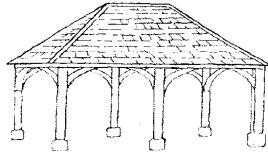


# The Charlbury Chronicle



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Not long now until our Annual Street Fair comes along on September 14th to 16th. With the iffy weather we have been experiencing this so-called summer, perhaps we can hope for a late flourish of good weather to cheer us all up. Go to page 3 for the full programme from the Annual Egg-Throwing competition on Friday evening through to the runs and/or walks programme through Cornbury Park on Sunday morning.

Christine Battersy has added some more facts following the story of the Charlbury murderer John Hall written by Ed Fenton, which was featured in the March edition - read what happened to him page 4.

Do please take note of the information about the Charlbury Community Centre and of the re-energized Appeal Committee. After such a long time it is encouraging that things are moving again and the project will become a reality before too long. Everybody is asked to think of money-raising events to put on - the Community Centre will benefit us all, so it's only right that everyone should join in and do their bit.

Please note that the deadline for copy for the December *Chronicle* is November 1st.

Lynette Murphy

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## Street Fair Weekend 2012 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> September

### '60 Years – Britain at its Best'

**Street Fair Weekend** kicks off as usual on the Friday evening with our **Annual Egg Throwing Competition** outside the Rose & Crown. First throw is at 6:30pm, so come on down and have a cracking evening, either taking part or just watching.

**Street Fair** on Saturday will this year have the theme of '60 Years - Britain at its Best' and there will be many new stalls offering British sourced goods.

The timetable for the day will include:-

1:30pm - **Children's Fancy Dress Competition** on the Playing Close

1:45pm – **Children's Parade**

2:00pm - **Opening Ceremony** outside The Bell, to be performed by this year's Street Fair King & Queen – **Finn Hustler and Molly Watson**

**\*\*\*STOP PRESS\*\*\* Actor Tom Ward of BBC's 'Silent Witness' fame has agreed to open this year's Street Fair (unless called away at short notice for filming)\*\*\***

Afternoon entertainment includes:-

**Fairground Amusements & Rides**

**Children's Electric Go-Karts**

**Tina's Dance Troupe**

**Morris Dancing**

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5:00pm - **Grand Draw & Auction**

5:30pm – **Giant Conga with Horns of Plenty**

7:00pm – **Evening Entertainment**

There will be three bands performing at this year's Street Fair

**Sam John & The Disciples – Jady Mirror – Village Idiots**

**Sunday - 10K Run and 5K Fun Run or Walk through Glorious Cornbury Park** by kind permission of Lord & Lady Rotherwick. Starting on The Playing Close @ 10.30am with registration from 9.30am. A great family-friendly fun event. For info, please contact: [g.h.griffiths@reading.ac.uk](mailto:g.h.griffiths@reading.ac.uk)

**Road Closure** – *We have been granted the required road closure order for Church Street and part of Park Street for the day and would appreciate all parked cars being removed in good time for the stalls to be erected at 9:00am on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>*

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**The Cotswold Decorative & Fine Arts Society**

has three very interesting lectures planned this autumn. On September 12th Tony Tucker will speak on Christopher Wren, his life and career as a scientist, astronomer and architect. The lecture will feature all his buildings in London, Oxford and Cambridge, before focusing on his City of London churches.

On October 10th the lecture will be on The Paul Mellon Foundation at the Yale Centre for British Art, an extraordinary collection of cultural material from Great Britain and one of the world's most comprehensive collections of the arts of a single culture ever assembled. The lecturer is Hilary Hope Guise.

Then on November 14th Sandra Pollard will lecture on "Lady Ottoline Morrell: A Passionate and Eccentric Patroness of the Arts". The lecture is about her fascinating life lived through art.

Lectures take place at the Bradwell Village Hall, Burford OX18 4XF, and will begin at 11.00 am with coffee and tea from 10.15. Non-members are very welcome (suggested donation £8).

For further information please see our website [www.cotswolddfas.org](http://www.cotswolddfas.org).

