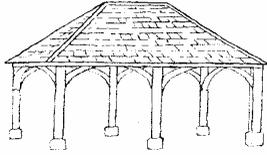


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September is the time that Charlbury has its Street Fair and you can read about the many activities on Saturday the 19th on page 3, and the 10 km Run & Fun Run details on Sunday 20th on page 8.

Heartiest congratulations to the Good Food Shop for their Five Star Award for good food hygiene - read the details on page 8. Lynne Stubbles and her staff have done Charlbury proud.

There seems to have been a flow of information from the Powers That Be recently. Some of it will be useful (see the Housing Needs Survey Update on page 7 and the Swine Flu Update on page 9); some of it possibly not so helpful (How Not To Overheat In Summer on page 28). There's also a notice of a meeting to be held by the Town Council on October 23rd about climate change and the proposal to switch off our street lights in the wee small hours

Those who manage the Centenary Woodland for us would like to hear

from anyone who wishes to become involved with hands-on management of this important site. Read the article on page 5.

Rob Stepney, who occasionally writes for the *Chronicle*, has been looking into our area's connection with the corridors of power and has come up with some interesting facts linking us to historical figures from hereabouts. Read his fascinating findings on page 15.

Apart from all that, look for ideas on Greek dancing, artistic blacksmithing, and tiny tots painting on bathroom walls!

Lynette Murphy

Please Note: The deadline for the December 2009 edition is November 1st 2009

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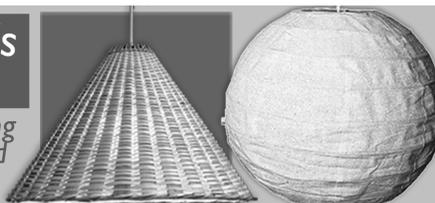
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CHARLBURY STREET FAIR 2009 SATURDAY SEPT 19

This year's theme is 'Back to the Future'

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Annual (Raw) Egg Throwing – This event will kick off Street Fair and will take place on Friday 18th September at 6.30pm outside the Rose and Crown. Teams of two; minimum age 11. See posters around the town and in the pubs and on the Charlbury website. £2 entry fee per team. Come along and see if you can win the "Egg Cup"!!

Events on the day will start at 1.30pm with the judging of the Children's Fancy Dress competition on the Playing Close by our celebrity. The Fair will be duly opened by the celebrity at 2pm and then the fun will really begin.

This is the 54th Street Fair – the first was held on 24th September 1955 – so let's make this one be the best ever!

True Colours will be playing in the evening – so get your dancing shoes on!

There will be something for everyone right through until 10pm so come prepared for all eventualities and all weathers, plus plenty of money to help towards the Corner House and Memorial Hall. Any late stallholders wishing to book a space can contact Teresa on 07881 963328.

Evening Parade - Fancy joining the evening parade? Get all your thinking hats on for the parade – join up with neighbours or work colleagues – out do next door! Prizes to be won. If you would like to join in the Parade, contact Sue Cooper at evening_parade@btinternet.com. The parade will assemble outside the Shed in Nine Acres Lane at 6.30pm for judging and then making its way down to Church Street.

Evening Auction: This will be held around 8pm when many great prizes are up for auction – including a pair of tickets to attend a live recording of Top Gear in October/November!

Secondhand Books and Bric a Brac: As with previous years, we shall be selling secondhand books and bric a brac, so please don't throw anything out!! Contact details for Bric a Brac are Marion Greenfield at marion@little-lees.freeserve.co.uk and the contact for secondhand books is Eileen Kenrick who can be contacted at eileen@kenricks.plus.com.

Help and Assistance: We still need people to help on the stalls (offers please) and all you strong men out there—we need your help too to help put up and take down the stalls on the day. Offers please to Susie Finch 01608 810861 or Vic Allison on 01608 811262. And lots of **homemade cakes** are needed to sell with the teas – please bring along to the Memorial Hall from 11am onwards on the day.

All these details can be found in the Street Fair Programme which is now on sale at News & Things, Cotswold Frames, Fiveways Stores and Banbury Hill Farm — get your copy now!

Draw tickets are also on sale now.

Susie Finch

NB: A road closure order has been granted for Church Street and part of Park Street for Saturday 19th September between 9am and 10pm. **We would appreciate if all parked cars could be removed in time for the stalls to be erected at 9am.** Thank you.

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CENTENARY WOODLAND, CHARLBURY

It is 20 years since Oxfordshire County Council dedicated this land for public access and planting of the 10½ acres began.

Most of the trees are now well established and it is time to prepare a new management plan, to direct the woodland's development over the next 10 years or so.

The Centenary Woodland Management Committee has asked Oxfordshire Woodland Project manager, David Rees, to prepare a new management plan for Centenary Wood. It has to be managed in a sustainable way so that, over the years, the income from produce meets the cost of management, to provide the community and wildlife benefits.

The main work for the next few decades must be thinning the woodland, removing surplus trees to allow other trees to attain their full potential. Also, the best trees will need to be pruned, to maximise their potential timber value. At the same time, it will be necessary to consider how the woodland, rides and undergrowth can best be managed to provide for wildlife, access, amenity and other local needs. How this work is planned and done will determine the nature of the mature woodland, towards the end of the century.

Balancing community needs with those of wildlife, and the constraints imposed by sustainability, is not easy. There are many options for action. For that reason, we need input from local people, so that your needs and wishes for the future of Centenary Wood can be considered.

We also would like to hear from people who might want to become more directly involved with "hands-on" management of the woodland.

This is your chance to influence how Centenary Wood will look, and what benefits it will bring to Charlbury in 50 to 100 years' time. If you would like to be consulted on future management of the woodland and/or if you would like to become involved in its management, then please contact:

David Rees, Woodland Project Manager
Fletcher's House, Park Street, Woodstock, OX20 1SN
Email: owp@oxfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01993 814140

IMPORTANT NOTICE

A public meeting will be held by the Town Council on October 23rd at 8-00pm to consider climate change and proposals by OCC to switch street lights off for a period overnight subject to local agreement (midnight to 5-30 a.m. has been sug-

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The tour will show the interior of the buildings that form the historic heart of the University, and lasts approximately one hour. Please note that guided tours include a number of stairs and a substantial amount of walking.

Tickets: £3 per person and £3 for carers. Booking is essential.

For further information and bookings please contact the Historic Venues Team, tel. 01865 277224 email: tours@bodley.ox.ac.uk website: www.shop.bodley.ox.ac.uk

Secure shredding of confidential waste paper on Saturday 5th September, 10am-12noon at the Spendlove Carpark. Service provided by AllShred Ltd for a fee of £5 per large bag with £2 of this going to the Community Centre Appeal. Heavy duty bags are available in advance from the Post Office - for details see the www.cwag.org.uk website.

Frock Swap - we are just finalising the date for this — watch out for notices around the town.
Charlbury Waste Action Group

Housing Needs Survey Update

As you may be aware, Charlbury Town Council is working in partnership with Oxfordshire Rural Housing Partnership (ORHP) to deliver a new affordable housing development. Affordable homes are provided for those who cannot afford to rent or buy on the open market and are allocated to those satisfying local connections criteria. In 2007 a Housing Survey revealed a need from 24 households. The Town Council is seeking to update this information. **If you would like to register an interest in an affordable home or have already done so, please contact Tom McCulloch at Oxfordshire Rural Community Council on 01865 883 488 before 31 October 2009.** Mr McCulloch, who is working with the Town Council and ORHP, will ask for details in confidence about what size of house what type of tenure (rental or shared ownership) you may be interested in. Your personal information will not be shared with the Town Council.

IMPORTANT NOTE. The housing allocation process is overseen by West Oxfordshire District Council. Therefore, if you are interested in applying for an affordable home you must also register with Housing Services. To do this telephone **01993 861010**.

A Dream Comes True for David Jones

Twelve months ago I was eagerly anticipating the start of my upcoming year studying blacksmithing and metalwork at Warwickshire college. I had no idea that within the year I would not only be in a position where I felt confident -compelled in fact - to start up my own business as a blacksmith, but also that I would be participating and displaying work at several craft and agricultural shows across the country, and winning prizes to boot.

I think somewhere at the back of my mind becoming a blacksmith has always been a dream of mine, but one which I dismissed from a fairly early age as outdated or impractical as a way of living and surviving in the modern world.

