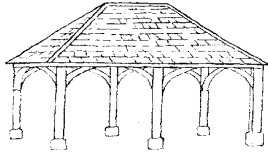


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September is Street Fair time and the theme for 2010 is All Creatures Great and Small - so it can't be a coincidence that the Fair will be opened by our own Robert Hardy!

There's a very uplifting story on page 11 about a mother who donated one of her kidneys to her son; and an exciting description of the opening of the new Cricket Club Pavilion by a visiting Zimbabwean test cricketer (see page 17) .

Those of our readers who like reminiscences of old Charlbury will be interested in the interview with our oldest resident Reg Cox on page 4, and with the letter from Jim Dingle on page 27 recalling his schooldays at Oxford City Technical School (which eventually became Oxford Brookes University). Among other things, it seems that in 1943 the trains from Charlbury actually ran on time!

Always seeking to make your *Chronicle* more interesting, readers will find the lay-out a bit different this time. Just because an article is at the back of the Chronicle doesn't mean it's not worth looking at, so some of the usual end-of-the-line pieces, such as the Town Council report and others have been moved nearer the front! See if you can keep reading all the way to page 40!

Please remember that the Editor is always glad to get readers' reactions, and correspondence can be left in the yellow *Chronicle* box on the table in the hall of the Corner House.

Sorry to have to tell our subscribers that the annual cost of receiving the Chronicle by post has had to go up to £3.50, and for posting abroad the cost will be £6 a year. This is the first rise for many years, so we hope our subscribers will understand.

Lynette Murphy

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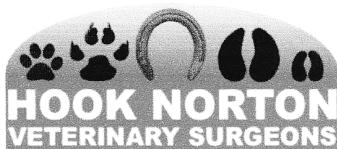
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'Thousand Mile Highway': Upbeat Americana designed to make you smile. Hailing from Charlbury itself, 1000 Mile Highway takes both traditional and modern themes and beefs them up just for you!

The Street Fair programme, with Event Map and full timetables, is available from the usual local shops and the Corner House (Saturdays). Want to help us out? Any help on the day to erect and dismantle stalls would be gladly appreciated - free bacon and egg sandwich in the morning for the workers! Contact details are given with the Event Map.

NB We have been granted the required road closure on 18th September for Church Street and part of Park Street for the day. We would appreciate if all parked cars could be removed in time for the stalls to be erected from 9am on the morning of the event

REG COX – 75 years in Spelsbury, man and boy and its longest resident

I came to Spelsbury in 1936 when I was three. I had been in Barnardo's in Barkingside, Essex with my two older sisters when we were adopted by two couples, who lived side by side in the Wigwell end of Spelsbury. My sisters were adopted by Mr and Mrs Hitchcock and I was adopted by Alfred and Nellie Cox. We were brought to Spelsbury, each of us accompanied by a nurse. I knew I was going to be all right because when we arrived my father came out to meet me and gave me a penny to go up the road and get a pound of toffees, which were counted out into my hand. My sisters were not as fortunate as later their adoptive parents decided to emigrate to Australia and they were sent back to Barnardo's and were in the Barnado home in Oxford where they did cooking. My father worked on Miss Dillon's farm. He worked with horses. It was very different then; there were no tractors or anything like that. He worked there until 1960 when they got rid of the horses. It really upset him and shortly after he died of a heart attack. Soon after I arrived, I went to Spelsbury school and loved it. There were 23 pupils and Mrs. Griffiths was the head teacher. Her grandson, Howard, lives in Charlbury now. We used to have great fun in the playground; once when playing whip and top, I put a top through a school window. I had to pay for that.

When I was eleven I joined my sisters at Charlbury School on the Playing Close. We walked to school every day. On the way to school we would walk between two telegraph poles and run between one and then on the way back we would do the opposite. There was very little traffic on the road. It was surprising if you saw a car. We often used to play football by the fountain in Spelsbury. We would go to school at 8 o'clock and then come home at 4 o'clock. I enjoyed every minute of school even though I was not very good at it. I liked reading but was hopeless at maths. The school however gave you a good grounding in practical things like woodwork and we were taught photography by Mr. Watts. We also worked in the school garden mowing the paths, digging the plots, pruning and spraying the roses. I left when I was 14. They were good old days, no computers and that but they did teach you how to use your head.

I started work at Mr. Milton's General Store in Charlbury, which was on the corner opposite "The Bull". I was paid a £1 a week and my job was to deliver paraffin on my bike to Charlbury and Finstock. The shop was full of shelves and drawers. When someone came in and asked for something, Mr. Milton, who was in his 70s would go straight to the drawer it was in. I was only there for a year before I went to Lucy's in Oxford, a firm that made street lamps and control boxes for lights. I used to go into work by bus but I finished after a year and went to work on the Ditchley Estate. I worked for Mr. Hawkins, who was head forester. There were nine of us and although I had no training I picked it up. It was a natural thing to do. We grew all the trees, made our own compost from grass, straw and hops. There was a programme of replanting thirty acres a year. It was mixed planting – 9 beech, 9 ash, 9 oak and 9 cherries in the first row. It would be the same in the next row but we would have different trees opposite each other and so on till we finished the planting. After 12 months I went from there in 1949 to do a milk round for the Pratley family, who were based at "Rook's Nest". I delivered to Spelsbury, Enstone, Taston and The Tews. I'd start work loading the milk bottles on to the float at 3 o'clock in the morning. I really enjoyed it, meeting all the people; the local boys would help me with deliveries. After that I had a

five year spell on the Ditchley estate before going to work for Smith's on the industrial estate in Witney. The company made car heaters and clocks and I operated a fork lift truck. It was very different but I enjoyed it. I used to go to work on a motor bike – the road through Crawley up to the old A 40 was just a dirt track , which was fine except that it flooded regularly.

After 21 years there I returned to Spelsbury and started doing gardening. I used to work for Miss Thomson and her brother, Sir John Thomson. He was a lovely gentleman, courteous and he always had time for you although he was a very important business man. He was chairman of Barclay's bank and he was responsible for introducing credit cards. He loved horse racing and had several racehorse. I particularly liked it when he would bring them back to Spelsbury for a rest and I would get to look after them. I also looked after the churchyard. That brought me into contact with the Rowley family, who had five lovely sons. I have always loved children although I never married. I like it that the girl, who looks after me has a baby, which she brings along. I continued gardening. for twenty one years until I retired.

Those were good old days. We worked hard and had no real time for leisure. Occasionally we would go over to Jeffs cinema in Charlbury. I remember the ice cream, which Mr Jeffs used to make himself. It was very good. People would drop into each other houses for a chat. Now I have leisure and I enjoy working in my garden. But things are different. Everyone seems to go out to work and people do not seem to have time for each other anymore.

Reg Cox was interviewed by Diana Potten

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN CHARLBURY

Every year a small and dedicated team organises the Christmas lights in Charlbury. This entails ordering and supplying any new brackets and lights, collecting the orders and payments for the trees, and arranging their delivery and distribution on the day (usually the last Saturday in November). The display is extremely popular, with orders for trees now running at about 90 each year. But several key organisers are retiring, and if the display of lights and trees is to continue, those people need to be replaced urgently. If you would like to help with the organisation of this important seasonal activity in the town, please phone or email me as soon as possible.

Jon Carpenter
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CHARLBURY MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels volunteers are cooking and delivering meals to residents of Charlbury, Chadlington, and Stonesfield each Tuesday at noontime. The cost is £2 per meal which includes a pudding.

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Update on Pavilion & Changing Rooms

Letter to the Editor

In the June edition of the *Charlbury Chronicle* we said how grateful we were to the Town Council, WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Group) and the West Oxfordshire District Council for their very substantial contributions to the New Pavilion Project on the Nine Acres Recreation Ground.