**CHARLBURY DAY CENTRE**

As ever we are always keen to hear from anyone who knows of someone who might like to join our Wednesdays, or from anyone who could lend some time to help us in any capacity, whether it be assisting our co-ordinator, driving or cooking.

Please contact me on 01608 810150.

*Bob Tait, Chairman*

**CHARLBURY FARMERS' MARKET**

Playing Close, Charlbury on  
Saturday September 8th  
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## SHOEBOXES 2012

Once again we invite you to take part in Operation Christmas Child by filling a shoebox with toys and educational supplies for a needy child overseas. Cover an empty shoebox with colourful wrapping paper and fill it with pens, pencils, rubber, pencil sharpener, exercise book, flannel, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush and any of the other items mentioned in the flyer that will come with your October Leaflet. Demonstration boxes and contents will be on sale at our coffee morning at the Corner House on Saturday 20 October.

If you enjoy sewing and crafts, why not come along to our craft afternoons on Tuesdays and make suitable items to include in your box. During the year we have been knitting and sewing hats, gloves, puppets, bags etc. We meet at the Baptist Church from 2.30 - 4.30pm and reconvene on Tuesday, 18 September. If you have any spare empty shoeboxes, felt, or even out of date beans or pulses (ideal for making beanbags!) we will be happy to collect them.

We shall be collecting all the completed boxes on Saturday, 10 November between 10am and 12 noon at the Baptist Church at the top of Dyer's Hill. Come and join us for coffee and refreshments.

*Joan Belshaw  
Charlbury Shoebox Co-ordinator  
Tel 810130*

## *Coffee Morning in aid of*



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## Gifford Trust Update

The Trustees continue to prepare the business case for our proposed new community building to go to Oxfordshire County Council later this month. This will be presented to their committee in October and will give us confirmation that their funding is certain, subject to planning only. Once we have that in place we will be in a position to move forward with more detailed design work.

We have received many letters from Charlbury groups and societies that demonstrate the need and comprehensive support for our proposals. If you are part of a group that would like to add your support, an important part of our submission to OCC, please write to either Alan Hanks or myself.

The farmers markets held on the Playing Close continue to be a success and are very popular. The Trust gets income from the hire of the Playing Close which helps to fund our running costs. The recent fun fair, held on the Spendlove site because of the weather, was also well supported. The Wilderness poster opposite the Co-op, along with other events on the playing close, all help the Trust to meet its charitable objectives.

The fund raising committee led by Alan Hanks continues to work hard. Please see Alan's information about forthcoming events in this issue of the *Chronicle*.

Jim Holah has just joined as a Trustee, nominated by the Town Council. Jim brings development, library and community consultation experience with him which will help us through the next phases of the project.

The Thomas Gifford charity annual meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday 29th November at 8pm. Please come and hear what progress we have made and see how you may join us in fundraising, planning and delivering our much needed facility.

Finally, the Olympics has highlighted the range and variety of sports that other communities are able to enjoy, close to home. Our ideas include a large hall that will be suitable for many indoor sports, as well as cultural and community events. It's only 4 years until the next Olympics. Let's work together to complete our project and give our future Olympians our own World class venue!

*Ian Cox - Chair of The Gifford Trust*  
Tel: 01608 810810 email: [ian.cox25@btinternet.com](mailto:ian.cox25@btinternet.com)

## From our Chronicle Weather Man, John Stanley

**WARNING - If you do not like reading dismal stories, please move on to the next article .....**

**May 2012** started off extremely cold. The May average maximum temperature is 63.74°. We only achieved this on one day out of the first twenty one. The lowest was 48° on 3rd. Then we had a much warmer spell for the rest of the month. The warmest day was 78° on 30th. Overall the month came out just below average at 62.68°. At night, temperatures ranged from 34° on 15th/16th to 57° on 23rd/24th and 24th/25th.

**Spring 2012** (March to May) was slightly below average at 56.75° (average 57.39°) despite March being particularly warm.