It took four years of academia to bring me round to question this assumption – one year on a foundation diploma, and a subsequent three year BA in Fine Art at Birmingham City University. It was during the year after the conclusion of my BA that I made my decision. The dreaded impending need for a permanent means of gainful employment rapidly loomed upon the horizon, so I decided to bite the bullet and peruse this long repressed ambition of mine. A year later and I am feeling without doubt it was the right decision.

It is also becoming apparent that years of drawing have been invaluable .I have discovered a medium into which my designs succinctly translate. The ethos of the profession is also a great attraction; well established smiths I have encountered couldn't possibly be any more helpful or friendly. I have been offered assistance and advice from professionals in the trade at every turn.

Winning prizes at several agricultural shows has certainly been the icing on the cake, including, two first prizes at the last ever Royal Agricultural show in Warwickshire this July. Though pleasantly unexpected the real prize has been the beginnings of the realisation of a long held dream of mine.

SCORES ON THE DOORS: ACCOLADE FOR THE GOOD FOOD SHOP

Under a new national scheme, Environmental Health Authorities in Oxfordshire now award star ratings for food hygiene to shops, pubs and restaurants under their jurisdiction. In June the staff of Charlbury's Good Food Shop were delighted to hear that the shop had been awarded the maximum five stars. As a result, Manageress Lynne Stubbles, and her Deputy, Ann Lovett were invited to a 'breakfast' at Kelmscott Manor. They were among representatives of only 41 establishments in West Oxfordshire awarded the highest rating and were presented with certificates to display in the shop and on the door. After the presentation Lynne said "I am very proud that The Good Food Shop has been awarded the highest rating. It recognises all the effort that the staff put in to keep our premises up to scratch"

CHARLBURY DAY CENTRE

Could you be an occasional volunteer?

We had a successful AGM last week and this highlighted the need for more volunteers including drivers, despite our being able to call on 40 of them. This is not a big commitment as the maximum time involved is one Wednesday a month for half a day.

The volunteer helpers pick up and/or drop the members from home to Centre and vice versa, but this only involves no more than an hour once a month. Also, inevitably, as all members are elderly, there is a small loss each year through increasing immobility or ill health. So should you be aware of anyone who would benefit from five hours of companionship and an excellent lunch, please let us know.

Contact Roger Farrow on 819108 or Ruth Gould on 01993 773010

CHARLBURY STREET FAIR 2009 10KM RUN, FUN RUN & WALK Sunday September 20th

This year's Street Fair Fun Run starts at the Playing Close, Charlbury. There are two routes on mixed surfaces (tracks and footpaths) through the beautiful Cornbury Park (courtesy of Lord Rotherwick) for you to run or walk off the excesses of the previous day!

**Timed 10km with full signage,
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Entry: £6 for 10km, £3 for 5km and juniors (under 16)

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For further information contact:

Phil Morgan
philmorgan717@hotmail.com

Steve Andrews
Stephen.andrews@phonecoop.coop

Geoffrey Griffiths
g.h.griffiths@reading.ac.uk

2009 Wychwood Forest Fair at Cornbury Park

Wychwood's own green country show comes home!

**This year's Forest Fair will be held at Cornbury Park, on
Sunday 6th September from 11am until 5pm.**

The Wychwood Project, supported by the Friends of Wychwood, held the first modern Forest Fair in 2000. Since then, the Fair has been held at a different location each year to help indicate the extent of the former forest and to seek to involve more people in the activities of the Wychwood Project, which works with local people to restore habitats and create woodlands within the boundaries of the ancient Forest of Wychwood. By kind permission of Lord and Lady Rotherwick this year's Fair will be close to the original historic site. This year there will be over 180 stalls and activities to enjoy, including George Hatwell's Children's Fun Fair. There will be displays by the Wychwood Project and its supporters the Friends of Wychwood, as well as by many other local conservation and community groups. As usual, there will be a wide range of Rural Crafts on show and an Arts and Crafts tent. Refreshments will include all-day takeaways, pig roasts and the Friends of Wychwood's tea tent. As well as plenty of local food suppliers, locally produced ice cream and farm produce, Witney's local Wychwood Brewery will provide a beer tent. Any profit from the Fair will be used by the Friends of Wychwood to help support the Wychwood Project and other local community conservation work.

£5 PER ADULT – PARKING FREE – UNDER 16s FREE

We need volunteers to work on stalls – if you would like to help and enjoy a free, fun day out, call Robert Bigwood on 01993 868 203

For more information about the Wychwood Project call Project Manager Nick Mottram on 01993 814143, or visit www.wychwoodproject.org

SWINE FLU UPDATE

Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust has launched a campaign to help people prepare and manage for a flu pandemic.

They are asking councils to help cascade information by directing people to their www.oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk/news/Flufriends02July.aspx web page.

For further information about swine flu there are some useful links on the WODC website, www.westoxon.gov.uk/furtherinfo/whatsnew.cfm/674

Information about "Flu" friends and a flu friend form can be downloaded from this site and a link is available to the National Pandemic Website.

Beating the Rain – 2009 Parish Boundary Walk

8.30am on Sunday 17th May, the rain-fall radar picture on the Met Office website was depressing to behold. Approaching steadily from the west was a solid band of bright echoes – mostly green or yellow ('moderate rain') but liberally sprinkled with the pink and red ('heavy' or 'very heavy') and patches of white ('downpour'). Not a good prospect for the Parish Boundary Walk due to start at 10.00:

The first spots fell as Anne Ballard drove me out to the oak tree on Forest Road. By 10.00 the 'downpour' had arrived and so had 9 other hardy souls. Undeterred, we stood under what shelter there was until the rain relented enough for us to set off.

Thankfully, the rain continued to ease as we made our way past North Lodge and on towards Finstock. By the time we had passed under the railway and were heading uphill towards Fawler Road the sun was shining. It continued shining past Beevis Farm, and along the Woodstock Road but of course it couldn't last: Cloud thickened again as we followed the Salt Way to the Model Farm and the next drops of rain fell as we sat down to eat our lunches under the Hobils' garden umbrella.

Another downpour delayed the start after lunch but then we were off across the fields, through Cote, past Coldron Mill and onto the Oxfordshire Way. It didn't rain all the way – it just felt like it to 10 bedraggled walkers arriving back in town with the satisfaction of another Boundary Walk completed.

Why not join us next year – it can't be that wet again!

Tony Graeme

THOMAS GIFFORD'S CHARITY

The Charity held its AGM at a public meeting in the Memorial Hall on Friday July 10th when I gave an update on the Charity's situation and outlined the current plans for the development of the Spendlove site owned by the Charity. The Charity's architect set out how the initial plans had been derived and showed the proposed layout which is of course subject to change. Liz Reason spoke about the funding requirements, the need for the funding programme to start soon and some initial fundraising ideas which were supplemented by the audience. The plans now include the proposed 14-19 skills centre for hospitality and catering as specified by the West Oxfordshire Network of local secondary schools and colleges and have been updated with affordability in mind. In July we met with the architect, Oxfordshire County Council Libraries, Adult Learning and 14-19 team to discuss the interaction between the library, skills centre and community centre to ensure optimum benefit for the users and the community from the development. The trustees are now discussing the legal framework for the development with Oxfordshire County Council and with Cottsway. When agreed in principle we will be able to ask our architect to prepare the plans for a planning application this autumn. We intend to hold another public meeting when these are available. The timetable is to obtain planning approval early next year with construction starting in June 2010 for completion in June 2011 with the skills centre being ready in advance of the autumn term in 2011.

We expect to announce the appointment of some new trustees at the beginning of September – given the timing we will put this in the Leaflet and on the Charlbury website as well as in the next edition of the Chronicle.

*Trevor Jones,
Chairman Thomas Gifford Trustees*

Ensemble OX: chamber music in Charlbury *Marion Ackrill introduces an exciting musical evening*

Ever wanted to get close up and personal to a marimba? Hugger-mugger with a harp? Bask in an Azerbaijani love song or twitch to a tango? Look no further than the Memorial Hall!

Ensemble OX gave its inaugural concert at the Jacqueline du Pre Music Building in Oxford this spring, and from junior to senior citizens the air was a-buzz with enthusiasm. Naturally we decided to spread our wings and fly to – well, Charlbury - for a repeat performance.

Getting together eight players and four singers to rehearse and perform Berio's exquisite folk song arrangements was a rare experiment: most of the musicians hadn't met before, nor heard or performed the music before. Happily, such is its range and beauty everyone was smitten. So if you love the singing voice, viola, cello, harp, clarinet, flute or percussion, a life-enhancing experience awaits you.

