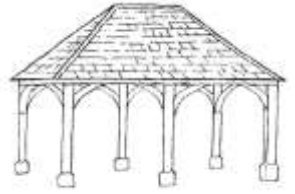


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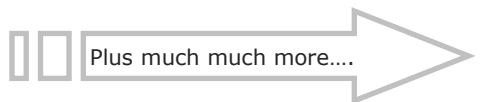
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**From the Editor**  
**Susanna Finch**

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Well, after a summer full of festivals, just one is left—Charlbury's own very special Street Fair. This will be held on 17th September and this year is being opened by Russell Grant, ex Strictly Come Dancing contestant and actor. Lots of things to see at Street Fair, which raises a large amount of money for the Corner House and Memorial Hall—please do come and support this. And help is always needed—see article on page 2.

We have updates from the Community Centre Appeal and the Thomas Gifford Trust on the state of the Community Centre building—which will start to be built in September!!!!

If you are a student, please see the notice from the Charlbury Exhibition Foundation, giving details on how to apply for a grant. The deadline for this is 1 October. See page 37.

You can also see the updated X9 bus timetable on page 37. Aren't we lucky that we still have a bus? So thanks to all who made this possible.

Just a few more events which are happening in Charlbury.

The Wychwood Forest Fair is to be held on 4th September at Cornbury Park, and opens at 11am.

There will be a Stately Car Boot sale held at Cornbury Park on 11th September, in aid of ROSY (Respite Care for Oxfordshire Sick Youngsters) and more can be found on this on the Charlbury website.

Speakeasy is back for the Autumn, with dates on 21 October, 18 November and 16 December, and again more to be found on the Charlbury website.

As I write this, the Olympics in Rio have just started—I wonder if it will be as great as London 2012? That was a great summer—so good luck to all our athletes.

And it's with great sadness that I have to report the passing of Jack Potten, on Sunday 7 August at home in Burgess Hill; until recently he took on the job of Advertising manager for the Chronicle since its inception back in 1997 until 2015. We send Diana and all her family our deepest condolences.

*Susanna Finch*

**Please note that the deadline for articles for the Winter issue is 1st November.  
Please send all articles to [editor.chronicle@outlook.com](mailto:editor.chronicle@outlook.com)**



# Charlbury Street Fair 17 September

All the fun of the fair including:

- Fairground amusements
- Stalls
- Morris dancing & Wychwayz Border Morris
- Classic car exhibition
- Art exhibition
- Hog Roast all day and teas
- Hot food in the evening
- Dancing in the street with The Village Idiots—back by popular demand
- Parking on Wychwood Paddocks
- Displays by Youth Theatre & Charlbury primary school (Tina's dancers)

Plus many, many more too numerous to mention

Chances to win many prizes for Children's Fancy Dress, races, games, plus the **GRAND DRAW**

Theme this year is **ONCE UPON A YEAR**

**Annual (Raw) Egg Throwing** – This event will kick off Street Fair and will take place on Friday 16th 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. 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, Russell Grant, the well-known Strictly contestant. The Fair will be duly opened by him at 2pm and then the fun will really begin.

This is the 61st Street Fair – the first was held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 1955 – so let's make this one the best ever!

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 upkeep of the Corner House and Memorial Hall.

## Silent Auction

This will be held around 5pm when many great prizes are up for auction.

## Second-hand Books and Bric-à-Brac

As with previous years, we shall be selling second-hand books and bric-à-brac, so please don't throw anything out!! Contact details for bric-à-brac are Marion Greenfield at [mg.littlelees@gmail.com](mailto:mg.littlelees@gmail.com) and the contact for second-hand books is Eileen Kenrick who can be contacted at [eileen@kenricks.plus.com](mailto: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 Pete Smith on [peter@psa-architects.co.uk](mailto:peter@psa-architects.co.uk). 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.

**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 2017. 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 interested people, contact Susie Finch ([susanna\\_finch@hotmail.com](mailto:susanna_finch@hotmail.com)) or any red shirted person at Street Fair this year.

All these details can be found in the Street Fair Programme which can be found at Cotswold Frames, Fiveways Stores and Banbury Hill Farm and will be distributed with the Leaflet. Draw tickets are also on sale now.

**NB:** A road closure order has been granted for Church Street and part of Park Street for Saturday 17th September between 9am and 10pm and Sheep Street until 6pm. Church Street will be closed to cars on Friday 16th September for the Egg Throwing from 6pm to 9pm.

**We would appreciate if all parked cars could be removed in time for the stalls to be erected at 9am on 17th September.** Thank you.

*Susie Finch*  
[www.charlburystreetfair.org](http://www.charlburystreetfair.org)



## **News from the Charlbury Community Centre Appeal Committee**

You will all have seen that progress is now being made on the Spendlove site in preparation for the new Community Centre. The building contractor will take control of the site at the end of September. Although the CCCA has raised a fantastic £220,000+, we still need to help raise money for external works and a few things that had to be trimmed in order for the contract to come within the budget, so our work is not over yet. Below are some of our forthcoming events and ways you can help:

**Ground-Breaking Ceremony**, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 5pm Spendlove car park. This is where we celebrate the start of the building project. We hope many people from Charlbury and surrounding villages can attend to help us mark this occasion. This will be preceded by:

**The Charlbury Challenge**, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 3.30-5pm, Nine Acres Recreation Ground. There will be fun challenges for teams of children and adults. Please come down straight after school and join in the fun. There will also be refreshments available, so you can stay in town and attend the Ground Breaking Ceremony and then the Egg Throwing contest, which marks the beginning of Street Fair weekend.

**Street Fair Stall**, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2-5.30pm, Church Street. We will be doing a "hunt the treasure" game, with a wonderful hamper for a prize, and displaying our plans for the Community Centre and the Library. We might even get the glitter tattoos out again! Please visit our stall.

**Coffee, Cake and Picture Sale**, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2-4pm, Memorial Hall. Instead of a coffee morning this is a coffee afternoon, with home-made cakes and scones to enjoy with your coffee or tea. We will also have a display of pictures and prints for you to buy, unfortunately not originals, so not up to the standards of Charlbury's wonderful Art Weeks, but you might pick up a bargain. More details will be announced soon.

**Charlbury Variety Show**, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30-10.30pm, Memorial Hall.

Another chance to witness the amazing variety and range of talent there is in and around Charlbury. If you would like to perform in this show, and you are aged over 15, we still have some spaces, so please contact Tanya (details below).

**Buy-a-Brick**. This scheme has been a great success so far, but there is still time to join it. Don't delay too long in contributing though, as you would not want your name to be missing from our wall of gratitude! Each name costs £25 (or more if you can manage it) and you can pay by visiting our page here: [www.charlbury.info/community/6](http://www.charlbury.info/community/6) and following the link under Buy-a Brick, or contact Tanya on the number below to find other ways of contributing.

For more information, offers of help, offers of funding, ideas or support of any kind, please contact Tanya Stevenson on 01608 810216 or email: [billandtanya@outlook.com](mailto:billandtanya@outlook.com)

# IT'S COMING....

## Charlbury Community Centre Update

Thomas Gifford Trust, July, 2016



### What is the work schedule?

Site clearance and demolition work has already commenced. A retaining wall will be erected and the site levelled during July and August, using local Charlbury contractors. The main contractor, Beard Construction, will take control of the site at the end of September and the centre is programmed to open in autumn 2017.

### What facilities will be in the new Charlbury Community Centre?

A large, modern library with IT facilities, Wi-Fi and workspace; a full-size sports hall to accommodate a variety of sports; and a flexible community area with a café and youth area. The aim is to complement and work alongside existing facilities in the town. The Centre will cater to the recreational and educational needs of people of all ages and a wide variety of interests.

### How will this affect existing parking and Nine Acres footpath?

There will be a net gain of 12 parking spaces overall on the Spendlove site, when the Centre is complete. In the meantime however, there will be a varying amount of parking available on the site, though once building commences, this will be temporarily reduced.

The existing footpath has been diverted, to allow safe access during building work, alongside the play equipment and the front of the pavilion. A permanent diversion along this route is being progressed. We also hope to keep the access from the Nine Acres path open if possible during the works.

### How is the Centre being funded and managed?

The land is owned by The Thomas Gifford Trust. The new building is being funded by money raised by the Charlbury Community Centre Appeal, private donations, funds from OCC, private and public foundations and grants, funds from Sport England, Charlbury Town Council, WODC and others potentially including Southill Solar. More funding is still needed to complete the project as originally envisaged, including some of the external works. Please let us know if you have ideas for fundraising or can make a donation.

The Centre will be managed by professional staff, supported by a core group of volunteers. Income from the Centre will support this, but fund-raising activities may still be needed to help with upkeep and maintenance.

### What about the fast food outlets?

We hope to be able to allow the food vans to continue trading throughout the building phase. However, we need to come to some arrangement with the contractors over this and it is possible that they may need a few weeks where the site is completely clear for safety reasons.

### How do we get regular updates about the progress of the Centre?

Please see the Charlbury.info website News page or the TGT page: [www.charlbury.info/community/14](http://www.charlbury.info/community/14). We will also put updates on the town notice board and in various publications.

**Marjorie Glasgow**, Chairman, The Thomas Gifford Trust, [mglasgow@theridgegroup.com](mailto:mglasgow@theridgegroup.com)

## Charlbury Bowls Club

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### 'A Club for all Ages, Abilities and Aspirations'

*"Success in bowls may well sometimes be measured in awards and trophies, but it also comes from the level of enjoyment and happiness that comes from playing with friends, new and old, and from participation in the sport. Remember, the main aim in bowls may well be to get close to the jack, but it is also to make friends & to have fun....."*

We can offer relaxed social bowls to the inexperienced or non-competitive members, or competitive leagues and cup competitions to the more experienced and dedicated bowler.

So, if you are looking for a friendly, healthy, relaxing or competitive form of exercise, look no further—come and join Charlbury Bowls Club—you will be very welcome. Contact Heather Hill on 01608 810229

### CORNER HOUSE NEWS

As recent attendees will have spotted, the Hall now has a glorious grand piano in the Memorial Hall.



The acquisition, restoration and tuning of this wonderful instrument was a project initiated by Daphne Clark, who then raised the funds to fulfil the idea, largely through earlier music recitals.

Richard Cocks from ChOC kindly co-ordinated much of the necessary work and grants were forthcoming from the Beer Festival so that the piano can now be moved around the Hall easily.

A number of varied events are being planned, so put your thinking caps on, and consider what your society or club might do to take advantage of this close relative of Steinway.

*Stephen Andrews, Chairman*

*Corner House & War Memorial Hall  
01608 811212  
stephen.andrews@phonecoop.coop*

## Charlbury Day Centre

The Day Centre continues to thrive and provides a welcoming haven for its members to come and enjoy each other's company and to have an excellent cooked meal and this despite of the threat of funding cuts by Oxfordshire County Council. However we do rely on volunteers to run this much valued service and are always looking for people, who can spare just a couple of hours a month, either to transport the members or to help with the day time activities.

If you feel that you could assist in any capacity please contact Bob Tait on 01608 810150 e-mail [taitsofbrice@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:taitsofbrice@tiscali.co.uk) or Carolyn Connolly on 01608 819001.

### The bells of St Mary's are 300 years old this year!



Six bells cast by Rudhalls of Gloucester – a very fine tone with the Tenor weighing 14cwt.

