination.

Charlbury Methodist Church Hall Mon & Wed 7-8 pm, Tue 10.15-11.15 am

"We all can dance...when we find the music that we love." ('Giraffes Can't Dance'. G Andreae)

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Charlbury Methodist Church Hall Mon & Weds 8.15-9.00 pm

"Man does not cease to play because he grows old. Man grows old because he ceases to play." (George Bernard Shaw)

TRIAL SESSION £3.50 - JUST WALK IN

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Enquiries: 07879 685579 123dancercise@gmail.com

Charlbury web-site: Business/Health/Lifestyle



Register of Exercise Professionals (REPs) Personal Trainer, Group Fitness Instructor, Exercise Referral Instructor, Specialist Exercise Instructor (back pain), Postural Stability Instructor

Osteopathy and Sports Massage now available at the Community Centre

Every TUESDAY 5 - 7pm

Osteopathy is a way of detecting, treating and preventing health problems by moving, stretching and massaging muscles and joints. It can help with back pain, arthritic joints, headaches, mechanical neck pain, muscle spasms, restricted movement and minor sports injuries plus many more conditions

Contact Laura Humphreys to discuss or for an appointment

Tel: 01608 811 999

Email: info@charlburyosteopaths.co.uk
Appointments at other times available at 7 Shilson Lane, Charlbury
See www.charlburyosteopaths.co.uk for details



Stop OCC wasting £3m each year

That's what the County Council has to pay because half of what's thrown away in the light grey bins could be recycled using currently available systems. Half of this is food waste, the other half is paper, card, tins, etc - so that's £3m the County Council can't spend on services like social care.

Oxfordshire used to have the best recycling rate in the UK but this has declined, maybe complacency, maybe a new generation of householders – apparently, the most disengaged age group is 18-24. But we do generate the less waste per person than any other County Council, so that's something we can be proud of - we must be making good purchasing decisions. Look at the WODC website for their A-Z of what can be recycled where and the residual waste you have to put in your light grey bin for incineration (https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/residents/bins-

recycling/a-z-of-waste-and-recycling/).

The outcry about plastics in the oceans shows how important public opinion is in making change happen, it shows there's a huge will to make things better for the planet. In Oxfordshire, everything in the light grey bins is incinerated, there's no chance this waste ends up in the oceans. So the scale of the problem in the UK is very different to the countries around the world that use rivers as rubbish dumps, 8 of the worst 10 rivers are in Asia. However, there is a problem in the UK with people putting things down drains and toilets that can end up in our rivers. Wet wipes don't break down but people flush them "away" down the loo - wet wipes make up 80% of the fathergs blocking the sewers in London. Until construction of the super-sewer in London is completed in 2023, lots of raw sewage and plastics from people in London regularly overflows into the Thames, Follow advice from Thames

Water: "Bin it – don't block it", sewers are only designed to take water from your toilets, sinks, baths and showers along with human waste and toilet tissue - everything else should be put in the appropriate bin. Food should be put in the food waste bin, not down the drain, and cooking oils should be poured back into plastic bottles and left beside the food waste bin.

Then there's the huge problem only just beginning to be understood - all over the world, microfibres from washing clothes made of synthetic materials end up in rivers and oceans – estimated at 10% of plastic pollution. Natural fibres, such as cotton and wool, decompose safely, so your choice of material when buying clothes is really important. Also the frequency of washing clothes - maybe they don't have to be washed so often?

People obviously care very much about this planet, but there are multiple problems for marine life besides plastics raised ocean temperature, acidity of sea water, death of coral reefs, tourist resorts, over-fishing, turning fish into fishmeal for salmon farming, exploitation of krill for omega-3 supplements, sea birds not finding enough fish to feed their young.

So there are far more opportunities to help marine life - for starters, anything to reduce climate change will help **and** help people, plants and animals all over the planet. Unfortunately, reduction of energy use brought about by more efficient equipment has been outweighed by increases in emissions from the transport sector - we are flying more. In terms of waste, Councils have noticed a reduction in the amount of paper collected as newspaper use declines, but an increase in cardboard associated with ordering online. In short, everything we do has consequences, our simple decisions, like where we go on holiday, what clothes we buy, what food we eat, how often we upgrade mobile phones, laptops, TVs, all contribute to large problems on the world scale.