Piano, flute and marimba will come alive to Piazzolla's tango, classical music with a distinctive tango twango. We shall sequence some pieces without making gaps for clappings, bowings, smilings, onnings or offings. We find it pleasantly relaxing but what will you feel? We'd like your opinion.

Another experiment is the 5.30 pm start. We hope this may appeal if you generally prefer not to go out at night, or if you have fish to fry later. The interval bar will stay open afterwards so why not enjoy a drink from one or two countries you've been visiting musically, Argentina and France? (Did I mention Ravel?) If you frequent Oddbins in Summertown you may recognise John Shuckburgh; we're delighted he is advising and running the bar.

Here's to keeping music live and in Charlbury!

Marion Ackrill 01608 811872

**Ensemble OX: Saturday 26th September 5.30pm at Charlbury Memorial Hall-
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its smell of hot oil,
while brakes bite the carriage wheels
with their effeminate squeak.
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line,
the green is shown,
the regulator eased forward,
with a loud belching cough of white smoke,
we move forward.

The holiday has begun.

*Local poet Patricia Huth Ellis says 'This poem/
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P.S from the Street Fair Committee

Just a little request – the group who
have been organising Street Fair over
the past few years feel that we **need
some new blood on the team** to
help keep the success of Street Fair
going. We need some new ideas. So
come and get involved with the Street
Fair Team 2010. It's a great way to
support our community and meet new
people. Help is needed on the day for
this Street Fair, but we are thinking
more of next year. For all you inter-
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(susanna_finch@hotmail.com) or any
red shirted person at Street Fair this
year.

Thank You!

ATLANTIC BAPTIST UNIVERSITY OXFORD PROGRAMME

ACCOMMODATION FOR CANADIAN STUDENTS

Canadian students from the 2009 Atlantic Baptist University Oxford Study Programme will be staying in Charlbury from 16 January to 12 April 2010, while they undertake their studies in a Shakespeare and Drama Course

The local organisers would like to hear from anyone with an interest in young people and a spare room (or possibly two) which they could offer as accommodation. The requirement is for a study bedroom with access to bathroom and kitchen facilities.

We ask hosts to provide breakfast on a self serve basis and reimbursement for B&B is £65 per week.

Most of the students are in their early 20's and in the past have thoroughly appreciated the opportunity to meet and form friendships within the local community. They very much value the experience of being welcomed into the homes of Charlbury people, and come from backgrounds in which good behaviour, and thoughtfulness for others, is the norm.

Please contact one of the following for further details:

Marion Greenfield
(Coordinator)

Tel: 01608 810896

e: mg.littlelees@googlemail.com

Gill Colman
(Assist. Coordinator) -

Tel: 01608 810221

e: gill_colman@yahoo.co.uk

MEALS ON WHEELS NEWS

serving Charlbury, Chadlington, Spelsbury and Stonesfield

We are pleased to report that nearly 30 meals are being delivered to Charlbury, Stonesfield, Spelsbury and Chadlington residents each Tuesday. The charge for a meal is £2.00 delivered and we cater to regular and vegetarian diets. We can serve a few more meals each week, so please contact Marjorie Glasgow if you are interested. Her number is 01608-810161.

We have a fine group of volunteers who prepare and deliver the meals. If you have one Tuesday morning per month that you could volunteer to help in the kitchen, please contact Marjorie Glasgow. All help is very much appreciated.

Marjorie Glasgow

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Planning ahead?

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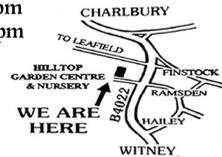
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Cameron, Churchill, and cross-dressing: Charlbury's connections with power

Politics is a game with more reversals of fortune than Test Match cricket. But, if current poll predictions hold true, David Cameron, who lives only a mile or so up the road, will next year be Prime Minister. This made me wonder whether Charlbury in the past had come close to those pulling the levers of power.

Walcot is firmly within our parish; and the Jenkinsons, baronets of Walcot, played a major part in the politics of the eighteenth and early nineteenth century. Walcot House was in the family until 1759. Only two years later, Charles Jenkinson became an MP and started a career which included being a Lord of the Treasury and Secretary at War. His son Robert, as Lord Liverpool, was Prime Minister from 1812 to 1827, a period which included the Battle of Waterloo. The family's close connection with Charlbury is marked by several grave slabs inside St Mary's.

Winston Churchill, as war-time Prime Minister, made many visits to Ditchley Park which was thought less likely than Chequers to be the target of German bombers. He had of course been born in Blenheim Palace, in 1874, the year that his father Lord Randolph Churchill was elected Conservative MP for Woodstock. Lord Randolph rapidly rose to prominence, but a poorly-timed resignation as Chancellor of the Exchequer resulted in a period in the political wilderness, ended by his death at the age of 45.

In a critical prelude to the Civil War, Speaker Lenthall, who also represented Woodstock, defended the rights of the House of Commons by defying Charles I when he came to arrest five of its members in 1642. Lenthall lived in Burford, so perhaps a bit beyond our bounds. But Cornbury is very close to home and, once, was very close to power.

After twenty years of revolution, regicide and republicanism, the dust settled with the Restoration of the Monarchy in 1660. Charles II's Lord Chancellor, Edward Hyde, became Viscount Cornbury and took possession of the Park. Hyde was also made first Earl of Clarendon and Chancellor of Oxford University – hence the Clarendon Building and Press. Clarendon was arguably the most powerful man in England – but only for a while. Six years later, he fell out of the King's favour and fled to France.

Despite this slight, Cornbury remained associated with the Stuart cause, and is thought to have been a gathering place for supporters of the Jacobite uprising of 1745. The Young Pretender fought his way as far south as Derby. Had Bonnie Prince Charlie succeeded in taking London, Cornbury might again have become a seat of power.

As it was, the Hyde family had one more -- and somewhat bizarre -- flirtation with power. The third (and last) Viscount Cornbury, also christened Edward Hyde, was Queen Anne's first Governor of New York and New Jersey (1702-8). He had a reputation for corruption and for appearing at official functions dressed as a lady. He claimed that since he represented a woman he had the right to look like one.

Moving almost up-to-date, we had in Douglas Hurd an MP who as Home and then Foreign Secretary held two of the great offices of state. After an interlude in which Shaun Woodward represented us as both a Conservative and a Labour MP, we have David Cameron. No-one can say what a Cameron premiership might mean for Charlbury. But he has already made the trains run on time.

Rob Stepney

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CHARLBURY FARMERS' MARKET 2009

Charlbury Farmers' Market will be held on the Playing Close, Charlbury, by kind permission of Thomas Gifford's Charity, on the following Saturdays, between 9am and 1pm.

The remaining dates for 2009 are:

Saturday 12 September

Saturday 12 December

CHARLBURY SOCIETY

October 9th - A meeting in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm to celebrate 60 Years of the Charlbury Society. Please check with the town's noticeboards for further details.

November 13th: Sheila Ottway 'Oxfordshire Country Houses & their Gardens'

December 11th: Charlburians Talking

CORNER HOUSE & MEMORIAL HALL NEWS

The black-out curtains in the Memorial Hall have been improved because during the longer summer evenings the sunlight could get in at the sides.

The recent difficulties with Induction Hearing Hoop have received our attention and concern. There are detailed instructions for its use on the notice board in the Memorial Hall entrance lobby: but please note that the loop works either in the hall OR in the Garden Room. Various people have also received instructions for its use.

Comprehensive rules for the hire of the Corner House rooms and the Memorial Hall are on the respective notice boards. We understand that there can be unforeseen circumstances when a booking has to be cancelled, but we need seven days' notice in order to make a refund.

While mentioning these items, may we ask you please to remember to leave the rooms you use clean and tidy—just as you would wish to find them. Thank you.

Anne Gilbert, for the Committee



MUSEUM NEWS

The special exhibition at the Museum this year is about Postal Services in Charlbury, centring on our recent acquisition and restoration of the 19th century Post Office lamp. The exhibition has been building up over the summer, and will be complete by Street Fair.

The Museum also has on sale various items relating to Charlbury: books of local interest, including Lois Hey's *History of Charlbury* and the latest edition of *The Town Trail*; copies of the Parish Map, both full size for framing, or postcard size; cards and notelets with illustrations from the Museum collection; and Museum pencils. Available whenever the Museum is open:

10 - 12 on Saturdays, 2.30 - 4.30 on Sundays, until the end of September

Charles Tyzack

HAVE YOU ANY BRIC-A-BRAC OR CHILDREN'S TOYS?