Earlier this year the bells were rung to celebrate the opening of the Beer Festival and will again ring out to open this year's Street Fair. As always, the bells beckon people to church, celebrate weddings and royal occasions and strike the hour for the town clock, as well as being rung half muffled on special days of mourning and Remembrance Day.

There will be a stall at the Street Fair with information about the bells and bell ringing. You may be interested in booking a trip up into the tower to see the bells (a very rare opportunity) or you could pick up a leaflet from the stall about learning to become a ringer. Do come along to the stall with any questions you may have or contact Mike Summers, the Tower Captain, tel: 01608 810639.

*Maureen Sparling*

## **A Day's Life: Celia Faulkner, curator of Charlbury Museum**

I was born and brought up in Charlbury, and now live in the same house which my grandfather bought in the 1930s. My mother was born here, but my father came from West Wales to teach here just before the Second World War. My mother's father was also from near Cardigan – he was billeted here in World War I – so there is quite a bit of Welsh blood in the family!

I went to Charlbury School and then to Chipping Norton, where I did A Levels in English, Art, and History – they were, and have remained, my favourite subjects. I decided then to do teacher training in Bedford. All my family were teachers – my father, my mother and my aunts. I came back to Oxfordshire to get married to Paul, who was a policeman, then stationed in Abingdon.

Our first home was in Long Hanborough, where he was appointed Rural Beat Officer. I found it hard to get a teaching job locally – Oxfordshire was well supplied with teachers in the 70s – so I got a job with Oxfam. I worked there for nearly two years, then moved on to work for Oxfordshire County Council in their Social Services Department.

We lived in the police house in Long Hanborough for a few years, but we wanted to buy our own house, and eventually found a house in Nine Acres Close. Our two sons, David and Ian, also went to Charlbury and Chippy Schools. While they were young I did voluntary work – with playgroup, playing the guitar in assembly at the infants' school, listening to reading etc.

In 1992, after short periods of teaching part time in Kidlington and working for GWP, I joined the Careers Service as an employment adviser for young people, where I stayed for about 20 years. It combined things that I was interested in – such as working with young people and employers, and researching and providing information. I went on to train as a Careers Adviser. Our office was in Witney and I enjoyed being part of a great team. I worked both in schools and in the community, providing help for those young people finding it hard to get into work and training. But the Careers Service was

always changing and by 2011 the service had been drastically downsized and divided. I was 60, there were a lot of redundancies and I decided then to retire. My mother needed more help as she was beginning to suffer from memory loss.

One of my interests is playing the recorder and I belong to North Cotswold Society of Recorder Players. My parents were both musical. My father was always singing, and my mother played the piano. She still plays the organ for our Methodist Church services. I learnt the clarinet at school, but I don't play it now. It needs a strong lip and takes a lot of breath. In the 1980s a friend asked me to teach her sons the recorder, so I started a small recorder group. In the end about 30-40 children were coming, in groups, to our house after school. One group carried on even though they had taken up other instruments, which was really pleasing. The recorder often has a bad press!

Then Anne Grierson persuaded me to start a recorder class for adults (there was a good Adult Education system in Charlbury at that time). This group is still going – 30 years later (some still from the original class!). I enjoy playing with others – I like the teamwork, and find it relaxing. We do a couple of concerts a year, raising money for charities – the last two have been for Crisis, and Charlbury's Refugee Aid Group.

I had started an OU course in the late 1980s. I liked learning and wanted a new challenge. I did courses that covered history, music, literature and the history of art. I thoroughly enjoyed being an OU student and would recommend it. I met so many people from all walks of life. Juggling work, family life and study was quite difficult. I remember going with Paul to cricket matches, and sitting in the car with my books, studying. I finished my degree with the OU in 1994.

About ten years ago, Jennifer Bartlett asked me to join the museum committee, which I was delighted to do. My first contribution to an exhibition was a study on the history of allotments in Charlbury, which I found fascinating to research. My family has always had an allotment and Paul and I still have a small plot. After a few years, Ron Prew wanted to stand down as Curator and he asked me to take



over from him. In the end I agreed and he helped me to get going. The museum is run on an entirely voluntary basis. We have a hard-working and talented committee and over 50 people who volunteer as stewards, a number which is envied by other local museums. We are also very grateful to those who help us with fundraising during the year.

I love history and enjoy the research involved. We want to make the museum a place where people want to come, both those who live here and visitors. We still get local people who come to the museum and say they didn't know it was here. We are trying to attract a broader range of visitors: last year for example, children from the school came to see the exhibition on the school's history.

We visit the Day Centre from time to time to share some of our artefacts and photos and to pick the brains of those who have lived here for a long time. We often have enquiries and visits from people whose ancestors lived here and we do all we can to supply them with information from our archives. We have digitised our enormous photographic collection and have catalogued all the objects on display. The archives will be next in line.

At present we are working on a book on Charlbury in World War I, using the material we researched for our exhibition in 2014 and information gathered since. Financial help for this has come from a West Oxfordshire Heritage grant and from Charlbury Town Council. All being well, the book should be available by Christmas.

My mother is now 90 and suffers from memory loss. My day is punctuated by helping her with daily life, which is made possible by the fact that she lives next door. She has her evening meal with us at 6pm, which gives regularity to our day. Our sons are now in their late 30s: David teaches music in East Sussex, while Ian lives and works in Hamburg, teaching English and running a business brewing real ale. And which of us – Paul or I – make the tea in the morning? We take it in strict rotation!

*Celia Faulkner was talking to Barbara Allison*



### **Don't miss a chance to give us your views on Charlbury as a business location**

As part of their work to produce a strategic plan for the town based on local views and ideas, the Charlbury Neighbourhood Forum (CNF) is complementing the recent town survey of households and individuals with a survey for completion by local businesses, including home-based businesses. (A separate survey of young people is also being carried out.)

If you have a business based in Charlbury, please have a look at the CNF business survey which is online at: [www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Charlbury\\_Business/](http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Charlbury_Business/). If it suits you to complete the survey online, please respond in this way. If you would prefer to give your views by means of an interview carried out at your business location (or elsewhere) by a member of the CNF, this can be arranged at a time to suit you.

The business survey is much shorter than the household/individual survey and has different questions aimed specifically at getting local businesses' views on what Charlbury is like as a business location and whether there are ways in which the town can help them to thrive.

If you are interested in completing the survey but first have a question for the Neighbourhood Forum or would like to request an interview, please contact the CNF by ringing 07421 769110 or emailing: [info@charlburyneighbourhoodforum.org.uk](mailto:info@charlburyneighbourhoodforum.org.uk).

Please do give your business a voice in shaping the future of the town. We need your views by 19 September 2016.

Many thanks

*The Charlbury Neighbourhood Forum*



Dementia Friendly Charlbury has got together with Charlbury Library to acquire various books that people might find helpful

on the subject of dementia.

These include fiction, such as *Elizabeth is Missing* by Emma Healey, memoirs like *Ten Thousand Joys & Ten Thousand Sorrows* by Olivia Ames Hoblitzelle and books offering practical guidance, such as *Alzheimer's and Other Dementias* by Harry Cayton.

Oxfordshire Libraries have also developed a range of resources designed to encourage reminiscence by elderly people and those suffering from memory loss. Reminiscence has proved an effective and enjoyable way of stimulating mental and social interaction and to help with communication difficulties. Reminiscence Boxes, Reminiscence Packs and Pictures to Share can be reserved and collected from any library and borrowed free for three weeks. Details can be found on the Oxfordshire Libraries webpages: [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/readingwell](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/readingwell).

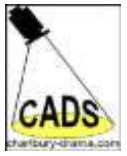
We also have links with the Home Library Service (HLS), who will select and deliver books, audio cassettes and CDs once a month to people in Charlbury who are unable to visit the library in person. Reminiscence resources are also available to borrow through this service.

A local user of the Home Library Service has told us: *"The volunteers who deliver the service are all very friendly and helpful and come once a month. They bring me a selection of books that they think, from experience, I will like and I choose the ones I want. If I hear about a book I'd like to read, they will order it for me. You can keep a book for as long as you like without a fine, so long as nobody else is waiting for it. To anyone who can't get down to the library, I would recommend this excellent free service."*

For further information contact Meryl Smith, Dementia Friendly Charlbury, by phone on 01608 810192 or by email: [charlburydf@gmail.com](mailto:charlburydf@gmail.com)

Judith Scott

## CHARLBURY AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY



At CADS headquarters we have not had time to be idle over the last few months; we've had a successful coffee morning, an enjoyable treasure hunt and, yet again a great BBQ and skittles evening in July, which were made better with the weather being in our favour.

We will be looking forward to a skittles evening at Cotswold View caravan park, Enstone Rd on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 6pm so if you would like to join us and come and meet some of the members you are more than welcome. Please let us know should you wish to join us via the email address below.

Once again this autumn we look forward to another coffee morning at the Corner House, to help promote our autumn production "As You Like It", on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 10am -12pm and hope to see you all there.

The summer months offer a welcome break for all of us and whilst many are off on holidays once again some of CADS members have been issued with homework to take with them in the form of the script of this autumn's production of "As You Like It". Directed by Glenda Chadwick the performance dates are Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>, Friday 25<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets will be available from all the usual outlets in November.

Here at CADS HQ we are always looking for directors and producers to put on shows and invite them to submit their ideas for future Spring 2017 and Autumn 2017 slots that are currently available.

CADS is a theatre group serving Charlbury and its surrounding villages. We're always ACTIVELY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS - especially if you are interested in working back stage.

Please contact the Chairman or any member to find out more. Check out our Facebook page and our page on the Charlbury website for up-to-the-minute news. email: [charlbury.drama@gmail.com](mailto:charlbury.drama@gmail.com); website: [www.charlbury-drama.com](http://www.charlbury-drama.com)



## Friends of Charlbury Library

Many congratulations to Sally Moore, our library manager, who has just been promoted to the post of library manager at Chipping Norton Library. This is a huge loss for us as we have really appreciated Sally's enthusiasm, expertise and warmth, but it is a great opportunity for Sally, and she will still be at the end of the phone to answer our queries!

Arrangements to cover the library manager's post in Charlbury are in place, pending a substantive appointment being made.

We were able to thank Sally and make a small presentation to her at our recent

Friends' meeting when the Summer Reading Challenges for children and adults were outlined. Details are available in the library and online. We also discussed possible ways to raise additional funds to contribute to the 'fit out' of the new library.

Tanya Stevenson updated everyone on the progress being made towards the new Community Centre and on the details of the library's furnishings and fittings in the new and larger space.

A big thank you to all the volunteers whose support keeps our library open. It wouldn't be possible without you!

Happy reading whether you are at home or away during this summer.

*Jill Judson, Chair of the Friends of Charlbury Library.*



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Are you a homeworker looking for a lunchtime excuse to:

- get away from your desk
- get some exercise
- meet new people locally
- discover new walking routes
- chat informally about homeworking?

This new walking group has primarily been set up with homeworkers in mind, but all are welcome, including well-behaved dogs.

It's a very informal group and is basically a regular time and meeting place to allow people to join together. The intention is that members will take it in turns to lead a walk of between an hour and an hour and a half (achievable over a lunch break).

Walks will take place at midday every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Walks in September will be on 7th and 21st.

Start and finish point is the old fountain on the Playing Close opposite the Co-op.

There is no need to sign up, just turn up on the day.

The inaugural network on 15th June attracted 14 people.

*Helen Holwill*



## **CHARLBURY CRICKET CLUB**

The 2016 outdoor season has been an eventful one for us. The club organised two tours, including the first ever overseas trip, a two week visit to Sri Lanka for a group of our ladies and girls.