Since that article we are delighted to have obtained an offer of funding from the Football Foundation, on behalf of the Football Association, for just over £17,000. Also, the Trustees of the Charlbury Motor Fire Brigade Fund have been extremely generous with financial help.

We still have firm financial commitments from the Charlbury Football Clubs, the Charlbury Tennis Club and the Nine Acres Management Committee to provide £10,000, £10,000, and £15,000 respectively to be available when required for the project. This does mean that each of these groups will continue to organise fund-raising events for many months to come, and your support at these events will be much appreciated. These funds, together with those commitments, means that we are hoping to make a start on the New Pavilion in September this year.

Our grateful thanks to everyone who has supported our efforts for this New Pavilion and whose help and encouragement has enabled us to reach this stage. This new facility is desperately needed to replace the existing seventy-four year old building and provide acceptable changing rooms for all the sports and leisure activities on the Nine Acre field.

*Further information is available from
Robert Caston on 810240.*

Vandalism in Charlbury

It is great news that work on the new Sports Pavilion at Nine Acres will soon be under way. I am writing to ask whether it would be a good investment to install CCTV cameras in the vicinity of the building due to the vandalism which often occurs in the park. It would be a shame to jeopardise the future of the pavilion when so much hard work and fund-raising effort has been put in by the local community.

Events on May 28 2010 illustrate what can occur. Sometime after 7pm on that Bank Holiday Friday, a group of people consumed large quantities of beer and then smashed the bottles around and onto the tennis courts and the tennis hut was also damaged. A large quantity of broken glass had to be cleared before our children could have their lesson. I spoke to Community Support Officer Cheryl Harrison and she reported that groups of young people had bussed in from Carterton and Bampton and were moved on by the police during that evening and their parents contacted. Although the police did clear up the courts, it was thought the vandals returned later to do more damage. She stressed the importance of keeping the tennis courts locked, although bottles could still be thrown over the fences. Any future disturbances can be reported to Wesley Smith, our Charlbury CSO. It would appear that there are groups of people who regularly congregate at the Spendlove site and Nine Acres. Nearby residents have also spoken of noise disturbance late at night. Litter-pickers have found broken glass underneath the children's play equipment on these occasions. In an ideal world, the recreational facilities at Nineacres should be enjoyed by all but maybe CCTV cameras could help identify the minority of people who are unable to respect our park.

A Charlbury Resident (name & address supplied)



CHARLBURY TOWN COUNCIL REPORT, No. 56 By Councillor Helen Bessemer-Clark

At the Town Council's Annual Meeting on 26th May, Nick Potter was elected as Chairman for the 16th successive year and Gareth Miller was elected as the Vice-Chairman. The other Councillors are: Helen Bessemer-Clark, Ian Cox, Susie Finch, Willem Hackmann, John Harrison, Reg James, Nicolette Lethbridge, Valou Pakenham-Walsh, Ron Prew and Liz Reason. John Harrison is the longest serving Councillor. All the Councillors sit as Independent members. Appointments to the Council's Committees and nominations to other bodies were also made. A full list can be obtained from the Town Clerk. . Thanks are due to Nicolette Lethbridge for writing the Charlbury Town Council Report for the past 2 years.

There were no Local Government elections in our area this year, though of course, following the General Election in May there is a certain notoriety in living in the Prime Minister's constituency.

The Annual Boundary Walk took place on 9th May (Rogation Sunday). An average of 9 people took part with a maximum, at one stage, of 14. The Council would like to thank the landowners for allowing the walk to take place over their properties; the Charlbury Society for organising it; Tony Graeme for leading it; the Hobil family for lunch arrangements; and all the stewards and helpers. Next year will be the last walk to be led by Tony so a replacement is needed. Any volunteers with strong walking boots, and a desire to help others enjoy our local area are asked to contact Tony, the Charlbury Society, or the Town Clerk:

Open Surgeries' These were mentioned in the last Chronicle, and the Council has now held two of them. A variety of topics was raised including some 'old chestnuts' which unfortunately are well outside the control of the Council! However, where possible the Clerk has provided written replies to queries. The next open surgery is on 4th September, 10 – 12 Corner House. Two Councillors will be on duty. After this the Council will review and evaluate the trial and decide whether or not to continue the scheme. It would be interesting to hear any feedback that local residents might like to offer.

- **Grants** Any organisation who think they may need a Financial Grant from the Town Council for the Financial Year 2011/2012 must send an application in writing to the Town Clerk by October 31st. Late bids received after this date cannot, unfortunately, be considered. The Clerk can advise on what can and cannot be grant aided under the Local Government Act.

So much for Council Housekeeping matters. The following items are a summary of the other activities undertaken or considered by your Town Council:

Mill Lane has been re-surfaced: the Lane belongs to the Council, but the costs have been shared in co-operation with local residents

Pavilion: The Council continues to support the project to rebuild the pavilion, but as Robert Caston's article elsewhere explains, there are still hurdles and hoops to be jumped over and through. The old pavilion started life as a shelter erected to commemorate the

Silver Jubilee of King George V and Queen Mary in 1935. The new Pavilion was supposed to be built in commemoration of Queen Elizabeth Golden Jubilee in 2003. As it is hoped that work on it will start in 6 weeks, it seems it will certainly be ready well in time for her Diamond Jubilee!

Affordable Housing: Positive progress has been made in partnership with the District Council and South Oxfordshire Housing Association (SOHA), - the Registered Social Landlord (RSL) for this scheme - for the provision of a further 15 units in Charlbury. Plans should be available for consultation before Christmas with a view to having the houses built and occupied before the end of 2011.

Owners of properties with overhanging branches are asked to cut these back to allow pedestrians full use of pavements

Our Town Council Website The Council is now global and 'went live' in June! The site can be visited at www.charlburytowncouncil.co.uk, and is separate from the Charlbury Info site.

Centenary Wood The Oxfordshire Woodland Project Manager will be holding a public meeting in the Morris Room at the Corner House on Thursday, 23rd September at 8.0 p.m. to discuss plans for the future management of Centenary Wood (owned by Oxon County Council). Please see David Rees' article elsewhere (p 15). All welcome.

You will by now have received details of the free garden waste collections being organised by WODC. The Council would like to encourage as many people as possible to sign up for this service, which will help you, and the environment together.

Vandalism: we are concerned at the cost to the community of the mindless vandalism (windscreen wipers, stones and bottle damage, etc) that is seeming to proliferate in the town. Victims of such vandalism are urged to report this to the police, so that, even if nothing can be done about it immediately, it all goes to support the statistics when we ask for greater police attendance. Parents and responsible adults are also asked to keep an eye open for such behaviour, as it is a cost to all of us in the town.

Mill Field. This is owned by the Town Council, and there is disappointment that there have recently been disturbances in Mill Field involving loud music, alcohol and anti-social behaviour. The Council recognises that this is a public open space but wishes to remind users that glass, fires and camping are prohibited for obvious safety reasons. Please enjoy safely and without disturbing others.

Yet again, in company with so many organisations who send out questionnaires to ascertain the level of customer satisfaction, we too would appreciate some feedback, and would like to reiterate that a warm welcome would be given to any Charlbury resident who would like to come and hear and see what goes on at Council Meetings. Who knows - they might even be persuaded to stand for election in 2012?

*To contact the Town Council, e.mail the Town Clerk, Roger Clarke, at charlburytc@btinternet.com or telephone 01608 810608 during normal working hours (weekdays 9.0 a.m. - 5.0 p.m. but **NOT** weekends or Bank Holidays).*



Top tips for tackling the rogue trader

I would like to warn residents to watch out for unscrupulous salesmen or workmen in the area, who try to pressurise

elderly and vulnerable residents into carrying out unnecessary work and repairs carried out to their homes. In many cases they con the victim out of thousands of pounds, the work is of a poor standard, left unfinished or could be dangerous.