Christine Elliott Charlbury Green Hub

Charlbury Church Services



Charlbury Baptist Church, Dyer's Hill

Contact: Secretary (01608 810107)

Sunday services at 10.30 am. Fourth of each month with Methodists in Fishers Lane except November

See website / phone for details

Thursdays 8pm at the church. Exploring Paul's letter to the Romans with video and discussion

charlburybaptistchurch@gmail.com

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

October 7th. Bring any **unwanted tools** to our Harvest celebration (see article)

November 11th Remembrance with 1918 in focus



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

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

Parish Priest. Fr Tony Joyce, Holy Trinity, Chipping Norton (01608 642703). Charlbury Catholic Parish Council joint chairs: . Clare Carswell and Mike Flanagan (chair.stteresaschurchcharlbury@gmail.com) Website: https://stteresaschurch-charlbury.com/

Churches Together in Charlbury

We are living in a time of great uncertainty. The future of our country in relation to the European Union and other parts of the world hangs in the balance. The debate about Brexit has split families and communities. The dramatic change in weather patterns and rising sea level across the globe, linked with terrifying storms and forest fires, is focussing minds on how to prevent further global warming. We often feel helpless in the face of the magnitude of decisions that need to be taken but together we can make a difference.

All the major church denominations, as well as other faith groups, are encouraging their members to take action on climate change and on the many social and economic problems of our time.

At a conference of representatives from the Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed Churches with the Church of Scotland in March, those attending were encouraged not to be daunted by change but to respond with courage and compassion to bring about justice in society. Society includes all those whose lives are being and will be harmed by environmental, economic and rapid social change across the world.

At a conference in the Vatican in July, Pope Francis urged communities of faith around the world to mobilise ahead of the Global Climate Action Summit in San Francisco in September this year and demonstrate their commitment to eliminating our dependence on fossil fuels, accelerating the transition to 100% renewable energy. The Church of England has a national environmental campaign 'Shrinking the Footprint' which includes installing solar panels on church roofs and encouraging wildlife in churchyards. As Archbishop Justin Welby has said, "Actions have to change for words to have effect".

Quakers see climate change as a symptom of a greater challenge: how to live sustainably and justly on the earth. In 2011 Quakers in Britain made a corporate commitment to become a lowcarbon, sustainable community. They support each other to live out this commitment. Their aim is to build a fairer economy which is not powered by fossil fuels.

Churches Together in Charlbury draw on all these church initiatives. We also support Christian Aid both for help given to people in dire emergencies and to share in campaigning work, challenging everyone, locally, nationally and internationally, to take the difficult decisions that could make the world a safer place for us all.

Rosalind Scott Secretary

Harvest 2018 - can you help?

This year, St. Mary's and the Baptist Church are working together in supporting TWAM (Tools With A Mission).

This charity provides tools to people around the world (including the UK) who cannot afford them. Whether people are Christian or not is an irrelevance. The tools they provide have been donated by people who no longer need them. All sorts of tools are donated and given: agricultural, horticultural, building, plumbing, electrical, carpentry, automotive, knitting needles, sewing machines, - to see the full list go to the Baptist Church webpage on the Charlbury website.

If you have any old tools (but not broken) that you no longer require, then please bring them along to St. Mary's or the Baptist Church throughout September where they will be part of our Harvest display before being passed on to TWAM. Our harvests are St. Mary's 9.45am on Sunday, 23rd September and at the Baptist Church on Sunday, October 3rd at 10.30am.

If you're not sure whether your tools are needed, please give Jean a call on 07980 534874.

Rev. Jean Andrews (Baptist Missioner)



CHARLBURY'S RIDE AND STRIDE and CHILDREN'S BIKE RALLY Saturday 8 September 2018

Have a great day out, get some fresh air and exercise and help keep our historic buildings vibrant!

How many of Oxfordshire's 500 churches and chapels can you visit on 8 September? Over 500 of them will be open and offering drinks and biscuits (and in some cases cake!) to the cyclists, riders and walkers taking part in the annual Ride and Stride. Participants get sponsored for the number of churches they visit.

Charlbury participants have the advantage that they can clock up five before leaving town. You do not have to be ambitious in planning your route and it can be a good excuse for a family picnic eg in the lovely churchyard at Shorthampton. So why not give it a go this year?

