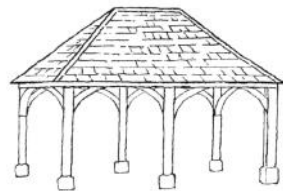


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From the Editor

Well, after a summer full of festivals, just one is left—Charlbury's own very special Street Fair. This will be held on 16th September and this year is being opened by children's author, Cas Lester.

Lots of things to see at Street Fair, which raises a large amount of money for the Corner House and Memorial Hall—please do come and support this. And help is always needed—see article on page 3. And don't forget it's the Egg Throwing contest on Friday 15th September.

This time last year, I wrote that the Community Centre was beginning to be built. Well it's all finished now and will open on Saturday 9th September! The Library has already been moved and will be open for business on 4th September.

If you are a student, please see the notice from the Charlbury Exhibition Foundation, giving details on how to apply for a grant. The deadline for this is 1 October. See page 7.

The 9th September is going to be a very busy day in Charlbury with the Farmers Market, the OVO Tour of Britain through Charlbury, along with the the Ride & Stride and Charlbury's own Carnival of Cycling!

Just a few more events which are happening in Charlbury.

The Wychwood Forest Fair is to be held on 3rd September at Ducklington Showground, and opens at 11am.

Speakeasy is back for the Autumn, with dates on 20 October, 17 November and 15 December, and again more to be found on the Charlbury website.

As I write this, the Athletic World Championships in the Olympic Stadium have just finished—wasn't it great? Almost as good as the Olympics in 2012.

I hope you all had a nice summer break.

If you have any ideas on what else you would like to see in the Chronicle, please do contact me at:-
editor.chronicle@outlook.com

Susanna Finch

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

Saturday 16 September



This year's theme - 'Alice in Wonderland'

Grand Opening by Children's Writer CAS LESTER

Children's Fancy Dress Parade
Mad Hatter's Tea Party
Morris Dancers ~ School Choir
Primary School Dancers ~ Grand Draw
many stalls selling crafts, foods, gifts, etc.
art exhibition ~ classic cars
evening and daytime entertainment

for more information:
www.charlburystreetfair.org



Charlbury Street Fair 2017

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Annual Charlbury Street Fair where this year's theme is ALICE IN WONDERLAND and will be the title of Tina's Children's Dance Show which will be performed on the day. Charlbury Primary School Choir will be singing and entertainment during the day includes Charlbury Morris and a Buskers' stage.

Festivities start of course on the evening of Friday 15th September at 6.00pm with our Egg Throwing competition outside the Rose and Crown, Bell Inn and Bull. We aim to have hot food for sale during the evening.

On Saturday evening we look forward to Dancing in the Street accompanied by local band 1000 Mile Highway.

In keeping with the 'Alice' theme, the ever popular Memorial Hall Teas will take the form of THE MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY whilst the Children's Fancy Dress can be anything "Alice" related... the White Rabbit, the Cheshire Cat, Alice herself...the possibilities are endless! If you don't want to dress up, why not enter the competition with a hat fit for the Mad Hatter's party? Just come along to the Playing Close (Co-op end) at 1.15 pm on September 16th, and join in the fun. There are prizes (kindly sponsored by Charlbury Co-op) for individual entries and one for the best group. Entry is free!

As well as these exciting entertainments we will have a Classic Car Parade, lots of Stalls with Tombola, a Grand Draw, Hog Roast and things to please all the family.

All of the funds raised at the Fair go to the upkeep of the Corner House and Memorial Hall, which are close to the heart of our thriving community.

Road Closures and Parking

As is customary we have received permission to close Church Street and Park Street from 6pm on Friday 15th September for the Egg Throwing competition, and Church Street, Park Street and Sheep Street from 9am on the Saturday for the great event! Sheep Street will be open again from 6pm and Church Street and Park Street from 11.30pm. Diversions will be signed.

By kind permission of the Primary School, Wychwood Paddocks Playing Field will be available for parking for visitors, on the Saturday.

We will of course remind Charlbury residents in these locations nearer the Fair and, as usual, we respectfully request alternative parking to be sought to allow room for the Fair Stands in Church Street.

Thanks

Our thanks go to our principal sponsors including the Bell Inn, the Bull, the Rose and Crown, Fairfax Estate Agents and Cotswold Frames for assistance, sponsorship of evening music and to those who have donated prizes for our Grand Draw and Auction.

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

*John Dora
Chair of the Street Fair Committee*



All Together In Charlbury - A new local “helping hand” scheme

If you find that you need help with:

- transport to hospital or other medical/health/care appointments
- transport for other purposes such as to get to the shops, to take part in a local activity or club or to visit someone in hospital or care home
- getting shopping or prescriptions
- household tasks (like changing a light bulb or smoke detector battery) or occasional gardening jobs
- letter writing or simple form-filling
- reading, if you have difficulty reading for yourself

Or if you would you like support from someone popping in for a chat;

All Together In Charlbury (ATIC) is here to help – just ring us on 01993 776277.

If you've got something that needs doing which is not on this list, you can let us know and we will see what we can do.

Don't be shy to ask - we've all been in a position where we would welcome some practical help or moral support but there is no family member or friend available to provide it.

What is All Together In Charlbury?

All Together In Charlbury (ATIC) is a local voluntary group which aims to provide informal help and support to people in the community who need it by linking them up with someone who has offered some of their time to meet requests.

ATIC aims to help Charlbury residents of all ages and circumstances who, for whatever reason, are unable to carry out a task themselves and who have no family or friends available to help.

ATIC's services are free apart from a mileage charge where transport is involved.

How ATIC is run

All ATIC's organisers and volunteers are Charlbury residents. However, to save more of our time for meeting local needs, we have asked Volunteer Link-Up in Witney to do the work of linking up requests for help with one of our local volunteers. Volunteer Link-Up is an experienced and well-respected charity, which runs its own District-wide Good Neighbour Scheme.

That is why there is a Witney phone number to call, if you have a task that you would like someone from ATIC to help with. Volunteer Link-Up's friendly staff will answer your call for us and then link you up with a local ATIC volunteer.

All our volunteers:

- Have been police-checked
- Carry photo ID
- Are covered by public liability insurance arranged for ATIC

To ask for ATIC help call 01993 776277

Volunteer Link-Up's friendly staff will answer on our behalf.

Why not think about joining our team?

You don't have to commit to particular times and can help when it suits you and your life.

For example, we are already uncovering a need for short-run transport help in getting into and out of the town centre for people who live in outlying areas of Charlbury and want to pop in to one of the businesses or go for a coffee with friends. As we all know, you can't start to get around our community without encountering a hill (or two) – a daunting or impossible prospect if you cannot walk far and do not have your own transport.

How to contact the ATIC Steering Committee

If you want to contact ATIC to find out more about us, to talk to us about local wellbeing and care issues or to offer to help us as a volunteer, ring 07487 413892 or email:

charlburyalltogether@gmail.com.

Steering Group members are: Jane Crane, Hugh Goyder, Roger Marsh, Meryl Smith, Sue Tokumine.

Meryl Smith



The Charlbury Beer Festival: past, present and future

The 20th annual Charlbury Beer Festival took place on Saturday 24 June, and it turned out to be a perfect day in every way: for beer, food, music, Aunt Sally, children's activities and culture. Even the weather – the one thing that occasionally can let us down – was ideal. Most importantly we raised around £25,000 for good causes both locally and in the developing world, comfortably reaching our target of over £200,000 raised in the 20 years of our existence so far (not even taking account of the money raised by causes such as the Charlbury Community Centre Appeal and the Lawrence Home Nursing Team for their own funds).

To commemorate the occasion our first-ever Poet in Residence, Romola Parish, wrote a poem which has now been placed in a new file in the Bodleian Library to record the history of the Charlbury Beer Festival – making us wonder why we never thought of creating such an archive before:

*It started in 1998
with sixteen beers on tap.
No fancy cooling system then,
just barrels on a simple rack.*

*They quickly learned from their mistakes
(like giving away too much beer)
and raised the funds that the fireworks couldn't
and refined it year by year.*

*And the profits swelled and the charities smiled,
even the licensing men never quailed
and the festival grew from eleven hundred pints
to fifty barrels of good real ale.*

*When they moved from the old Memorial Hall
they doubled the number of beers,
and then Aunt Sally came to stay
(she's a right good sport, never fear)*

*In the year of the flood the pavilion drowned
But the committee was undeterred,
They carried on from strength to strength
And the Culture Tent appeared.*

*So here we are at the 20th event
In the last nineteen years
With fifty beers and cider besides
So cheers to the next 20 years.*

For more information about grants and sponsorship, and updates about next year's event, please go to www.charlburybeerfestival.org – and if you have any documents from previous festivals which you would like to add to the Bodleian's new archive, please let us know!

Christmas Artweeks in Charlbury

Saturday 18 - Sunday 19 November
11am until 6pm



It's time for the Christmas Artweeks event. With Charlbury's reputation for high standards of its local artists, they will be opening their studios once again over the weekend and exhibiting in various venues around the town.

This is a great opportunity to seek out a unique gift for Christmas.

A free trail map will provide helpful information and make it easy to find all the artists.

Contact Maureen Sparling 07779 779121.
www.artweeks.org

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.

If you have received a grant in a previous year, you may still be eligible, so please do apply.

Please apply by **1 October 2017** to:

charlburygrants@hotmail.com

(or by post to Charlbury Exhibition Foundation, c/o Jenny Nicholls, Conygree Farm
Spelsbury Road, Charlbury, Oxon OX7 3LE)

Please include the following details:

- Your name and date of birth
- 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)
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The Botany Spot

"Season of mists and
mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the
maturing sun;"
(From *To Autumn* by
John Keats)

Often quoted, but still with
the power to evoke
feelings of nostalgia and
vivid pictures in my mind
of damp, misty mornings,

ripe fruit and childhood games of conkers.

As August ends and September begins, the first of the **Blackberry** fruits *Rubus fruticosus* begin to ripen in Charlbury, promising the start of the blackberry and apple crumble season. **Brambles** are actually quite complicated botanically and there are 334 microspecies, the fruits developing without the need for fertilisation (apomictic). It is also quite easy to confuse them with the much lower growing **Dewberry** *Rubus caesius*, also found locally but with far fewer segments in the fruits and a strong whitish bloom on the surface – these are much less nice to eat!

Other edible fruits, the **Damson**, and the closely related **Wild Plums** *Prunus domestica*, have escaped cultivation and are often found in hedgerows and woodland close to habitation in this district. They too are valued for their culinary use and often tempt me into making pots of damson jam.

The sloe, fruit of the **Blackthorn** *Prunus spinosa*, also appears in the autumn hedges and provides a key ingredient for a delicious old recipe, sloe gin, beloved of country folk – damson gin is also rather good! On the same theme, **Elder** *Sambucus nigra* is widespread in this locality and its bunches of shiny purple-black berries are also abundant in autumn and make splendid elderberry wine.