**June 2012** was even worse. We would normally be expecting temperatures approaching 70° during this month. We finally managed to reach that figure on 20th and then on only four more days later in the month, the highest being 78° on 28th. The lowest was 51° on 11th. Overall the daytime maximum average was just 64.23° (average 69.47°).and only 1991 was lower in the period since 1989. At night, temperatures were between 40° on 12th/13th to 60° on 27th/28th.

**July 2012** was also much cooler than usual. In fact, had it not been for a warm week starting on 22nd, it would have smashed the record for the coldest July. As it turned out, the average day maximum temperature was 68.61° (24 year average 72.85°), and was the second coldest July during this period. Only 2007 was lower and that by the smallest margin, 0.06° - just 1° lower on two days this year would have equalled it. The hottest day was 81° on 25th and the coolest, 61° on 2nd. At night, temperatures were in the range 45° on 20th/21st, to 61° on 26th/27th.

*John Stanley*

### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING, FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH AT 10.AM**

There will be wonderful cakes, a bric a brac stall and a very special raffle! You could win a night at The Feathers Hotel in Woodstock! We are so hoping lots of people will come, please bring your friends, and again, any offers of help or contributions very welcome. We really need some volunteers to enable this to happen, and lots of people to come and spend their money. Any sort of help gratefully received.

*Liz and Bob Tait. 01608 810150. [elizabethtait@msn.com](mailto:elizabethtait@msn.com)*





### Latest Update:

**Dessert Island Flicks:** Thanks go to Ed Fenton and the team for a wonderfully engaging evening with Sir Ben Kingsley. This resulted in an uplift to the funds of nearly £2,000 . It is hoped to repeat this event with another famous resident.

**Cornbury Park Open Day:** The collection at the gate raised over £100 and we are grateful to them and to Russell Robson and family for all their help on the day.

**Jubilee Prom:** Due to unforeseen problems with lighting, it was necessary to cancel, but we are working towards a similar event in the Spring.

**Coffee Morning:** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012, see separate advert on p21

**Screen Test:** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2012: A film Quiz to test you powers of observation: it's not what you know it's what you notice. This is suitable for people of all ages, old or young, families and people on their own, all are welcome.

Those of you who grew up in the 1970s and 1980s will remember the TV programme 'Screen Test', presented by Michael Rod, in which contestants were shown film clips and then answered questions about what they saw.

At Charlbury's Memorial Hall we'll be showing clips – including films of Charlbury life – and asking questions about what you notice. We'll also be serving food and drink, all in aid of the CCCA – more details to follow, or contact Ed Fenton on 01608 811196.

**Charlbury's Readers' Evening:** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2012, at 7-30 in The Memorial Hall. For more details see the entry under events on the Charlbury website. All proceeds will go to the CCCA, and we are grateful for their help and participation.

### Local Help:

If you or your Club or Organization would like to put on an event in aid of the Appeal, no matter how small or large, the Committee would be most interested to hear from you and grateful, for your help to enable us to provide Charlbury with a facility to suit all needs, and would help in any way we can.





Every penny raised helps to provide an even better Centre for us all.

We also need additional Committee Members, so if can spare a few moments, and are interested in promoting events or helping in any other way please contact:

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*Alan Hanks*

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The telephone numbers for the Charlbury Medical Centre have now changed. This is as a result of feedback from our patients and with the involvement of the Patient Participation Group.

We now have three separate numbers; this we feel will help reduce the volume of calls to Reception and subsequently the time spent waiting to get through.

**The new numbers are:**  
**Reception/Appointments: 01608 811680**

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## **The Royal British Legion – Charlbury Branch**

The Branch AGM will be held in the Corner House at 8.00pm on Thursday 18 October 2012. All members are encouraged to attend. Anyone who would like to join the Branch is most welcome to attend.

The Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning will be held in the Corner House on Saturday 3 November 2012 with raffle, cakes and poppies for sale. For further information please contact Jane Parsons on 810822.