And why not add it on to the second great Charlbury Children's Bike Rally

Sunday 9th September 9am

round the five churches in the morning? This will start at 11.35am. Parents must accompany their children. All children who complete their route will receive certificates and prizes, and their parents will have clocked up their first five churches for their Ride and Stride.

You may expect a church to be there for your most memorable moments; baptisms, weddings, funerals, and these buildings do hotwire us to our national, local and family history but they receive no government support.

The Ride and Stride is the main source of income for the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust which gives grants to churches and chapels of all denominations for repairs and improvements such as heating and toilets so that they can serve the communities around them into the future.

For more information and enrolment forms for the adult Ride and Stride ring Alison Eastwood on 01608 811651 or go to www.ohct.org.uk/ride-stride/ and enrol online. For the Children's Rally just roll up and register at St Mary's from 10.30am that morning but you will also find all the ground rules on the OHCT website.

Basil Eastwood

Special Services at St Mary's Church and All Saints

Back to School Messy Church at St Mary's Church. Do join us for breakfast, messy crafts and to celebrate all teachers.

Sunday 16th September 6pm
Ignite, St Mary's Church. Contemporary worship service. All welcome.

Sunday 23rd September 9.45am
Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church Sunday 23rd September 6pm
Choral Evensong in St Mary's Church Sunday 7th October 6pm
Talk and Discussion over supper at St

Sunday 14th October 6pm
Harvest Evening Prayer at All Saints
Shorthampton
Sunday 4th November 9am
Messy Church at St Mary's Church. Come
along for breakfast, messy crafts and a
family service.
Sunday 4th November 4pm
All Souls service at St Mary's Church
Sunday 11th November 3pm
Remembrance Day Service at St Mary's
Sunday 18th November 6pm
Ignite, St Mary's Church. Contemporary
worship service. All welcome.

Mary's Church. The Revd Chris O'Neill, 'Why it's Hard Today to Believe in God



News from Charlbury Library

The hot July weather has prompted several customers to comment along the lines of "well, it's so hot at the moment, all I can manage to do is read" which is good news for Charlbury library!

The Summer Reading Challenge has gone down very well, with lots of local children having signed up to this year's theme of Mischief Makers, celebrating 80 years of The Beano comic. They've had to read 6 books (at least!) over the summer break, gaining stickers along the way to help solve the clues on their Beano Town maps. Once the challenge is completed, each child gets a certificate, wristband and medal (or a special gold sticker for the pre-schooler's Mini-Challenge). This has been a brilliant scheme to keep children reading through the holidays and runs every year, so if your child didn't get involved this time, there's always next summer!

Oxfordshire Reads is a scheme for older children/adults and this has also been running through the summer holidays. The customer just has to recommend two books they've read recently (or listened to - audio books count too), with a few comments as to why they found the books so good, and then they are put into a prize draw. There are many prizes on offer, such as tickets for experiences, days out, gift cards, and nice treats to eat or drink. All entries have to be into Charlbury library by 8th September, so you might still be in time to enter - just pick up an entry postcard, fill it in, and pop it in the box on the counter.

From September on Wednesdays, 2.15 – 2.45pm (term time only) we will be resuming our free Rhymetime sessions in the library, aimed at all pre-schoolers and their carers. Our lovely volunteers, Sheila and Jenn, sing nursery rhymes and simple songs with the aid of props and puppets and everyone has fun!

In September also, we will be starting a free weekly (term time only) Stay, Play & Learn session for pre-schoolers and their carers, with toys, stories and songs. Which day of the week is still to be fixed as I write this (in July), but watch out for posters in the library.

Julie Ward Manager, Charlbury Library

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Friends of Charlbury Library

Thank you to all our volunteers for your continuing commitment to maintaining an excellent library service in Charlbury. It is good to see the increasing usage of the new provision in the Community Centre and the enthusiasm being shown by all the young readers involved in this year's reading challenge. We hope that your enjoyment of the books you have selected for the challenge has helped to make this summer holiday a special one.

From September 1st we will be expanding the volunteer rota to include alternate Saturday mornings. Existing volunteers please let Rosalind Scott know if you are able to help out on the occasional Saturday.