Rose hips abound in the Oxfordshire countryside at this time of year. Look closely at the fruit, a small protuberance (column) projecting from the tip is typical of the **Field Rose** *Rosa arvensis*, whereas those with flat discs on the end of the hip

are more likely to be **Dog Rose** *Rosa canina*. During the Second World War, rose hips were collected by school children and made into a vitamin rich drink at a time when some other fruits were in short supply.

The next of my edible wild fruits is the **Crab Apple** *Malus sylvestris*. They are small, tart apples useful for making crab apple jelly. It is easy to confuse it with descendants of cultivated apples *Malus pumila*, which have sprouted from discarded apple cores or have been spread by birds. The twigs of the native Crab Apple however often have spines, whereas the cultivated apple trees are never spiny.

Nuts are a favourite for many animals including humans! The **Hazel** *Corylus avellana* is found commonly in hedgerows around Charlbury. Some of us will also have *Corylus avellana* '**Contorta**' in our gardens, the **Corkscrew Hazel**, found originally in a Gloucestershire hedgerow in the 1860s where its twisted form had occurred spontaneously. The **Sweet Chestnut** *Castanea sativa* also produces delicious nuts; it is found all round this part of the Oxfordshire Cotswolds and whilst not strictly native has probably been around since Roman times, providing us with nuts to roast on winter evenings.

Finally, back to the conkers, so much fun when we are children though not a source of food for humans. They are of course produced by the **Horse Chestnut** *Aesculus hippocastanum*, not a native tree but a very common sight in West Oxfordshire. Sadly many have been infected by the Leaf-mining Moth *Cameraria ohridella* whose larvae feed on Horse Chestnut leaves and make them look very sick by the end of the summer.

Only a few of the many, many wild fruits are good as food for humans, but if we leave them on the hedgerows and in our gardens, lots of them provide sustenance for birds and other animals through the autumn and long winter months.

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Winter Digging

An account of how one allotment holder has dealt with the autumn's surplus of plant material for many years past.

Ground cleared by the harvesting of potatoes and/or other crops is prepared for the spring by digging a flat-bottomed trench about one spade deep and four feet or so wide. The soil from this excavation is put into four or five plastic sacks and these are put to one side, to be used at the end of the digging.

While turning over the soil from these trenches, it is very helpful for future digging to have a bucket close by ready to receive stones and other debris.

A sack of plant material is then emptied into this trench and trodden on to compress it. The plant material can be anything of vegetable origin – leaves, prunings (cut into six inch lengths), mowings etc. Anything is alright except pernicious weeds such as bindweed, ground elder, couch grass or nettle roots.

As autumn temperatures fall and growth slows or stops, cutting down herbaceous perennials such as phlox, Japanese anemones, dahlias etc. plus cabbage leaves and stems yield very good material for burying.

Leaves from trees also make wonderfully water absorbent contributions. I find that a spring-tined rake works best for leaf

gathering.

It is rumoured that some leaves take too long to rot down but my response is that they are going to be down there for a long time – usually two years or more.

Having pressed down the sackful of plant material in the trench, digging the next trench covers the leaves, mowings etc and creates a new trench. This process is then repeated as many times as needed. When reaching the end of the plot, the sacks of soil are emptied into the last trench. A different area of the vegetable garden is given the above treatment next year.

Digging in this way, I find, tends to leave lines of ridges. The last stage of preparation for the next year is to lightly rake down these ridges leaving level, weed-free soil.

A mild winter may allow some weed seeds to germinate. Black porous membrane is helpful to suppress any growth.

I have found that this approach results in soil which is in 'good heart' with a rising population of earthworms and improved water retention. Using home-produced material reduces the need for the green bins and increases the soil fertility. If any twiggy pieces don't fully rot first time, dig them in for another two years.

I hope that these thoughts are helpful and that your crop returns improve as a result.

John Moore



Bring & Take

The next Bring & Take run by the Charlbury Green Hub will be Saturday 7th October in the Memorial Hall from 10am until 12noon.

Bring along good quality unwanted household items from 9.30-11.00am. Paint needs to be reusable in original container and in usable quantities (more than 1 litre emulsion or half a container of gloss or eggshell paints). Since items are given &

taken FREE, please respect this community spirit by not taking things for resale or scrap value. Leftovers are given to various charities or free cycled.

Also bring along unwanted bras, spectacles, CDs, dead lightbulbs for recycling and put them in the boxes near the door.

Maybe you would like to help clear up at the end of the event, with enough people we could be done by 2pm – please contact Christine on 01608 811057.

A Day's Life: Charlbury Pre-School

Conversations with Chris, Sue, Jenny and the children

We are by the Wildlife Corner, looking at the small pond. There are 6 of us - three adults and three children

"Look, there's a frog, sitting on a bit of wood" "There's two frogs" We look and find more. "There's one in the corner" "and another in the middle" "There's one under this leaf, not in the pond" "That frog is on a log" "I've got a book called Oi Frog. Oi Frog, sit on the log said the cat"

It is promising to be another hot day. The children have arrived and registered themselves - each one finds their photograph and puts it up on the board. Today there are 17 photographs on the board, including those of Chris, the manager, and her assistants Sue and Jenny. The children are all outside, making the most of the shade before the sun fills the playground.

Today is Thursday, so Tennis John, the coach, is here. The children have small light-weight rackets and balls. Even catching a ball requires a good eye and practice, let alone hitting it with a racket. But they persevere. On Mondays, the children have dancing with a professional dance teacher, on Tuesdays some of them go to Forest School and on Wednesdays, there is singing. Fridays can be a quiet day, so, as an experiment last year, 2 year olds could come on a Friday. It worked so well, that from September a limited number of 2 year olds can come on any day.

The Pre-School is open every day during school term-times from 9am, though the finishing times do vary. Children come from Charlbury, but also from the surrounding areas, such as Chadlington, and even Hailey. It now has 40 children on the roll, but 14 of those will be leaving to go to Primary School in September. The Pre-school is embedded in the local community, making breakfasts at the Farmers Market in Charlbury and serving food at the festivals such as Riverside, Cornbury and Wilderness. These are fund-raising events for the Pre-School: it is a charity and relies on such fundraising to

provide good quality activities for its children

"What do you think you will like about big school?" "I want to play on the iPads" says L

The Pre-School has five members of staff and an administrator. It also has a lot of help from volunteers, both parents and others who want to help. The children are allocated a key member of staff who will follow them through their time in the school. They get to know their children very well, and can tailor any activity to extend the child's interest. One boy is interested in dinosaurs? (who isn't!) *"Then we can use that to support his development in any area of learning".* Staff can also take a child for quiet time together, perhaps looking at numbers. T has some cards with numbers on them, but jumbled up.

"Can you name the numbers you've got there T?" "0,1,2,4,7,9,8,5,3,6" "Well done" "Now, see if we can see how many spots each number has"

Chris is in the garden, watering the vegetable patch, using a hose. R comes to ask if he can do that, but it is nearly finished, so he is allowed to take the hose to the water table. There are three of the children round it, playing in the water. The vegetable patch, like all gardens, is doing well with some things, such as apples, leeks and tomatoes, but other things not so well. A lot of plants got knocked back by the strong winds earlier in the year. Chris would like to grow more produce so that the children could eat their own-produced food. They already compost vegetable waste in a wormery. Some of the other children are in the playhouse, others on the climbing frame and slide.

We go inside after a while and all sit in a circle in the back room. There is a Home Corner, a Loft, Book Corner and much more that the children can choose to play in and with. This helps them to develop their abilities to self-organise. But now they have a Phonics session.

"What is today's sound?" asks Chris. "L" says one child. There are lots of "L" words -lollypop, lemon, ladder, lion. "Can you

give me the name of a part of the body beginning with the "L" sound?" "Shoulder" says one, "eye" says another, and then "leg" suggests a third. This is possibly an older child who has grasped the idea more fully. All the children take a board and felt tip and draw the "L" sound. This takes a lot of concentration and skill – pen holding is not easy. Then we have a story, and of course it's about a Ladybird.

Chris explains *"We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum, and work closely with the primary school, following similar routines. This helps the transition to school. The Foundation Stage teacher visits regularly and I go and shadow her too. It works very well. We are also trying to do more maths as part of our curriculum, and are taking part in an Oxford University research project"*

Snack time is next. The children wash their hands, sit in their key (member of staff) groups and help themselves to milk or water to drink. On our table sit Chris and L,R,I,M and A. Today there are slices of pear, cucumber and little half tomatoes, but there are not enough slices for everyone to have seconds, so L, a very responsible boy, cuts the remaining pieces into enough for everyone. This is conversation time. Someone notices one of the cups is blue

"My cup is blue as well" "It's a different shade of blue isn't it. Can we see any other blue things" "She has a blue T shirt on" "My trousers are blue"

"What do you like doing at Pre-School?" "Playing with Lego". "Reading the books, I like the pictures" "Playing with the musical instruments and the dancing" "Playing with the dolls in the Playhouse" "How many dolls are there?" No-one is sure of the answer. Later, I'm told there are five babies. One child has been and worked that out. "I had a banana and shreddie and milk for breakfast"

We're back outside making the most of the shade while it lasts. We study a humming-bird hawk moth which is feeding on the red valerian in the Wildlife Corner. It looks just like a tiny bird. Two girls are happy in the play tent: the older one

seems to be making a ramp just outside the entrance. The older children are very good with the younger ones. Several children are playing with large empty boxes, and a Star Wars fan goes around with one on his head. It must be a helmet. Tristan, a volunteer Dad, is teaching a little girl overarm bowling.

The sun reaches the garden, it is even hotter, and the children put their sun hats on. Unexpectedly, it starts to rain, so I leave and go home

Chris, Sue, Jenny, and the children at Pre-School have been talking to Barbara Allison



The 2017/18 Speakeasy season starts on Friday 20th October and continues on the third Friday of each month until June 2018. The venue and times are unchanged: The Shed, Nine Acres Lane; doors open at 8pm.

We'll be posting details of the programme shortly, on the webpage (www.charlbury.info/community/83) and through the email mailing list. If you're not on the mailing list and would like to be, please email charlbury.speakeasy@gmail.com and ask to be added.

In the meantime, here are all the Speakeasy dates for the season.

2017

Friday 20 October
Friday 17 November
Friday 15 December

2018

Friday 19 January
Friday 16 February
Friday 16 March
Friday 20 April
Friday 18 May
Friday 15 June

Get them into your diaries; set your electronic reminders; programme your digital assistants; get Siri and Alexa on to the case. No excuses...!

A year ago, we wrote in *the Chronicle* that the site for Charlbury Community Centre was being prepared and that construction would start in the autumn. It did. From the day that David Cameron dug the first patch of ground, through the 50-plus weeks of building work, the centre has taken shape and from September it will be open for business seven days a week. There have been bumps in the road (and congestion in the car park) and, as always, we are grateful to you for your patience.