The Annual Band Concert will be held in the War Memorial Hall on Friday 9 November 2012 with the fantastic “Accidentals”, once again. There will be a raffle, light refreshments and a licensed bar. Details may be obtained from the Branch Secretary on 810822 or from posters in the usual places nearer the time. Tickets may be purchased in advance from the Cotswold Frames or on the door. All the proceeds will go to Poppy Appeal and everyone is welcome, members and non-members alike.

The National Two Minutes Silence will be at 11.00am on Remembrance Sunday 11 November 2012. Please support this small yet significant event.

The British Legion Darts Cup will be competed for in the Annual Open Pairs Competition in aid of the Poppy Appeal at the Olde Three Horseshoes on Saturday 10 November 2012. Pete Scarrott has kindly agreed to organise the competition. He can be contacted for details on 810921.

Remembrance Day Parade and Service – Sunday 11 November 2012. 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 John Harwood, Her Majesty the Queen’s Vice Lord Lieutenant for Oxfordshire. John is not a military man but was Chief Executive of Oxfordshire County Council for many years and lives at Wootton near Woodstock. Wreaths will be laid by the Legion, Charlbury Town Council and Thames Valley Police. After the Service and Parade tea and biscuits will be available for all marchers, Legion members, serving and ex-serving service personnel, in the War Memorial Hall.

The rehearsal for all standard and flag bearers, wreath layers and readers etc will be at St Mary’s Church at 6.30pm on Thursday 8 November 2012. For any

further information please ring Nick Potter on 810338.

The Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be on sale in and around the Town 26 October to 10 November and at Charlbury Station on the mornings of 30 October and 6 November. Mick Charlesworth is the Poppy Appeal Organiser for Charlbury and the surrounding villages, Mick lives in Finstock. Anyone who would like to help with the Poppy Appeal in any way is asked to get in touch with him on 01993 869283.

Festival of Remembrance – Royal Albert Hall

The Charlbury Branch may be allocated two tickets for the evening performance in the presence of the Royal Family [and on T.V.] on Saturday 10 November 2012. The ticket allocation is normally confirmed during September. Any member who would like to express an interest, please contact Jane Parsons on 810822. .

For more information about the work of the Royal British Legion, becoming a member or for assistance, please contact Nick Potter (Branch President) on 810388, Derek Fowler [Branch Chairman] on 811706 or Jane Parsons (Branch Secretary) on 810822 or visit the website at [www. Charlbury RBL.org.uk](http://www.CharlburyRBL.org.uk)

*Jane Parsons*



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## CHARLBURY TOWN COUNCIL REPORT, No. 64

by Councillor Jim Holah

This is the first report from the Council newly elected in May 2012. I hope you find it informative of both the continuing work of the Council, as well the challenges and opportunities from new legislation and changes arising from the Localism Act. If you have any questions, please see how to contact us at the end of the report.

Town Council annual meeting, 16<sup>th</sup> May: the new Council met for the first time, voting in Nick Potter as Chairman for the 18<sup>th</sup> successive year and Valou Parkenham-Walsh as Vice Chairman for the second year. The Councillors, all sitting as independents, are Kathy Broughton, Richard Fairhurst, Susanna Finch, Willem Hackmann, Jim Holah, Reg James, Peter Kenrick, Tony Merry, Liz Reason and Russell Robson. The business of allocating subcommittee roles was concluded, with details available from the Town Clerk.

Code of Conduct: a new model code for Councillors highlighting six key objectives of selflessness, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty & integrity and leading by example has been introduced. This was adopted and endorsed at the June Council meeting.

Former Councillor Ron Prew is thanked for his 17 year service since election in 1995, serving as Vice Chairman for 4 years.

Councillors open surgeries: the June and August surgeries were kept busy with a steady stream of residents calling to discuss local concerns and to ask questions about services and facilities. These have been followed through, with a short report made to the following Council meeting for information. The next Surgery is on the first Saturday in October, in the Corner House from 10 am to Noon.

Annual Parish Boundary walk: this was held on the 13 May, a fine Rogation Sunday with 12 walkers led for the first time by Geoffrey Griffiths and Harriet Baldwin. Our thanks go to them, the Stewards and helpers and particularly Maxine and Robert Hobill for their generous lunch arrangements at Model Farm, Ditchley.