Residents are advised to follow these guidelines before getting any work done:

- Never buy from anyone who knocks on your door without an appointment.
- If you don't know who the caller is, don't let them in, no matter how persuasive they seem.
- Even if they have an appointment, check their identity. If you are still not sure, don't let them in.
- If you decide to have some work done, make a plan of what you want to do and get written quotes from more than one company. Ask friends and neighbours to recommend companies.
- Agree on a written contract covering details of the work, costs, payment dates, start/finish dates, guarantees, dispute resolution etc. Don't rely on a handshake.
- Ask for details of satisfied customers and try to check them out.
- Never pay in advance, especially not in cash. Reputable companies will always accept cheques.
- If it is a large job and the trader needs some money in advance, pay in stages. Only pay if you are happy with the work.
- If you pay or agree to pay over £35 for any services or goods sold during a visit to your home or place of work you have seven days to cancel the agreement. Any money you have paid should be returned to you and the caller must give you a written cancellation form setting out your rights when you agree the contract. If the

caller does not, they are committing a criminal offence and the agreement isn't valid.

Country Wise

In the Chipping Norton area please be aware that old style Land Rovers are being stolen along with farming machinery such as tractors and power tools. Please keep your belongings locked away out of sight and security marked if possible. You could sign up to the Thames Valley Police Country Watch scheme. You will receive rural crime alerts specific to your area, as well as crime reduction advice and details of relevant events. The service is completely free. Further information is available by telephoning the administrator on 01993 861640.

You can also contact your local PCSO Wes Smith on 0845 8 505 505.

CHILD VOICE APPEAL

The Cotswolds HACK will take place on Sunday 5th September and is a 25 mile sponsored challenge walk in aid of the NSPCC's Child Voice Appeal, which will help expand the NSPCC's vital helpline services- Childline is the UK's free, confidential 24 hour helpline for children and the NSPCC Helpline for adults concerned about a child.

The scenic route will start and finish in Cornbury Park and will also travel through Blenheim Estate and Ditchley Park.

The registration fee is £15 per person and the walk is for over 18's only. The registration deadline is Monday August 23rd. For further details, to register online and information on payments log on to www.nspcc.org.uk/hack or contact the NSPCC East appeals office on 01908 328060 or e mail NorthLondon&EastofEngland@NSPCC.org.uk

NO GREATER LOVE THAN THIS

Helen Wright tells how she donated a kidney to save her son's life

During March 2008 my 34 year old son Ben became ill, his doctor arranged tests, but the following week he returned feeling weaker. That evening Ben was given an emergency blood transfusion in hospital. It became apparent that his kidneys had been badly affected; he was given dialysis to give them a complete rest in the hope they would recover, but they did not.

Being at his bedside when the news was given to Ben I said the only thing that I felt was appropriate "well of course Ben can have one of mine." Sister Maria was quick to reply that it was highly likely I would not be a suitable match, she could see that I was overweight, and did not want to raise Ben's hopes. Also Ben needed to become healthy enough to undergo a transplant operation.

In October 2008 an appointment was made for me to see the Living Donor Transplant Team at St James Hospital in Leeds. I realised that with my living in Charlbury, this was not quite the average living organ donation the NHS undertake. It meant several visits to Leeds, however, the two longer tests could be undertaken at Oxford – but only when I had lost more weight, I needed to lose 11 kilos and a further 5 kilos before the operation itself.

Then began months of dialysis for Ben, initially at hospital three days a week. However, he desperately wanted to work again and live normally and so undertook dialysis every night, all night, at home. He found the noise from the machine very disturbing and was anxious he might pull out the lines if he moved about in his sleep. His blood pressure was badly affected and in February 2009 we received an early

morning phone call from St James hospital. Ben was fighting for his life – what an agonising journey up to Leeds.

Fortunately, Ben recovered and to cut a long story short I undertook all day tests at the John Radcliffe and kidney scanning at the Churchill hospitals in Oxford during October 2009. As I hoped, both kidneys were in excellent condition and working 50/50, which meant the surgeons could choose whichever was more suitable. Two surgeons would undertake my operation by keyhole surgery as I had an additional artery, making it a little more complicated.

The operation went ahead at St James, on Friday 23rd April, St George's Day – as I went down to Theatre I felt the real power of God, from prayers and support from fellow Christians and knew I was in safe hands. (I found out later from a doctor present that the surgeons also felt real positive power and know how that helps patients recover.) Ben underwent his operation afterwards in the same Theatre. We were in rooms fairly close together and I felt so reassured to see him wave briefly on his return from Theatre before I drifted back to sleep.

My recovery was more painful than I had thought, but fortunately Ken and I were able to stay in the Bexley Wing Hotel at St James Hospital. This meant I could become stronger for the long journey back to Charlbury.

I am now well on the road to recovery. However, Ben's new kidney has not truly become 'his' yet – only time will tell. Of course he will always remain on anti-rejection drugs and need to be careful. I look back on the months of waiting and the operation and know I would readily do it all again to offer Ben the chance of a better quality of life. The hardest part is perhaps still to come.



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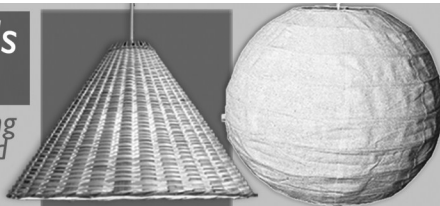
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I would very much like to hear from anyone with an interest in young people and a spare room (or possibly two) which they could offer as rented accommodation. The requirement is for a study bedroom with access to bathroom and kitchen facilities, and the provision of breakfast ingredients for the student to use on a self serve basis. Most of the students are in their early 20's and in the past they 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.

For further details please contact one of the following

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Gill Colman (Assist. Coordinator) - 01608 810221 e: gill_colman@yahoo.co.uk

DIABETES - DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO LOOK FOR?

There are currently over 2.6 million people with Diabetes in the UK ,and up to half a million people who have the condition but don't know it, according to Diabetes UK. As part of National Diabetes Week recently NHS Oxfordshire raised awareness of the condition.

The main symptoms of undiagnosed diabetes include extreme tiredness, increased thirst, blurred vision, passing urine frequently (especially at night), and regular episodes of thrush. In Type 1 diabetes the signs and symptoms will usually be very obvious, developing quickly. In people with Type 2 diabetes the signs and symptoms will not be so obvious or even non-existent in people with Type 2 diabetes. If you're older you may put the symptoms down to 'getting on a bit'.

The key is taking early action, so if any of these symptoms apply to you ask your GP for a diabetes test. In both types of diabetes, the symptoms are quickly relieved once the diabetes is treated. Early treatment will also reduce the chances of developing serious health problems in the future.

Katie Seal, Community Diabetes Nurse Specialist, said: "If you or someone you know has recently been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes there is support available, such as the diabetes2gether course, to help understand, live with and effectively manage the condition."

ANNUAL PARISH BOUNDARY WALK ROGATION SUNDAY 2010

After last year's downpour, it was nice to have a fine day in prospect as eight Charlbury regulars, two American students and one dog set off from the Old Oak on Rogation Sunday. Once past the Cornbury drive, we found walking much easier now that the familiar poplar trees have been felled and further down river we 'discovered' two boundary markers, dating from 1880 when the old GWR took over the railway. None of us could remember seeing these before - perhaps, with lower vegetation this year, they were more visible than usual.