Official opening

With Britain's biggest cycle race, the Tour of Britain, coming through Charlbury on Saturday, 9th September, we're taking up the invitation to make a real day of it. Within the Community Centre, local clubs and organisations will be staging a range of activities and visitors are invited to see them in action before and after the cyclists come through Charlbury. The heart of town will be a magnet for local people and beyond, and this event provides a great way to showcase the fantastic facilities that the whole of Charlbury and its new Community Centre have to offer. More details of what is taking place will be posted during August.

Something for everyone

The Centre's motto is 'a place to connect, read, learn, and play' and the design of the building provides the flexibility for a huge range of different activities to take place. Plans are already taking shape for an after-school club; a group of Charlbury's young people are discussing the activities they would like to organise regularly on Friday and Saturday evenings in The Thomas Gifford Room. Table tennis, board games, movie nights and more are in the works for the youth-led club.

Centre management

We were thrilled to discover during the recruitment process that the ideal candidate for the position of centre manager was already in our midst. While there was strong competition for the

position, we are confident that with Charlbury resident Jenny Chambers' sporting achievements as an international athlete, her wide range of training qualifications and her experience in running leisure centres, our Community Centre will be in good hands.

Jenny has wasted no time in helping shape the new centre, highlighting opportunities and enhancements before the builders had even left the site. "It is so exciting to be part of this project right from the start and help prepare all the fantastic facilities for the official opening," says Jenny. "I have been involved in raising funds to build this centre, never dreaming that one day I would become its manager."

Jenny represented the Army at hockey, tennis, athletics and skiing and went on to become a member of the first England Women's rugby squad, leading the team to victory in the 1994 Women's Rugby World Championship. Always passionate about sport, she particularly enjoys helping youngsters to get into sport too and is an enthusiastic cricket and football coach, including co-coach of Charlbury U13s girls' football team last season.

Jenny has previously held management roles at leisure centres in West London and Dorset, where she was responsible for developing activity programmes for all user groups, along with staging events and maximising centre usage. Jenny is also a professional horticulturalist.

With such a range of facilities to manage, it was always planned that a second member of staff would be recruited and we're delighted that Jason Biles is joining Jenny in the role of wellness manager.

Jason is currently gym manager at Heythrop Park where he is responsible for fitness assessments, personal training and teaching a variety of exercise classes. From his early days as a PT instructor with the Royal Air Force, Jason has spent more than 20 years in senior roles within the leisure centre scene in Oxfordshire. He is a former board member of the Fitness Industry Association, director of leisure operations at Oxford Airport Leisure Centre and has a wealth of experience in the fields of personal fitness and sports

training for both adults and children. Jason, who lives in Chipping Norton, is also a talented musician. He previously managed Chipping Norton School jazz band and his rock band, Dust, has appeared at Riverside.



Library news

Charlbury's brand new public library is now open in this smart and much larger venue with more books, a third PC, improved Wi-Fi connection, better disabled access and extra activities, some specifically designed for young families. We have a new library manager and an additional customer service adviser to join the all-important group of volunteers. We are always ready to welcome new people to go on this rota just once or twice a month, so please contact Rosalind Scott if you may be able to help:

rosalind.scott@hotmail.co.uk

The library has open access from the cafe and a self-service machine enables any member of the library to borrow and return books whenever the centre is open, including outside library opening hours. The times when library staff or volunteers are present are:

Monday: 9.30am-12; 2-5pm
Wednesday: 2-5pm; 5.30-7pm
Friday: 9.30am-12; 2-5pm
Saturday: 9.30am-12.00

The three computers and the photocopier will be available during library open hours only. Further information about Charlbury library can be found here:
www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/charlbury-library

The formidable team of Jenny, Jason and library staff, with the invaluable help of volunteers, will provide the best possible support for leisure, learning and sporting opportunities. Their complementary skills will ensure that the centre offers something for all age groups, that will develop and grow over time in response to the needs of the community.

Be part of the action

The Community Centre is run on a not-for-profit basis and support from volunteers is an important part of its day-to-day management. Whether on a regular basis, for a couple of hours a week or to provide holiday cover, this exciting and dynamic environment offers a great way to meet people, perhaps learn some new skills and be involved right at the start of helping to shape its future. Call in to see centre manager Jenny, or contact her at jenny@charlburycommunitycentre.org.uk

Activities on offer now

Already available are table tennis, tennis, badminton, pickleball, netball, 5-a-side football, futsal, volleyball, basketball, hockey and cricket, some of which are organised in conjunction with existing clubs. In addition, The Thomas Gifford Room will host a wide range of daytime and evening classes and we are working on providing a pop-up gym.

How to book facilities

The centre's new website – www.charlburycommunitycentre.org.uk links to the online booking system and provides the most up to date information about the fast-moving programme.

And finally

More than two decades and over £2 million. That's how long and how much it's taken to make this dream a reality. It would never have happened without generous grants from charitable trusts and public bodies, for which we are truly grateful. Most of all, it would never have happened without the perseverance, generosity, hard work, dedication and encouragement of local people. Thank you.

Marjorie Glasgow
Chairman, The Thomas Gifford Trust



Open Day at the Corner House 8 July 2017

The Committee would like to thank the 20 + organisations and clubs who participated and the fantastic support from all those who visited.

It was a great morning for all, with a happy atmosphere and amazing support for the much loved Corner House and all that takes place there.

As well as established residents, the event attracted many newcomers to the town who were surprised and pleased to see the character, extent and the many uses the building attracts. The Museum kindly provided interesting literature on the history of the building. This included details about the gift of the house from the Morris family to the town at the end of W.W.2 and the background to the names of the individual rooms.

Thank you to all who made the event possible and so successful.

Room Bookings

If you are interested in booking a room at the Corner House or War Memorial Hall please note that our booking system remains the same. Full information on how to book and booking forms are supplied in the foyer of the Corner House. Alternatively telephone the Corner House office, 01608 810879, for assistance.

Steve Andrews

The Trustees and Officers of the Corner House and War Memorial Hall confirm that Steve Andrews resigned as Chair of the committee on the 12 June. The Trustees would like to record their thanks to Steve for his almost 21 years in the role and all the dedicated service he has given.

Community Book Store based in the Oliver Watney Room, Corner House

The committee would like to thank Neil Pakenham-Walsh for the continued success of the book store. Thanks to Neil and his customers the amount raised is now in excess of £7,000.

Jane Parsons



The Friends of Charlbury Library

The long-anticipated opening of Charlbury's new library is finally within reach!

Our present library closes on August 5th and the new library opens for a 'soft launch' on September 4th at the usual time of 9.30am.

It will be open as usual throughout the week of September 1st-8th in preparation for the formal opening of the whole Community Centre, including the library, on September 9th.

On that very special day there will be extra staff from Oxfordshire's Library Service on hand to keep the new library open throughout the celebrations.

During the period of closure, Library Service staff will move all the stock etc to the new site and set it up ready for a familiarisation process for the volunteers during August and the opening on September 1st for public use.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed in so many ways to the process of establishing our new library, especially to the Thomas Gifford Trust, Oxfordshire's Library Service and our Library Volunteers. We all hope you will enjoy using it.

A reminder, particularly to our younger readers, that the Summer Reading Challenge is happening (almost) as usual and continues into September, so don't forget to collect your 'goodies' from the new library.

Jill Judson
Chair of the Friends of Charlbury Library

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

If you would like to be included in this list, or need to update entries, please contact the Editor at
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telephone on 07879 693733.



The Royal British Legion

Charlbury Branch

The Branch AGM will be held in the Corner House at 8.00pm on Thursday 19 October 2017. 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 4 November 2017 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 10 November 2017 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 Poppy Appeal and everyone is welcome, members and non-members alike.

Remembrance Day Parade and Service
Sunday 12 November 2017

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 Her Majesty's

Vice Lord Lieutenant for Oxfordshire, Mr. John Harwood, a former Chief Executive of Oxfordshire County Council.

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 9 November 2017.

For any further information please ring Nick Potter on 01608 810388.

The Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be on sale in and around the Town 27 October to 11 November and at Charlbury Station on the mornings of 31 October and 7 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 Saturday 11 November 2017. 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.

Jane Parsons

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Charlbury Pre-School News

July saw the end of another academic year at pre-school, meaning that we not only said goodbye to some of our brilliant children (now off to primary school!) but also to their supportive parents including several committee members who have been instrumental in their fundraising and decision making. We're also wishing Liz Gupta - our fabulous chairperson - farewell as she embarks on an adventure to Tanzania with her family. Liz has been an outstanding chair for the last four years and we are extremely grateful.

This autumn term at Pre-School signals 'In with the new!'. We are thrilled to announce Laura Barwood as our **new chairperson**. A primary school teacher with two children who attend Charlbury Pre-School, Laura is the ideal person to take the reins. There are some eager new committee members and lots of new children to welcome and get to know this term.

We're really excited to share our **new logo** with the Chronicle readers! We hope you agree that this image of our historic building represents the pre-school and its setting perfectly. You may see the logo wandering throughout the town on the children's new book bags, uniforms, stationery and aprons (look out for them at the farmer's markets too).

September will see the launch of our super **new website** (www.charlburypreschool.org.uk). Lovingly designed by Adrian Lancini with the pre-school committee and staff, it includes wonderful pictures of some of our pre-schoolers taken by volunteer and parent Edmund Blok. The site has everything you need to know from information on the pre-school's policies and staff, to snack time and outdoor play.

Charlbury Pre-School is a charity and fundraising continues, with excellent efforts over the summer at our 40th Birthday party and Cornbury and Riverside festivals, raising money to help fund our activities and replace old equipment. Thank you to everybody involved and everybody who gave generously. On September 9th join us to enjoy a great view of the Tour of Britain cycling event from outside pre-school where we'll be selling tea, cake and more!

We are also excited to announce a talk for parents and teachers by the Charlbury-based educational consultant Will Ord (www.thinkingeducation.co.uk). Will's work has brought him international renown and he is generously donating his time and expertise to enrich the local community. Ticket sales will raise funds for the pre-school charity.

Will's talk will draw on research to make the evening entertaining, informative, practical and fun, asking questions like 'How can children learn to be more resilient in the face of challenges? What might a "successful life" for them be in the 21st Century? How can praise encourage – and discourage – their confidence?' The talk will explore practical things that parents can do to help their children deal well with the rigours of growing up in and out of school.

The event is on the evening of Monday 9th October at the Memorial Hall. Look out for times and ticketing details on posters and online in September.

We are always seeking volunteers to help with day-to-day activities and fundraising. Different people and the skills they bring simply enrich the experience of the children who attend pre-school, so please do contact us if you're interested in helping out.

There are still places for this academic year. Please call (01608) 811 200 or email admin@charlburypreschool.org.uk to come and visit and we look forward to hearing from you.

Jackie Daish

Four follow-Up Groups have been looking at the results of the Town Survey focusing on action that the community needs to take (with outside help, if necessary) in response to the views expressed. The Groups have been covering the following issues:

Living Well in Charlbury

How can we help residents access help and health and care services when they need them?