If you have, please ring Prim Birch on 810357. She will be taking the usual opportunity to raise funds for the splendid charity Hope & Homes for Children on her stalls outside The Stone House in Church Street on Saturday September 19th, Street Fair day.

Hope & Homes is continuing its work to close down orphanages wherever possible and place the children in small family units. Many children who would have had no hope of a useful future are now given the opportunity to live as a family and to be given help to make something of their lives.

All contributions will be very gratefully accepted - ring Prim Birch if you need your goods to be collected.

The Royal British Legion – Charlbury Branch

The Branch AGM will be held in the Corner House at 8.00pm on Thursday 15 October 2009. 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 31 October 2009 with raffle, cakes and poppies for sale. For further information please contact Jane Parsons on 810822.

The Annual Band Concert will be held in the War Memorial Hall on Friday 6 November 2009 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 810822 or from posters in the usual places nearer the time. Tickets may be purchased in advance from the Cotswold Frames or on the door. All the proceeds will go to Poppy Appeal and everyone is welcome, members and non-members alike.

The National Two Minutes Silence will be at 11.00am on Wednesday 11 November 2009. Please support this small yet significant event.

The British Legion Darts Cup will be competed for in the Annual Open Pairs Competition in aid of the Poppy Appeal at the Olde Three Horseshoes on Saturday 7 November 2009. Pete Scarrott has kindly agreed to organise the competition. He can be contacted for details on 810921.

Remembrance Day Parade and Service – Sunday 8 November 2009. 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 Brigadier Christopher Gallo-way, Bursar at The Ditchley Foundation who was in the Royal Engineers from 1963 to 1997, serving in Germany, Cyprus and Oman amongst other places, ending his career as the Commander of the Belize Defence Force. Wreaths will be laid by the Legion, Charlbury Town Council and Thames Valley Police. 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 5 November 2009. For any further information please ring Nick Potter on 810338.

The Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be on sale in and around the Town 23 October -7 November and at Charlbury Station on the mornings of 27 October and 3 November. Mick Charlesworth is the Poppy Appeal Organiser for Charlbury and the surrounding villages, Mick lives in Finstock... Anyone who would like to help with the Poppy Appeal in any way is asked to get in touch with him on 01993 869283.

(continued)

Festival of Remembrance – Royal Albert Hall

The Branch may be allocated two tickets for the evening performance in the presence of the Royal Family [and on T.V.] on Saturday 7 November 2009. The ticket allocation is normally confirmed during September. Any member who would like to express an interest, please contact Jane Parsons on 810822.

Servicemen/women lost in action returning to RAF Lyneham

As you are aware their routes home through Wootton Bassett and Oxford are lined as a mark of respect. If you wish to attend please contact Jane Parsons on 810822 for more details.

For more information about the work of the Royal British Legion, becoming a Member, or for assistance, please contact;

Nick Potter [Branch President] on 810388, Derek Fowler [Branch Chairman] on 811706 or Jane Parsons [Branch Secretary] on 810822
or visit the website at www.CharlburyRBL.org.uk

Jane Parsons (Branch Secretary)



CHARLBURY WEATHER REPORT *from The Chronicle Weatherman John Stanley*

Daytime maximum temperatures during **May 2009** ranged from 55° on 4th to 75° on 28th. At night, they were between 57° and 51°. The daytime average maximum was 63.84° which was more or less that for the previous 20 years (63.76°).

June 2009 was a month of widely differing temperatures. The daytime maximum only reached 54° on 6th June, but then temperatures gradually rose until 30th when 84° was achieved. At night, the range was 40° to 62°. Despite the high temperatures at the end of the month, overall they came about just above average at 69.67° - average 69.45°.

July 2009 started as June had left off with 84° again being recorded on 1st. They quickly dropped to 63° on 5th, after which they remained within a range of 64° to 75° which felt more like late August. Overall, the month was well below average at 70.74° - average 73.03°. Night temperatures ranged from 46° to 66°.



News from ChOC: Charlbury's Own Cinema

The autumn programme:

Sunday 13th September: **The Young Victoria** (2009, Cert PG, 104 mins)

Sunday 11th October: **The Secret Life of Bees** (2008, Cert 12, 109 mins)

Sunday 8th November: **A Bunch of Amateurs** (2008, Cert 15, 96 mins)

All films start at 7.30 in The Memorial Hall, Charlbury with a bar from 6.45 p.m.

ChOC has the very good fortune to have Monty and Louise Hill-Phillips choosing wine for the bar, so come early and enjoy the benefit of their exquisite taste.

As we mentioned in the June issue of the *Chronicle* it proved necessary to reschedule *The Young Victoria* and, as promised, Chipping Norton Theatre came up with a really good replacement film for us in *The Reader*. For this month though we are very pleased to be able, finally, to bring you *The Young Victoria*. Scenes from the film were shot at a number of impressive locations across the country including Blenheim.

Up to the minute information on our film schedule is available on the 'Events' page of the Charlbury website and on Ed's ChOC website: <http://www.day-books.com/chocweb.htm> complete with stills from the films. We also publish a newsletter each month which can be picked up from Charlbury library or emailed directly to you if you contact Hilda Reed on 01608 810423.

ChOC-Extras: As well as our regular Sunday films we like to organise events with other like-minded groups – contact us if you are interested – and in May we joined up with SusCha (Sustainable Charlbury) to show the Franny Armstrong film **The Age of Stupid** to an exceptionally large

and varied audience. The DVD we used did not play smoothly but thanks to the generosity of the distributors, 'Dogwoof', we were able to show the film again in July and offer free tickets to all those people who had come to the earlier screening. We hope in the future to put on more such joint events with other Charlbury groups.

If you are interested in helping to arrange such joint events or in taking part in other aspects of the organisation of ChOC contact Margaret Godel (811321) or Ed Fenton (811196) or drop in on one of our meetings at The Bell, 7.30 on the fourth Sunday of each month.

This month, September, sees a small (50p) increase in the price of tickets to cover increases in the costs of film licences, equipment and hall hire, as well as the end of our funding from the 'Movies on the Move' initiative. Individual tickets will now be £4.50 from News & Things, Evenlode Books and Cotswold Frames or on the door. Carnets of ten tickets will be available at the current individual price of £4.00 a ticket, that is, £40.00 for ten, a saving of £5.00. Tickets from the carnet can be used for any of the regular Sunday night ChOC films and there is no time limit on when you can use them.

We always look forward to welcoming new faces to our films so bring along your visitors and friends and enjoy some very good wine, and naturally, good films too.

Hilda Reed

New Bus Stop on The Slade

Hurray ! There is now a new bus-stop at the top of Dancer's Hill, where the Slade and Sturt Road meet. It is hoped this will save many of you a long walk between the other two stops.

*Helen Bessemer Clark
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An illustrated talk entitled

"A Just Peace for Israel/Palestine " will be given by John Cobb at the monthly meeting of the Chipping Norton branch of Amnesty International on 10 September at 7.30pm in the Lower Town Hall, Chipping Norton. Everybody welcome at that and at future meetings on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

West Oxfordshire Branch of WEA

The Branch will be offering two courses in Charlbury this Autumn:

(a) The OUDCE/WEA course run by David Grylls at the Friends' Meeting House on Tuesdays 10.15am-12.15pm is entitled "Great Novels of Growing Up" and will start on 29 September. All enquiries to Patricia Baker Cassidy on 07709 239322.

(b) A Day School on "Charles Rennie Mackintosh" run by Jackie Green will be held in the Garden Room at the Memorial Hall on Saturday 24 October from 10am-4pm.

*All enquiries to Dawn Colvin
on 01608 810545*

Charlbury Youth Football

This season we are running teams at age groups Under 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15 and 16. The teams play in the Witney and District Youth Football League and the first matches of the new season start on September 5/6. The Club is starting a combined Under 6/7 age group (years 1 and 2 at school) which will be training on Nine Acres on Sunday mornings, 10-11am, commencing Sunday September 13th. Numbers will be restricted so if you would like your child to join then please contact Helen Turner, tel 810330, email artists@harrisonturner.co.uk For any

other enquiries then please contact Helen Turner, or Chairman Clive Brooks, tel 811563, email clive.brooks@dsl.pipex.com

*Helen Turner
Secretary, Charlbury Town Youth FC
The Orchard, Market Street, Charlbury,
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Tel: 810330 Fax: 811331*

Charlbury and District Garden Society holds its Flower and Produce Show on **5th September 2009** in the Memorial Hall.