New volunteers who would find a Saturday morning easier than a weekday would be very welcome to join us. Please let our Library Manager, Julie Ward, know of your interest.

To all library members, enjoy the remainder of the summer and, in particular, any opportunities you find to relax with a good book!

Jill Judson Friends of Charlbury Library



Charlbury Town Council report

Planning developments

We are pleased to report that, as a result of representations made by Charlbury Town Council, developments currently underway in the town will result in significant financial contributions ('Section 106') towards play equipment and sport/recreation facilities. There will also be a contribution of approximately £200,000 towards affordable housing from the developments at the Grange (Woodstock Road) and the Police House (Hixet Wood); unfortunately, West Oxfordshire District Council policy means we are unable to require that this is spent in Charlbury but we continue to make representations to this effect.

A Government policy change means that new housing developments can now be given fast-track planning permission, known as 'permission in principle'. In practice this means that planning applications will sometimes be considered by WODC in a timeframe shorter than the Town Council's monthly meetings. We are currently discussing extra meetings so that responses can still be made to such applications; any such meetings will be published on the notice-board outside the Corner House and on the Charlbury town website.

Infrastructure Delivery Plan

Following on from the work of the Community Action Plan group and the questionnaire circulated to residents, the Town Council is drawing up an Infrastructure Delivery Plan which acts as a 'wishlist' for enhancements to town facilities. This will serve as a guide to WODC planners when allocating funds from new developments, as well as helping the Town Council plan future spending. Such plans have been adopted by other local councils from parish up to county level, and have proved useful in securing funding for community projects.

Mill Field Management Plan

After public consultation, the Town Council has adopted a new plan for the management of the much-loved Mill Field. The plan can be downloaded from the Charlbury website or obtained on request from the Town Clerk.

Street Fair

Charlbury Town Council will have a stall at Street Fair on Saturday 15th September. Come and talk to councillors; learn more about what the council does and how to get involved; get the latest information on the Neighbourhood Plan; and find out what we are doing to address traffic issues and other ideas to improve the town for the future. We look forward to seeing you and hearing your ideas.

Grants

Any organisation that thinks it may need a grant from the Town Council for the financial year 2019/20 should obtain an application form from the Town Clerk and return it together with supporting documents by midday on 31st October. Sorry, late applications cannot be considered. The Clerk can advise on what can, and cannot, be grant-aided under the Local Government Act.

In brief

- Inspector Steve Hookham from Thames Valley Police attended a July meeting of the Town Council. Councillors expressed their concern at staffing levels in Charlbury and the difficulty in getting a police presence after incidents.
- Thank you to the Cotswold Wardens and local volunteers who have carried out improvement works to Watery Lane with funding from the Town Council.
- Repairs are being considered to the river sluice.

- The Town Council is continuing to work on traffic improvements including a 20mph limit throughout the town centre, and has been encouraged by Oxfordshire County Council to develop a wider vision for the roads in the town.
- At this year's Annual Meeting of Charlbury Town Council (distinct from the Annual Parish Meeting)
 Peter Kenrick was re-elected as Chairman and Richard Fairhurst as Vice-Chairman.
- As autumn approaches, 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. It would also be a great help if you could sweep up fallen leaves outside your homes as wet leaves can become a major hazard, particularly to those who are older or infirm.

Contacting your Town Council

Full council meetings will be held in the Corner House at 7.30pm on Wednesday 26th September, 24th October and 28th November, with Planning & Correspondence two days before (8pm unless there is a speaker). Members of the public are very welcome to attend all meetings. A slot is available at the start of each full council meeting for short addresses from the public; if you would like to register for this, please contact the Town Clerk in advance.

The next open 'surgeries' will be in the Corner House from 10am-12pm on Saturday 6th October and 1st December.

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 Robert Courts, MP

robert@robertcourts.co.uk

Now that we are in the midst of summer, I do hope you are making the most of this great weather, and getting out and about! My toddler loves playing outdoors in the sunshine, and I cannot help thinking, as all parents do, about what I can do to ensure that he lives a happy and healthy life.

Unfortunately, childhood obesity is becoming endemic in our country, posing a major public health concern for the future, and for our NHS. What's more, everyone is aware of the link between smoking and cancer, but the link between obesity and cancer does not yet have the same recognition. In fact, did you know that obesity is the second biggest cause of cancer in the UK?