Getting Around/Street Space/Keep Charlbury's Heart Beating

How can we support and improve a vibrant town centre? How to address a widespread concern about the availability of town centre parking for residents and visitors and about the management of traffic flow and traffic speed through and around the town.

Let's Get Together, including Learning on our Doorstep

Is there a need for new clubs, interest groups and shared activities? There is also a clear demand for Charlbury to be a local centre for informal learning and opportunities – how could this be achieved?

Katering for Kids and Kin

Do we need more facilities/activities for young people and their families? – and how to get more views from young people themselves.

Their initial reports and ideas for action can now be seen on the Charlbury Neighbourhood Forum (CNF) website: www.charlburyneighbourhoodforum.org.uk Do take time to have a look at this site, which has been recently updated and expanded to give a picture of the work of the CNF and what has come out of the town survey.

If you have views on any of the issues identified by the Follow-Up Groups, please get in touch by emailing: info@charlburyneighbourhoodforum.org.uk

More importantly – we need more people who are interested in helping to take action on some of these issues rather than just having ideas and thinking about them! Do come and join us.

Meryl Smith

CHARLBURY MEALS ON WHEELS

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

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: Are you new to Charlbury and looking for ways to become involved in the community? This is an important service and relies on local people to drive, or to cook, or to help in any way to keep it going. Please ring Marjorie Glasgow on 01608 819253 or Jan Griffiths on 01608 810440 if you can help. We are also accepting names of new recipients for our waiting list. Please contact Marjorie.

Are you a woman who likes learning new things, trying new activities and perhaps making new friends? Then Charlbury WI is for you!



Tour of Britain

The summer months have seen us have our own craft evening at our June meeting, making macramé lanterns, paper flowers and brooches. There was a talk and demonstration by a potter at our July meeting and also in July a "Picnic and Prosecco in the Park" social with Spelsbury and Chadlington WI's. In August, we demonstrated crafts at The Big Feastival at Kingham.

At the September meeting (20th) we have a scrapbooking workshop and, separately, a cushions and doorstops workshop on Saturday 23rd. There are still a few spaces, open to all, so if you are interested contact Sue Summerfield at sue.summerfield62@gmail.com

In October (18th) our speaker, Neil Phillips, is talking about wine, complete with tasting! In November (15th) Dr. Lynda Ware, is talking about Evidence-Based Medicine in Everyday Life.

Just a reminder that our Coffee Morning is on Saturday 25th November in The Corner House and 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.

If you are curious but unsure, why not come along to the WI as a visitor to have a chat and see what we do, you would be very welcome!

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 Pat Hill on 01608 810714 or Louise Cashman on 01608 676522

Trish McCallum

The Tour of Britain—Britain's only elite cycle stage race—will be coming to Charlbury.

The penultimate stage of the nine-day race will pass through Charlbury on Saturday 9th September. The racers will be riding from Hemel Hempstead to Cheltenham, before a finish in Cardiff the next day. The Tour of Britain attracts many of the greatest bike riders in the world who, in previous years, have included Bradley Wiggins, Mark Cavendish and Chris Froome.

The route will enter via the Woodstock Road, then pass along Park Street, Church Street and Market Street before leaving via Dyers Hill. It is expected to pass around lunchtime. From Charlbury the race goes on to Shipton, Bourton-on-the-Water, Moreton, Stow, Winchcombe and Cheltenham. Roads will be closed either side of the riders' passage through the town and cars should be moved off the road.

To show the town at its best to riders, visitors and TV cameras, the Street Fair bunting will be strung up and a Big Town Tidy event is in the offing. On the day itself, we are hoping to organise family cycling events, stalls and rides. If you would like to help, please drop me a line (richard@systemeD.net, or 11 Market Street). Given Charlbury's location on the railway line from London and Oxford, and the Saturday timing, we are expecting big crowds!

Richard Fairhurst



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CHARLBURY CRICKET CLUB

By the end of July our club 1st team was sitting well on top of the Oxfordshire Cricket Association (OCA) league, having won eight matches and lost just once. With four games to go, a final winning push was needed to secure the championship title for the first time.

Normally, this would entitle us to enter the Cherwell League whose top few divisions are recognised to play at a higher standard. But the club membership was due to vote on the move at a special general meeting in August. There are pros and cons and we will update the Chronicle in due course.

For a club of our stature, with two playing fields and excellent facilities - three league teams, a women's team and a wide range

of youth and midweek fixtures - it is natural to be ambitious and in July the club secured its first trophy of 2017, winning the Ernie Clack midweek limited overs competition for the third year running. Charlbury has also played host to many county representative games for boys and girls, as well as the OCA 20/20 semis and final and the Oxfordshire Cricket Board's U13 boys finals.

The club provides cricket for a range of abilities in the game. Our 2nd league team, in division 6 of the OCA, and 3rd team in division 8 north, have also been improving throughout the season. There is a positive encouragement to promote both boys and girls who come through our youth section into the senior teams. This is a policy which will continue, for it is now becoming increasingly evident that clubs which do not foster the involvement of new generations of young cricketers are finding it hard to put out teams in the local leagues.

David Horne, club vice chairman



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Charlbury Society

Here we are, September already, and only a month away from the start of the new Charlbury Society programme 2017-18.

It will not have gone without notice that there have been a number of contentious planning applications in recent months, with the potential to add in excess of two hundred new homes to Charlbury town – a growth of nearly 7% if all are approved.

In light of this, and following on from a successful presentation in last year's programme by the CPRE, we open the start of our season with a panel discussion on 'The Challenge of Charlbury Development'.

We will be inviting questions to be put to the panel from members, in advance, so that we can ensure a fair discussion of the key issues. This panel will not address specific planning applications; rather it will seek to address some key principles around development of the Town. The date is October 13 at 8-00pm, so put the date in your diary and come along to hear the discussion.

Other news from the Society is that we have two new Committee members Lisa Barber and Selina Thomas and we extend our thanks and a very warm welcome to

them. Hopefully you'll get to meet them in October.

Sadly we were unsuccessful in attracting someone to coordinate refreshments for our meetings, so for the time being we will not be offering refreshments prior to the speaker.

Thanks go to Geoffrey Castle, a retiring Committee member, for all his contributions particularly the Historical Research Group and arrangements for the summer outing. We had a great day out to Ham House and gardens in Richmond in June thanks to Geoffrey's organisation.

We shall miss his presence on the Committee.

The Charlbury Society will also have a presence at both the Wychwood Fair on September 3 in Ducklington and Charlbury Street Fair later in the month. We will be sharing a stall with Charlbury Art Society at Wychwood, so make sure you come and say hello if you plan to be there.

Lastly, don't forget to renew your membership, preferably before the October meeting, and return it to Susan Merry, Secretary, 22 Little Lees, Charlbury, OX7 3HB. We look forward to welcoming you back.

*Anne Lawson-Porter,
Chair, Charlbury Society.*

Charlbury Day Centre

Although we have had a lovely early summer, the members are relieved that the temperatures have now dropped to a more seasonal average. We have recently lost two of our members, who had been with us for a very long time – one who was once a volunteer helper herself, so it has been a sad time for us all.

However it does mean that we now can take on new members. So if anyone fancies joining our convivial group or if anyone has a relative or friend, whom they think might like to come, please contact

us. We are very happy to offer a free "trial" day.

We have a wonderful band of people, who help us, but we are currently looking for someone to help the cooks with the lunches.

Queries on either the vacancies or helping in the kitchen please contact either me Bob Tait 01608 810150 taitsofbrice@tiscali.co.uk or Carolyn Connolly 01608 819001.

Bob Tait



In June Charlbury enjoyed an amazing festival organised by the indefatigable Tony Lloyd and many others. CADS were extremely pleased to take part and, thanks to Sue Haffenden and a talented group of CADS members, old and new, we

kept our flag flying. Sue devised and directed 'L'Invitation au Jardin', a delightful pot-pourri of dramatic scenes, some of which came from previous very popular CADS productions and some entirely new, from Shakespeare to Coward and with accompanying songs. The evening took place in Helen Bessemer-Clark's lovely garden and was much enjoyed by a packed audience.

Now, even in the midst of summer, we are turning our attention to the pantomime. Oh yes we are!! It will be a production of 'Robin of Wychwood'.

This is a delightful pantomime specially written for Chipping Norton Theatre fourteen years ago. It is inspired by Robin Hood but is locally based (much is set actually in Charlbury as well as Wychwood). Fear not, it contains many of the pantomime essentials, a wicked baron, a warm hearted dame, incompetent villains etc. and, hopefully, we can persuade our canine diva Emma to tread the boards again! The dates are November 23rd, 24th and 25th and we hope to see you all there.

CADS theatre group serves Charlbury and its many surrounding villages, and is always actively seeking new members, especially if you are interested in working backstage. Please contact the Chairman or any member to find out more. Check out our Facebook page Charlbury Drama (CADS) and our web page: www.charlbury-drama.com.



Charlbury Green Hub

Charlbury Sharecroppers receives OCVA 2017 Environmental Award

In May, Charlbury Sharecroppers received this year's Environmental Award from the Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action organisation at Oxford Town Hall. This is county-wide recognition that what we are doing in Charlbury is a really good model for other communities to follow.

The award goes three ways – to the generous people who offer to share their surplus fruits rather than see it wasted, to the people who pick the fruit, and above all to the wonderful people of Charlbury who take it away to eat! The award goes to everyone involved in the process – all three parties are essential!

This is our 10th year and the first Big Apple Take-Away will be on the Playing Close at 2.30pm on Sunday 10th 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 01608 811057 or

sharecroppers@charlburygreenhub.org.uk

Windfalls are also collected so nothing is wasted. The best windfalls are juiced and made into Sharecroppers Gold cider which is given to Charlbury Beer Festival, Riverside Festival and Wychwood Fair to raise money for these events. The worst windfalls and the pomace from the juicing are given to local pigs.

Christine Elliott

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News from the Baptist Church

Following the success of the Alpha course we ran from April to June, we are starting another in September. It will probably be on a Sunday afternoon starting at 4pm with tea and cake, then a short film followed by discussion. There is no pressure to attend church or anything else. It is simply a chance to discuss Christianity in the everyday context. Dates to be confirmed but there will be posters around the town and you can always check our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/dyershill/ or our webpage on the Charlbury website: www.charlbury.info/community/34?category=8.

It will almost certainly run September – November for 11 weeks. While you do not need to come every session, we encourage people to come and participate in as many as possible. For more information call Jean Andrews on 07980 534874.



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Charlbury Catholics reorganise

In February the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham announced that, after Fr Aldo Tapparo's June retirement, Charlbury would no longer have a dedicated, locally-resident priest.

Fr Tony Joyce, Parish Priest at Chipping Norton, has now assumed responsibility for Charlbury – a parish covering about a sixth of West Oxfordshire. St Teresa's church will remain open and Charlbury remains a distinct parish.

Catholic priest numbers in England are falling while population growth around Oxfordshire creates a growing demand for their services. In this diocese, no new priests have been ordained in the past year, for example.