This is the centrepiece of the gardening year and gives all members of the family an opportunity to participate in the show. There are classes for fruit and veg, cookery, jam, handicrafts and photography too. The "Family Class", Class 67, is made up of vegetables, flowers, & something cooked; at least one of which is contributed by a child, aged under 15. For more details see the show schedules in the library, post office and pharmacy. Have a go and good luck!

Nick Johnson, Show Secretary
telephone 01608 810 507

Charlbury Arts Society

Charlbury Art Society welcomes anyone with an interest in art (ie you do not have to be an artist to join) Monthly evening meetings are held on the second Wednesday, from September to November, and January to May, at 7.30pm, usually in the Quaker Meeting House in Market Street, Charlbury. The coming programme includes artists showing how they work in graphite pencil, oils, pastels, and fabric, plus talks on Islamic Art, Early 20th Century English Artists, experiences of a Royal Academician, and travelling with an

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easel. There is a small library of art-related books and videos, which members are free to borrow, and members bring art magazines to pass on to others. These evening meetings are free to members; visitors are welcome for £3 each time. In the Autumn term we plan a series of Life and Portrait Drawing groups, various workshops in the Spring, and outdoor painting days in the summer. A guided tour of the new Ashmolean is planned for next Spring. At least once a year, a coach trip to a London gallery is organised with priority for members, but non-members are very welcome to make up numbers. Twice a year members are able to exhibit their work for sale. Members also receive discounts on framing and materials at several establishments, locally and in Oxford. Membership runs from 1st September to 31st August and costs £10. If you would like an application form, please ring 01608 810116 to request one.
Marion Coates

Charlbury Cricket Club

As observant readers will have noticed, we now have a new roof over our heads. Construction of the cricket pavilion has proceeded rapidly in recent weeks after a succession of problems delayed progress earlier in the year. As a result of these setbacks it will not be possible for the building to be used this season, but it is confidently expected that it will be ready for occupation by the beginning of the 2010 campaign.

Meanwhile, on the cricket pitch itself, results have been rather disappointing this term. The Club has suffered a glut of injuries (broken bones and slipped discs in particular) and playing resources have been severely depleted as a consequence. Taken together, the Club's three league teams had won slightly less than

25% of completed matches at the end of July, a proportion that all the players will certainly be working hard to improve on for the remainder of the season. There has been one centurion to date (First Team captain Ashley Rump) and twelve fifties have been accumulated, three of them by the ageless Glenn McCallum. On the bowling side, just one player has managed the coveted "five-fer" (taking five wickets in an innings) and that distinction fell to the even-more ageless Paul Faulkner!

In view of Charlbury's on-field struggles this season it would appear that the Club would benefit from having a larger pool of cricketing talent at its disposal. So if you, or anyone you know, would like to play for us then get in touch with our Chairman, Colin Olliffe, on 01993 704108 or speak to any member of the Club. With three league teams and a Sunday XI playing friendly fixtures we can offer a level of cricket to suit virtually all abilities and, if you are reading this in late August or early September, there may still be time to get a game in before the end of the season, so make that call now. I can assure all prospective players of a warm welcome at Charlbury Cricket Club.

Derek Collett

Charlbury Wine & Beer Society

The programme for the year ahead is:
September: AGM, quiz and a chat
October: Wine Tasting
November: Takeaway Meal
December: Christmas Party
January 2010: Cards Evening (whist)
February: Sparkling Wine Tasting
March: Monty Phillips Wine Tasting
April: Annual Dinner
May: Safari Supper
June: Barbecue

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July: Garden Party

Bring your own wine/beer/beverage to meetings which are not tastings. We usually meet on the third Monday of the month, often in the Corner House. New members are always welcomed. For further information and full programme for the year ahead ring 810700
John Moore, Secretary

Charlbury Bowls Club

The club celebrated its 75th Anniversary with a match against a team from Bowls England which was a great success; we were also privileged to hold the semi finals of the Oxfordshire Bowling Association competitions. Sylvia Everett is currently the President of the Oxfordshire Women's Bowling Association, and the Club hosted a President's match in July for her. Bowls Members are enjoying the outdoor season, with friendly games against local clubs. The Ladies are having regular friendly matches with local clubs and are doing well. The Men's Oxford League matches are nearing completion. The Club is on tour for a week in August, with many members heading west for a week's bowling and entertainment. The Autumn and Winter season starts at the end of September, when we roll down the mats and play indoors in the Club-house - this is also a lot of fun and gets us out in the darker nights. We are always delighted to see new faces, men, women and youngsters - whatever your age come and have a try, there will be someone to show you the ropes! You are never too young or old to play this skilful game. *David Homewood, Secretary 811321*

Please contact Julia Caston (810240) if you wish to submit an article for this section

The Big Lunch on July 19

The weather was awful but fortunately we moved into the Memorial Hall from the Playing Close – unlike millions all over the country having street parties under umbrellas that Sunday. The theme for our Bring & Share Picnic was local food, low food miles, zero waste and local musicians. Masses of lovely food was brought along and enjoyed by all. Dishes reflected what was in season in mid July, so there were lots of new potatoes, broad beans, courgettes and soft fruits made up into a variety of salads, quiches, pizzas and fruit compotes - the Co-op even sold out of local Matthews flour!

The roast pig came from New Barn Farm Shop, rolls from the Oxford Bread Group and the Good Food Shop. Ice cream from G&D's was also made into milk shakes using pedal power from a bicycle generator! The Three Horseshoes provided the bar with Cotswold lager, Wizard ale and Bridewell wine. Churches Together did the teas and Charlbury WI the cakes.

Charlbury Morris started off the afternoon while the rain pounded down, then the sun came out and we listened to great music from Alan Fraser and friends (Geoff and John) playing in the tent in the garden. Then we had a trio of impromptu musicians Pete, Jed and Charlie who stepped in at the last minute.

Many thanks to everyone who helped with this community event including the Beer Festival committee for erecting the tents. Donations were collected for the Charlbury Community Centre Fund.

Christine Elliott, CAWAG

TOT BITS

I thought I would look at a few fun ways to entertain your Tot by giving them a sensory-rich experience. Many of these ideas are borrowed from a well known educator called Maria Montessori and from a great book called "Growing Up with a Smile" by Liz Senior and Karen Hopkins.

Touch : Put various items of different texture and temperature such as flour, uncooked rice, warm spaghetti, custard, porridge, ice cream or jelly into various plastic bowls large enough for your Tot to step into (or place into old Wellington boots for a guessing game) and let them loose to pat and smear to their hearts' content. Make mud soup in your Tot's paddling pool by mixing sand with water. Let your Tot make patterns using shaving foam/finger paint on the bathroom wall/tabletop. Cut out strips of different graded sandpaper for your Tot to feel and older Tots might be able to order them from rough to smoothest. Make duplicate squares of different fabrics such as silk, velvet, linen and cotton (or use different textured wallpaper samples for the older Tot) and see if your Tot can match them up when blindfolded. Place various items (eg toothbrush, spoon, toy car) into a bag and ask your Tot to reach inside and name the object he/she is feeling before pulling it out. Scatter carpet off-cuts, foam rubber, bubble wrap, a doormat, cardboard and aluminium paper around the room and let your Tot walk on them with bare feet or feel textures with hands. Make texture collages by pasting small pieces of different materials onto card, or use sand/seeds/cotton wool.

Hearing : Ask your Tot to close his/her eyes and see if he/she can identify the sounds you are making, such as clapping,

tearing paper, shutting a door etc. Get creative by making your own sound lotto game based on everyday sounds or animal noises (alternatively do a "sound lotto" search on www.amazon.co.uk for examples available for purchase by Galt or Orchard Toys). Other games could focus on hearing similarities and differences of sound such as loud/soft, high/low, or far/near using music. Play a game of matching sounds by collecting an even number of empty containers (old film canisters are ideal for this), then pair them up and fill each pair with an even quantity of sand, pasta, rice or other substance. Your Tot then shakes the containers to try to match the sounds. Play "Simon says" or "Chinese Whispers" or try saying three words (eg hat, glove, apple), and ask your Tot to say which one he/she thinks is the "odd one out".