Overhanging branches to pavements: the lush growth of your hedges and trees is again causing obstructions to pedestrians and we request that you cut back and recycle any branches, bushes or plants, as wheelchairs and prams are par-

ticularly affected when the pavements are narrowed. There are also large areas of weeds growing in kerbs and gutters around the town, if you are able to remove or treat any of these in the area outside your home it would improve the look of Charlbury.

Queens Diamond Jubilee celebrations, The Chairman represented the Town Council at the service at St Mary's Church on the 3 June and H.M.The Queen has replied to our letter of loyal Greetings on the occasion. The Town Clerk is having this framed for display in the Museum. Our thanks go to the organisers of the celebratory events held. Despite the rain these were successful and very enjoyable.

Neighbourhood Plan, this subject has seen some focus for the new Council since May, with a presentation from West Oxfordshire Planners outlining the possibilities and challenges. We have arranged to attend further briefings before discussing how best to respond and will update you in future reports.

Grants for Financial Year 2013/14, any organisation that thinks it may need a grant from the Town Council for the financial year 2013/14 must obtain an application form from the Town Clerk and return it together with supporting documents by mid-day on 31 October. Late applications cannot be considered. The Clerk can advise on what can, and cannot, be grant aided under the Local Government Act.

Local Government Election, on the 3 May Liz Leffmann (LibDem) was elected to represent the Charlbury Ward (including Finstock & Fawler) on West Oxfordshire District Council. The other Councillor for the Ward is Hywel Davies (Con). The next Local Government election will be on the 2 May 2013 for the Charlbury & Wychwood Division on Oxfordshire County Council. The Charlbury Division represented by Neil Owen (Con) has been affected by the Boundary Commission and so this will be the first election for the new Division.

Thomas Gifford Charity, the Town Council nominates three trustees; Cllr Liz Reason resigned from the board of trustees in March, with Cllr Jim Holah appointed to replace her. The other two appointed trustees are Ian Cox and Jim Clemence. Cllr Russell Robson is also a trustee.

To contact the Town Council, e mail the Town Clerk, Roger Clarke, at [charlburytc@btinternet.com](mailto:charlburytc@btinternet.com) or telephone 01608 810608,  
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Further information can be found at [www.charlburytowncouncil.co.uk](http://www.charlburytowncouncil.co.uk)

### **NEW Singing Group**

WOAPA – West Oxfordshire Academy of Performing Arts - launches its singing group for ages 16+ on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

No auditions and no requirement to read music, the emphasis is on having fun while singing with like-minded people. What we sing will mostly be decided by the group, but the repertoire will be contemporary – Queen, Adele, GaGa, Glee etc.

Sessions are held at The Batt School, Witney, each Wednesday during term times, from 7.30 – 9pm.

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## **CHARLBURY MUSEUM - OXFORDSHIRE FARM WAG- GON**

Many readers of the *Chronicle*, may not be aware that one of the most treasured possessions of the Museum is a complete Oxfordshire Farm Waggon made by Longs of Aston in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century. This was removed for restoration when the Museum was extended and renovated 10 years ago. Funded by a grant from the New Horizons Trust, a group of volunteers worked on the Waggon for some months stripping the paint down to the bare wood. Since then the more expert task of restoration has been carried out by Michael Jones and Barry Canham in their spare time and we are immensely grateful to them for all the work they have done.

The wheels have now largely been restored, with decayed timber replaced, and corrosion removed from the metal-work. Work is also nearly complete on replacing four of the main structural members, which had largely decayed and disintegrated. This has involved accurately copying the originals in oak. Eroded wood on side panels and the tailboard has been replaced, and the tailboard repainted. Two of the wheels and the tailboard are already in the Museum.

It is hoped that work on the chassis and axles will be completed some time next year, and they will then be reunited with the wheels in the Museum. That leaves the main body of the Waggon to be returned at a later date. We hope that the complete Waggon, restored and repainted, will be back in the Museum within two years.