Fr Tony will now say Mass on Sundays here at 9.15, then get back to Chippy for another Mass at 11. He will come here for weekday Masses on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Sunday Mass at Enstone, celebrated by a locum, will now be on the second Sunday of each month only. Meanwhile, the Enstone Rd Presbytery is being modified to provide accommodation for retired priests.

Fr Tony's new area is a challenge for the fittest. But as he approaches retirement age (for Catholic priests typically 75-80), further reorganisation seems inevitable. When Christianity first came to west Oxfordshire in the mid 7th century, it served the whole population from just five single-priest churches, at Charlbury, Eynsham, Minster Lovell, Bampton and Shipton.

The Catholic diocese isn't planning to adopt that model. But it's going to have to find creative solutions to yet another problem posed by Britain's changing demographics.

*Mike Flanagan: Co-chair, Charlbury Catholic Parish Council
chair.stteresaschurchcharlbury@gmail.com*



Charlbury Refugee

Action Group has been going for less than two years, during which time we are proud to have raised over £30,000 in support of refugees caught

in Europe, mostly in Greece and France. That's in addition to tents, bedding, clothes, food and much more besides, that you have given to these desperate people. Watch the noticeboards and Charlbury website for more ways you can help this autumn!

We also write to MPs and others pleading the refugee cause, including Britain's responsibility to take our share of minors, hundreds of whom are now stranded across the Channel while family members live and work legally here.

In August we again helped Charlbury Cricket Club offer an afternoon's cricket to enthusiastic young Afghan refugees from Oxford, by providing a traditional cricket tea! We have also been collecting items for 'baby boxes' going to camps in Greece.

Our principal fundraising activity at present is the series of Sunday afternoon 'Tea Concerts' at 3pm in the Memorial Hall. Each features musicians of national and international fame who generously give their services to the cause. Tickets are £10 (under 15s £5) and include a one-hour concert followed by tea and cake.

Here are the next two concerts:

Sunday October 15 **Improviso**

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Improviso will perform works by G.P. Telemann and Dario Castello alongside their own improvisations.

Sunday November 5 **Clarinet trios with Antony Pay and friends**

Former principal clarinetist of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and the Academy of St Martin in the Fields, Antony Pay is an esteemed international soloist and conductor. He has recorded concertos for Decca and Virgin Classics, conducted orchestras throughout Europe and was Professor of Clarinet at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and the Royal Academy of Music.

He will be joined for this concert by cellist Gabriel Amherst and pianist Hugh Potter to perform Brahms' Clarinet Trio in A minor, Beethoven's Clarinet trio in Bb op 11 and excerpts from Messiaen's Quatuor pour la Fin du Temps.

- If you would like to contribute to our fundraising, you can donate (with Gift Aid) at <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/charlburyrefugee>
- To receive our newsletters and information about future activities, please email charlburyrefugee@gmail.com

Jon Carpenter



Pilgrim Paths Summer Activities in the Chipping Norton Deanery

Guided circular walks, led by experienced walkers. Meet at the church at 10am. Bring your own food and drink.

Friday 15th September St Marys Charlbury (OX7 3PR) to Shorthampton 5 miles

Friday 20th October St Denys Little Compton (GL56 0SA) to Chastleton 4 miles

Further information from parishoffice@stmaryscharlbury.co.uk

Charlbury Church Services



Charlbury Baptist Church, Dyer's Hill

Contact: Secretary (01608 810107)
 Sunday services at 10.30 am
 House group: Thursdays at 8 pm
 Craft: Tuesdays 2-30 – 4.30 pm
 See website / phone for details
charlburybaptistchurch@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/dyershill/>
 Please look at our **Noticeboard** or **Facebook** page (above)
 from September to find out our venues while major
 repair work to our premises is being undertaken



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



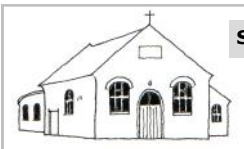
Friends' Meeting House, Market Street

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

As I write, about 40 children aged 4 to 11 years and a dedicated team of helpers are getting ready for the Holiday Club in St Mary's Church. The theme this year is 'Knights in Action' and the church has been transformed into a mediaeval castle. The Holiday Club is just one of the ways in which the churches in Charlbury work to provide a service to the community. Our next event will be running the 'home grown and homemade' stall at the Street Fair in support of the Corner House and Memorial Hall.

The churches are also looking outside Charlbury to see what we can do to help people much less fortunate than ourselves. One of our major events is Christian Aid Week in May when we collect money to help tackle poverty and injustice in many parts of the world. This year we raised £2622.31 through the House to House collection in Charlbury. Due to a shortage of collectors not every road was visited but it is still an impressive amount to raise in a small place and we are very grateful to so many generous people.

Christian Aid uses the money raised in Christian Aid Week to help poverty stricken communities in many countries with clean water supplies, improved farming practices, education and training and other practical measures. But Christian Aid along with other development agencies is also working to address the injustices and ignorance that keep people poor.

For example, we are increasingly aware of the unpredictable weather that is resulting from climate change. This can affect people in parts of the world already prone to floods or drought far more drastically than anything we experience here. Christian Aid is not only helping people to prepare against natural disasters but, along with other agencies, is campaigning to make us more aware of the dangers of climate change and to encourage lower energy use and other mitigating behaviour.

Tackling issues like climate change has to be carried out at a community, an economic and a political level. Some people think that churches should not be involved in politics in any way but in fact many political decisions are also moral decisions to which churches and other faith groups should contribute.

When the General Election took place we, together with the West Oxfordshire UNA group, tried to organise a hustings, to which all the candidates were invited. This would have given electors the chance to ask some of the social and environmental questions that are often ignored in General Elections. Unfortunately only two candidates were willing to attend so the event was cancelled. But we will continue to ask questions and take action where we can to encourage peace with justice and a more kindly and hopeful future for everyone.

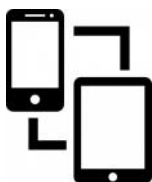
*Rosalind Scott
Secretary*

Relax, unwind, read the papers, catch up with friends and colleagues and enjoy some delicious home-made cake along with a steaming cup of Fair Trade tea or coffee at the

Font Café

**St. Mary's Church, Charlbury
10am to 12 noon every Thursday**

For smaller children we provide a play area with toys. There is also a **Traidcraft** stall selling a range of fairly traded foods, crafts and cards.



GADGET SESSION

A Gadget Session will be held at the Font Café on Thursday 21 September from 10am to 12pm. Bring along your phone, tablet or laptop and we will attempt to answer your queries! This service is provided by Age UK.



Coffee break page

Compiled by Pat Court

AUTUMN QUIZ

All the questions or answers all relate (loosely!) to Autumn!

Anagrams

1. SORE SHIP (4,4)
2. RECKONS (7)
3. LONE WHALE (9)
4. MINK PUP (7)
5. BRAIN THEE (9)
6. CHEW ITS (7)
7. VALE REEDS (3, 6)
8. ROBS FINE (8)

Quotes—name the author and/or work

9. Every leaf speaks bliss to me,
Fluttering from the autumn tree
10. Wild is the music of autumnal winds
Amongst the faded woods
11. No spring nor summer beauty hath such grace
As I have seen in one autumnal face
12. It was one of those perfect English autumnal days which occur more
frequently in memory than in life
13. In looking at the happy autumn fields,
And thinking of the days that are no more

General

14. What day of the week is Thanksgiving in the US?
15. Name the two Zodiac signs associated with October.
16. Who wrote "To Autumn"?
17. On October 1st 1908 what went on sale for the first time in the US?
18. On November 4th 1922, who found what?
19. What is the birthstone for September?
20. What happened on 20th November 1947 in London?
21. Only three British mammals hibernate—name them.
22. What happened on October 1st 1960 in the US?
23. Who wrote "The Hunt for Red October"?
24. Who painted "Autumn Effect at Argenteuil"?
25. By what name is the full moon nearest to the autumnal equinox known?
26. On what date is St Andrews Day celebrated in Scotland?
27. What date did the Great Fire of London start?

Answers are on page 49

What's On in Charlbury

I have been asked to include a list of "What's On" in Charlbury in the forthcoming three months. It surprised me how much there was! 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—Annual Flower & Plant Show, 1.30-4pm, Memorial Hall
- 3—Wychwood Forest Fair, 11-5pm, Ducklington Showground, OX29 7YL
- 4—Opening of new library, 9.30am
- 5—Yack & Yarn, 7.30pm, The Bell
- 9—Farmers Market, 9am—1pm, Playing Close
- 9—Tour of Britain Cycle Race through Charlbury
- 9—Charlbury Carnival of Cycling
- 9—Ride & Stride
- 9—Opening of Charlbury Community Centre
- 10—Big Apple Take-Away, 2.30pm, Playing Close
- 10—ChOC, "The Lion", 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 13—CAS Mtg, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 15—Pilgrim Walk, 10am, St Marys
- 15—Egg Throwing, 6.00pm, Church Street
- 16—STREET FAIR, 2pm, Church Street
- 16-17—CAS Autumn Exhibition, 10-5pm, Memorial Hall
- 20—Open Morning at Charlbury School, 9.20am, Charlbury Primary School
- 20—WI Mtg, Scrapbooking Workshop, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 21—"Gadget Session" at the Font Café, 10-12pm, St Marys
- 23—Cushion and Doorsteps Craft workshop—see article on WI
- 24—Harvest Messy Church, 9am, St Marys
- 24—Big Apple Take-Away, 2.30pm, Playing Close
- 24—Choral Evensong, 6pm, St Marys

October

- 1—Deadline for applications for Charlbury Student Grants
- 3—Yack & Yarn, 7.30pm, The Bell
- 7—Bring & Take,, 10-12pm, Memorial Hall
- 8—Big Apple Take-Away, 2.30pm, Playing Close
- 8—ChOC, "Sully: Miracle on the Hudson", 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 9—Talk by Will Ord, Memorial Hall
- 11—CAS Mtg, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 13—Charlbury Society, "The Challenge of Charlbury Development", 8pm, Memorial Hall
- 14—Garden Society Coffee Morning & Plant Sale, 9.30am, Corner House
- 15—CRAG Tea Concert, "Improviso", 3pm, Memorial Hall
- 18—Open Morning at Charlbury School, 9.20am, Charlbury Primary School
- 18—WI mtg, Wine Talk and tasting, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 19—British Legion AGM, 8pm, Corner House
- 20—Pilgrim Walk, 10am, St Denys, Little Compton
- 20—Speakeasy, 8pm, The Shed
- 20—Garden Society—Harvest Supper and AGM, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 21—Quiz for Shorthampton Church, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 22—Big Apple Take-Away, 2.30pm, Playing Close
- 22—Taize Service, 6pm, St Marys
- 26—Information Drop-In Event, 10-2.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 29—Messy Church, 9am, St Marys
- 31—Deadline for returning documentation for grants to Town Council, midday