Tackling childhood obesity requires a comprehensive approach to improve diets and increase physical activity. That is why I was proud to speak about the schools in West Oxfordshire which have taken up the 'Daily Mile'.

This involves children having a chance to be out in the fresh air and walking, jogging or running for just 15 minutes – a small commitment that has a huge impact! The 'Daily Mile' helps to improve physical, social, emotional, mental health and wellbeing amongst children, and I fully support this excellent initiative.

So, I will be getting out as much as I can with my family – and I hope to see as many of you as possible enjoying West Oxfordshire's outdoor attractions over the summer!

Robert Courts

From County & District Councillor Liz Leffman

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The Lib Dem group on Oxfordshire County Council has been lobbying for a couple of years for the Council to recognise that the only way to make sure that our crumbling roads are restored is to borrow money for this purpose. At the last Budget meeting in February we put this forward again and also asked the Council to consider an immediate £10 million to ensure that the worst roads are repaired as soon as possible.

The Conservatives turned down our proposals at the time, but, lo and behold, on June 10th it was announced that not only would an extra £10 million be spent on our roads in the current financial year, but the Council will borrow £120 million to spend on road repairs over the next five years.

This is a major step forward, and one that will, I am sure, please everyone who has watched the state of our roads deteriorate massively over the past few years.

I have specifically asked that rural roads are given the same level of attention as other roads in the county, as I am only too aware of the Cinderella status of some of our minor roads. I have been

assured that this will be the case. Meanwhile, I was very pleased to see the Dragon Patcher out on Grammar School Hill and Park Street, mending the potholes before the lorries came in to build Wilderness. I had been pressing for this to be done for some time. The new road surface is a temporary fix, intended to ensure that the road doesn't deteriorate further as a result of the Wilderness traffic, and a full resurfacing job will be done later in the year.

As I have mentioned before in the Chronicle, each County Councillor has been allocated a fund of £15,000 a year to spend on projects on their wards, and I am pleased to announce that most of my fund has now been used to support a wide range of activities in Charlbury and the neighbouring villages. I have been able to make a significant contribution to the library, so that a staff member can come in on Sunday afternoons, a key time for families wanting to use the library facilities. I am also very pleased that money from the County Transition Fund has been used to provide facilities for babies and toddlers at the Community Centre. Cllr Liz Lefman

Charlbury Day Centre

Our 21st anniversary was celebrated in style and it was a great opportunity for those who started the Centre to meet up with everyone who have helped over the years and those who are currently involved. We were very lucky to have a lovely sunny evening and we were able to move out to the terrace at the back of the Hall.

Our luck has also held with our membership numbers, although we could still take a couple more and would welcome some gentlemen! Increasing numbers means that we need more help, both in the Centre during the day, but

also people willing to transport the members to and back to their homes . If you could spare three hours once a month to help or one hour a month to drive we and the members would be so grateful.

Our co coordinator is unfortunately off on sick leave at the moment, however we have a wonderful "stand in" Karen, who is taking her place. So do pop in for a coffee on a Wednesday morning and see what goes on or phone me Bob Tait on 01608 810150 or Carolyn Connelly on 01608 819001.

Bob Tait

From District Councillor Andy Graham

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Addressing Housing Needs in Charlbury

The long awaited Local Plan will be in place, so I am led to believe, by the time you read this article, having been delayed for so long, the repercussions of which have been felt all over the district. This has fuelled property speculation, inflated housing prices and made life so difficult for those wanting their own home and continues to make "affordability" a cursed word with seemingly no parameters for definition.

When it comes to those developments with social housing there is no real provision, for example, with the Homeseeker Plus Scheme, currently up and running for those who have a local connection with Charlbury. Local connection when you dig down to understand what local actually means is a connection with the District as a whole. Whilst the system identifies understandably the most needy in the district, this inevitably means that those who live with parents or were schooled or have employment in Charlbury have little or no chance of ever getting a rented property in their town. The current scheme ranks applicants into a Gold, Silver or Bronze priority status and anyone can apply for any property in the district which in itself opens up choice. Choice sounds good. But here's the rub. If you are Gold status you do have more choice but those in Silver and Bronze, which is the vast majority, do not have real choice. They will always be trumped by Gold status applicants and, as there is such a shortage of housing, those in Silver and Bronze will rarely get their choice. This means that in many cases I know about, those with a Charlbury connection have to move away from family and friends and the town they were brought up in-much against their natural inclination to stay and bring up their own families.