Sight : Shine a torch against the wall in a dark room, blow lots of bubbles or throw small pieces of paper into the air to encourage visual tracking in the youngest Tots. Ball games, colouring, simple mazes or joining dots are great activities for developing visual foreground/background perception. Paste pieces of a torn magazine picture back together to encourage an understanding of part/whole relationships. Stack blocks by making towers ranging from tall to short or short to tall to exercise visual seriation. Allow your Tot to sort a mixture of different objects by colour or shape. Try sequencing games such as asking your Tot to thread beads in a certain order or make a simple pattern out of pegs and a pegboard and see if your older Tot can re-create the pattern from memory. Put a number of objects on a tray, give your Tot a few seconds to look at them, cover the tray and ask him/her to recall all the items.

TOT BITS

Smell : Make a collection of different things that smell (for example, by either making perfumed sachets or putting smells on cotton wool) and ask your Tot to close his/her eyes, take a sniff and guess the smell, or categorise items into nice smells v yucky smells. Or include duplicate items and ask your Tot to indicate when the smell is the same or different from the previous item. Walk around the house/garden finding different things to smell, highlighting how different rooms have different smells (such as soap, perfume, bubble bath in the bathroom or coffee/tea, garlic, lemons, herbs and spices in the kitchen or different scented plants in the garden). Get arty and make a "smell" collage by smearing glue onto card and then sprinkling "smelly" items over it such as spices/herbs.

Taste : Ask your Tot to close his/her eyes and taste different items and guess what they are (eg guess the flavour of homemade iced lollypops made from different fruit juices). Offer your Tot different things to taste to differentiate between sweet/sour/salty/spicy food.

Wishing you and your Tot a sensational time together!

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Looking for a stimulating and caring environment for your child to play in? Would you like to meet other local parents and carers of preschool children and babies? Then why not give us a try! The Baby and Toddler Group meets every Monday during term time from 9:30 to 11:30 am at the Memorial Hall and welcomes mums-to-be, babies and pre-school children with their parents or carers. Alongside a baby play

area, there are a variety of activities to choose from which change regularly. Children especially enjoy having lots of space for physical play on the slide, tunnels and ride on toys. Sessions include a craft activity, story time with juice and a biscuit, singing with musical instruments and sometimes parachute play. Providing you with a chance to relax, have a tea or coffee and enjoy some friendly conversation! (£2.50 per family). *First session back is Monday 7th September.*

CHARLBURY PRE-SCHOOL

Charlbury Pre-school is a thriving, voluntary-run organisation that seeks to provide education through play for children from 2 1/2 to 5 years, and is open to every family in the community. It is led by a dedicated group of play leaders and their assistants with a maximum of 24 children per session providing a high adult to child ratio. The sessions run during school term time only, Monday to Friday - 9am to 1pm, so children will need to bring a packed lunch. Alternatively, you can choose to pick your child up at 11.30 to cover free Voucher Sessions only. Enrolment can be from as little as one morning a week to the full five day depending on your requirements. Pre-School premises can be hired either on Saturdays from 2pm or all day Sundays or in the afternoons during the week. Please contact us for further information or to arrange a visit 01608 811200.

Please send all TotBits information to Carina at ccloweth@btinternet.com 01608 810870, including ideas for any topics you would like to see covered in future TotBits.

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Move into the shade: Use blinds or sheets on south facing windows to reflect the sun. Draw south-facing curtains to keep the sun's heat out and cooler air in. Insulate loft and cavity walls to slow the passage of heat from outside.

Make less heat: Check the hot water tank is insulated. If not, it will leak heat into the room. Turn off appliances you're not using (even adaptors generate heat). Reschedule physical work, avoid direct sunlight, and drink cold water.

Ventilate: Open windows on opposite sides of the house, but only if this creates a cooling through-draught and is not a security risk. Use a rotating desk fan. Portable air conditioners use up to 100 times more energy.

If you need to insulate, call Cocoon on 0800 8048 777. This comparison service is Energy Saving Trust approved and can help over 70s to get the work done free.

Note from the Editor: This information was sent to all editors at the height of the June heatwave. At the moment it is chilly and pouring with rain, but you never know when it might be useful!

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Climate change – the science

2006 saw the hottest average temperatures in the UK since the Central England Temperature (CET) record began in 1659, and 2007, whilst very wet, was the second hottest. The CET is the world's oldest continuous temperature dataset. All around the world people are reporting abnormal weather such as extreme flooding, hurricanes and drought.

Something *is* happening to our climate – a survey of 3146 Earth Scientists, published in 2009, found that 97% of active climatologists agree that human activity is causing climate change.

For over a hundred years scientists have known that some gases have a special quality, they hold onto some of the energy in the sun's rays and trap that heat in the atmosphere. This has some similarity to the way that glass traps the sun's heat in a greenhouse, and for this reason these gases are called greenhouse gases.

The main greenhouse gases are carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide. When we burn coal, oil and gas we produce carbon dioxide (global warming power = 1) and our heating, power stations, cars, planes and industry all use these fuels. Continuous Antarctic ice core records over the past 650,000 years show that the current level of carbon dioxide in the air is not just the highest but also increasing at the fastest rate over that entire period.

The main sources of methane (GWP = 23) are landfill rubbish dumps, coalmines, farm animals and wet rice fields. Nitrous oxide (GWP = 296) comes mainly from oil-based nitrogen fertilisers.

In small quantities these greenhouse gases are very useful, they keep the world warm and indeed help life to exist. The reason scientists are so worried is that we are now adding to these gases at twice the rate that the natural ecosystem can remove them. As more and more of the

sun's heat is kept within the climate system the weather will become more and more extreme and unpredictable.

Watch this space in the December *Chronicle* for an explanation of why preventing the world's average temperature increasing more than 2°C above pre-industrial levels is so important to prevent runaway climate change.

If you want to get involved join us:
info@sustainablecharlbury.org

Kath Cochrane

So long, and thanks for all the fish

I've just read two great books – **The End of the Line** by Charles Clover about how overfishing is changing the world and what we eat, and **All Consuming** by Neal Lawson about how shopping got us into this economic and environmental mess and how we can find our way out. Both books highlight that “the power of the consumer is all” which means that the future is in our hands and we can do something about it. We are all in pursuit of happiness, but what brings happiness? Shopping seems to be the nation's favourite pastime encouraged by an avalanche of adverts promising us happiness and quality time for the important things in life with family and friends. Buying things then gives us that instant shopping fix and a buzz of excitement about a promised lifestyle. But that promise is soon broken when the next desire comes along. Before you know it, those once coveted things have become waste and are taken for recycling or dumped in landfill and hey, we never found the promised time to be happy! In the meantime the world's resources are being used up, the climate is changing and the fish in the oceans are becoming extinct.

Christine Elliott, CAWAG

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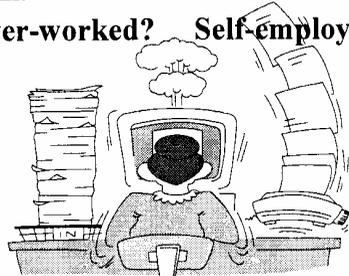
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The Friends of Shorthampton Church

On Friday 17th July 2009 as the audience walked into All Saints church the scent of lilies and jasmine, intermingled with candles, welcomed them to the start of a magical evening. The world famous classical guitarist, Craig Ogden, had very generously offered to put on a concert in aid of All Saints' Maintenance Fund. This concert marked the culmination of around 15 years of fund raising for the repair of the church and restoration of the wall paintings which, unusually, span many centuries. The final act was to repaint the remaining sections of wall in 2008 and now the Friends aim to keep on fund raising to make sure that the church will be well cared for in the future.

Craig Ogden had chosen his pieces carefully to ensure there was a wonderfully varied selection and those of us who had not heard him play before were enchanted. That is the best word to describe the almost spiritual atmosphere of the evening which was a benevolent assault on all the senses. His ramblings, as he calls them, between his pieces were a 'master class' of information. Everyone there now knows what guitarists do with ping pong balls, super glue, and tissue paper! We also heard the history of his guitar and learnt that they do not have a very long life owing to their traditional design.

Perhaps some people who have recently moved to this area have still to discover All Saints', Shorthampton. It is very easy to reach, via the Oxfordshire Way: past the station. If walking, take the first right hand turn after the bridge towards Walcot and continue along the track, cross the road, and after about a quarter of a mile you will reach Shorthampton. By car, continue up the hill and take the first right towards Chadlington and then first left.

If anybody reading this would like further information about the Friends of Shorthampton Church, please get in touch with the Chairman, Malcolm Harper, on 07778 450515, or Sarah Potter on 01608 810388.