Congratulations to Andrea Mayho and other parents for arranging the adventure and spreading the word about women's cricket at Charlbury CC to a different continent.

During the tour, the group were due to volunteer with the Foundation of Goodness community programme set up after the country's devastating 2004 tsunami. MCC President Roger Knight gave a warm send-off message to the party, saying: "An overseas tour is a sign of a thriving club and I hope that the women's and girls' section at Charlbury CC goes from strength to strength."

We also ran our fourth consecutive pre-season funfest tour, managed by Tom Eaton, this time to Nottingham.

Back at home our 1st team in the OCA have been showing their best form for

some years, competing for top place in the league's premier division, a definite step-up from recent battles to avoid relegation.

In one game, Ashley Rump scored a fantastic 196 not out in a team total of 274 -7. The 2nd team, though, have struggled in division five, while the 3rds have seen some fine performances from our youth players, including fine knocks from Alex Bush and Robert Jenkins.

The club also hosts a traditional evening limited overs tournament, the Ernie Clack knockout competition, and won it for the second year running with a comprehensive win in the final against Wolvercote.

The ground staff have had a busy season catering not just for all our league, women's and youth games but also for many county youth games, including the U11s finals as well as the upcoming women's midweek league finals.

The acquisition of a new cricket square roller has added to other recent improvements, including new sightscreens and roll-on covers. Echoing Mr Knight, we do seem to be going from strength to strength.

*David Horne, CCC vice chairman*



## Looking back, and looking forward to 2017

When you're planning to put on a first-class event, there are generally two

principal challenges. First, can you bring together everything that's needed to make it a success – and when you've done that, can you be sure that anyone's going to turn up?

The forecast for the day of the Charlbury Beer Festival was appalling; and, as the team made the final preparations on the site, on the Friday after the EU referendum, there were plenty of long faces and clenched teeth as we contemplated the storms that lay ahead.

I was especially nervous because I was responsible for the Culture Club tent, and I was afraid of letting down our line-up of brilliant speakers and other performers if no one turned up.

I needn't have worried. Even before the gates opened at midday on Saturday 25 June, queues of keen beer-drinkers were defying the weather – and soon afterwards the Culture Club tent was full of families eager to see an enchanting performance of songs by the choirs of Charlbury Primary School, led by Jennie Grierson. It was an inspiring way to start the day ... 'One world, one people, living together in

harmony,' they sang. 'One world, one people, one family.'

After that the Culture tent was busy all day, even if sometimes the rain was so heavy that the speakers and other guests threatened to be drowned out (or even drowned).

After the choir, artist and cartographer Jane Tomlinson was in conversation with Nick Millea of the Bodleian Library's map department – Professor Simon Horobin of Oxford University talked about his book *How English became English: A Short History of a Global Language* – and this was followed by a 'From our own correspondent' session with journalists Kieran Cooke, Mark Gregory, Harriet O'Brien and Ali Ross. Senegalese musician Jali Fily Cissokho led a kora workshop, talking about the importance of his musical tradition in his country and demonstrating the kora's diverse styles. Afterwards there was a 'Meet the cider maker' session with Christine Elliott. Charlbury Youth Theatre rounded off the programme with an exuberant performance, 'Shakespeare or bust'.

Inevitably the poor weather had an adverse effect on the number of people attending, but we still raised a five-figure sum for good causes locally and in the developing world. We're also well ahead of the game for next year's event, which will take place on Saturday 24 June 2017. Put the date in your diaries!

*Edward Fenton*



## Dinner & Dance Charlbury Bowls Club

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### **Community Classes at the Corner House**

Some readers may have seen an item that I posted on the Charlbury website recently about getting Community Education classes running again at the Corner House. I know that many readers may not look at the website so I thought it worth putting in print as well.

Once upon a time there was a thriving programme of day and evening classes running in this building when OCC paid for a coordinator. When the financial support was ended by OCC, sadly, the classes also ended. As a member of the Corner House Management Committee, my purpose is to find out if there is a desire for Community Education classes in the Charlbury district and also if there are people who have the expertise to meet that need.

So far, from a dozen online responses, I can report that people want language classes first and foremost (4 Spanish, 3 Italian, 2 French, 1 German). Also mentioned are dressmaking, photography, web design and music appreciation. I am not volunteering as a coordinator but I am happy to act as a channel for people to get in touch.

My contact details are: Phil Morgan on 01608 811367 or Mobile: 07747 865439 or email: [philmorgan717@hotmail.com](mailto:philmorgan717@hotmail.com)

### **CHARLBURY FARMERS' MARKET on the Playing Close between 9am and 1pm on Saturday, Sept 10th**

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## theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

Our July meeting was a BBQ in The Corner House garden. Our WI neighbours joined us from Chadlington & Spelsbury. We had lots of delicious home-made food, a fund-raising raffle and gained one more new member, bringing our numbers up to 35 (an increase of 10 in the last year).

The title of our talk in September is "Buying and Selling at Auctions with tales from the Auction Rooms" which will be given by Steven Bruce. He is also happy for people to bring small items to value, jewellery, china, small pieces of furniture, paintings etc. Maybe your painting given to you from Auntie Flo could be worth a fortune!

In October we shall be holding a Drumming Workshop—details to be confirmed—so please keep a lookout on the Charlbury website.

And in November, Charlbury's florist, 'Earthworms & Dandelions', will be giving a floral demonstration on Flowers for Christmas (wreaths & table decorations).

Other events we're up to:

- visiting the Countryfile show at Blenheim
- country walk & breakfast at Banbury Hill Farm to mark WI Sports Week
- visit to the Cotswold Gin Distillery for a tour & tasting !
- cinema trips
- selling cakes & produce at the Street Fair (look out for our purple gazebo)
- organising paper cutting workshops following a talk & demo we had at our June meeting.

*If you've been thinking of joining Charlbury WI, then please do come along and try one of our meetings as a visitor. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month in the Cornbury Suite behind The Bell at 7.30pm. Details of forthcoming WI meetings and Yack & Yarn sessions (first Tuesday of the month, also at The Bell) can be found on the Charlbury website, or contact Pat Hill on 01608 810714 or Louise Cashman (President) on 01608 676995.*



## ChOC and ChOCLIVE News


Projectionist from Clare Carswell who stays on the committee and continues to assist Steve with projection. Elaine Newbold also remains as a committee member in her 'front of house' role, with support from Jean Adams, on film nights.

We kick off the autumn film programme in October with **Dad's Army**, starring **Toby Jones**. This is followed in November by **Everest** starring **Jake Gyllenhaal** and **Emily Watson**, based on the true story of the ill-fated expedition which took place in May 1996. In a change to our normal practice, no film screening will take place in September; more on this change below.

**Films are shown in the Memorial Hall. Doors and our popular wine and beer bar open 45 minutes before the film. Admission: Adults £5 / U15s £3 (when applicable).**

 **Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm – Dad's Army** Cert. PG / 1hr 40mins.

**Toby Jones** leads a cast of fine British actors including **Bill Nighy, Tom Courtenay, Bill Paterson, Michael Gambon, Alison Steadman**, and **Catherine Zeta-Jones**, as our favourite Home Guard platoon helps MI5 to uncover a German spy.

 **Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm – Everest** Cert.12 / 2hrs.

Climbers from two expeditions start their final ascent toward the summit of Mount Everest. With little warning, a violent storm strikes the mountain, engulfing the adventurers in one of the fiercest blizzards ever encountered by man. Challenged by the harshest of conditions, the teams must endure blistering winds and freezing temperatures in an epic battle to survive. Subject to his availability, we are hoping that Steve Mitchell, Scenic Artist on the film, will be able to join us for a Q&A session too.

At our recent AGM, the ChOC committee for 2016/2017 was elected: - Richard Cocks continues as Chair / Bar Steward, Susan Burne as treasurer, and Jackie Hague as Secretary / ChOCLIVE Coordinator. Steve Hague takes over as

The above team works together very well! And there can be a real "buzz" of satisfaction when ChOC audience members express their appreciation, either for a particular film shown (e.g. spontaneous applause at the end of the most recently shown film) or generally for the role that ChOC plays in the community.

The ChOC "ship" is a happy, lively one which makes a definite contribution to the community BUT we do need more crew members! In addition to the six Committee members, a small band of helpers lend much appreciated assistance but it would be great if we could expand the regular team, to help us cope with absences (holidays, illness etc.). The main commitment is attending on film nights and helping to set up and clear the Hall before and after each screening. Other tasks undertaken by committee members include viewing possible films, checking equipment, bar stocking, banking and accounting, preparing posters for town noticeboards, writing the monthly newsletter, booking licences and checking that all is in hand for each screening. In addition, we support other organisations by providing technical support at their events. This shows that the ChOC team puts in a great deal of effort to provide the community cinema in Charlbury.

Unfortunately, our recent requests for new, younger, committee members or helpers have not borne fruit. As such, reluctantly, we have decided to reduce the number of screenings annually from twelve to eleven, and this year, September will be our 'month off'. This could of course change in future years if new, younger volunteers join the ChOC team.

If you would like to be more involved in ChOC please do get in touch: -

email [secretary.chocfilms@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.chocfilms@gmail.com)  
phone 01608 810032, or come and chat with us at Charlbury Street Fair.

*Richard Cocks  
Chairman*



## No such thing as a free lunch? Probus Club of Charlbury and District

There's no such thing as a free lunch - or is there? The Probus Club of Charlbury and District would like to invite people from Charlbury and surrounding areas to join us for lunch at the restaurant of Witney Lakes Resort on the first Wednesday of every month. If you would like to find out what we are all about then we invite you to come along and meet an interesting and diverse group of people who enjoy dining together and enjoying an interesting talk which follows. The only requirements are that you are male—women should not worry there is also a corresponding club for women; you live in Charlbury or one of the surrounding villages and that you can usually make it for lunch once a month. Your first visit will be absolutely free and there is no pressure to join although we do hope you will.

So what is Probus exactly? The first Probus Club was set up in 1965 of ex Rotary members who wanted to continue to meet after retirement. Later clubs widened their catchment by including non Rotary members. Charlbury Probus was established in March 1984. Probus stands for PROfessional BUSIness but as there are no fixed rules we now have quite a liberal interpretation. We are still mainly retired as we meet for lunch every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month but as nowadays retirement can be a gradual process and anyone who can make the lunch would be welcome, including those who work from home or have voluntary jobs as many of us have. And nowadays most of us would consider ourselves to be 'professional' whatever our job may have been.

We are not restricted by the parish boundary so if you live nearby you would be very welcome to come along. So now we call ourselves Charlbury and District Probus Club. If you take up our offer you may well find there are people who you know are members so you won't feel out of place. Although most of us are of

retirement age we think we are still young at heart so it is a chance to meet people from a lot of different backgrounds and some very interesting careers and you will find you have some great conversations and maybe even share some experiences from your past. You would probably be surprised what you can pick up from talking to us and from the talks that we have. We have also relaxed our dress rules so you won't be turned away for not wearing a tie, just come smartly dressed and that is fine. We are really trying to change our somewhat 'stuffy' image.

Our members have worked in a very large variety of jobs but we also have lots of other interests which we are more than happy to talk about and share. It's such a great way to meet interesting people and you may well find someone who shares your interests and can help you develop it or find others who share the same passion.