There are exceptions to this but do not be fooled into thinking that rural

exception sites will balance this out as is suggested. (Charlbury connected people are a priority in these circumstances). This is "Fools Gold" as there are no rural exception sites planned and I am reliably informed highly unlikely to be any! So, where do we go from here? I am of the opinion, that we need to review the Homeseeker Plus policy (it has been in place for almost two years now) to see how effective it has been in addressing housing need in the district, but also to review how those with local needs as those with connections in and with Charlbury are being met and if they are not being met look to a change of policy that does do just that.

I, as, one of your councillors, have called for this review so we can look to a fairer and more transparent way forward. We need a greater balance between what some may see as conflicting demands, but I believe the needs of Charlbury in sustaining our community has to be given greater tangible weight than the current system provides.

Rural settlements with populations under 3,000, like Charlbury, need policies that are applied fairly and realistically, recognising their rural character and demographics as well as the plans being set up by the community in the form of the Neighbour Plan. Let local people have more say, influence and control over the future of their towns and settlements!

Cllr Andy Graham

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

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

Email: burroughs871@btinternet.com tel: 07969 208518, 01608 810260



News from Charlbury Pre-School

Our children weathered the heat wave this summer by playing in the back yard during the cooler mornings. Even so, water play featured heavily when we were outside. The hosepipe was especially popular.

What's new

At this year's AGM we elected a new committee and would like to thank both existing and new members who have stepped up to fill the gaps, left by parents whose children are going up to primary school. Also thanks to retiring committee members, including those who have done sterling work on fundraising this year.

Despite the hot weather it was beautifully shady in the back yard for Pre-School Sport Day, during which we also had a leaving party for Jenny Gerring. This was a well attended and Jenny was really touched by the gifts and kind words. Thank you all.

Last but not least, we have a fantastic new website that really does justice to the setting: www.charlburypreschool.org.uk . Prospective parents, feel free to browse this wonderful new resource.

Thanks

Charlbury Pre-School is a charity. As such we rely on the support of individuals and organisations in the community, so many of whom have been generous with their time, money and resources. Thanks to all our regular volunteers: Jean, Andy, Sophie, Singing Sue and Tennis John, who continue to give so much time, skill and commitment to making Pre-School the special place that it is. Thanks to those of you who have helped out on parent rota, making much needed cups of tea and supporting the children's learning and development. Most of all, thanks to all of you for

choosing to send your child to Charlbury Pre-School.

Fundraising

Recent fundraising successes include vet another Band-joake event at the Shed (thanks again to the fabulous backing band and to Andy Pickard for lending us the venue for free). Preschool fundraising ventures have been present at all the recent local music festivals, including the Beer Festival, Cornbury (artisan pizza stands), Riverside (tea tent) and Wilderness (gourmet burger stand). Thanks to all the volunteers who set up, staffed, baked amazing cakes for, played music at and supported these events. Special thanks to Caz Shepherd for her ideas, energy and hard graft in making these events happen.

Following on from festival season, we will be at the Farmers' Market on 8th September. No doubt more fundraising events will be planned for the autumn term.

The autumn term begins on Wednesday 5th September 2018. As ever, we welcome enquires from interested parents and their children wishing to join us. We currently have space for more children, so do get in touch if you'd like to come and have a look around and find out more about what we do. The school will be open from 4th September: (01608) 811200; admin@charlburypreschool.org.uk.

In the mean time feel free to explore our wonderful new website: www.charlburypreschool.org.uk

On a personal note, I'd like to offer heartfelt thanks to Chris and her wonderful team of dedicated carers, from me and all the other parents whose children are moving up to 'big school'.

My little daughter really loved the setting, is bereft at the thought of not returning there next term and has pined for her key worker. The Old Grammar School and its inhabitants will always occupy a special place in our hearts.