At Fawler Road, our two American visitors took the opportunity for a lift back into town with Nigel Walsh, who was on hand to collect the two 'lollipops' – evidently the prospect of another hour and a half before lunch was too much! However, one new walker waiting at the top of Beevis Farm drive, and the Vicar joining us at the start of the Saltway, brought the party up to 10 again. Earlier, Judy French had conducted the 'Churches Together' Rogation Service which featured a 'virtual walk' using photographs of the route - some taken just a few days before, when she and Jan Fielden had accompanied me on a 'pre-walk' of parts of the route which her duties prevent her from covering on the day.

After a brief stop we were off again along the Saltway – much drier and less muddy than is often the case – to be greeted at Ditchley as usual by Farm Manager Robert Hobil and his wife Maxine. Also waiting for us was Rob Stepney, joining us for the afternoon. Rested and fed (and thankful for no repetition of last year's lunchtime downpour) we were joined by three more (including two children) and made our way across the fields to Enstone Road where there was quite a gathering – John Merriman had come to provide transport back into town if needed, but we were also met by Ted Welsh and Gareth Miller. Ted had brought the Vicar to our rendezvous at the Saltway and would be meeting us again later. Gareth had been touring the lanes trying to locate us. He decided to walk as far as Spelsbury, on the promise of a lift back with Ted to collect his car.

We continued along the track to Coathouse Farm but from here were obliged to modify the route - new fencing near the bridge at Spelsbury Road makes the crossing there too awkward and dangerous. The alternative - crossing the Taston Brook by the stone clapper bridge and continuing on the footpath into Spelsbury - diverts further from the line of the boundary but, it seems, will have to be the norm in future years. Judy and Gareth having been collected by Ted in Spelsbury, the rest of us rejoined the boundary at Taston Brook for an incident free walk to the Oxfordshire Way and back over the Millfield to Dyers Hill. The walk was over for another year.

Wanted! Walk Leader

As Charlbury Society Members who were at this year's AGM will know, I have decided that 2011 will be the last year in which I will take a leading part in the Boundary Walk. After 12 years, I think it is time to give someone else a go. We therefore need a willing volunteer to take over. If you are fit, active, like a bit of walking away from public paths, and don't mind a bit of organising into the bargain, either the Town Clerk or Charlbury Society (although you don't need to be a Member) would love to hear from you. If you already know the route and have an idea of what's involved, I'm happy to hand over the reins next year. If not, I'll be pleased to use the occasion to pass on what knowledge I have.

Tony Graeme

WYCHWOOD FOREST FAIR PRESS RELEASE

The residents of Witney and West Oxfordshire will have their first opportunity to visit the site of their next Community Wood when the **11th Forest Fair** is held on land owned by the **Friends of Wychwood, at Southdown Farm, Crawley Road, Witney on Sunday 5th September**

,An Aunt Sally competition, and a photographic competition featuring Wychwood People, Places and Nature are new for this year to add to the usual mix of Fun Fair, Morris Dancers, an Archery display, a large Second-hand Book Stall, Tombola, Grand draw, Plant and Produce stall and lots more.

The Friends of Wychwood will be launching a Public Appeal for funds to Plant-a-Tree on the site, as well as encouraging other local Conservation and Community Groups to promote their own activities. and Rural Craft workers will be demonstrating their particular skills. Trade Stands, and an Arts and Crafts tent bring the total exhibitors to over 160

Local food producers and suppliers, locally produced ice cream, refreshments, a tea tent and beer tent selling Wychwood Brewery's beer will all be in attendance.

For further info visit
www.wychwoodproject.org or contact
Michael Drew on 01993 702624

Consulting on the future of Charlbury's Centenary Wood

Centenary Wood is a young woodland situated behind the bowling club and Ticknell Piece Road on the eastern side of Charlbury. The wood was planted to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Oxfordshire County Council and is now approaching its 20th birthday. In places the crowns of individual trees are beginning to meet to form a continuous canopy, a sign of it's coming-of-age.

As owner, Oxfordshire County Council intends to prepare a management plan to guide its development over the next decade and beyond. It has commissioned the Oxfordshire Woodland Project to carry this out.

There will be a **public meeting** to present the options for the management of the wood and to receive comments from interested parties. The meeting is open to all and residents of Charlbury are particularly welcome. The meeting will be held at the Morris Room of the Corner House, Charlbury on Thursday 23rd September, starting promptly at 8.00pm.

Please do come along to have your say and to participate in the future of Charlbury's community woodland. If you find that you are unable to attend, comments may be directed to David Rees at 01865 815427 owp@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

David Rees

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Zimbabwean Test Star Opens Charlbury's New Cricket Pavilion

Over the years, a number of cricketing legends have graced the Charlbury ground, including Test players such as England's Tom Graveney and Ted Dexter, Pakistan's Sadiq Mohammad, the West Indian Deryck Murray and India's Farokh Engineer and Madan Lal. On June 27th, Henry Olonga became the first Zimbabwean Test cricketer to play at Charlbury when he took part in the annual President's Match. For this long-standing fixture the Club's President (since 2007 Malcolm Harper) puts together a team, often consisting primarily of ex-Charlbury players, to take on the current Charlbury side. Other former players and old friends of the Club are invited back to meet up with each other and watch the cricket. This year's game was even more special as it also witnessed the official opening of the Club's new pavilion.

On a very hot and sunny afternoon, Charlbury won the toss, opted to bat first and endured a torrid opening spell from Henry Olonga and Tom Geeson-Brown, a former Charlbury First Team player and Gloucestershire Academy member who is currently playing for the Oxford club. Tom enjoyed digging the ball in short against his brother Ben, although it was Henry Olonga, generating great pace and bounce from a short run-up, who finally claimed Ben's wicket. In the face of this hostile onslaught, Charlbury did extremely well to reach a total of 231-6, helped by solid contributions of 57 from Andy Glass, 47 from Rudi Esterhuizen and 37 from Tom Nash.

A break for tea, in time-honoured cricketing tradition, saw Henry Olonga (a true friend of the Club after his fundraising concert here in 2008) deliver a short speech and then snip the ribbon to officially declare the new pavilion open. On behalf of the Cricket Club, both Malcolm Harper and Paul Jenkins thanked Henry for his contribution to the day, as well as the many people in Charlbury and elsewhere who had generously donated to our fundraising appeal, overseen the construction of the new pavilion and made it possible for us to open it less than three years after the old building had been so catastrophically flooded.

Back on the pitch, the President's XI were given a good start to their innings by Tom Geeson-Brown and former Oxfordshire off-spinner and current Oxfordshire Cricket Development Manager Rupert Evans. However, wickets then began to tumble and run-scoring became hard work. Henry Olonga, batting at number seven, played himself in very carefully before he was bowled by a slower ball from sixteen-year-old Josh Hornsby. Josh was already enjoying a very fine season for Charlbury's Second Team and Sunday XI and now he will be able to boast long into old age about the day he bowled a Test player for only one run! The evergreen Nick Merry, in partial retirement these days, then smashed a quick half-century to help the President's XI rack up a creditable 154-8 and so the match ended as an honourable draw.

The *Oxford Mail* reported on the game and *BBC South Today* devoted several minutes of their Monday evening bulletin to a feature on us. Thanks to everyone who made June 27th such a great day for Charlbury Cricket Club.

Derek Collett



CHARLBURY MUSEUM NEWS

The Museum is open throughout the summer, at the usual times of Saturdays 10 - 12 a.m., and Sundays and Bank Holidays 2.30 - 4.30 p.m.

This year we have a special exhibition on the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts in Charlbury, associated with the Centenary of the Girl Guide Movement. You might also like to come and see our fine new display cases, built by Charlbury craftsman Mark Evans, which give a much clearer view of the exhibits.