As far as the lunches go we get a very good meal provided each month at a reasonable cost with the added attraction of an interesting speaker. Every month we have a talk on a subject after the meal for 30 - 40 minutes. The talks are very varied and cover a wide range of subjects and have recently included The Development of Computing, History of the VW Beetle and The Work of the Cotswolds AONB all given by experts in the subject.

It does not end there as we also have outings to places of interest to which partners/wives are also invited and again there is a very varied programme including theatre visits and most recently a great luncheon trip down the Avon from Stratford which was really enjoyable.

So if you are free on the first Wednesday of the month and are interested why don't you give Probus a try and come along for a nice lunch, an interesting talk and stimulating conversation?

All you need to do is get in touch before the preceding Monday so we can give Witney Lakes the numbers for the meal.

Phone Tony Merry 01608 811022 or email [probustony@gmail.com](mailto:probustony@gmail.com) for more details

*Tony Merry*



## The Royal British Legion Charlbury Branch

*The Branch AGM* will be held in the Corner House at 8.00pm on Thursday 20 October 2016. 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 5 November 2016 with raffle, cakes and poppies for sale. For further information please contact Jane Parsons on 01608 810822.

*The Annual Band Concert* will be held in the War Memorial Hall on Friday 11 November 2016 with the fantastic "Accidentals", once again. There will be a raffle, light refreshments and a licensed bar. Details may be obtained from the Branch Secretary on 01608 810822 or from posters in the usual places nearer the time. Tickets may be purchased in advance from Cotswold Frames or on the door. All proceeds will go to the Poppy Appeal and everyone is welcome, members and non-members alike.

*Remembrance Day Parade and Service* – Sunday 13 November 2016. 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 Colonel Bruce Duncan MBE, late Royal Tank Regiment. Many of you may remember his late father, Major Ronnie Duncan, who was the

Charlbury Branch President and lived at Taston, then Chipping Norton.

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

After the Service and Parade, tea and biscuits will be available for all marchers, Legion members, and 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 10 November 2016.

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

### *The Poppy Appeal*

Poppies will be on sale in and around the Town 28 October to 12 November and at Charlbury Station on the mornings of 1 November and 8 November. Pam Rolls and Ian Parsons are our Poppy Appeal Organisers for Charlbury and the surrounding villages.

Anyone who would like to help with the Poppy Appeal in any way is asked to get in touch with Pam on 01608 810042 or Ian on 01608 810822.

*The National Two Minutes Silence* will be at 11.00am on Friday 11 November 2016. Please support this small yet significant event.

*For more information* about the work of the Royal British Legion, becoming a member or for assistance, please contact Nick Potter [Branch President] on 01608 810388, Derek Fowler [Branch Chairman] on 01608 811706 or Jane Parsons [Branch Secretary] on 01608 810822.

Any queries about subscriptions should be made to the Membership Secretary, Barry Canham on 01608 811176.

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

*Jane Parsons*

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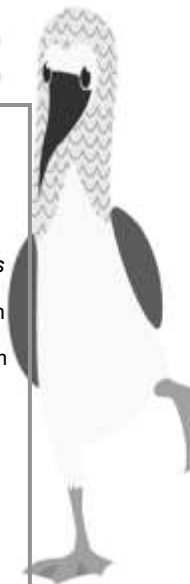
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**What on earth  
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I wanted to explain about the local, old fashioned barter system that is set up in this area called Fourshires LETS.

I joined LETS to "pay", in credits only, not money, for my neighbour's eggs. I then started to realise that I could do all sorts of ideas, i.e. I set up a project to do a photographic digital record of a large garden over 12 months, with a hard copy of the best shots at the end of the year for her to look at in the cold winter months.

So I earned credits each month, which I was able to "spend" on another members' delicious jams, marmalade and chutney.

When summer came along I "bought" cosmos, nicotiana, pansies, foxgloves, raspberry and strawberry plants for my garden. So no money is exchanged, as you just trade in credits.

I also bought, for credits, a bread maker from one member and this has helped transform our attempts at healthy living.

If you have anything you would like to "sell" you just post an email to the LETS group that goes out to about 50 members in the four shires around Charlbury.

I have found it invaluable for meeting other people in the area and tapping in to peoples' many skills and talents. It is very flexible and you can get help with any task on offer from any of the 50 members, like French or Japanese tuition, transport/lifts, cycle repairs, garden design and maintenance, help with IT and one member supplies her excellent horse manure, to list just a few!

Interested to know more? Do give me a ring, Nancy Whitfield on 01608 810837.

*Nancy Whitfield*

The first Death Café was held in Hackney in 2011. Since then the idea has spread round the globe, and to date there have been more than 3,300 held in all sorts of places. The idea is very simple: at a Death Café people drink tea, eat cake and discuss death. Surprisingly, this can be a very positive experience! As the website ([www.deathcafe.com](http://www.deathcafe.com)) says – "the aim is to increase awareness of death to help people make the most of their (finite) lives".

There's going to be a **Death Café in Charlbury on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September, at 3.15 pm in the Garden Room, Memorial Hall.**

Death Cafés are a kind of social franchise – anyone can organise one on the understanding that they follow the guiding principles. The main ones are that there should be no agenda, objectives or themes. It is a discussion group rather than a grief support or counselling session. In addition, Death Cafés are to be offered on a not for profit basis, held in an accessible, respectful and confidential space, and should have no intention of leading people to any conclusion, product or course of action.

The Death Cafes that I have been to around Oxfordshire have been enormously worthwhile – there's often a good deal of humour, as well as serious discussion. Far from there being awkward silences, in my experience there's been more to talk about than time has allowed.

The organisation OxBEL – Oxfordshire Befriending for Life, part of AgeUK Oxfordshire - has been promoting and organising Death Cafés in the county for several years. They will be involved in the one at Charlbury.

Intrigued? Curious? Contact me on my Death Café email address if you'd like to find out more, or to let me know that you're coming along.  
[kickbucket@zoho.com](mailto:kickbucket@zoho.com).

*Duncan Forbes*





## Charlbury Garden Society

Charlbury Garden Society is a society for all local people who are interested in gardens, gardening, growing or learning how to do any of these things. Besides running three shows a year, we have a range of activities including talks by experts and enthusiasts, a Gardeners' Question Time, outings to gardens, a Harvest Supper, coffee mornings and plant sales. We have a special cup for the best cultivated allotment as well. We played a prominent part in the Flower festival in June. We like to beautify Charlbury by planting bulbs in public places and some of our members voluntarily manage the gardens of the Memorial Hall. We give donations to the School and the Playgroup to help them instil in children a love and understanding of plants and gardens. We run competitions for children in potato and sunflower growing. Our members get discount at some local garden centres. All this for a membership fee of (currently) £3.00.

As Charlbury changes, so the Society needs to change with it. The Garden Society (under its original name the Charlbury Horticultural Society) goes back well over a hundred years to the days of brass bands and to when the Annual Show was the climax of the growing year for both amateur and professional gardeners. Things are different now: gardens in new developments are the size of postage stamps, both parents work and have much less leisure time, garden centres sell plants in full flower with no need to know how to grow and nurture them, even though you are lucky if the flowers last a week after purchase.

Yet, the green impulse runs deep and is still there in most people. I know people who get huge pleasure from a couple of hanging baskets or a tub of tomatoes. When I walk around Charlbury, I see beauty in tiny places. Many people want to know more and learn how to do more. The Garden Society is full of people who really do want to pass on their experience to others.

If any of this strikes a chord with you,

please join. The Society's entry on the Social section of the Community pages on the Charlbury website give ten good reasons for joining and do have a look at our Facebook page. The Society is run by a dedicated committee but none of us are getting any younger. Like a lot of Charlbury societies, we need new blood and new ideas.

Our next major event is the **Annual Flower and Produce Show on 3 September** which is our local festival of growing. Don't be intimidated, put something in.

There are classes (divided by age group) for children aged from four to fourteen. For adults, cash prizes of up to £25 and 17 magnificent cups are to be won. There are special categories of entry for produce from a small garden, and for family contributions of vegetables, flowers and cookery. You do not have to be a member to exhibit, but membership has several advantages, including discounts at five local garden centres. The Schedule is on the website and available in the Pharmacy, the Corner House, the Station and elsewhere in the fortnight before the Show. Come along and have a look.

I'm biased, but I do think these things are important. Like Philip Larkin, I see the Show as a celebration of Craft and a reaffirmation of Community. His wonderful poem "Show Saturday" finishes with the end of the Show:

*".....as the dismantled Show  
Itself dies back into the area of work,  
Let it stay hidden there like strength,  
below  
Sales bills and swindling; something  
people do,  
Not noticing how time's rolling smythy-  
smoke  
Shadows much greater gestures:  
something they share  
That breaks ancestrally each year into  
Regenerate union. Let it always be there."*

Looking further ahead, there is a **Garden Society plant sale** at the Corner House on **22<sup>nd</sup> October**.

If you would like to join the Society, please contact Geoff Holmberg, the membership secretary at [membership@charlburygardensociety.org.uk](mailto:membership@charlburygardensociety.org.uk).  
Nick Johnson  
Chairman, Charlbury Garden Society



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On behalf of the Corner House and War Memorial Hall committee we are delighted to mark Steve's 20 years service.

Steve's commitment to the role has been invaluable and the committee wishes to express their sincere appreciation for all he has done over the last 20 years.

Steve is invariably on hand to assist with many issues. These range from working his way through the intricacies of grant applications in connection with the recent refurbishment at the Memorial Hall, to washing up after the Street Fair teas.

We thank Steve for all his hard work and dedication and look forward to his ongoing contribution.

*Jane and Ian Parsons*



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# WWI News The Battle of the Somme

Over the last two months there have been many events to commemorate the first Battle of Somme which began on 1 July 1916 and lasted until the middle of November that year. It is perhaps the most well-known battle of the war, notorious for the number of men killed and wounded. Among those who fought during those long months were men from Charlbury, while a young nurse from the town helped to tend some of those who were terribly wounded in the fighting.

The men from Charlbury who died in the battle were

- Harry Pratley
- Wilfred Bryden
- Herbert Lainchbury
- Francis Bartholomew West
- Wilfred Howes
- Gordon Harrison

Herbert Lainchbury is pictured below. He volunteered for a post of danger, while his brother Billy won the Military Medal for rescuing a wounded officer.

The Lainchbury's owned the shop in Sheep Street, opposite the former News & Things premises. Wilfred Howes' father was a postman in Charlbury - his brother George won the DCM for gallantry just after Wilfred's death. Harry Pratley,



FRED B. LAINCHBURY,  
of Charlbury, Oxford and Bucks I.C. killed at  
the front. (An obituary notice of his father  
first appeared in our last issue.)

Wilfred Bryden and Wilfred Howes are remembered at the Thiepval Memorial in Picardy, northern France. This records the names of the more than 72,000 British servicemen who fell in the Battle of the Somme but who have no marked grave. Over 90% of them fell in the first battle in 1916.

Albert (Bert) Harbod (also pictured below) served as a stretcher-bearer in the battle. He joined the Oxon & Bucks Light Infantry in 1914 as a bugler. His job in the war was common to all buglers - he was a stretcher-bearer. By 1916 he had been promoted to Lance Corporal. After the terrible slaughter during the battle of the Somme, Bert was awarded the Military Medal for carrying wounded across open ground between the lines on 23 July following the British attack at Pozières.

He was injured three times during his service.

Nora Constable, whose parents were the proprietors of The Bell Hotel, Charlbury, served in the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service throughout the First World War.