Tristan Lee



Behind the façade of the Corner House

You may know me as the man who runs the Corner House second-hand book shop (which has now raised

more than £9000 - 18,000 50p's - for the Corner House and Memorial Hall - thanks to all!). On your way to the bookshop you may wonder what goes on in the John Kibble room at the top of the stairs. Here I run HIFA - Healthcare Information For All - a non-profit organisation that is working with the World Health Organization to improve the quality of health services in developing countries. I'd like to explain what we do, why it's important, and how you can help.

In the UK many of us complain about the NHS but we don't realise just how lucky we are. Tens of thousands of children and adults die prematurely every day due to lack of basic life-saving interventions. These interventions - simple antibiotics for child pneumonia, extra fluids for diarrhoea - are inexpensive and often locally available, but are simply not provided. Why? Because of lack of basic healthcare information and knowledge, leading to delays in seeking care, indecision and misdiagnosis and incorrect treatment. I learned this at first hand in 1987 as a volunteer doctor in the Peruvian Andes.

One day, a mother carried her sick infant daughter many miles to our health post, but by the time they arrived, the child was dead. As we comforted her, we learned her story. The child had had diarrhoea for 3 days and her mother believed that she should withhold fluids. This is of course the exact opposite of what one should do. Worldwide, more than 2,000 children die every day from diarrhoea, largely because they do not receive adequate fluids.

Some years later I did a review of the literature that demonstrated that lack of basic healthcare information is contributing to widespread death and suffering across ALL aspects of health care. And it is not just a problem among ordinary people, but also among health workers.

I set up HIFA in 2006 with support from WHO as a global campaign to ensure that every person and every health worker has the information they need to protect their own health and the health of others.

Our approach is to provide a 24/7 online discussion space where health professionals, healthcare information providers, researchers and policymakers can explore ways to improve the availability and use of healthcare information and in this way improve the quality of healthcare services across the world. For example, currently we are working with the London School of Hygiene and Medicine to explore the information and learning needs of doctors, nurses and midwives to improve the care of sick and small newborn babies (every day an estimated 7000 newborns die worldwide, mainly due to failure of basic care).

Today HIFA has more than 18,000 members worldwide interacting on six discussion forums in English, French, Portuguese and Spanish, and we have 13 expert working groups looking in-depth at a range of priority issues, such as Information for Prescribers and Users of Medicines (which is vital to reduce the growing global threat of antibiotic resistance) and Mobile Health. The BMA has been our main funder for the last 10 years (£10,000 per year).

My work at HIFA is done with the help of a small team of Charlbury volunteers and with the financial support of a small but growing number of Charlbury residents (thank you all).

To ensure that HIFA continues this vital work I would like to invite you to support us, either by way of a small donation (or monthly direct debit) or through volunteering. Our outgoings are modest and we have low overheads so you can be sure that we are cost effective: Charlbury resident and international development expert Hugh Goyder notes "the extraordinary efficiency of HIFA with so much being done with so few resources".

To find out more or to make a donation visit www.hifa.org or get in touch with me directly at neil@hifa.org

Charlbury Green Hub



Charlbury Sharecroppers

This is our 11th year and the first Big Apple Take-Away will be on the Playing Close at 2.30pm on Sunday 9th September continuing every fortnight as different varieties ripen throughout September, October and November. We have over 60 varieties to enjoy, so please come along and discover your favourites. If you've never been before, then why not come down and share in this lovely fresh local produce? If you have trees producing fruit you can't cope with, then please contact Christine on 811057 or sharecroppers@charlburygreenhub.org.uk.

Secure Paper Shredding

The Charlbury Green Hub organises secure paper shredding twice a year in May and November. Large strong sacks are available FREE from Larcum's Gallery (ex-Post Office). Shredding fee is £5 per bag, with £2.50 of that being shared between the Community Centre Appeal and the hire of the Memorial Hall for the Bring & Takes. Shredding dates will be advertised on *charlbury.info* and in The Leaflet.



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Charlbury Cricket Club



This season the club's 1st and 2nd teams entered a different adventure, the

Cherwell League, and took on teams they hadn't faced for many years. The 1sts were placed in division four and started well with two wins but suffered a mid-season slump, partly due to injuries to key players and the normal absences, before picking up a couple more wins.