Charles Tyzack

CORNER HOUSE & MEMORIAL HALL NEWS

Both the Corner House and Memorial Hall have been redecorated, the Hall floor has been resealed and we have installed some secondary glazing in the Larcum Kendal Room to conserve heat.

A reminder please that users should not park in the Memorial Hall driveway as it needs to be kept clear for emergency access. Please also refrain from using the private car park at The Bull, as it is reserved for their paying customers!

*Stephen Andrews (811212)
Chairman of the Committee*

THE FRIENDS OF CHARLBURY LIBRARY

Three years ago, the Friends of Charlbury Library decided to end their fund raising until the Charlbury Community Centre was nearer becoming a reality. The amount agreed with the Oxfordshire Library Service as our contribution to the new Library had been raised. With the current cuts being contemplated by Oxfordshire County Council, we may need to become active again. The acting secretary, Janet Walker wishes to stand down and we are looking for a volunteer to replace her. Anyone wishing to discuss what is involved can ring me on 01608 810573. I would also like to thank Janet for all her dedication and efficiency during her time as our Secretary

Amanda Epps

Charlbury W.I. is now in its second year and continues to attract new members month by month. We meet in the Morris Room at the Corner House at 8pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, inviting speakers to educate and entertain us on a broad range of topics. Visitors and new members are always welcome to join our diverse group of women ages 20s-80s. Many of our meetings focus on modern topics that are important to us, recently including subjects ranging from acupuncture and reflexology to police dog training, which featured a flurry of excitement as local police dog Zeus went about finding hidden drugs in our meeting room! With a nod to tradition we have our first stall at the Street Fair 2010 where you can expect to find plentiful homegrown and homemade produce including cakes, jams, crafts and more. We look forward to meeting you there. For any questions or queries please contact Pat Hill (secretary) 810714 or Clare Salter (President) 810422 or see our page on the Charlbury website.

*Lindsey Leach
Vice-President*

LOOKING AHEAD

A reminder that there will be another Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care at Brice House, Thames Street Charlbury on **Friday September 24th**. 10.0am - 12.30pm. We are hoping to have a very special Bring and Buy, Raffle and of course, delectable cakes! All contributions and volunteers most welcome. Please come and support us!

Liz and Bob Tait 810150. e
-mail elizabethtait@msn.com

STUDENT GRANTS

If you are under 25, live in Charlbury and have a guaranteed place for a University, College, vocational course or apprenticeship you may apply to The Charlbury Exhibition Foundation for a grant. **Write to CEF c/o Mrs Kate Gerrish, 62 Ticknell Piece Road, Charlbury OX7 3TW by 1st October 2010 giving age, schools attended, details of course, University/ College etc.** Those attending short training courses sponsored by Charlbury Youth Organisations may also apply. The foundation will make a contribution towards costs on publication.

CHARLBURY LADIES LUNCHEON CLUB

The Club meets every third Tuesday of every month at Witney Lakes Resort at 12 noon for 12.30pm We have a two course set meal with coffee or tea, at a cost of £13, including tips. We have speakers from September to April.

If any ladies would like to join these very sociable gatherings we would be very pleased to welcome you. Please contact me for further details on 01608 810700.

I look forward to hearing from you.
Morag Moore

CHARLBURY DAY CENTRE

When I last wrote to the Chronicle I was worried because we seemed to have suddenly lost all our volunteer cooks and I had visions of our members having fish and chips every week! Fortunately we have now been joined by two superb new cooks and rejoined by a third, and the members can continue to enjoy excellent and varied haute cuisine.

We currently have twelve members, who come to the Day Centre, so that means that we could take one more. If anyone knows of someone who might like to join us, then do please contact me.

We have visiting speakers from the area, but we would appreciate anyone who can come in and chat about their hobbies, interests or perhaps show slides of an exciting holiday that they may have been on recently.

Even more, we would love it if you could just come and help for 2-3 hours once a month - I know that you would find it both rewarding and fun. We also need extra help from people who can ferry members in from their homes to the Centre.

The Day Centre is a first class local facility, but could not function without your help, so thank you for your support.

*Bob Tait, Chairman
01608 810150*

FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS AT THE CORNER HOUSE

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

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

CLUBS, GROUPS, SOCIETIES

Charlbury Bowls Club

Members are enjoying the outdoor season, with friendly games against local clubs and looking very smart in their new team shirts. 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 a great way to enjoy the dark cold nights.

We have a stall at the Street Fair this year where we will be giving out information for all those interested in joining us. Please feel free to come over and have a chat with us. We will be happy to answer all your queries.

Whatever your age come and have a try, there will be someone to show you the ropes and we are happy to loan you the equipment you need to get started. New members are most welcome, all ages; men, women and youngsters. You are never too young or old to play this skilful game.

Heather Hill, Hon. Secretary (810229)

Charlbury Town Youth FC are proud to announce their efforts were recently recognised at the Witney and District Youth Football League AGM, by being awarded the following: Assistant Referee of the Year to Pete Spendlove (U12), Fair Play Team of the Year to U12's, Fair Play Club of the Year. Congratulations to the club and all its members. The club is always keen to welcome new players, if you are interested, please come along to training (see below) and have a go. **U5 & U6 (Rec & Y1 Sept 2010)** train Sun 10-11am on Wychwood Paddocks. **U7 (Y2 Sept 2010)** train Weds 5-6pm on Wychwood Paddocks, matches some Saturdays. **U8 (Y3 Sept 2010)** train Friday 6-7pm on Wychwood Paddocks, matches Saturday

morning.

U9 (Y4 Sept 2010) train Thursday 6-7pm on Wychwood Paddocks, matches Saturday morning.

U10 (Y5 Sept 2010) train Thursday 7-8pm on Wychwood Paddocks, matches Saturday morning.

U11 (Y6 Sept 2010) train Tues 6-7.15pm on Nine Acres Playing Fields, matches Saturday.

U12 (Y7 Sept 2010) train Weds 6-7pm on Nine Acres Playing Fields, matches on Sunday.

U13 (Y8 Sept 2010) train Weds 7-8pm on Nine Acres Playing Fields, matches Sunday 2pm.

U16 (Y11 Sept 2010) train Mon 7-8pm on Nine Acres Playing Fields, matches Sunday

We are holding a signing-on evening at Charlbury Cricket Club on Sunday 5th August from 4-6pm. There will be activities for the children to take part in, a BBQ and refreshments for everyone.

For more information contact the club secretary, Lynn Gorton, on 01993 869248 or email at carlyynn@uwclub.net

Charlbury Chess Club

The 2010/11 season begins on Thursday 23 September and is held each Thursday until 9 December, resuming on 6 January after the Christmas break. Meetings are held between 7.30 and 9.30 in the Methodist Church Hall in Fishers Lane.

The Chess Club is in need of new members and we welcome young and old, beginner and expert alike. We charge £3 per session for adults and £1 for children Telephone Bob Douglas on 811083 for more information or just turn up on the night.

Bob Douglas

CLUBS, GROUPS, SOCIETIES

Charlbury Garden Society Annual Flower & Produce Show

The Society's 2010 Annual Show, which marks the centrepiece of the horticultural year, is on Saturday 4th September. You don't have to be a member to enter an exhibit. As well as flowers, there are classes for fruit, vegetables, cookery, jam, handicrafts and photographs. Seventeen cups and substantial prize money are on offer. Competitions for children include making a monster out of vegetables or fruit, and drawings, pizzas and poems. Details and entry forms are available from town centre shops. Bring your exhibits to the Memorial Hall between 8.30 and 10.45 on the Saturday morning. The show is open from 2.00 to 4.30pm.