Albert (Bert) Harbod, Bugler

In July 1916, she was nursing at No 1 General Hospital in Etretat, a seaside town close to Le Havre. Nora is mentioned in the Diaries of Edith Appleton (A Nurse at the Front - The First World War Diaries). During that period they worked together at No 1 Hospital in the summer and autumn of 1916. Nurse Constable would have nursed some of the badly injured soldiers from the first Battle of the Somme in July. Throughout the next four months she would have experienced the horrors of the Somme offensive, while she aided and cared for the casualties of war on the hospital wards. (All the details of Nora's war service records can be found in the National Archives at Kew).

Work is still going ahead on the book to commemorate the part which people from Charlbury played during the First World War. There will be stories of Charlbury soldiers and sailors, women's work in wartime and life on the Home Front. It will give a fascinating insight into Charlbury during the war years.

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## Charlbury Society

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Time passes very quickly and it seems that the Charlbury Society has only just completed the season of 2015-16 evening talks and here we are about to start the next programme of talks!

Following the AGM in May I am pleased to announce that we have three new Committee Members: Susan Merry, who has taken on the role of Hon. Secretary, Geoffrey Ellis and Tony Merry. I extend a warm welcome to the three of them on behalf of all Charlbury Society members and offer my personal thanks for your commitment to the Society.

On the theme of commitment I also extend thanks to Joan Belshaw and Ann Davidson for their five year contribution to the work of the Committee which came to an end at the AGM. Although neither Joan nor Ann will remain on the Committee both are continuing to support the Charlbury Society by still helping with refreshments. You'll be able to catch up with them in the Garden Room prior to the talks on the second Friday of the Month beginning in October 2016.

By the time you read this newsletter both the Wychwood and Charlbury Street Fairs will be imminent and I hope you have an opportunity to come and meet Committee and Museum members who are manning the stall. Those of you who visit the stall will have a chance to remind yourselves of the first talk of the new season which will take place on October 7. Liz Woolley is the presenter and she will be talking about Beer, Marmalade and Sausages, an Oxfordshire perspective. It goes without saying that we hope to meet many members old and new at that event and, as ever, visitors are always welcome.

October 7 will also be an ideal opportunity to renew your membership or join for the first time - £8.50 per person for the year which represents excellent value for money. Membership forms will be available on the night so don't forget your cheque book or cash.

Enjoy the rest of the summer but make sure October 7 and all second Fridays of the month are in your diary of events. We look forward to seeing you.

*Anne Lawson-Porter, Chair*

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## Charlbury Art Society

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Charlbury Art Society's first meeting of the new 2016-17 year will be a talk and short



demo on making and printing woodcuts—"What is a Woodcut and How is it Produced" given by Margot Bell RBSA, at The Memorial Hall, Charlbury, on Wednesday September 14, starting at 7:30 sharp. Refreshments are served in the interval.

For information and details of the Society please contact Kati Eidenbenz on 01608 810911, or look at the informative website, [www.charlburyarts.co.uk](http://www.charlburyarts.co.uk).

CAS's annual Autumn Art Exhibition, held in conjunction with Charlbury's popular Street Fair, will be held in the Memorial Hall and open on Friday 16 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, and from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday, September 17. The Primary School will also have their paintings on display.

Come and admire the diverse talents existing in and around our small town. Free admission; donations to Street Fair gratefully received. Please look at the website, [www.charlburyarts.co.uk](http://www.charlburyarts.co.uk) for further information about the society and its work.

CAS's second meeting of the year will be on Wednesday, October 12, when three speakers will each present a 20-minute talk, starting at 7:30 sharp in the Memorial Hall. Patricia Freeman, silversmith, will talk about how to raise a silver bowl; Linda Mowatt will talk plaited baskets; George Lewis will talk about wooden sculptures. The format for the evening is as in September.

Charlbury Art Society's November meeting will take in the Memorial Hall, Charlbury, on November 9 at 7:30 sharp. Martin Andrews, a well-known Printing Historian and Lecturer, will give a talk about Rena Gardiner, artist and publisher of exquisite hand printed books and guides which she produced from her own home in Dorset. Details of the evening mentioned as above.

*Lee Belcher*



## Let's be Proud of our Town

My wife and I moved to Charlbury 34 years and half a lifetime ago with our, then, young family and we have always been proud to be part of this great community. Many things have changed but Charlbury remains a wonderful vibrant town – let's keep it that way!

There are many things that make Charlbury special and many of them depend on the way in which our people are prepared to get involved. It's the efforts of local people that give us the range of clubs, societies, support groups and events that many a larger community would love to have. To mention just a few, think of Riverside, the Beer Festival, Street Fair, Art Society and Art Weeks, ChOC, CADS, Youth Theatre, Museum, Library, sports clubs (football, cricket, tennis, bowls and badminton), School Association, Pre-School, Day Centre and Meals-on-Wheels – I could go on and on.

But there is one more aspect that now needs more community support and that is the look of the streets and other areas in the town – weeds in the pavements, grass verges, dirty road signs and pot holes! It is not all bad news – with reduced verge cutting, the proliferation of wonderful wild flowers and the associated bio-diversity is a real bonus – but much more needs to be done.

Most of this work has been in the domain of the district and county councils but in these days of austerity this is changing and with the support of the Town Council I am proposing a three-pronged approach.

- **Working with OCC and other authorities** – The Town Council has established a working group to look into services which it may be able to take over, or be more actively involved with. The council will discuss this with OCC and other local authorities to see what assistance can be provided and how councils may sensibly be able to work together on this. As a result, it may be necessary for the Town Council to pay for some additional services.
- **Establishing a Charlbury Task Force** – many of the additional services could be carried out very well by volunteers who have a real interest in keeping the town looking great. For example, some verges could be managed as wild flower refuges or mini-nature reserves and this is much better done by local enthusiasts than by paid contractors. Also, a town-wide day of volunteer action may well be the best way to tackle leaves on footpaths or snow on pavements. To make this a possibility I would like to encourage interested residents to come forward to form a task force, supported by the Town Council.
- **Encouraging residents to look after their own patch** – at a more general level, if everyone took care of the areas around their own homes and in their vicinities rather than always assuming that "someone else will do it", the place would soon look very different.

I hope you will all join me in getting behind this approach and keep Charlbury a town to be proud of! Please contact me at [peter.kenrick48@gmail.com](mailto:peter.kenrick48@gmail.com) or on 01608 811021 and watch this space!

*Peter Kenrick*

*(drawing of The Fountain by kind permission of Sue Woolley)*

## CORNER HOUSE AND MEMORIAL HALL

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Emergency Contact: Steve Andrews (01608 811212)

## Charlbury Town Football Sports and Social Club (CTFSSC) Up-date

Having shed an affectionate farewell tear on the demolition of our former home on the Spendlove site, the Club members are now concentrating on ensuring a positive new future for CTFSSC. The friendly demolition contractors managed to rescue the CTFSSC name board intact for us, which provides an additional incentive to make sure there are eventually new premises at which to display it.

We are very grateful for all the offers of help and support we have been receiving from Club members and non-members, including the Town Council with whom we are now meeting regularly via a designated joint working group. The group is helping us with constitutional improvements, including closer integration with the Charlbury Town Football Club, as part of our forward planning for grant applications. Joint working with the Gifford Trust is also ongoing.

Our fund-raising through events and donations is making progress in small but steady stages. Watch out for our stall full of child-friendly attractions at the Street Fair and our newly-launched crowd-funding site: go to [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com) and type *ctfssc new build* in the search facility on the home page. Any help with our campaign would be much appreciated in the form of fund-raising ideas and experience, free local venues for events, donations of goods for raffles (as well as cash, of course!).

A local quantity surveyor, Charlie Peacock, has helped us by producing outline building plans and costings. We know we have to raise at least £180,000 to achieve the accommodation we want in the new Community Centre, when the structure is in place for an extension.

In the meantime, our Committee is meeting in local venues around the town and our darts and Aunt Sally teams are continuing to take part in local league matches in the surrounding area.

For further information, please contact Mandy Cooper (07534 097715 or [manda.28@outlook.com](mailto:manda.28@outlook.com)) or Martin Prew (07590 749620 or [cm.prewy@btinternet.com](mailto:cm.prewy@btinternet.com)).



## Charlbury Museum News

The Museum will be open until Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September when it closes for the winter. So if you haven't been to see the current exhibitions yet, please do call in this month – they are well worth viewing. The first is on Charlbury Sports and Clubs and includes lots of photographs of past events. You may spot a younger and fitter version of yourself on the cricket pitch, playing football, tennis, bowls, or swimming.

The second exhibit follows the story of Bessie Marchant who lived in Gothic House in Church Street for many years until her death in 1941. She was a prolific writer of adventure novels featuring female heroines set in countries all over the world. Which is quite remarkable as she never travelled herself but researched meticulously about the countries she was describing.

The permanent exhibits have much to offer too. It is noticeable that many of our visitors are from outside Charlbury, some from as far away as New Zealand. They are always very complimentary about the displays so do pop in and see them for yourself, there is always something new to discover.

The Museum garden has been a real pleasure this year and was part of the Open Gardens event in June this year for Street Fair. Many thanks to Vi Welbourn who is the gardener behind the wonderful displays there throughout the seasons. You may have noticed a new addition to the garden this year – an original Great Western Railway gas lamp which formerly stood on Charlbury station. It was kindly donated to the museum and is painted in the GWR colours of cream and brown.

The Museum is open Saturday and August Friday mornings 10 – 12noon, Sunday afternoons 2.30 to 4.30pm, and Bank Holiday Monday 2.30 – 4.30 pm.

In addition, on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September we will be open all day for Street Fair from 10 am to 5 pm. Do come and visit us!



## Southill solar (and more) – coming soon to a field near you!

Even if you're not an investor in Southill Community Energy, there will be much to enjoy once the solar

farm is built and matures. An early example of the joys to come - the result of its first year of not being ploughed, sown or treated with pesticides - was the blaze of red poppies in the field.

Less visible, the newly-planted hedgerow trees which have been growing since the Spring - hawthorn, blackthorn and field maple. In fact, they had been rendered almost invisible by super growth of bindweed which was definitely winning the battle who can grow fastest. Until the last Saturday in July when a small party of volunteers armed with long thick gloves and powerful arms dragged the bindweed down, revealed our whip trees, and left it to die.

Once the solar farm itself is built, orchards will be planted, and a wildflower meadow sown. Both of these will take some time to make a big difference - but watching the changes will be part of the fun. We're working with the Wychwood Project whose volunteers will be helping us to re-build the stone wall down the middle of the field, which is the parish boundary between Finstock and Fawler. Our beekeeper - Tom Worsley from Spelsbury - is lining up some beehives and swarms to go with them. You'll soon be able to put Southill Solar honey on your toast!

What about the solar farm itself? When will we actually see some activity?

It isn't possible to set a specific date yet.

We're in the very final stages of pulling together the £4.5m we need to make it happen. If we sign the many documents involved in the first week of August, we should be set for the contractor, Solar Century, to start work on site in the third week in August. They have a lot of preparation to do, and then the panels will arrive in September, with electricity generation commencing by 16<sup>th</sup> October. All those who want to know specific dates will be informed as soon as we have final confirmation.

We've signed an agreement with Coop Energy to sell them all of our electricity.

In the meantime, there is a lot of 'rogue' wheat growing in the field - a hangover from the previous year's crop. This needs to be cut down where the panels, road, cable and transformer station are going. We're investigating whether it is possible in any way to use the wheat grain as bird food.