We are holding a
COFFEE MORNING for **MACMILLAN NURSES**
on **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH**
10.30—12.30 at **Brice House, Thames Street**

We have been so fortunate with all the help offered in previous years, and we are asking for it again (and your money, of course!). There will be a Bring & Buy (not just perishables), plus excellent cakes. Do come and support us.

Liz & Bob Tait 01608 810150

Church Services

Baptist Chapel, Dyer's Hill



Sunday Services at 10.30 am

Church Secretary: Pippa Nash (811797)

St Mary's C of E Church



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

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

www.stmaryscharlbury.co.uk

Friends' Meeting House, Market Street



Meeting for Worship at the Friends Meeting House
at 10.30am on Sundays

For further details contact Angela Kyte (01993 880368)

Methodist Chapel, Fishers Lane



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

Further information from Gill Grason (810154)

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



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

Confessions before Mass or on call at Presbytery

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

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

Operation Christmas Child

When you start planning your Christmas this year, why not share some of the joy and fun? For hundreds of thousands of desperately needy children, there will be no Christmas coming at all in 2009 - unless you send it to them. In a shoe box.

Once again we shall be taking part in Charlbury and next month you will receive a leaflet giving ideas of what to put in the box, together with a label to stick on the front and a donation envelope to include the £2.50 distribution and transport cost. Some members of the community are already knitting hats, scarves and puppets. Others are sewing bags, pencil cases and hair bands. If you would like to be part of a craft group preparing items, or you have spare fabrics or wool, please get in touch.

If you need an empty shoe box or have items to donate, these can be collected or you can bring them to the Baptist Church, Dyer's Hill on a Sunday morning between 11.30 am and 12 noon. Collection date for completed boxes is Saturday, November 14 th.

A few years ago we had the pleasure of participating in a shoe box distribution in Calcutta and we saw first hand the delight and amazement with which these gifts were received. The children came from very poor backgrounds, some of them living on the streets and were not used to receiving gifts of any kind.

Last year we sent 182 boxes. Please get together with family, friends and work colleagues to make it even more this year. Each completed box means another needy child will be able to experience the joy of Christmas.

Joan Belshaw
Charlbury Shoebox Co-ordinator
Tel 810130



Clock Chimes Appeal

This is an update on the situation regarding the church clock chimes. As you may be aware we had problems last year which meant that they stopped working for a period. The cause was the mechanism for raising the weight which drives the chime levers in the clock.

As you probably know, older mechanical clocks are driven by weights. As these fall they drive the clock's internal workings, some for the clock itself (the going), the hour striking, or the quarter chimes.

When the weights reach the floor, the clock will stop. So, preferably before this happens, we need something to wind them back up to the top again. In the old days this used to be by manual labour; some volunteer would climb to the clock, twice a week in all weathers, insert a large handle and slowly wind up the heavy weights. For many years this was Vic Merry. The quarter chimes ran down quicker and had to be wound more often, so for this reason they were automated first, several years ago. The automatic winding of the going and hours was part of the refurbishment in 1995. The problem last year was that the motor winding the chimes burned out and needed extensive repairs, but after a while it failed again. We managed to find another suitable motor, but this didn't last long before it too failed, so now we have no quarter chimes at all. We have consulted with clock experts and decided that, rather than spend more money on this old system, we will go for a more modern solution similar to those driving the going and the hour striking. This will cost us in the region of

£2000 plus VAT.

We have had many enquiries about the loss of the chimes which confirms the belief that the clock is an integral and recognised part of the life of the town. We do in fact get a grant from the town council (provided we remember to ask for it) of £500 towards the maintenance of the clock, and while welcome, recent expenditure has exceeded this by some margin. While the church is willing to meet the proposed cost of replacement, any donations would be more than welcome. With this in mind we are launching a Clock Chimes Appeal. If anyone would like to give anything – large or small - to restoring this part of the fabric of town life, there are various ways to do it. Gift aid envelopes are always available in the church, and these can be used and popped in the slot of the safe by the door. Remember to mark the envelope “Clock” or “Chimes”. You could also hand in your donation to the vicar, churchwardens, or anyone you know associated with the church and they will pass it on to the treasurer. With your help we hope to have the clock chimes ringing out again soon. Thank you

*Mike Summers
(Churchwarden)*

I'M JONAH, GET ME OUT OF HERE! - AND OTHER STORIES

Do you like stories? Do you think the Bible is boring? If the answer is yes then come and join us in St. Mary's during the week from Sunday 20th-27th September, when we will be telling Bible stories in many different ways. We will be using drama, film, puppets and music to tell stories that you know and many that you may not know. Do you know the story of Ehud and Eglon? You may know the ones about

Jonah and Noah, but do you know Gehazi or Deborah's story? You may have heard of Jezebel and Rahab but what's their real story? Why did Elisha make an axe-head float? The stories in the Bible are exciting, dramatic, challenging, blood-thirsty, compassionate, moving and much more.

There will be interactive displays involving computer programs and craft activities. There will be quizzes, books to read and for sale, and other items of interest ongoing during each day. There will always be refreshments available and stories on film between sessions.

There will be guest story tellers including Michael Hadley (TV drama actor), Freddie Jones (who needs no introduction!) and a Bishop thrown in!

The programme will include sessions for school children and pre-schoolers in the mornings, family sessions from 4pm-6pm with food, and more formal evening sessions at 7pm. All are free, but donations would be appreciated, especially for the refreshments. Come at any time from 9.30am-7pm or to one of the following more organised sessions.

Sunday 20th 4pm- “Believe it or not!”
Guest storytellers Michael Hadley and the Bishop of Dorchester
Tuesday 22nd 7pm –“Bible Baddies and Beasties!” – Guest Storyteller Freddie Jones
Wednesday 23rd 4pm – “Amazing encounters!”
Thursday 23rd 7pm – OT Stories through drama by a Drama Group
Friday 24th 4pm – “Action Adventures”
Saturday 25th 7pm – Genesis to Revelation through hymns with the church choir
Sunday 27th 9.45am - Come to Church Sunday.

*Jan Fielden, Associate Priest
St Mary's Church, Charlbury*

Charlbury Quaker Week October 3rd -11th

This week offers a chance to find out about local Quakers. At the Meeting House in Market Street, Charlbury, there will be an Open Morning on Saturday 3 October from 10am to 1pm. On Wed Oct 7 there will be a Study Group followed by soup and cheese lunch, 12 noon to 2pm. On the same day there will be an Open Evening on 7.30 to 9.15pm. All are welcome at these events and at the Meetings for Worship which take place each Sunday at 10.30am. We're known as the Society of Friends and generally live up to our name.

For more information please contact Margaret Godel on 01608 811321.

CHADLINGTON DANCE

Chadlington Dance will begin its new season on Wednesday 9th September with Greek Dances. These will be taught by Tracy Lean who has just returned from Macedonia where she has learnt dances from three different teachers. All the dances are taught, beginners and experienced dancers are welcome, no partner is necessary. We are a friendly group who enjoy experiencing different styles of dancing in a relaxed atmosphere. We meet at Chadlington Memorial Hall from 7.30-9.15pm on the second Wednesday of each month. The cost is £5. Details from Ann on 676302.

Report from our new County Councillor Neil Owen

On 4th June I was delighted to be elected County Councillor for the Charlbury Division. I have lived in this part of West Oxfordshire for nearly thirty years and my connection with Charlbury goes back as far. On my first visit to Charlbury, all those years ago, I was driving up Dyers Hill, stopped at the top to turn left and was rammed in the back by American servicemen! All was sorted out amicably and life moved on.

I have been a **District** Councillor for 20 years and at present represent the Chadlington Ward. As a **County** Councillor my remit has increased enormously. The District Council has responsibility for waste collection, planning, leisure facilities, licensing and a host of lesser responsibilities, whereas the County is a body with a staff of over 20,000 and a budget of £1 billion, therefore their responsibilities are enormous and wide-ranging. However, I believe it can be an advantage to be a local District Councillor at the same time as a County Councillor because it keeps one's feet on the ground and prevents Oxford-centric thinking. The things that are important to me are the things that are important to Charlbury, and that is how I see my responsibilities. In conclusion, I find the new role exciting and demanding and look forward to the next four years as your representative.