West Oxon Branch of WEA

Although the West Oxfordshire Branch of WEA has ceased to exist, Oxford WEA will still be responsible administratively for the OUDCE Literature course on "The Novel Now" which David Grilles will be giving at the Friends Meeting House from 28 September. As before, please contact Patricia Baker Cassidy for further details by telephoning 07709 239322 , e-mailing patricia_silverstone@hotmail.com or writing to 6 King Street, Oxford OX2 6DF

CHARLBURY WINE & BEER SOC

The programme for 2010-2011 is:
September: AGM, quiz and chat;
October: Wine Tasting; **November:** Take-away Meal; **December:** Christmas Party
January: Cards Evening (Whist);
February: Wine Tasting; **March:** Monty Phillips' Wine Tasting; **April:** Annual Dinner; **May:** Safari Supper; **June:** BBQ;
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 Garden Room of the Memorial Hall. New members always welcomed. For further information and full programme telephone 810700.

John Moore

CHARLBURY TOWN FC

After the disappointing performance of the England team this summer, we're looking forward to getting back to grass roots football in the shape of Charlbury Town FC in the Witney & District League. The First team ended another impressive season finishing runners-up in the Fred Ford Cup, and coming 3rd in the Premier Division, whilst the Reserve team finished a more than respectable 6th in Division Two. John and Steve Fitzgerald will remain in charge of the First team this season, whilst Russell Jefferies and Mark Holloway have taken on the Reserve team again. There is an excellent crop of local young, and experienced Charlbury players, which is promising for the future, and means that we should be challenging in all competitions. In other news, we had a hugely successful Fun Run and Children's Assault Course, which raised over £800 towards the new Nine Acres Pavilion fund. A big thank you to all who helped. **Our next fund raising event for the new Nine Acres Pavilion is the 80's Night at the Memorial Hall on Saturday 9th October 2010.** Tickets will be £5 each, over 18's only, and fancy dress is optional. Tickets will be on sale at the Sports and Social Club.

Russell Jefferies

*Please ring Julia Caston (810240)
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On the Sunday evening come to ChOC's showing of *Dirty Oil* at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. This film is a shocking exposé of the environmental and social disaster that is already happening in Alberta, Canada to provide fuel for the insatiable USA market. See the film to understand the background to why The Co-operative has joined forces with WWF, Greenpeace, and Friends of the Earth to campaign to keep tar sands, the world's most hostile transport fuel, out of Europe and out of our petrol tanks.

Make a weekend of it and on the Saturday morning come to the CAWAG Bring & Take in the Memorial Hall. These are held twice a year, the second Saturdays of March and October. Not only are they a brilliant way for you to get rid of things you no longer want, but you are bound to find something you do like and you can have it totally free of charge. No, you don't have to swap things and no, you don't have to bring something along in order to be able to take something away. Think of it as a FREE car boot sale and come along to browse. You can BRING things along from 9.30am to 11am and TAKE things from 10am – 12noon. Don't bring anything that is too heavy, take a photo of it instead and put it on the notice board. Electrical things have to be PAT tested on the day and can't be taken until they have been passed, so please don't bring electrical items that don't work. You can also bring along unwanted spectacles which will be taken to Boots for reuse; unusable CDs and DVDs which are being collected for recycling; and reusable paint which needs to be in the original container and in usable quantities (more than 1 litre emulsion or half a container of gloss or eggshell paints).

Christine Elliott, Charlbury Area Waste Action Group

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Keep showers short - especially if you have a power shower; re-use water - bath water is fine for watering plants; have a water meter fitted - on average metered homes use 15% less water; modify your toilet to give you a reduced or graduated flush; fix dripping taps. Also note that 30% of the average UK gas bill goes on heating water, so insulating your hot water tank and using less hot water will save you money.

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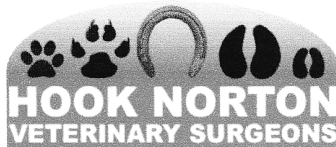
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JOHN STANLEY'S WEATHER REPORT



May 2010 started with rather cool conditions. In the first 15 days, temperatures only reached 60° on 3 days, and stayed as low as 48° on 8th. Then we had a taste of summer, with temperatures rising to a high of 79° on 24th, before falling back into the 60s. The average day maximum temperature for the month was 62.58° (21 year average 63.77°). At night, minimum temperatures were in the range 33° to 57°.

Spring 2010 (March to May), at 56.93°, was just below the 21 year average of 57.30°.

June 2010 was an up and down month. Rising quickly from a low of 57° on 1st, temperatures peaked at 79° on 5th, only to drop back again into a 60° to 70° range from 7th to 20th. Then, they climbed again to reach a maximum of 84° on 27th and stayed around 80° until the end of the month. The average day maximum temperature for the month was 71.17° (21 year average 69.46°). Night temperatures ranged from 42° to 59°.

July 2010 was a fairly warm, if unspectacular month. Except for one day - 63° on 13th - temperatures were consistently in the range 68° to 82° (on 9th). The average was 74.10° which is a little above the 21 year average of 72.92°. The word "unspectacular" has been used because, despite the relatively high temperatures, it was not a particularly sunny month - being mainly cloudy on 18 of the 31 days. There was also very little rain, leaving lawns looking distinctly brown. At night, temperatures ranged from 50° to 62°.



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Letter to the Editor

In response to the request for memories of the Oxford City Technical School, I recall spending three happy years there from 1943 to 1946 as a scholarship boy from Charlbury. Whereas generally I, along with most other pupils, was prevailed upon to attend Chipping Norton Grammar School, I preferred a more hands-on practical education rather than academic, with help and encouragement from Mr Osborne, the Charlbury School Headmaster (Charlbury's very own Captain Mainwaring!) I was given the opportunity to attend the Technical School.

My first meeting with Mr Brookes was at the initial interview for final acceptance to the school. His comments to me were (and I recall them with pleasure) that I would be only the second boy to attend from Charlbury - the previous boy being Henry Benbow whose father was the signalman at Charlbury Station - and it would be a good thing to welcome another boy. In later times, if he saw me around the School, his greeting was invariably 'Hello, Charlbury Boy!' Indeed a pleasant memory.

To get to school I travelled by train on the 8am and returned on the 5.15pm and in tribute to the GWR (Great Western Railway) I was never late or missed Assembly Meeting and made good friends on the train. One was George Belcher in his final year and also Head Prefect; also my life-long friend Pat Barnard, a pupil at the Salesian College. The same punctuality could not be said of the LMS (London Midland & Scottish), but if they arrived on time we met up with other first year students, Ron Palmer from Bicester and Brian Hayward from Tackley (evacuated there from London) - but they were like-minded people, who became lifetime friends and we all walked together to the School in Church St off St Ebbes.

I recall the first morning going to catch the train and seeing its smoke plume in the distance and having a mile to walk, running frantically and arriving at the station some ten minutes before it arrived! The smoke from the train was in fact further back down the line between Shipton and Ascott - a good time check for my future reference.

Those wonderful steam trains were either usually The Caerphilly Castle or King George V en route to Paddington taking just over the hour even in those days with only the driver and stoker to get them there. Both of these trains are in fact now in Swindon Railway Museum in pristine condition. We usually bought a penny bun and a cup of tea from Oxford Station to sustain us on the journey home.

Jim Dingle (Class of 1943) - then of Hundley Way, Charlbury and now of Ash Close, Witney OX28 6LB tel: 01993 703195

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

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WHY DO WE NEED A FOODBANK?

Despite our welfare system some people still go hungry in time of crisis. This may be caused by debt, illness, addiction, sudden job loss or delays in receiving benefit.

Our local foodbank was set up this year to help alleviate this problem by providing short-term emergency help in the form of food parcels. It serves the Kidlington, Woodstock, Charlbury and Chipping Norton area. Those experiencing such a crisis are given a voucher by social services or a voluntary agency and this can be taken to the distribution centre in Woodstock or Kidlington.