We're delighted at the number of local investors in the scheme and we held our first members' meeting in June. But even if you couldn't invest, the community as a whole will benefit from the scheme.

Our progress means that we will be able to provide the funding we promised to the Thomas Gifford Charity for the new library and sports hall to ensure that it has excellent energy performance and very low running costs. Indeed, the construction will start on site at pretty much the same time as our panels are being installed. A nice piece of synchronicity.

And there will be plenty of opportunities to get involved. If anyone wants to volunteer to help with the planting (and weeding), or to help organise educational visits, we would love to hear from you.

*Liz Reason*  
[info@southillcommunityenergy.co.uk](mailto:info@southillcommunityenergy.co.uk)

## Upholstery Classes

Classes run every Thursday during term time at St James centre Stonesfield 9.30-12 noon. All abilities welcome, come along join a friendly group and learn to renovate your chair.

*For more details contact Linda Moore 07768286235 or [linda\\_tara@yahoo.com](mailto:linda_tara@yahoo.com)*

## Refugees in need of homes and help

It's nearly a year since the first meeting in Charlbury about welcoming refugees. Over twenty people signed forms saying that they were willing to consider accommodating refugees, whether families or single people.

Sadly the forms were mislaid, so we don't know for sure who all those people were.

If you would like to know more about what options there are for hosting refugees, we have been putting information together. You will find most of it in the first item at [www.facebook.com/charlburyrefugee](http://www.facebook.com/charlburyrefugee). If you want to host a refugee, even just for a short while, several organisations can help, and they are listed there, together with information about refugees' rights and the benefits they are entitled to.

Refugees are evicted from their Home Office accommodation 28 days after being granted 'leave to remain' in the UK. If they can't find anywhere to live, they become homeless. In theory they can claim certain benefits, including housing benefit, register with a GP, and open a bank account (necessary for benefits to be paid into), but the latter can be a particular problem without a home address. They can also sign on at a Job Centre. All this needs pretty good English, or a translator, or a befriender.

'Full Community Sponsorship' is a new government scheme whereby charities, churches and CICs can sponsor and accommodate a particularly needy refugee family. It's the kind of thing a dedicated group of people might undertake, and it's

important to read the information before getting too excited! Just type 'Full community sponsorship' into Google for full details on the official website.



There are also many practical ways you can help refugees without actually putting them up. Most are very keen to learn or improve their English, and will really appreciate either formal classes or opportunities for conversation. They are allowed to do paid work. Befrienders and translators are also needed, the latter mainly with tolerable (or fluent!) Arabic. Sharing social, sporting or cultural activities is also very valuable, as is giving lifts. Please get in touch if you would like to help in any way as more families and individuals arrive and their needs become apparent.

A top priority for refugees settling in the UK is a laptop. They need it for language learning, and also Skyping family at home. If you have a spare laptop, or tablet, let us know. It will be well used.

Finally, please do keep in touch. You can join the mailing list for Charlbury Refugee Action Group by signing up at <http://eepurl.com/bCX1bz> or by clicking the Sign Up button on the web page above. We will keep you in the picture! There's so much we can all do.

Thank you for helping.

Charlbury Refugee Action Group  
[charlburyrefugee@gmail.com](mailto:charlburyrefugee@gmail.com)  
01608 811378

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## Churches Together in Charlbury

The aim of the Churches Together initiative is to grow in strength through people from different traditions finding new ways to work and worship together. In the June issue of *The Chronicle*, Rosalind Scott, CTC Secretary, described the work of Churches Together in Charlbury, supporting the extensive international scope of Christian Aid.

The total raised this year for work with refugees from Syria and Iraq and families in Bangladesh losing everything from flooding has now amounted to £4902.68. A further £252 has been raised for Charlbury Refugee Action Group's work for refugees.

This desire to work together in the most relevant ways was further exemplified by Churches Together in Charlbury supporting a local initiative and contributing to the setting up of four homes in the Witney area for newly arriving refugee families through the 'Adopt A Room' initiative. Luci Ashbourne of Witney Refugee Action Group writes,

'Thankfully homes have been secured... and with this collaborative effort it is looking as though we can furnish them in order to help make the transition as comfortable and welcoming as possible.'

Few who watched the excellent BBC programme 'Exodus: Our Journey to Europe' which followed the heartrendingly slow and tortuous progress of a few groups of individuals from war torn countries to Europe, will have failed to grasp the depth of the traumatic

circumstances that has led to the displacement of millions of people and compels some of them to make such hazardous journeys to seek asylum. The majority of the Syrian refugees the Government has agreed to resettle are from UN camps in the Middle East.

CTC will be keeping informed through the Charlbury and Witney Refugee Action Groups (linked with Asylum Welcome and WODC); the newly developed programme of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland - Focus On Refugees, which has an emphasis on practical action; and the Government's new Community Sponsorship Scheme for refugees. We can all take individual responsibility for promoting the actions that are needed.

In Charlbury at the time of writing, the CTC Holiday Club will be looking forward to a fun week on the theme of 'Waste Watchers' at the beginning of August. With money raised they have chosen to support 'Melon Mission', a project in Nakura, Kenya, which began initially to support street children and is now working on building and equipping a school.

The CTC Street Fair stall, 'Home Grown and Home Made' on 17<sup>th</sup> September supports the Corner House and Memorial Hall.

The next United Service is for One World Week. This will be on 16<sup>th</sup> October, 9.45am, at St Mary's Church and will be followed by the CTC AGM where we hope to have a speaker to update us on the ongoing work with refugees coming to Witney.

*Sue Tokumine*

### CHARLBURY MEALS ON WHEELS

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

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:** Are you new to Charlbury and looking for ways to become involved in the community? This is an important service and relies on local people to drive, or to cook, or to help in any way to keep it going. Please ring Marjorie Glasgow on 01608 810161 or Jan Griffiths on 01608 810440 if you can help. We are also accepting names of new recipients for our waiting list. Please ring Marjorie.

# Charlbury Church Services



Charlbury Baptist Church, Dyer's Hill

Contact: Secretary (01608 810107)  
[charlburybaptistchurch@gmail.com](mailto:charlburybaptistchurch@gmail.com)  
Sunday worship normally at 10.30 am  
[www.charlburybaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.charlburybaptistchurch.org.uk)



St Mary's C of E Church, Church Street

St Mary's Church, Charlbury and All Saints  
Shorthampton  
Full details of all church services are available in the  
Leaflet or in the Church porch.

Vicar – Revd Dr Sally Welch Parish Office (01608  
810230)  
[www.stmaryscharlbury.co.uk](http://www.stmaryscharlbury.co.uk)



Friends' Meeting House, Market Street

Meeting for Worship at the Friends Meeting House  
Sunday mornings 10.30am  
For further details contact Paula Dunleavy (01608  
646056)



Methodist Chapel, Fishers Lane

Sunday services at 10.30am  
Further information from Gill Grason (01608 810154)



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

Sunday Masses: 9am at St Kenelm's, Church Enstone,  
11am at St Teresa's,  
Daily Mass: 9.30am at St Teresa's  
Rev Aldo Tapparo, tel: 01608 810576 or see  
[www.communigate.co.uk/oxford.stteresacharlbury](http://www.communigate.co.uk/oxford.stteresacharlbury)



## St Mary's Church Services

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>  
September 9am

St Mary's Church – A Messy Church Service for Harvest – join us for breakfast and crafts and a family service.



Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 6pm  
All Saints Shorthampton  
Harvest Evening Prayer

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 9am  
St Mary's Church  
Advent Messy Church – all welcome for breakfast, craft and a family service.

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 6pm  
St Mary's Church  
Choral Evensong

## Silent Sitting

A weekly group at the Quaker meeting house on Market Street, offering a space for silence, contemplation and stillness.

Take the opportunity to unwind and turn inward for a brief time, in a relaxed and supportive environment. No technique or method is taught or required, it is simply a chance to be quiet in your own way.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions. Otherwise, this is a drop in group with no commitment required, so please come along and join as you wish - you can come for five minutes or the whole hour, whatever suits you.

Monday evenings, 6.15 - 7.15pm. No charge.

Contact Bill on 01608 811430/  
[billmcmullen@phonecoop.coop](mailto:billmcmullen@phonecoop.coop)

## Baptist Church Services

New for the autumn:

**A series of Sunday afternoon activities for families/all ages.**

Meet September 11<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm for harvest fun "Mossy Church"

October 30<sup>th</sup> Light Party 5pm

November 27<sup>th</sup>  
Advent "Mossy Church" 2.30pm



**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!**

St. Mary's Church  
**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS  
BAZAAR**

Saturday 3rd December 2016  
10.30 - 12 noon

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





















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



# Coffee break page

Answers are on page 48

Can you identify the following logos?

			
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Compiled by Pat Court



Thames Valley Police will no longer be continuing the Monday afternoon 12-3pm sessions at The Corner House.

We would like to say a huge thanks to all of the volunteers who have supported us and the community over the years and given up their precious time.

Your dedication and service has been invaluable. With the assistance of local volunteers such as you we can rise to meet the challenge and provide an excellent service to the public.

Thank you.

Chipping Norton Neighbourhood team.

## Guiding in Charlbury

The first Guide Company in Charlbury was registered in 1918 and there have been units of Rainbows, Brownie Guides, and Rangers at various times since then. At one time such was the popularity of the Guide movement that there were two Brownie units, two Guide companies and a Ranger/Venture unit which included girls and boys from the Extended Education unit at Penhurst in Chipping Norton.

Activities besides the weekly meeting were camping. Some girls were even lucky enough to attend International camps abroad as well as County and Regional events in this country. There were days out, Swimming Galas, and with the Scouts, three Gang Shows.

One girl from Charlbury went to Princess Margaret's wedding in Westminster Abbey and three were on duty in the Mall for the Wedding of Prince Charles and Princess Diana.

Meetings have been held in different buildings including 'Dobbins Delight' at the Priory, Victory Hall, the Parish Room; but eventually they were based at the Scout Hut in Nine Acres Lane. Lots of achievements, Queens Guides, Gold Duke of Edinburgh and a Star of Merit.

But the weekly meetings were the mainstay for the girls in all the units. Badge work, Games, Making things, Camp Fire singing! The Guide Movement certainly flourished in Charlbury.

If you would like to know more about starting a Rainbow, Brownie or Guide Unit again in Charlbury

Contact Janet Monk 01993 842112  
email [janet.girlguiding@btinternet.com](mailto:janet.girlguiding@btinternet.com)



*Leah Fowler*



## FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS AT THE CORNER HOUSE

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

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

Come and meet your friends!

## PLEASE NOTE:

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

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## Charlbury Town Council News

### Town councillors 2016–2020

We are delighted to welcome two new councillors to Charlbury Town Council by co-option, filling the two seats that were left vacant after only 10 candidates were nominated for May's election. Natasha Ely and Gordon Clemson are our two new councillors, joining Kathy Broughton, Janet Burroughs, Richard Fairhurst, Peter Kenrick, Tony Merry, Phil Morgan, Nick Potter, Ron Prew, Robin Puttick and Liz Reason. Thank you to the other candidates who stood for co-option.

At the first meeting of the new Council, Peter Kenrick was re-elected as chairman for the year and Richard Fairhurst as vice-chairman.

### Bus services

The X9 bus to Chipping Norton and Witney is now operating to a revised timetable following the ending of subsidy by Oxfordshire County Council: see the summary timetable on **page 37** for details, or find full times at bus stops or at [www.pulhamscoaches.com](http://www.pulhamscoaches.com). Though the bus is less frequent than before, there is still a good service and we are pleased Pulhams are making the effort to continue the service.