November

4—British Legion Coffee Morning, 9.30am, Corner House
5—Big Apple Take-Away, 2.30pm, The Playing Close
5—CRAG Tea Concert, "Clarinet Trios", 3pm, Memorial Hall
5—All Souls Service, 4pm, St Marys
7—Yack & Yarn, 7.30pm, The Bell
8—CAS Mtg, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
9—Open Morning at Charlbury School, 9.20am, Charlbury Primary School
9—Garden Society "Greatest Gardening Tips in the World, 8pm, Garden Room
10—British Legion Band Concert, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
11—Collection of Christmas Shoeboxes, 10-12pm, Baptist Church
11—National Two Minute Silence, 11am
12—Remembrance Day Parade, Spendlove Car Park, 2.30pm
12—Remembrance Day Service, 3pm, St Marys
12—ChOC, "The Sense of an Ending", 7.00pm, Memorial Hall
15—WI Mtg, "Medicine in Everyday Life", 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
17—Speakeasy, 8pm, The Shed
18-19—Artweeks, 11-6pm
23—SusCha Public Meeting, 8pm, Morris Room
23-25—CADS "Robin of Wychwood", Memorial Hall
25—WI Coffee Morning, 9.30-12pm, Corner House

Weekly events

Monday

9.30am—Toddlers Group, Memorial Hall
1.30-3pm—Tennis Club

Tuesday

6pm—Bowls Club
8pm—Wychwayz Border Morris, Scout Hut

Wednesday

7.45pm—Bell Ringing, St Mary's

Thursday

10-12pm—Font Café, St Mary's
7-9pm—Tennis Club

Friday

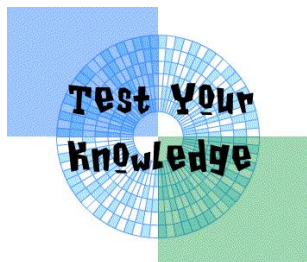
9.30am—Exercise for 50+, Memorial Hall
10-11.30am—Corner House Coffee

Morning

7pm—Choir Practice—St Mary's

Sunday

See Sunday Church Services
2-5pm—Tennis Club



WHAT ?

WHERE ?

WHEN ?

HOW ?

A QUIZ

Charlbury Memorial Hall

Saturday 21 October, 7.30pm

Bring a team of six (with a name!) or just yourself—let us know and teams can be put together on the night

Contact: art@amandacooper.co.uk, Bolters Farm,
Chilson, Chipping Norton OX7 3HU;
tel: 01608 676504

TICKETS £15 per person, on receipt of a cheque made out to 'Charlbury PCC (Shorthampton)' or email me for online payment.

Price includes Cottage Pie per person and a bottle of wine per table—more wine to lubricate the grey matter will be available at the bar!



Charlbury Museum News

If you haven't yet seen the current exhibition 'Bonnets & Bloomers, Braces & Bowlers' do come and visit us before we close for the season on 1st October.

Everyone who has visited has commented on how much they have enjoyed the story of Henry Allen's Victorian drapery shop in Church Street.

The Sewing Bee weekend held in early July, and inspired by the exhibition, was a great success. Many thanks to all those who demonstrated their crafts and to the WI who provided splendid teas on the Sunday afternoon.

The Museum is open Saturdays 10 to 12pm and Sundays and Bank Holidays 2.30 to 4.30pm. We are also open for Street Fair on Saturday 16th September.

World War 1: The Battle of Passchendaele, Autumn 1917

This year has seen many events to commemorate those who lost their lives in one of the worst battles of the First World War. One hundred years ago, on 31st July 1917, the Battle of Passchendaele began. It soon reached stalemate and within a few days the heaviest rain for 30 years had turned the soil into a quagmire, producing thick mud that clogged up rifles and immobilised tanks. It eventually became so deep that men and horses drowned in it. When the village of Passchendaele was eventually captured on 6 November, the offensive finally ended. An advance of barely five miles had cost 325,000 Allied deaths and 260,000 German casualties.

Three men from Charlbury were killed in action in the first week of the Battle in August 1917.

Bertram Brookfield, son of the former station-master, was killed by a shell on the night of August 5th, aged 20, and is remembered on the Menin Gate Memorial. Herbert Castle, head gardener at Sandford Mount, died of wounds on 4th August, aged 20. William Lane (pictured) a journeyman carpenter at home and

serving in the Oxon & Bucks Light Infantry was killed on the night of August 5th. The Deanery Magazine in September 1917 wrote: "At the outbreak of war, as Sergeant of the Territorials, he was in charge of the first batch of some 20 who joined from Charlbury. Later, as Sergeant Major at the Front, he took great care of many from this neighbourhood and they were greatly attached to him".

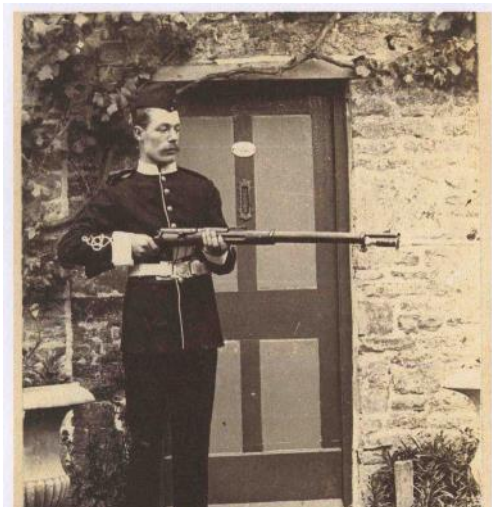
Ernest Wallis worked for some time as a gardener at Cornbury Park. He died on 17 September 1917 at the Battle of Arras. Frank Cooper who came from Chilson Hill had just recovered from being wounded by shrapnel at Arras when he returned to fight at Passchendaele. He was one of the very few of the 5th Oxon and Bucks Light Infantry to survive the battle.

Judy Dod

Glover, Tailor, Soldier, Sailor: Charlbury and the First World War

You can read more about these and other servicemen in this new book published by the Museum. It tells the stories of the men who served, what Charlbury was like during the war and explores the role of the women who served as nurses and in many other ways. Copies cost £8 each.

If you would like to get involved with Charlbury Museum, we are always looking for help with stewarding. Please contact charlburymuseum@elmstead.plus.net



Are you worried about your memory?

It happens to all of us from time to time. You can't put a name to a face. You go upstairs and then forget what you went up for. You sometimes take a bit longer to find the right word.

Most of the time such slips are a nuisance, rather than a sign of something more serious. And, of course, some of us are more forgetful than others. But if you are worried that your memory is getting noticeably worse, or if memory loss is beginning to affect your everyday life, it is important to seek early advice because it could be an early sign of dementia.

You might also be concerned about someone close to you.

Memory problems are common. Many of us notice that our memory becomes less reliable as we get older. It's important to know that there are many reasons for memory loss apart from dementia. These can include depression, infections and vitamin and thyroid deficiencies. The earlier you seek help the better, as there may be support or treatment available that can help you. For more information, go to this website: www.alzheimers.org.uk/memoryworry.

But sometimes memory loss can be an early sign of a medical condition such as dementia, so it's important to seek early advice.

Dementia is not a single illness but a group of symptoms caused by damage to the brain. It is more common in people over 65, but dementia can also affect younger people. Most people associate dementia with loss of memory, but symptoms can also include confusion and difficulties with thinking things through, problem-solving and language.

In dementia, these symptoms may cause problems with learning new skills, such as using a new phone, or they may cause loss

of familiar skills, such as cooking a meal, driving, managing medication or paying household bills. This can cause people to become anxious or lose confidence.

Sometimes people also experience changes in mood or behave in ways that are out of character, such as becoming withdrawn or irritable.

If you are worried about your memory, visit your GP. They will talk to you (and anyone with you) about your concerns and possibly arrange for further investigation. You may be referred to a local memory clinic or hospital specialist where further assessment will be performed and a more certain diagnosis can be made.

If you are concerned about the memory of someone close to you, encourage them to visit their GP. Support the person to make the appointment and offer to go with them if necessary.

If a diagnosis of dementia is confirmed, there is help available. You can phone Dementia Oxfordshire, our local support service, on 01865 410210. Their website is: www.dementiaoxfordshire.org.uk.

In some cases a doctor might be able to prescribe drugs that can lessen symptoms for a while. You should also be offered the chance to attend groups or take part in activities that may help you and any carer to cope better.

You should also try to think about the future, talk to others and be supported to plan ahead. Although there is currently no cure for dementia, with treatment, advice and support, many people who have the condition lead active, fulfilling lives.

This article has been sourced from the Alzheimer's Society by the local Dementia Friendly Charlbury (DFC) group, who aim to raise local awareness of dementia and how our community can support people with dementia and their carers to live well in our town.

To contact DFC phone Sue Smith on 01608 811007 or Meryl Smith on 01608 810192 or email us at charlburydfc@gmail.com.



**Community
Information
Network**

A useful Information Drop-In event will be coming to Charlbury on 26 October

Don't miss a great opportunity - brought to Charlbury for the very first time - to find out about local support services and activities provided by a range of statutory and voluntary agencies.

Come along to an Information Drop-In event on Thursday, 26 October in the Memorial Hall, Brown's Lane, running from 10.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. The Drop-In will be organised by the Community Information Network (CIN) in co-operation with local Charlbury groups interested in promoting help and support for local residents who may need them. We are grateful to Charlbury Town Council for financial support for this event.

Information Drop-Ins have been very successful elsewhere in the county and this is the first time that the Network will be coming to Charlbury.

Local experience of attending Drop-In events in other areas has been very positive. It is surprising what free help and advice is on offer; for example, from services such as the Fire Service, Police and Trading Standards; from gas and electricity companies; from voluntary organisations focusing on support for carers, and people dealing with bereavement; and advice for people experiencing health or other issues.

You may not have heard of the Community Information Network. It exists to provide information on local support services and activities, money matters and social care for people over 18 and/or their carers. It aims to help people find out how to meet others, how to get help at home, how to learn more about benefits and support, how to discover a new activity such as a computer or exercise class or how to get involved in their local community.

The service is free and operates across the county through information drop-ins, over the phone or home visits.

The Community Information Network project is being delivered by AgeUK Oxfordshire in partnership with Volunteer Link-Up and supported by Oxfordshire County Council. Our local CIN outreach worker is Stephen Mott and further details of the Network can be seen on the AgeUK Oxfordshire website: www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire/community-information-network/.

If you would like to come along to the Information Drop-In on 26 October but would need help with transport to get to the Memorial Hall, All Together In Charlbury (ATIC) may be able to help. Details of All Together In Charlbury - our new Good Neighbour Scheme - are given elsewhere in this edition of the Chronicle. Requests for help can be made by phoning ATIC on 01993 776277.