So far 25 parcels have been distributed. One man walked 8 miles to the centre because he had no money for the bus fare. A mother and children were helped when the father suddenly left home for another woman and emptied the bank account. Here in Charlbury we have a collection point for donated tins and packets of food. These may be left at the Baptist Church, Dyers Hill on Sunday mornings or phone 810130 for collection. Please make sure that donated items have a best before date of six months ahead.

Come and find out more at our harvest service on Sunday, 26 September at 10.30 am. Further details are on the website www.northoxfordshirecommunityfoodbank.org.uk

Joan Belshaw

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This year **Operation Christmas Child** celebrates 20 years of bringing joy into the lives of 80 million needy children worldwide by providing a shoebox full of toys, games and useful items.

Next month you will receive more details accompanying your October Leaflet. This year our target in Charlbury is 200 boxes.

On Monday, 18th October we shall be holding a Crafts workshop for Shoeboxes day at the Baptist Church, Dyers Hill from 11 am – 4pm. Come along for all or part of the time to make things and share ideas. Bring your own lunch, drinks provided.

If you need an empty shoe box or have items to donate, these can be collected or brought to the Baptist Church on any Sunday morning between 11.30 am and 12 noon. If you are too busy to complete a shoebox, donations are welcome and we will fill one in your name.

Please bring your completed boxes to the Baptist Church on Saturday, November 13th between 10 am and 12 noon and join us for coffee and refreshments.

Joan Belshaw
Charlbury Shoebox Co-ordinator
Tel 810130

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Report from District Councillor Glena Chadwick (810555) chadwick@glena.plus.com

I was watching *Toy Story 3* the other evening and enjoying it hugely when the toys suddenly ended up in a rubbish van and then a landfill site where they had some alarming experiences. It seemed that I couldn't get away from rubbish! Everyone should now have received *Creating Futures* which has a comprehensive article about the new waste scheme that has been so long in the planning. My most positive intervention was to make sure that the colour of the new bins was as acceptable as possible: one of the options we were shown was bright blue with a lurid orange top which would have been a real eyesore.

No scheme is perfect though and people are already worrying about some aspects; for example the number of bins that are going to be outside their house, and how to deal with the food caddies. I think (and hope), in practice, some of these worries will prove unfounded. The bins can stack, the waste bin will be slimmer and those of us with compost heaps will not need a green waste bin. Those that do will be pleased that this collection is now free. I also suggested we had compostable liners for the food caddies and a starter set will be issued. I wish this was not just a starter set and will continue to press for that. The main objective though is that less waste must go to landfill. If not the planet suffers and we will be heavily fined.

To encourage people to get really fit this summer WODC are offering a leisure card scheme. There are various options, prepaid, pay-as-you-go or a loyalty card for infrequent users. The WODC or Nexus website will give full details and people have found that it is an encouragement to get out and use some of our local facilities. This could be the start of a good habit that lasts much longer than the summer.

Report from District Councillor Mike Breakell (01993 868201)

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On 6th July the Government announced the revocation of Regional Spatial Strategies which will return decision making powers on housing and planning to local Councils. Consequently the South East Plan no longer forms a part of the Development Plan for West Oxfordshire. Hence West Oxfordshire District Council is currently reviewing its position in relation to the Core Strategy, whilst taking into account the responses to public consultation on its Preferred Approach issued earlier in the year. Now further work will be needed on housing targets and options before another round of consultation will take place. However major developments are still only likely to occur in Witney, Carterton, and Chipping Norton as before.

Over the coming months the Council will be trialling guidance to encourage more sustainable building in West Oxfordshire through the use of local targets to address climate change, including planned changes to the existing building regulations. In theory more development decisions will be made by more local councils and it is anticipated that this will involve more community involvement in line with the new Governments ideas on localism. I will try to update everybody as these ideas develop further.

The Royal British Legion – Charlbury Branch

The Branch AGM will be held in the Corner House at 8.00pm on Thursday 21 October 2010. 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 6th November 2010 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 12 November 2010 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 Thursday 11 November 2010. 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 13 November 2010. Pete Scarrott has kindly agreed to organise the competition. He can be contacted for details on 810921.

Remembrance Day Parade and Service – Sunday 14 November 2010. 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 Cllr. Neil Owen. Neil is the County Councillor for the Charlbury Division and served in both the Regular and Territorial Armies. Neil joined the Kings Shropshire Light Infantry at the age of 16. He later transferred to the Parachute Regiment and served in Airborne Forces for 18 years followed by a further 12 years in the Territorial Army.

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 11 November 2010.

For any further information please ring Nick Potter on 810338.

The Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be on sale in and around the Town 29 October -13 November and at Charlbury Station on the mornings of 2 and 9 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.

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 13 November 2010. 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 Wotton Bassett and Oxford are lined as a mark of respect. If you wish to attend please contact Jane Parsons on 810822 for more details.

Trip to National Memorial Arboretum and RAF Cosford: The Branch is planning this trip on October 19th. If you are interested please contact Jane Parsons on 810822 without delay.

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

CHARLBURY FARMERS' MARKET 2010

Charlbury Farmers' Market will be held on the Playing Close, Charlbury, by kind permission of Thomas Gifford's Charity, between 9am and 1pm on Saturday, 11th September 2010. Charlbury Farmers' Market has proved successful in bringing shoppers into Charlbury, as well as being a popular local event with residents who appreciate meeting the producers with fresh local produce.

Charlbury Farmers' Market is administered by Thames Valley Farmers' Market Co-operative Ltd.

The Market is organised by Nick Potter, Roger Watts and Geoff Burroughs. The contact address is: Lancut House, Lyneham Road, Milton-u-Wychwood, OX7 6LW. Tel 0784 328 7091
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Life at Charlbury Primary School

Early July was an especially busy time at school with the arrival of Ofsted inspectors who spent two days observing lessons and talking to pupils, staff, governors, parents and carers. To the school's delight, the inspectors found it to be "a good school where pupils achieve well" and were particularly impressed with the school's "welcoming ethos where all are valued as individuals". They also praised the dedicated staff, headteacher, and governors for improving every aspect of the school since the last Ofsted inspection three years ago.

The school's fundraising body, the CSA, has also been busy organising various events, including the Tea & Cake tent at The Cornbury Music Festival, the children's tent at The Beer Festival, the school's annual summer fair, and an end of term disco. The Cornbury event alone raised over £5,000 and the CSA would like to thank everyone who has helped out, in whatever capacity, throughout this school year. All the hard work has paid off as we now have enough funds to start the Adventure Playground project in the school grounds, which should be under construction very soon.

The CSA is looking forward to the new school year and starting to raise money for new projects; this will start with a Cake Stall at The Street Fair, so we will all be baking again! Also the re-arranged Quiz Night will take place in the Autumn term - keep your eyes peeled for more information. If you have any queries about the CSA please feel free to contact Alex Westbury (Chair) on 810203.

Next term will also see the addition of two more specialist after-school clubs – yoga and chess – to what is already an extremely varied, fun and interesting selection of after-school activities.

More information about after-school clubs, the CSA, the latest OFSTED report, and school life in general will be available on a new school website which is due to launch at the beginning of term. The school thanks Charlbury resident David Green for donating his time and technical expertise in setting up the site for us, and for his ongoing support. We hope that parents and carers, prospective parents and the local community will find the website useful and informative.

Lastly, the school needs to increase its team of midday supervisors to look after the welfare of pupils during lunchtimes, and is currently seeking suitable applicants. Duties include helping children with a variety of tasks, as well as chatting and playing with them. Successful applicants will be given all necessary training. For further information please call the school on 01608 810354 or email Mrs Holt, the headteacher, at headteacher.2100@charlbury.oxon.sch.uk.