Councillor Neil Owen, Robinswood, Frog Lane, Milton-under-Wychwood OX7 6JZ.
tel: 01993 830875; email anita.owen@tiscali.co.uk

Oxford-London railway to be electrified: More improvements - but also more disruption - to the Charlbury-London railway service can be expected with the announcement that the Great Western Main Line as far as Oxford is to be electrified. The work will take place between now and 2017. Weekend travel will be severely disrupted but most weekday travel should be unaffected. The scheme is likely to mean new trains for the Cotswold Line. A new 'Super Express' train, replacing the current High Speed Trains, will be capable of using electric power as far as Oxford then a diesel engine on the Cotswold section.
(Taken from the Charlbury Website)



CHARLBURY TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT No. 52

By Councillor Nicolette Lethbridge

At the Town Council's Annual meeting on 20th May Nick Potter was elected as Chairman for the 15th successive year and John Harrison, the longest serving councillor, was elected Vice Chairman, a position he has held on three previous occasions as well as having been Chairman for three years. The other councillors are; Helen Bessemer-Clark, Ian Cox, Susie Finch, Willem Hackmann, Reg James, Nicolette Lethbridge, Gareth Miller, Valou Pakenham-Walsh, Ron Prew and Liz Reason. (All Councillors sit as Independents on the Council.) Appointments were made to the Council's Committees and nominations to other bodies were also made. A full list of these can be obtained from the Town Clerk (see below).

At the Local Government Elections on 4th June Neil Owen (Conservative) was elected to represent the Charlbury Division (which covers 12 Parishes stretching from Churchill to Coombe) on the Oxfordshire County Council. Neil lives in Milton-under-Wychwood and is already District Councillor for the Chadlington and Churchill ward, is a member of the Uplands Area Planning Sub-Committee and serves on the Charlbury Conservation Area Advisory Committee. The previous County Councillor, Sue Haffenden, stood down at the election and the Town Council thanks her for her contribution over the past four years.

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on 1st May and was attended by Councillors and 35 members of the public. The Council would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused by the change of date. Topics raised by members of the public included management of Campbell Copse on the Mill Field, speed limits, The Shed, Barclays Bank's ethical policy, Building Regulations for Listed Buildings and street lighting time limits. It was requested that the Council hold a Public Meeting to discuss the latter and this has been arranged to take place at 8pm on Friday 23rd October at the War Memorial Hall when staff from the County Council will explain its proposals for the reduction of energy used for street lighting (which could include turning off certain lights for periods late at night) and receive your comments.

The County Council, which owns and manages Centenary Wood, off Ticknell Piece, is to draw up a plan for its future management and would like the views of members of the public. Please see separate article by the Oxfordshire Woodland Project Manager.

Roger and Helen Clarke attended Her Majesty The Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 14th July to which they had been invited in recognition of Roger's 30 years of service as Parish and Town Clerk of Charlbury.

Councillor Helen Bessemer-Clark has kindly produced a contact list of as many Charlbury organisations as she could find and this is available on the Charlbury website. Details of any alterations or additions should be sent to the Town Clerk. There will also be a copy of the list in the Comer House.

Despite poor weather 10 people enjoyed The Annual Parish Boundary Walk on Rogation

Sunday and the Council thanks the landowners who allow people access to their land, the Charlbury Society for organising it, Tony Graeme for leading it, the Hobill family for lunch arrangements and all stewards and other helpers. Hopefully more people will join in next year.

PLEASE NOTE that any organisation wishing a financial grant from the Council for the year 2010/11 must send an application, in writing, to the Town Clerk before 1st November 2009: late bids cannot be considered. The Clerk can advise on what grants the Local Government Act will allow.

The Council has received complaints about Wheelie Bins being left on the pavements other than on collection days. Please do not do this. Smaller bins or bin bags can be provided by the District Council. Other complaints relate to hedges and branches overhanging and obstructing the pavements. This is very dangerous. Please cut them back or the Council will get someone to do it and send the bill to you. The Council is aware of the weeds etc growing on County Council land and are pressurising it to clear them.

There have been several very enjoyable events in Charlbury this summer but these have been spoilt by the increase in litter around the town, especially broken glass, and the Council will be considering how this can be avoided in future.

Finally details of all Town Council Meeting are displayed on the Council's 3 boards on the Corner House, next to the Enstone Road bus stop and opposite Five Ways store. All meetings are open to the public. Copies of the minutes of Town Council meetings are in the library. The above are also on the Council's page on the Charlbury website.

To contact the Town Council please e-mail The Town Clerk (Roger Clarke) at charburvtc@btinternet.com or telephone him on 01608 810608 during office hours

Grow Your Own

Growing your own food is one of the best ways to improve your family's diet with more fruit and vegetables. Gardening is also a wonderful way to stretch your body and breathe lots of fresh air. What's more, composting your kitchen and garden waste will give you a free supply of nutrients for next year's crop and save you lots of money.

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Charlbury Area Waste Action Group



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Report from District Councillor Glena Chadwick

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At the time I am writing this, at the end of a very wet July, it seems inappropriate to talk about holidays or outdoor activity ! However, the flurry of meetings in the last few weeks have an 'end of term' air, whether or not people are departing for a break or simply having a slightly quieter time at home. Along with other summer activities WODC has been involved in supporting a 'Go Active' project which is being run in Charlbury and other centres over August, especially for the over 50s; Nordic walking which encourages healthy exercise but with support. The course is fully booked so we will watch for the results with interest.

It is with great pleasure that we learn that cabinet has just approved a grant of £30,000 for the combined sports pavilion on Nine Acres. This is conditional on other grants being approved but it is obviously very encouraging.

We are coming to the end of the temporary period when we have been sharing our chief executive with Cotswold District. We have had meetings to evaluate whether this has been a good or bad thing or, as with most things in life, a mixture of both. The received wisdom is that, apart from saving a great deal of money, it brings positive benefits in terms of sharing expertise and experience. It is felt that the problems are not great and can be overcome so the sharing is likely to become permanent.

Another evaluation has taken place to consider the effect of recent extreme weather conditions on West Oxfordshire, how they have threatened services and how the council can plan for the impact and consequences of these events. Obviously, in this area the floods are the most recent dramatic event but the report studies the way the council needs to respond to all weather which might affect council services. For example this includes heat waves and drought (!), storms and snow, all becoming more likely with the impact of climate change.

Report from District Counsellor Mike Breakell

tel: 01993 868201 *michael.breakell@westoxon.gov.uk* or *mjbreakell@aol.com*

In late July the Members of the Town Council and the Charlbury Conservation Committee had an excellent presentation on current planning issues by Jon Westerman and Dawn Brodie from the Development Control section of West Oxfordshire District Council. This covered important issues including the ever changing and increasingly complex planning legislation. Issues like Permitted Development Rights, Section 106 Agreements, and Article 4 Directions and covenants were discussed with particular reference to how these impinge on the Conservation Area and the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty that surrounds our town

Planning is indeed complex and yet in 23 of the 24 most difficult cases discussed over the past year Town Council opinion was taken on board. Nowadays only the most complex issues come before the West Oxfordshire Uplands Committee which both Neil Owen and I serve on, and we will always endeavour to reflect what we believe to be the views of local people, for example on more appropriate advertising at the Coop. We are always happy to discuss difficult cases and will do our best to support local views.

The other exciting issue at present is dual tracking of the Cotswold rail line. Clearly this will have much impact, including a new footbridge and platform at Charlbury, as well as the need for additional parking. All told this must surely be good news for the sustainability of the town in the long term.

CHARLBURY COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

Please note that it is the responsibility of each organisation listed in the Community Directory to notify any changes to the Editor

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Cornbury Music Festival - Hugh Phillimore

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Fourshires LETS Group (skill swaps)

Ann/David Morton - (676302)

Friends Meeting House: Angela Kyte (01993 880368)

Holiday Club - Sue Holiday (810694)

Little Fishes Under 5's Group - Kate (811579)

Macmillan Cancer Care - Liz & Bob Tait (810150)

Mind in Chipping Norton (Mental Health Support)

01608 645296

Methodist Chapel - Gil Grason (810154)

The Probus Club of Charlbury Michael Marsh

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Riverside Festival - Andy Pickard (810635)

admin@riversidefestival.charlbury.com

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St Marys C of E Church Rev Judy French (810286)

St Theresa RC Church

Very Rev Canon David Evans (810576)

Street Stage (touring youth fusion company)

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Thomas Gifford's Charity - Trevor Jones (810644)

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www.charlbury.info - Richard Fairhurst

Wychwayz Border Morris - Judy Parker (810517)

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POLICE
OFFICER**

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Support Officer
is C9837 Wesley Smith**
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of the Charlbury Police Office
at the
Spendlove Centre.

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the production of documents etc,
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To contact your PCSO
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