In order to minimise the number of buses/drivers used, and to enable the buses to serve double duty as school services, please note that *two morning and two evening weekday services do not go through the town centre*. Instead, they run directly along Nine Acres Lane and the Slade.

### 20mph limit

Charlbury Town Council is in discussions with Oxfordshire County Council about implementing a 20mph speed limit in Charlbury, partly funded by contributions from recent housing developments. The roads that can be covered by the limit will be dictated by the Department for Transport's national guidelines. We hope to have more news soon.

### Community facilities

The Town Council is working with the Sports & Social Club as they seek to find new premises for this important community facility: we have been holding joint monthly meetings to explore possibilities and discuss funding. We are also continuing our support for the Charlbury Community Centre project on the Spendlove site (see update elsewhere in this issue).

Inevitably, constrained budgets at County and District level and increased competition for third-party grants mean that some of the burden of funding these long overdue developments will fall on the Town Council. Charlbury's precept – the sum payable as part of your Council Tax – is currently lower than many nearby towns and villages: Charlbury Town Council receives £68.44 from your annual Council Tax (for a Band D home), compared to £91.84 for Chipping Norton, £96.31 for Leafield, £120.70 for Ascott, and £130.52 for Witney.

With this in mind, the Town Council has agreed to consider a precept rise of around £10 per year (for a Band D home) which could be used to support community facilities such as these; the resulting precept would still be considerably lower than the parishes mentioned above. We will only apply for such an increase if we believe that the result will be worthwhile for the town and we can demonstrate the support of the community. Work will continue through the summer on this: we will have more details when available in the next Chronicle and on the Charlbury website.

### Grants

Any organisation that thinks it may need a grant from the Town Council for the financial year 2017/18 should obtain an application form from the Town Clerk and return it together with supporting documents by midday on 31st October.

Sorry, late applications cannot be considered. The Clerk can advise on what can, and cannot, be grant-aided under the Local Government Act.

## **Overhanging Branches and Untrimmed Hedges and Shrubs.**

After a strong growing season, these can be a real nuisance to people using our pavements and paths so please be considerate to others. Please cut back branches that overhang pavements and trim back hedges that are difficult to pass, especially for those with prams, mobility devices etc.

## **Contacting your Town Council**

All our meetings are open to the public. Full council meetings will be held in the Corner House at 7.30pm on Wednesday 28th September, 26th October and 23rd November, with Planning & Correspondence two days before (8pm unless there is a speaker).

The next open 'surgeries' will be in the Corner House from 10am–12pm on Saturday 1st October and 3rd December.

You can email Roger Clarke, the Town Clerk, at [charlburytc@btinternet.com](mailto:charlburytc@btinternet.com) or phone 01608 810608 (9am–5pm weekdays, not weekends or bank holidays).

*Richard Fairhurst*

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## **From County Councillor Rodney Rose**

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## **New Prime Minister**

I am disappointed that my local MP David Cameron is no longer Prime Minister as he has achieved a great deal over the six years he has been in office. We have to remember the mess the country was in back in 2010 when he took the brave decision to form a coalition with the Liberal Democrats to turn the country around.

I wish David and his family all the best for the future; perhaps this year he'll be able to enjoy the summer holidays more.

The saying 'a week is a long time in politics' certainly applied to last month with the appointment of the new Prime

Minister Theresa May. I have met her on several occasions regarding major issues but also more local matters, as she is local to Oxfordshire, representing Maidenhead. She will continue to look after her constituency whilst looking after the national issues. I wish her well and welcome the opportunity to work with her to continue to grow the Oxfordshire economy.

## **The Oxfordshire Comet**

This is a not for profit service, created to allow people without suitable access to public transport to make the journeys they want. See more on **page 38**.

## **Joint statement from Oxfordshire County Council and Oxfordshire's district/city councils**

With a new Prime Minister and new Secretary of State now in place and a number of pressing economic and policy issues to work through at national level, we recognise that it is sensible to take the time to understand how the government intends to take forward devolution and local government reorganisation in Oxfordshire and other areas before presenting further proposals for reforming public services and changes to council structures in the county.

Following discussions with civil servants, all the Oxfordshire councils have agreed to work together to discuss areas of common ground, assess potential options and establish whether we can agree a way forward building on the work we have both done to date. We have agreed to postpone publication of both the Grant Thornton and PwC studies, and pause plans for consultation until these plans have been jointly developed.

Our aim has always been to seek investment in housing and transport infrastructure; to improve skills training and develop the local economy. This investment is needed if we are to reach our potential, and therefore agreeing a way forward with government is a high priority for all of us.

*Cllr Rodney Rose*

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**From District Councillor Liz Leffman**

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No doubt everyone is aware that we have recently seen major changes to bus services across the county. In Charlbury, we have been lucky to retain the X9 service, albeit with a slightly reduced timetable.

Other areas have not been so fortunate, and many villages have lost their buses completely. So a group of us have decided to take matters into our own hands and set up a co-operative which we hope will be able to commission bus services across West Oxfordshire in future. This will protect existing services, and, we hope, bring back some of the services that have been cut. I approached the District Council for support in July, and they have agreed to grant us the money needed to set the co-operative up.

I am also delighted to report that I am working closely with officers to see if we can open a replacement for Dean Pit on the Enstone Airport site, just north of the A44. We are re-visiting the proposals that were put forward for Greystones several years ago, so plans would include re-use as well as recycling facilities. The owners of the Enstone Airport site have expressed their interest in this project, so we are now developing the financial model for a centre that would open three days a week and on bank holidays. I hope to have more news on this very soon.

Meanwhile, the Spendlove remains a big problem with a lot of cardboard and clothing being left outside bins that are too full to receive more. I do my best to ensure that it is cleared regularly, but please note that it is an offence to leave rubbish on the ground, as this is classed as fly-tipping. The new waste & recycling calendar can be found at [www.westoxon.gov.uk](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk) for you to download, from September.

*Cllr Liz Leffman*

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**From District Councillor Andy Graham**

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My article this month is dedicated to one of the residents who wrote to me since the referendum but I wanted to share it with you all as I hope, and believe, it is something we can all agree with.

“We are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism, xenophobia and hate crimes have no place in our country. Our council condemns racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. We will not allow hate to become acceptable.

We will work to ensure that local bodies and programmes have the support and resources they need to fight and prevent racism and xenophobia.

We reassure all people living in this area that they are valued members of our community.”

I would also like you to publicly condemn any such attacks, and make it clear what steps the council will take to tackle this racist, xenophobic and criminal behaviour.

Resulting out of this, the Chairman of WODC and I are using this as a basis for a motion to Council in September.

On a more uplifting note, Charlbury Youth Theatre has had a successful first year, with over 26 young members, and I would like to thank all those who gave of their time and energy to run over 60 sessions of drama, culminating in The Beast performances at The Shed and performances at the Beer Festival and to Andy Pickard who runs The Shed and has given 100% support to the Youth Theatre.

The next term starts in September for all ages, so contact me on 01608 659462 or [andysnaptheatre.co.uk](http://andysnaptheatre.co.uk).

*Cllr Andy Graham*

# X9 NEW BUS TIMETABLE SUMMARY



## Monday–Friday

<b>Chipping Norton</b> West St	06.30	07.45	08.50	10.30	12.15	13.15	14.00	15.20	15.55	17.35
<b>Charlbury</b> The Bell	06.50	08.05	09.10	10.50	12.35	13.35	14.20	15.36†	16.11*	17.55
<b>Witney</b> Market Square	07.13	08.30	09.34	11.12	12.57	13.57	14.42		16.34	18.17
<b>Witney</b> Market Square	07.15		08.45	09.45	11.30	13.15	14.30	16.45	17.30	
<b>Charlbury</b> The Bell	07.39*	08.16†	09.08	10.08	11.53	13.41	14.53	17.08	17.53	
<b>Chipping Norton</b> West St	07.55	08.32	09.31	10.31	12.16	14.04	15.16	17.31	18.16	

\* Time at the Slade, by Wychwood Close; does not go via town centre

† Time at the Slade, by Wychwood Close; does not go via town centre; operates on schooldays only

## Saturday

<b>Chipping Norton</b> West St	08.00	10.00	12.00	14.00	16.00	18.00				
<b>Charlbury</b> The Bell	08.20	10.20	12.20	14.20	16.20	18.20				
<b>Witney</b> Market Square	08.40	10.40	12.40	14.40	16.40	18.40				
<b>Witney</b> Market Square	09.00	11.00	13.00	15.00	17.00					
<b>Charlbury</b> The Bell	09.26	11.26	13.26	15.26	17.26					
<b>Chipping Norton</b> West St	09.46	11.46	13.46	15.46	17.46					

## STUDENT GRANTS

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

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

Please apply by **1 October 2016** to:

*kathrynfairhurst@hotmail.com*

(or by post to Charlbury Exhibition Foundation, c/o Took House, Sheep Street, Charlbury, OX7 3RR)

Please include the following details:

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



## The Oxfordshire Comet

Our bookable transport service for those who can't access suitable public transport.

### What is it?

It is a not for profit service, created to allow people without suitable access to public transport to make the journeys they want.

The Oxfordshire Comet can be booked for any type of trip. Whether it's to meet friends in town, travel across the county, attend an appointment or pop to the shops. The service is available 10.15am - 2.30pm Monday to Friday (not Bank Holidays).

It's easy to book, with a pre-paid account that can be set up on the phone.

### Who is it for?

Oxfordshire residents who don't have access to suitable public transport, wheelchair users or those with mobility issues. It can be booked by individuals, groups, schools or local organisations.

### At your service

We can do one-off journeys, regular and group trips. We can also offer regular routes for local communities (similar to a bus route) that do not have access to existing public transport.

The 16-seater vehicles are fully wheelchair and pushchair accessible, and our friendly drivers are only too happy to help. Just let us know if you need some extra assistance getting on or off the Comet, or with carrying shopping inside.

### Register before you book

- call **01865 323201** to register and we'll create an account for you
- there is a one off registration fee of £3 and we will send you a membership card

### How to book?

Once you've registered, book a trip by calling **01865 323201** (9am - 4.30pm Monday to Thursday and 9am-4pm on Friday).

### Costs

We're charging passengers to cover running costs, not to make a profit, meaning we can keep prices to a minimum. Costs will vary based on the length of the journey and which travel option you choose. However for exclusive use, a 5 mile journey will cost from £7 and for shared travel, £3.50 for 5 miles.

When you book we will always let you know the maximum amount we will charge. See more at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/oxfordshire-comet](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/oxfordshire-comet)



## Charlbury Beer & Wine Circle Programme 2016-17

Please don't be put off by the name of our group.

Very few (or none?) of us are experts but we meet once a month for varied social evenings, which sometimes include a non-serious tasting.

During the Autumn-Spring, our meetings are usually held on 3rd Monday of the month in the Garden Room of the Memorial Hall starting at 7.30pm. After Easter, the meetings move out and

about—see programme list below:

September	AGM, quiz and chat
October	Autumn wine tasting
November	Beer tasting
December	Christmas Party
January	Cards evening (whist)
February	Wine tasting
March	Professional Wine tasting
April	Safari Supper
May	Annual Dinner
June	Barbeque
July	Garden Party
August	Outing

New members always welcomed. For a full programme, phone John Moore (secretary) on 01608 810700.





## CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

**Saturday November 12th**

**10am – 12 noon**

**Memorial Hall Charlbury**

Our annual Christmas card sale has outgrown its old premises and is now held in the Memorial Hall.

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

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

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

Contact Clare Elson 01608 810310

Dates for your diary.....

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## CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

You are invited to take part in the Christmas shoebox collection. This year we are sending our boxes to the Teams4U charity which provides 'love in a box' for needy families and children in Eastern Europe.

You can choose to give a box for a girl, a boy or a family. The age groups are 2-7 years and 8-14 years and details of suitable gifts are included in the leaflets which will be available from September. These can be found in the Corner House and the Charlbury churches.

Boxes will be collected at the Baptist Church, Dyer's Hill on Saturday, 12 November between 10 am and 12 noon. Please phone 01608 810130 or look on the website [www.teams4u.com](http://www.teams4u.com) for further information.

The weekend of November 19 and 20 is Charlbury Christmas Artweeks time, and a number of Charlbury artists will again be opening their studios or exhibiting in groups around the town.

The different sites will be shown in a trail map which can be picked up at various venues. Most will open from 11am to 6pm, but it is suggested you take a look at the trail map which will show the correct times for each artist.

There will be splendid opportunities to pick up gifts of many kinds to suit all tastes and age groups.

*Maureen Sparling*

*Joan Belshaw*



The CSA has continued to raise money this term through a number of fun events.

Joining in with Artweeks this year the children and staff worked hard to turn the school into a picture of creativity. The children's artwork was displayed throughout the school including handmade chocolates representing Brazil, painted junk models of famous landmarks in Paris such as the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame and L'Arc de Triomphe, feathery dream catchers and large papier mâché insects flying from the wall bars. Younger children created a beautiful colourful garden with scarecrows, flowerpots and pond life.

The School was open on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May where a variety of creative activities were on offer for all to enjoy. Children helped by their parents spent a long time designing and painting t-shirts with beautiful vibrant patterns and created Origami foxes, penguins and millennium falcons following simple and more complicated instructions.

They made and decorated card dolls, created clothes from ribbons and lace, which were strung along with bunting across the width of the hall. Younger children got stuck into sticking and colouring enjoying the freedom of art

without boundaries and the chance to make lots of pictures.

Delicious homemade cakes donated by many parents were sold in aid of the CSA as the adults helped their children and talked to one another. A sense of school community filled the school hall as school staff, parents, and their children enjoyed the activities and mingled.

Later in the month the CSA volunteers were out in force again selling chips, drinks, sweets and children's lucky bags at the Charlbury Beer Festival. The day was interspersed with rain showers and downpours and punters took frequent refuge in the CSA gazebos. Despite the rain, the chips were nearly sold out by the end of the day and punters were heard commenting how much they liked the Beer Festival Chips. Many children enjoyed face paints and tattoos, the lucky dip and the lolly pop game in the Children's tent.

The CSA also held a book fair this term with all books sold raising money for the school to buy children's books for the classrooms and library.

The CSA would like to thank the school staff and the children who contributed to the events, the volunteers for all their hard work and the parents and children who attended events. Without the community's support such events would not be possible. *Tara Midgen CSA Chair*



Changes are taking place—Jan Stubberfield is leaving Pre-

School. I think every parent that has ever had the pleasure to know Jan will want to wish her well in her new adventure. Jan has supported countless families during her time at Pre-School. Jan's hugs and reassuring words will be greatly missed.


However, Pre-School is in very good hands with Chris Western. Chris has been with Pre-School for a number of years. She is highly motivated and has an amazing depth of knowledge of the early years development. We are sure that under her leadership Pre-School will reach new heights. A huge thank you for everybody who has helped fundraise for the Pre-school at the Cornbury, Riverside and

Wilderness Festivals, over the summer. It has been hard work in the heat but lots of laughter has been had along the way. You have all helped raise over £2000.

All this hard work has enabled the Pre-School to invest in new equipment, send staff on training courses, and keep fees low for all parents.

If your child is not old enough to attend Pre-School, why not come and visit us with your child; we know you will not regret coming to see the fantastic opportunities that are available for each child in this amazing learning environment.

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# Charlbury Green Hub

## Big Apple Take-Aways

Autumn, the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness is fast approaching. Apples are swelling well on the trees, so please pencil in these dates for this year's Big Apple Take-Aways on the Playing Close at 2.30pm every other Sunday afternoon from September through to November.

- 11th September
- 25th September
- 9th October
- 23rd October
- 6th November
- 20th November

Please contact 01608 811057 or [sharecroppers@charlburygreenhub.org.uk](mailto:sharecroppers@charlburygreenhub.org.uk) if you have spare apples (or grapes, plums, pears, quinces and medlars) for picking to be given away free at these events throughout the autumn - we pick fruit from within an 8 mile radius from Charlbury.

Enormous thanks to everyone who offers their surplus fruit for picking and redistribution every year rather than see it wasted - we couldn't do this without your generosity.

The idea started in 2008, so this will be our 9th year. Last year we redistributed about 200 lbs plums and about 2 tonnes of apples - we had well over 30 different varieties, do you remember your favourites and when they were available?

The fruit is given away FREE and people take it for eating fresh, cooking, or freezing. Early season apples don't store well fresh and need eating or cooking straight away but varieties that ripen in October will store for several weeks, keep them in the salad draw in your fridge or in

a cold garage - perforated plastic bags are good to stop russets shrivelling.

We also make Sharecroppers Gold cider from good windfall apples (20 lbs apples produce one gallon).

Last year we produced 10 barrels (60 gallons) most of which was given to Charlbury Beer Festival, Riverside Festival, and Wychwood Forest Fair to raise money for their causes.

Poor quality windfalls and residual pulp after juicing goes to local farm animals; windfalls are also stored in gardens to feed visiting birds during the winter.

## Bring & Take

The next Bring & Take organised by Charlbury Green Hub will be on

Saturday 1st October

from 10am until 12 noon at the Memorial Hall.

You don't have to bring something in order to take something, so please pop-in to see if you fancy taking anything. Since items are given and taken FREE, please respect this community spirit by not taking things for resale or scrap value.

Leftovers are given to charities or freecycled. Bring along good quality items (that are not too large to carry) between 9.30am and 11am and take things away between 10am and 12 noon.

You can also bring along bikes - Back on Trax will be at the Spendlove for repairs. Bring along old spectacles and bras for reuse, and lightbulbs for recycling.

Also bring along reusable PAINT which needs to be in its original container and in usable quantities (more than one litre of emulsion paint and half a container of gloss and eggshell paints).

**More helpers are needed, especially at the end of the event; please contact 01608 811057 to offer your services**

*Christine Elliott*



Committee members, along with a large team of volunteers from the community at large, are very pleased with the excellent response of the people of Charlbury to the recent questionnaire distributed to all households in the town. The views of Charlbury residents and information gathered from the well over 1000 completed forms returned, is currently being analysed by a professional data management team. This information will provide a broad sketch of the sort of community we are and a snap-shot of opinion, hopes and ideas of the people who make up the community of Charlbury. This information could well provide a sound basis for a plan for the medium term (20-30yrs) development of our town.

Charlbury Neighbourhood Forum was established over two years ago by Charlbury residents and community members in response to central government initiatives in local planning. The so-called 'Localism' initiative enabled communities to create a "Neighbourhood Plan" which, if accepted by a simple majority of voters in a referendum of community members, would be adopted by Local Planning Authorities and incorporated in official Local Planning policy. Access to government funding for the planning and creation of Neighbourhood Plans was made available and indeed, Charlbury Neighbourhood Forum (CNF) has successfully applied for and used this financial support in

conducting the Town Survey and in the data analysis currently under way. In addition to the main survey now completed, on-line (and hard-copy) surveys are available specifically for young people and the business community of Charlbury (links below).

Charlbury Town Council has fully supported the Neighbourhood Plan initiative and has been working closely with CNF in an advisory and consultative role. CNF is very pleased to receive the backing of our local elected representative body and the CNF committee includes several Councillors.

Our next steps are to assess the data gathered in the Town Survey, currently being processed, to identify the central thrust of community opinion emerging from the data and to devise a plan to be put forward to the community in a referendum. The referendum is a compulsory element of a Plan's adoption by Local Planning Authorities, in our case West Oxfordshire District Planning Authority.

CNF hopes to share this process with the community as much as possible and to this end we plan a public meeting to present the information gathered, receive comment and advice, and assess opinion in the community before going to actual Plan creation and referendum.

You can help - join CNF in making this an open and accessible process for all residents or help by volunteering

Contact:  
[www.charlburyneighbourhoodforum.org.uk](http://www.charlburyneighbourhoodforum.org.uk)  
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4.30pm - 6.30pm (Mon - Fri)

10.30am - 11.30am (Sat)

### Opening Times

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## Walking with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens

The following walks are all led by Cotswold Voluntary Wardens and as such are not "just a ramble in the countryside". The themed

walks are a way of understanding and appreciating our Cotswold landscape.

The walks vary in distance and difficulty so you can choose something to suit your ability. Sorry but dogs are not allowed on walks with the Cotswolds Voluntary Wardens. A full list of walks for the Autumn/Winter 2016/17 can be found on the website [www.escapetothecotswolds.org.uk](http://www.escapetothecotswolds.org.uk) or in a copy of the Cotswold Lion.

### Hiking through History – Life in the Stone Age Cotswolds

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October—strenuous—11.5 miles 6 hours

The first of a series of history themed walks. Discover the Stone Age on this walk to the Rollright Stones. Please bring a packed lunch. 11.5 miles

Start 10:00am Hook Norton, park carefully near the Pear Tree pub.

### Under Wychwood

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October—moderate—9 miles 5 hours

A linear walk exploring the Evenlode Valley and the history of the Wychwood Forest. Starts after the arrival of the 09.24am train from Oxford. If coming by Car, park at Charlbury station and catch the 09:41am to Kingham as walk finishes in Charlbury. Please bring a packed lunch.

Start 10:00am at Kingham railway station.

### The Battle of Edgehill – October 1642

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October—moderate—7 miles 4 hours

On 22nd August 1642 Charles I raised his standard in Nottingham and the English Civil War began. The Battle of Edgehill on 23rd October 1642 was the first major encounter and both sides claimed victory. This walk goes over part of the battlefield. Late pub lunch available at end.

Start 10:00am at Ratley Village Hall Car park OX15 6DS

## Family Walk – North Leigh Common and Family Walk

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> October—easy—2 miles

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

Start 10:00am at North Leigh Common on the B4047 Witney to Long Hanborough road.

## Three Churches and a River

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November—moderate—6.5 miles

Walk with views over the Evenlode Valley to Shorthampton Church with wall paintings. Then over the Evenlode to Spelsbury church with memorials to the Lee family. Return via Coldron Mill and Dean Grove to Charlbury which has a 12th century church. Carry a snack, lunch opportunities after walk in Charlbury.

Start 10:00am at the Spendlove car park Charlbury OX7 3PQ

## The Saltway and Ditchley Park

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November—moderate—5.5 miles

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

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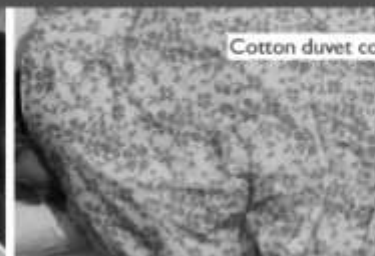
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