The work has been photographed at every stage, and notes made, to ensure a complete record; some of these photos are available to view in the Museum.

*Charles Tyzack*



## **MORE TOP ENTERTAINMENT FROM CHOC**

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On Sunday September 9 we bring you the hilarious feel-good movie based on Paul Torday's bestseller, Salmon Fishing in the Yemen. It stars Ewan McGregor, Emily Blunt and Kristin Scott Thomas. Cert 12, so we welcome teenagers aged 12-16 for just £3 a ticket.

Our autumn films will be announced in The Leaflet, on posters, as well as on [www.chocfilms.info](http://www.chocfilms.info) and [www.charlbury.info](http://www.charlbury.info). Films begin at 7.30pm, doors and bar open at 6.45.

### **Live entertainment:**

ChOClive's autumn programme (see [www.chocfilms.info/live](http://www.chocfilms.info/live)) kicks off on Saturday September 29 with Ensemble OX, the Oxfordshire based Chamber Ensemble founded by Charlbury resident, Marion Ackrill. Their classical recital, A Musical Offering, will feature the music of JS Bach, Webern, and Kurt Weill. Ensemble OX uses a magnificent harpsichord supplied by Goble & Son.

A delight for all flamenco and jazz guitar fans awaits on Saturday October 27 when we welcome the renowned flamenco jazz guitar virtuoso and composer, Eduardo Niebla, with an unforgettable evening of guitar duets. Promoted in association with Good Night Out, Oxfordshire's Rural Touring Scheme.

For something completely different, join us on Friday November 30 when we turn the tables and put you on the stage at our Vinyl Revival. Sort through your albums, dust off your 45s and bring them along to the Memorial Hall to spend the evening with other vinyl enthusiasts sharing your favourite tracks.

### **Donations to local organisations:**

ChOC has been running monthly raffles in the Memorial Hall to help raise funds to buy our own equipment. This aim has been achieved and ChOC would like to offer the net proceeds of future raffles to charities and community organisations in Charlbury. To apply please email [treasurer@chocfilms.info](mailto:treasurer@chocfilms.info) or phone 811378, giving contact name, organisation and a description of what you would use the funds for. Donations will be made on a six-monthly basis and are likely to be in the region of £100.

### **Lifts to ChOC events for the elderly or less mobile:**

ChOC can offer lifts to at least some of our events to Charlbury residents who are otherwise unable to get to them. If you would like a lift to an event, and home afterwards, phone 819117 or email [secretary@chocfilms.info](mailto:secretary@chocfilms.info) by 5pm on the preceding Friday. Equally important, if you would like to join our team of volunteer drivers, please let us know.

**Everything you need to know about ChOC is at [www.chocfilms.info](http://www.chocfilms.info)**

# CLUBS, GROUPS, SOCIETIES

## CHARLBURY CRICKET CLUB

Charlbury's sixth successive (count 'em!) non-barbecue washout summer has done few favours to the town's cricketers, who play a sport that is more dependent on the weather than most. Many of the Club's matches this season have been obliterated by the rain, others have been abandoned whilst in progress and by mid-July Charlbury's win-loss record in those league and cup games that had been completed was a disappointing 4-14.

There have been a few positives, especially in terms of individual performances, amid the habitual gloom of a West Oxfordshire summer. Charlbury's Third Team had a memorable encounter with Britwell Salome at the end of May. Games against this South Oxfordshire outfit usually get our statisticians' pencils quivering in anticipation and this year's contest certainly lived up to its billing. Charlbury batted first and racked up an intimidating 284-9. Bruce Arkwright, on his debut, compiled a superb 103 and was very well supported by 18-year-old Rhiann Todd, who stroked a fine 72 and in the process became the first woman ever to make a half-century in the OCA League. Charlbury narrowly lost the game, despite their impressive total, but Steve Wood, in the course of his first spell of bowling for the Club, took five wickets to keep his side in touch when they fielded.