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*Vicky Buser
Parent Governor
Tel: 811935*

TOT BITS

Tots often struggle with their emotions. It may be that they don't understand what they are feeling or they may have great difficulty in expressing them to others. I've been reading up about ways that I can help my son handle his emotions and I've set out below some of the key points I've learnt.

Firstly, Tots need to be aware that there are many different ways of feeling, and that each feeling has a name. We have to teach them to put the right name to a particular feeling. It is also important to explain that feelings are just feelings – they are neither good nor bad. It is the behaviour that results from the feeling that may or may not be acceptable. Help your Tots to see that feelings and actions are two different things. For example, it is acceptable to feel angry, but not acceptable to hit or bite someone.

The most important time to help your Tots identify different feelings is when they are experiencing one themselves. By naming it, your Tots will start to learn what it is that they are feeling, and will hopefully recognize it when it next occurs. This also gives you the chance to validate their emotion so that your Tots feel safe to express future feelings with you. Encourage your older Tots to acknowledge their feelings by asking what it feels like to feel eg angry/sad and what they might feel like doing when they are eg angry/sad. By listening empathetically, you may be able to ascertain the trigger or activating event and help your Tots to come up with a satisfactory solution. The more able your Tots are to talk about their emotions, the more likely they will be able to control their actions.

There are many other opportunities to help your Tots verbally label feelings. For example, you can expand their vocabulary of feeling words by looking at and identifying expressions on people's faces in photographs in magazines or drawings in books. There are also children's books that have specifically been written to address the issue of emotions. I particularly like the book "All Kinds of Feelings: A Lift-the-Flap Book" by Emma Brownjohn. There is one page in this book which features a flower and each lift-the-flap petal reveals a statement about feelings

namely: "Everyone has feelings". "It's normal to feel strongly". "It's natural to have lots of different feelings". "These feelings are not always the same". "It's good to talk about your feelings to friends and family". "It's ok to trust your feelings". "It's ok to show your feelings." These might trigger some helpful conversations with your Tots. In fact, most reading books will give your Tots an insight into emotions felt by the characters in question, and you might like to refer to the Mr Men and Little Miss storybooks such as Mr Happy, Mr Sad, Mr Angry etc. You could also talk to your Tots about how characters in their favourite film or TV programme might be feeling, why they might feel that way, and how they are showing their feelings.

Alternatively, your older Tots might enjoy a puppet/soft toy play where either of you makes up a story demonstrating eg happy or sad situations. Your Tots may even be encouraged to use the puppet/soft toy friends to help them express their own or other's feelings. Other creative outputs can help your Tots express their feelings, such as drawing or painting eg happy/sad faces or how they feel at that particular moment.

You could also play a "guess the feeling" word game using pictures or your own facial expressions. Another game to play could be to tell them three things that make you feel eg happy and ask your Tots if they can remember all three. Once they do, add a fourth thing, then a fifth etc. Then let your Tots make up their own list and see if you can remember them.

It is perhaps a good idea to find a regular time in the day to talk about feelings with your Tots, even when all seems ordinary. If your verbal Tots get used to talking about their day to day feelings, this will make it easier for them to open up when trying to cope with more intense emotions.

Once your Tots are more aware of their own feelings, you could talk about how to read other people's feelings. One way might be to explain that there are three ways to find out how someone feels – by using

TOT BITS

our eyes to recognise facial expressions, our ears to hear relevant sound clues such as crying/laughter/shouting, and finally using our words to ask the other person how they feel. When your older Tots are able to recognise other people's feelings and not just their own needs of the moment, they are more likely to become better problem-solvers. They should be able to think through emotional consequences of their actions such as : "if I do this, what will my friend feel? How will I feel?", and start to appreciate that feelings can be an important factor when making decisions. Finally, encourage other good emotional skills such as saying something kind to a friend or comforting them when they are feeling sad.

If you would like to read more about helping children with their emotions, I recommend you take a look at the book by John Gottman entitled "The Heart of Parenting – How to Raise an Emotionally Intelligent Child".

Have a great Summer!

Carina Loweth

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).

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 12.00 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.

COMBE MILL: Our local black-finger-nail museum at Combe Mill is coming to the end of a busy summer season. This year we have almost managed to get the waterwheel working under the power of river water pumped into the leat - but do now know how much pumping power we need. We've been featured on www.twitney.co.uk and awarded Stage 1 Heritage Lottery Funding to enable us to work up detailed plans for further restoration of the museum. We had a hiccup earlier in the year with our insurers who did not want to cover our blacksmiths activities. Fortunately we have now found a new underwriter who will allow our visitors to make their own poker on the forge and turn a handle on the lathe. So, if you have not visited us, why not come along to our next steamings on 19th September or 17th October. Along with family tickets, we are now offering an annual pass if you Gift Aid your ticket. We need your support.

Steve Page

The Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) is a multi-agency problem-solving group working with the police to tackle neighbourhood priorities identified by the community. This year, these priorities are anti-social behaviour, parking and speeding:

Anti-social behaviour: Following reports of incidents/broken glass being found on the tennis courts and the play area at Nine Acres Recreation Ground, the NAG is focusing on this issue in liaison with the Nine Acres Management Committee, and the police have been specifically tasked to patrol the area concerned.

It is extremely important to **REPORT INCIDENTS** to the police **AT THE TIME THEY OCCUR**, giving precise details (time, place, etc.). Too often, reports are made days, if not weeks after an incident, if at all. The police can only act if they are made aware. To make it easier you could save the Thames Valley Police non-emergency number 0845 8 505 505 on your phone.

Parking: Parking issues fall into two main categories:

* Parking offences under the Road Traffic Act (e.g. parking on double yellow lines). These are now the responsibility of the **West Oxfordshire Community Wardens**, who can be contacted on 01993 861060 or by emailing: community.services@westoxon.gov.uk. Parking on zigzags and on pedestrian crossings, and creating obstructions are still the responsibility of the police.

* Inconsiderate parking. Not an offence under the Road Traffic Act, but a strong irritant at best, and a road safety issue at worst. Often in breach of the Highway Code 'should/should not' or 'do/do not' rules. Although failure to comply with these rules will not, in itself, cause a person to be prosecuted, the Highway Code may be used in evidence in any court proceedings under the Traffic Acts to establish liability. So please **refrain from parking on a bend or near the brow of a hill** (e.g. on the Slade, approaching the school from the Witney direction).

Speeding: Enstone Road, and The Slade/Sturt Road have been highlighted by residents as areas of speeding in the town, and regular speed checks are being conducted to collect data. Do watch your speed!

Promotion of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme: One of the main challenges for the NAG is to find better ways to communicate with local residents. The Neighbourhood Watch scheme offers such a communication channel, so the NAG launched a review of the current coverage in the town, starting with a public meeting on 22 June. The meeting was well attended, and led to the creation of six new schemes. Neighbourhood Watch currently covers: Church Street, Ditchley Road, Enstone Road, Hill Close, Hughes Close, Hundley Way, Lees Heights, Little Lees, Nine Acres Close, Rochester Place, Shilson Lane, Spelsbury Road, Stonesfield Lane, The Green, The Playing Close, The Slade, Ticknell Piece Road, Wychwood Paddocks. If your street is not covered, and you would like it to be, do come along to our **next public meeting on Monday 20 September 2010** at 7.30pm at the Corner House.

Street Fair - 18 September 2010: Members of the NAG and police volunteers will be present at the Street Fair, and we shall be delighted to answer all your queries, or just chat, in the Thames Valley Police mobile station which will be parked at the top of Church Street.

*Charlbury Town Councillor Valou Pakenham-Walsh
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