Meryl Smith



FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS AT THE CORNER HOUSE

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

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

PLEASE NOTE:

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

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

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



New for the Wychwood Forest Fair

There will be lots of new stalls at this year's Wychwood Forest Fair – Woodland Sprytes; Hatton Willow basket weaving; artist created greetings cards; pick and mix dog treats – and delicious new food stalls to try – Signal crayfish paella; Pie and Mighty pies; award winning charcuterie; giant cookies and tray-bakes; home-cured bacon rolls.

The Fair will be held on Sunday 3rd September 2017 11am-5pm at the Ducklington Showground, A415, OX29 7YL Admission is just £7 for adults, under 16s free, dogs on short leads welcome. Parking £1.

The Fair will also include many popular favourites:

The Rural Craft Area will be filled with demonstrations from willow sculpture and hurdle making to beekeeping and wood turning.

There will be a large variety of local Arts and Crafts to see and buy – including Gypsy flower making, jewellers, wool-smiths, and a flute maker.

Entertainers will include Morris Dancers, Witney Town Band, Berkshire Ferret Racing Club, a traditional Coconut Shy, and Hatwells Fun Fair.

The second-hand bookstall is a treat for book and film lovers with a large stock of print and audio books and DVDs.

Many other mouth-watering refreshments will be on offer including: Middle Eastern delights from Sufi Spice, Oxford Pizza, fish finger sandwiches, pig roast and barbeque, locally sourced Punjabi curries and finger food, delicious local ice cream, handcrafted chocolates bars, buttons and lollies. Not forgetting of course the Wychwood Tea Tent, with fabulous locally made cakes, and the Wychwood Bar supplied by Wychwood Brewery.

The Wychwood Forest Fair, one of West Oxfordshire's leading Green Country Shows, will be in a beautiful countryside location on the edge of the ancient Wychwood Forest area. All in all the Fair is a fantastic family day out.

The organiser of the Fair, the Wychwood Project, is a registered charity that aims to inspire people to conserve and restore our unique local landscapes and habitats. In addition to the Project's own display area, community and conservation groups will be promoting ways of "doing your bit" for the environment and for your community.

All proceeds from this event go towards the Wychwood Project's on-going work of "Restoring Landscapes, Inspiring People" in the Wychwood area.

Come along for a day celebrating all things rural at the 18th annual Wychwood Forest Fair for "All the Fun of a Rural Fair".

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

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

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 the 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.



RECYCLING NEWS

Plastic bags can now be used to line food waste bins

Residents can now use plastic bags such as carrier bags and pedal bin liners, to line their food waste bins.

West Oxfordshire District Council collects food waste every week and takes it to the Agrivert Anaerobic Digestion plant near Cassington for recycling.

The processing plant is now able to accept thin plastic bags and carrier bags as caddy liners, as well as residents placing food waste in compostable bags, newspapers or directly into their caddies. Extracted liner bags are sent to an Energy Recovery Facility, where they are incinerated and created into energy.

Cllr Carol Reynolds, Cabinet Member for the Environment at West Oxfordshire District Council, said: "This is great news as many residents tell us that compostable bags are expensive and some tear easily, which can be messy.

"We know local people are keen recyclers, as last year we collected over 3,480 tonnes of food waste, but this change will help make it even easier, cheaper and cleaner for people to recycle their leftovers."

Residents can use any type of paper or plastic liners for food waste, provided they are not black bin bags.

Food can also be put loose, straight into the caddy. However, it is important that retail packaging is removed. For example, bacon should be taken out of its plastic packet and fruit out of any punnets.

For more information about waste and recycling in West Oxfordshire, or to order a **free** food waste bin and kitchen caddy, see www.westoxon.gov.uk/bins or call 01993 861025.

Recycling Changes from October

- Fortnightly household recycling collections, instead of weekly. (Food waste will still be collected every week).
- You will be given a blue-lidded wheelie bin for the majority of your recycling – aerosols, card, cartons, foil, paper and plastic bottles / tubs.

Glass bottles / jars and unwanted small electrical items will need to go in separate recycling boxes. Alternatively, these can be taken to one of our recycling centres.





Charlbury Town Council report

New town councillor

Congratulations to Vince Hill who has been elected unopposed for the vacant seat on Charlbury Town Council, following Gordon Clemson stepping down.

The next full Town Council elections will be in 2020. It might be early days now but please do think about standing – it's a real chance to help make Charlbury better, and it's important that the Town Council represents the full range of ages, backgrounds and opinions within Charlbury.

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.

Local Plan examination

West Oxfordshire District Council's Local Plan, which sets overall planning policy for the district, has been undergoing an independent examination at a series of hearings in Witney, chaired by Planning Inspector Malcolm Rivett.

We have spoken at the hearings on two points in particular. First, we emphasised the need for commercial uses (such as shops and offices) in the historic town centre to be protected; the Inspector heard our case sympathetically and we are hopeful that the final Local Plan will have stronger wording for Charlbury and the other small towns in the District. Second, we stressed the need for housing development in the town to be appropriate and sympathetic to the landscape setting and historic nature, with full provision for affordable housing and a contribution to community facilities.

Separately, we also spoke at the WODC planning meeting on 7th August which was considering the application to build eight new houses at the bottom of Hixet Wood, and expressed deep misgivings about the proposal, location and the affordable housing and community contributions

proposed. The decision was deferred.

Grants

Any organisation that thinks it may need a grant from the Town Council for the financial year 2018/19 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.

Weight restrictions

There has been increased concern about the number of heavy lorries passing over the river bridge and through the town. There is a 7.5-tonne weight limit on all roads in Charlbury town centre (except for access and scheduled buses), including the bridge. 7.5 tonnes covers most small delivery/self-drive vehicles but not medium or large lorries.

Oxfordshire County Council can and does prosecute offenders but can only do so if people report them. Please help to keep unsuitable traffic off our narrow streets by reporting any traffic you see breaking the limit. You can do this online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/weight-restriction-enforcement (or search for 'oxfordshire weight restrictions'). For your own safety, don't attempt to follow or stop any vehicle – but do take a photograph if you can, which can then accompany your online report.

X9 bus service

We are very pleased to report that Pulhams are continuing to run the X9 bus to Chipping Norton and Witney after the initial year-long trial period. Its former sister service, the X8 between Kingham and Chipping Norton, has been dropped due to a lack of passengers, so it is vitally important that Charlbury continue to support this link.

The X9 runs every one or two hours from Charlbury on weekdays and every two hours on Saturdays. It's free to concessionary pass holders and reasonably priced for others. Buses depart from stops along the Nine Acres Lane/Slade/Sturt Road route, on Enstone Road and on

Church Street: see the timetables at each stop or at www.pulhamscoaches.com for details.

In brief

- Surface work carried out in conjunction with the Cotswold AONB wardens has improved the circular walk around the Mill Field.
- 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.
- We are sorry to report deliberate vandalism at the skate park where bolts were removed. This has now been repaired, but we would ask users and passers-by to keep an eye out for any recurrence, and to report it to the police and the Town Council.

Contacting your Town Council

Full council meetings will be held in the Corner House at 7.30pm on Wednesday 27th September, 25th October and 29th 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 7th October and 2nd 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

I write to you all from my home in West Oxfordshire, having left Westminster for the summer. For those that do not know, Parliament sits on dates that are very similar to school holidays and so the House rose in July and will sit again in September. But the last thing I will have been doing is sitting idle, playing golf or taking six weeks off – recess provides an excellent opportunity to visit as many events, charities, businesses and meetings as I can, and I have made full use of it.

One such event was the fantastic Charlbury Beer Festival which I visited with my young family in tow. I greatly enjoyed the strong sense of community spirit shown through the wide array of activities, including the Aunt Sally Open Singles World Championship. I did have a go, but sadly I did not discover a burgeoning talent and will leave it to the experts! I also sampled the excellent local real ales on offer, using my knitted glass holder from the WI – what more does a festival need?

When visiting events such as this around the constituency, I am always impressed by the sterling effort and hard work put in by the organisers to make these events a success. Village fetes and festivals are a great opportunity for communities to come together and celebrate what makes their village special, as well as raise money for good causes.

As we head into autumn, I will be going back to Westminster and all the activity that that entails. Whenever I am speaking in Parliament, I am always conscious that I'm there representing you all. That is why I've spoken on issues ranging from British nationals held abroad to broadband in rural areas, and met with many of you in surgeries, at Town Councils or when I have visited Charlbury. I try to keep you as updated as I can about matters locally and in Westminster through my regular newsletter – which you can sign up to at www.robertcourts.co.uk. And do please contact me at robert@robertcourts.co.uk to let me know about any issues you wish to discuss – I'm always keen to hear from you!

From County & District Councillor Liz Leffman

01608 810153 liz.leffman@westoxon.gov.uk

As many people will know, on September 9th we have the OVO cycle Tour of Britain coming through Charlbury and the Wychwood villages.

The big concern for me, as the County Councillor for the area, is the state of the roads that cyclists will be passing over. At the first County Council meeting I attended in June, I asked the Cabinet Member for Environment to confirm that the roads would be inspected and repaired prior to the race, and I was given her assurance that this was being done.

This is good news for us in Charlbury, as we are only too aware of how the road surfaces have been allowed to deteriorate, but whether the promised repairs will happen remains to be seen. I will in any case be working with the Town Council to tackle the many road issues that affect us all in the town and around.

GWR are planning to extend the parking at the station in the near future and I have a meeting arranged, as I write, with GWR and the chair of the County Council to discuss how this is going to be achieved. I am very concerned about the plan to put parking on the field adjacent to the river, and I will be arguing against this.

Like many people in Charlbury I remember the catastrophic floods of 2007, and although this has not been repeated, it is not impossible that it could happen again. Plus the field has an important role in protecting the views and the environment of our town.

With my District Council hat on, much of my time recently has been taken up with the imminent change to our recycling procedures. During the consultation about the new system I argued strongly for people to be allowed to keep their boxes if they could not store another wheelie bin and this was agreed.

It was disappointing, then, to discover when the bins were distributed that they

were given to everyone, and that there was no system in place for people to state a preference or return unwanted bins.

Charlbury is far from unique in having houses with no access to back gardens other than through the house – many newly built houses in Witney and Chipping Norton have the same structure – so it is extremely concerning that officers have failed to take this into account when organising the switchover.

I will continue to monitor how this is progressing.

From District Councillor Andy Graham

07908 832632 andyg2439@gmail.com

The new blue topped bins have been arriving and hopefully residents will find this easier than the boxes. (These you can keep for your own purposes but if you really do not want them, ring the council and they will collect and either clean them up or recycle them) For those who have real issues in accommodating this blue recycling bin for reasons of access etc please ring the customer helpline and they will consider letting you keep the black box. (Please contact them first so your particular issue can be resolved).

The Local Plan has been assessed by the inspector and comments gratefully received; the Chair of planning has let it be known that we are hopeful the plan will be in place by December. We will have to wait in the meantime with bated breath. It is time that property speculation ends and a more common sense approach to planning is brought to bear. We need housing, the right make up where need is identified and provided with appropriate infra structure. The more local communities have a real say on this, the more likely we will have sustainable communities. The provision for younger people is essential in this matter.