There were some notable individual performances, centuries from Ben Forrester and young opening batsman Tom Harris, as well as bowler Jake Godfrey taking six wickets against Shipton-under-Wychwood. The 2nds were faring much better and by the end of July were top of division eight. Spinner Mark Fitzgerald caught the headlines with seven wickets in one fixture.

Our 3rd team is still playing in the Oxfordshire Cricket Association and has seen some good development of our young players, including a century from Michael Rae. Plaudits should also go to the club's women who have starred in county matches, including Ellie Norton. Carla Wood, Abi Currie and Abbie Flory. Many have come through the club's youth system which this year embraced a new All Stars initiative for very young players.

The Charlbury ground continues to host representative games for some of the county's youth teams, as well as holding the Oxfordshire U13 boys' finals day and women's midweek finals in mid-September. We also continue to play host to one of the town's major events of the year, the Charlbury Beer Festival, which this summer provided excellent heatwave weather for thirsty fans.

Looking ahead, we still maintain a presence in the Banbury Indoor League with a team turning out for their first game at the end of October. We will also again be making use of the excellent facilities at the town's community centre for winter training sessions for youth and senior players starting in January.

David Horne, vice chairman



The Royal British Legion - Charlbury Branch

The Branch AGM will be held in the Corner House at 8.00pm on Thursday 18 October 2018. All members are encouraged to attend. Anyone who would like to join the Branch is most welcome to attend.

The Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning will be held in the Corner House on Saturday 3 November 2018 with raffle, cakes and poppies for sale. For further information please contact Jane Parsons on 01608 810822.

The Annual Band Concert will be held in the War Memorial Hall on Friday 9 November 2018 with the fantastic "Accidentals", once again. There will be a raffle, light refreshments and a licensed bar. Details may be obtained from the Branch Secretary on 01608 810822 or from posters in the usual places nearer the time.

Tickets may be purchased in advance from Cotswold Frames or on the door. All the proceeds will go to the Poppy Appeal and everyone is welcome, members and non-members alike.

Remembrance Day Parade and Service – Sunday 11 November 2018. The Charlbury Parade forms up at the Spendlove Car Park at 2.30pm and the Service is at 3.00pm in St. Mary's Church. Everyone is welcome to join the parade and/or the service.

The parade will be led by Pipers and Drummers of the Scots Guards Association [Berks, Bucks and Oxon Branch] under the direction of Pipe Major Steve Duffy [details correct at time of going to press] and commanded by the Charlbury Branch President, Major Nicholas Potter [late Scots Guards]

The salute will be taken by the Chairman of Charlbury Town Council, Cllr. Peter Kenrick

Wreaths will be laid by the Legion, Charlbury Town Council, Thames Valley Police, Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service and Charlbury WI.

After the Service and Parade tea and biscuits will be available for all marchers, Legion members, serving and ex-serving service personnel, in the War Memorial Hall.

The rehearsal for all standard and flag bearers, wreath layers and readers etc will be at St Mary's Church at 6.30pm on Thursday 8 November 2018.

The 11th November is the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW1, although most soldiers did not return home until the following year. To mark the occasion we plan to make a "Poppy Trail" from the Playing Close to St Mary's Church. For any further information please ring Nick Potter on 01608 810388.

The Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be on sale in and around the Town from 26 October to 10 November and at Charlbury Station on the mornings of 30 October and 6 November. Pam Rolls and Ian Parsons are our Poppy Appeal Organisers for Charlbury and the surrounding villages. Anyone who would like to help with the Poppy Appeal in any way is asked to get in touch with Pam on 01608 810042 or Ian on 01608 810822.

The National Two Minutes Silence will be at 11.00am on Sunday 11 November 2018. Please support this small yet significant event.

For more information about the work of the Royal British Legion, becoming a member or for assistance, please contact Nick Potter [Branch President] on 01608 810388, Derek Fowler [Branch Chairman] on 01608 811706 or Jane Parsons [Branch Secretary] on 01608 810822. Any queries about subscriptions should be made to the membership Secretary, Barry Canham on 01608 811176.

The telephone number for the Royal British Legion Contact Centre is 0808 8028080.

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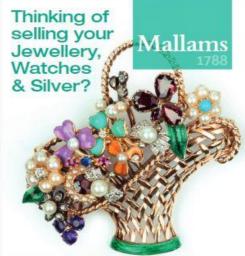
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