On a more alarming note and equally important is the growing number of homeless in the district and this includes Charlbury! Temporary accommodation is almost non-existent with homeless catered for in Travelodges and similar.

Not only is it expensive but also inappropriate. I appeal to anyone with connections to letting agents or bed and breakfast accommodation to come forward. I will be launching a zero homeless West Oxfordshire campaign in the Autumn so please contact me if you can and want to help. Everyone is entitled to a home!

Charlbury Youth Theatre is recruiting young people ready for a bumper season of plays, theatre activities and workshops at The Shed on a Monday commencing September 11th from 5.15pm—6.15pm (7-11 year olds), and 11-16 year olds at 6.15pm—7.30 pm.

A football teenage love story loosely based on Gregory's Girl will be produced and should be great fun but high quality. For the younger girls The Mysterious Wardrobe loosely based on The Lion, the Witch and The Wardrobe will be an exciting project to get involved in. For further details email andyg2439@gmail.com



Hope for Children

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communities across eight countries in Central and Eastern Europe and Africa, to help children grow up in safe and productive environments.

The charity moves children out of institutions into family-based care, helps keep families together who are at risk of breakdown due to the pressures of poverty, disease or conflict and works to prevent child abandonment.

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-a-brac, toys etc.

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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.

A full list of walks can be found on the website www.escapetothecotswolds.org.uk or in a copy of the Cotswold Lion, available in various locations.

Saturday 9th September 10:00am

Family Walk – North Leigh common and Roman Villa

The walk starts with a tree trail on North Leigh Common. After a walk of 2 miles we arrive at a Roman Villa and have a quiz trail to find out about the people who once lived here. Please bring a picnic. Some car sharing - please refer to website.

Meet at the car park by North Leigh Common.

Tuesday 12th September 6:00pm

Blenheim Estate: of Kings, Queens and Heroes

An easy walk of 4 miles lasting 2 hours

This short walk on public rights of way around the Blenheim Estate looks for traces of its historic past. From Henry II and his mistress, to Princess Elizabeth I, the Dukes of Marlborough and more recently Sir Winston Churchill.

Meeting Place: Hensington Road car park in Woodstock.

Friday 22nd September 10:00am

Railway, River, Relics and Writers

Starting in the pleasant village of Kingham this walk rarely loses sight of the River Evenlode which inspired a couple of writers in the early 20th Century. Also on the walk is the opportunity to visit a church which features in Simon Jenkins book "England's 1000 best Churches".

Lunch opportunities in Kingham at the end of the walk.

Meeting Place: Kingham, the car park by the school OX7 6YD

Sunday 24th September 10:00am

Hiking Through History – life in Roman Oxfordshire

A 5 hour walk of 11.5 miles

Discover the story of the Romans in the Cotswolds. Please bring a packed lunch.

Meeting Place: Please park considerably anywhere near the church in Great Wolford.

Thursday 12th October 10:00am

Autumn in the Secret Forest of Wychwood

A 5 hour walk of 8 miles

A circular walk to include part of the Forest not normally open to the public, returning through Cornbury Deer Park by kind permission of Lord Rotherwick. Please bring a picked lunch.

Starts at Spendlove Centre in Charlbury

Wednesday 18th October 10:00am

Around the Crown

2 hours 4.5 miles

Starting at The Crown in Church Enstone the walk goes through Heythrop Park and through the pretty village of Lidstone to return via the Oxfordshire Way. Pub lunch available at end of walk.

Thursday 2nd November 10:00am

Circa Chippy

3 hour walk of 6 miles

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Rosemary Wilson

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INFORMATION ON THE FLU JAB

Influenza or the Flu is not just a bad cold. It is a serious infectious illness which kills tens of thousands of people every year in the UK—and that is when there is no epidemic. Not to mention the thousands of lost work days through unnecessary illness.

The Flu season is on its way and it is time to start thinking about having a flu jab. This is the best way of protecting yourself and loved ones from suffering from this potentially serious illness. To remain as protected as possible, it is necessary to receive the flu jab every year, as the three strains contained in the vaccine change, depending on what is considered to pose the greatest risk in the UK at the time.

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 CANNOT GIVE YOU THE FLU!! The viruses in the vaccine are inactive, not live, so it is IMPOSSIBLE for the Flu jab to give you the flu.

You are entitled to a free NHS vaccination from your doctor if you are:

- Aged 65 or over
- Pregnant

OR, If you have a serious medical condition such as:

- Diabetes
- 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.

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. The charge is £10 and no appointment is necessary.

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.

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



Open Mornings

Do you have a child who will be starting Primary School in September 2018? If you would like to find out more about Charlbury Primary School, then please come along to the open mornings planned for 20 September, 18 October or 9 November.

The timings for these sessions will be 9.20am for a 9.30am start and it will run for about an hour. You will be given a tour of the school, find out how our school works and have a chance to ask any questions you may have.

Please ring or email to book onto these sessions.

The School Office can be contacted on 01608 810354 or office.2100@charlbury.oxon.sch.uk

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The sellers may say that they are on a "rehabilitation course" arranged by probation services or other organisations trying to find people work. This is not the case and often they are known criminals. Probation services do not run such schemes.

They may also hand over a card saying they are deaf or dumb

REMEMBER if cold callers don't get any sales in your area, they are less likely to return.

Please call 101 and report them in your area.

Wesley Smith

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

We invite you to take part in this year's Christmas Shoebox collection to bring joy to needy families in Eastern Europe. Cover an empty shoebox (box and lid separately) with wrapping paper and fill it with small gifts for children or a family. If you are a knitter, hats, gloves and scarves are most welcome, even if you are unable to fill a complete box.

Further details will be available in leaflets that will be found in the Corner House or Charlbury churches. You can also download information, labels and ideas from the website www.teams4u.com

Boxes will be collected at the Baptist Church, Dyer's Hill on Saturday, 11 November between 10 am and 12 noon or phone 01608 810130 if this time is inconvenient.

Joan Belshaw



CHARLBURY ART SOCIETY

CAS welcomes anybody with an interest in art, however peripheral, as well as practising artists and beginners. There really is something for everybody. Our monthly talks are advertised on our website www.charlburyarts.co.uk, which always has lots of information about our other varied activities too. Members are free but there is a small charge of £3 for visitors.

The talks are always on the second Wednesday of each month in the Memorial Hall, Charlbury, starting at 7:30 pm sharp. The new 2017/18 programme will kick off at the first of our meetings on September 13th with three of our artists each giving a short talk about an artistic parent. Sarah Castle will tell us about her father, Frank Sherwin, well known for his Railway Posters; Wendy Wilson will speak about her abstract painter father, Frank Avery Wilson; and Giles Dawson will tell us about his mother, Patricia Dawson, printmaker.

On October 11 Tony Lloyd will talk about "The Frame". He will explore how and where an artwork seen by the viewer affects the experience of what is seen and the importance of how the physical location, psychological perception and cultural background can all enhance the experience with a correctly chosen frame or space.

On November 8, Chrissie Borland, will present the painter Henri Matisse and his marvellous Cutouts. Refreshments are served at all our meetings.

More information can be obtained from Kati Eidembenz on 01608 810911



Charlbury's Own Cinema

ChOC News

We are pleased to welcome new committee members, **Derek Collett** and **Sally Fenn**, who joined us following the AGM in June.

At the same time we bade farewell to **Clare Carswell** who stood down from the committee in order to concentrate on work commitments. Richard warmly thanked Clare for her contribution and commitment to ChOC over the last few years.

The committee for 2017/18 is:

Richard Cocks - Chair and Bar Steward -
Phone: 01608 810032

Susan Burne - Treasurer

Steve Hague - Projectionist

Elaine Newbold

Derek Collett

Sally Fenn

Jackie Hague - Secretary

Our programme for autumn features two films based on true events, beginning with **Lion** in September, and in October **Sully: Miracle on the Hudson**. In November, **when we move to our earlier performance time of 7pm**, we will be showing the screen adaptation of Julian Barnes' **The Sense of an Ending**.

Early in the new year, one of our screenings will be a well-loved, black and white, classic. We hope this will become a feature of our annual programme under the banner **ChOC Classic Cinema** and although we have an extensive list of films to choose from, we welcome suggestions from audience members. If there is a particular film you'd like us to consider, please email us with the details.



Sunday 10th September 2017 at 7.30pm: Lion Cert. PG / 115mins.

Based on **Saroo Brierley's** memoir 'A Long Way Home', and starring **Dev Patel** and **Nicole Kidman**, **Lion** tells the amazing story of the five-year-old Saroo (Sunny Pawar) who mistakenly boards a decommissioned train which takes him thousands of miles across India, away from home and family. Saroo learns to

survive alone in Kolkata, before ultimately being adopted by an Australian couple. Twenty-five years later, armed with only a handful of memories, his unwavering determination, and a revolutionary technology known as Google Earth, he sets out to find his lost family and finally return to his first home.



Sunday 8th October at 7.30pm: Sully: Miracle on the Hudson Cert. 12A / 96mins.

On 15th January 2009, Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger (**Tom Hanks**) attempts an emergency landing in New York's Hudson River after US Airways Flight 1549 strikes a flock of geese. Miraculously, all 155 passengers and crew survive the harrowing ordeal and Sullenberger becomes a national hero in the eyes of the public and the media. However, despite these accolades, the famed pilot faces an investigation that threatens to destroy his career and reputation.



Sunday 12th November at 7pm: The Sense of an Ending Cert. 15 / 106mins.

Business owner (**Jim Broadbent**) reunites with his first love (**Charlotte Rampling**) after a letter and a diary force him to confront the past. "*Jim Broadbent, Charlotte Rampling and Harriet Walter bring class to this restrained adaptation of Julian Barnes's novel*" - *The Observer*

All screenings are held in the War Memorial Hall, Charlbury. Doors and the popular ChOC bar open 45 minutes before the scheduled performance time.

Admission: Adults £5 / U15s £3 (when applicable).

At the time of writing, plans are afoot to celebrate the Tour of Britain Road Race as it passes through Charlbury on 9th September. Please look out for further details in the September edition of The Leaflet and also on the Charlbury website. Once again we will be at the Charlbury Street Fair on 16th September; do come along and have a chat with us about your local community cinema.

Jackie Hague
Secretary

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7. Red leaves; 8. Bonfires; 9. Emily Brontë;
(Fall, Leaves, fall); 10. William Wordsworth;
11. John Donne (The Autumnal); 12. P D James
(A Taste for Death); 13. Tennyson (Tears, Idle
Tears); 14. Thursday; 15. Libra, Scorpio;
16. John Keates; 17. Henry Ford's Model T;
18. Howard Carter discovered King Tutankhamun's
Tomb in Luxor; 19. Sapphires;
20. Princess Elizabeth married Lt. Philip
Mountbatten at Westminster Abbey;
21. Hedgehogs, Dormice and Bats;
22. Black Monday occurred on Wall Street;
23. Tom Clancy; 24. Claude Monet;
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