Steve's daughter Carla, whom I mentioned in my last column, has already secured one four-wicket haul for the Thirds and shows great promise as a bowler. The Third Team are fielding three or four young women on a weekly basis as the Club continues to give opportunities to its female players. Turning to the First XI for a moment, captain Bimalka Liyanarachchi has been picking up wickets regularly, as

he always seems to. In the Seconds, Charlie Sinton was in top form in an early-season contest, claiming six wickets with his leg-spinners, and his 14-year-old teammate Adam Mayho has played several fine attacking innings this term, including one fifty.

Let us hope that summer flourishes late this year and that it brings a corresponding upturn in Charlbury's fortunes.

*Derek Collett*

## CHARLBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Charlbury WI continues to thrive and it has been a busy year so far. We provided teas once again for the NGS Open Gardens and despite the weather this was successful and hopefully brought a welcome respite to those visitors who did venture out to see the wonderful gardens. We were also the host WI for a Group Meeting in May and approximately 50 WI members in the Group attended. The Oxfordshire Federation offers a wide range of activities. For example some members attended a Beginners Patchwork Course at Tackley, there was a visit to 'Dickens London' and there were also some organised walks. Denman College provides a varied selection of both day and residential courses. It was the turn of Charlbury WI to send a delegate to the National AGM at the Albert Hall on May 30 which is always a fascinating and interesting day. We are also able to give Bursaries this year for 3 members to attend a day course at Denman College. A coffee morning was held on at the Corner House on May 30 which helped raise money both for the WI and for the St Mary's Church 'fire fund'. The WI is

# CLUBS, GROUPS, SOCIETIES

always pleased to help support local charities. A further Coffee Morning will be held at the Corner House on December 1.

The programme for the Autumn includes a talk on Complementary Health on 19 September, Art, Design and make your own Print tile on 17 October and Gillian Cane will be giving her talk on a Girl's Life in the Army on 21 November.

We would love to welcome more members and visitors so if you are interested do get in touch with either Gill Pratt 01608810998 or our President Pat Hill 01608810714.

For those joining in October the subscription will cover the three months to the end of the year and the whole of 2013. The meetings are held in the Corner House on the third Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm.

*Gill Pratt*

## **CHARLBURY BRIDGE CLUB**

we are a small friendly club and would welcome new members. We meet on Tuesday evenings from 7pm – 10-10-30pm at The Corner House.

*Contact Monica Wilkinson on 01608 810560*

## **CHARLBURY WINE & BEER CIRCLE**

The name of our organisation possibly sounds very daunting to anyone thinking of joining us. However, we are just a group who meet once a month for tastings and social events. We are not experts and we would welcome anyone who is tempted to join us.

Autumn/Winter meetings are held mostly in the Memorial Hall Garden Room on the third Monday of the month.

The programme for 2012 - 2013 is:

**September**, AGM, nibbles, quiz and chat.

**October**: Wine tasting

**November**: Take Away Meal

**December**: Christmas party

**January 2013**: Cards Evening (whist)

**February**: Wine Tasting

**March**: Wine Tasting

**April**: Safari Supper

**May**: Annual Dinner

**June**: Barbecue

**July**: Garden Party

**August**: Open House

For further information and full programme call 810700.

*John Moore (Secretary)*

## **CHARLBURY GARDEN SOCIETY ANNUAL FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW**

The Annual Flower & Produce Show on Saturday, September 8th will be in the Memorial Hall from 2-4pm. This is the centrepiece of the horticultural year and the show for all the family - as well as flowers there are also classes for fruit, vegetables, cookery, jam, handicrafts and photographs. New this year is a class for a bottle of home-made cider, country wine or beer. All are welcome to bring something to the Show - the show schedule and entry forms are available on the website, the Station, Pharmacy, Library and Post Office - you don't have to be a club member to exhibit.

*Items for the Clubs, Groups & Societies section should be discussed with  
Julia Caston (810240)*

## **A Charlbury Murderer Transported: The Further Adventures of John Hall**

The edition of *The Charlbury Chronicle* published in March 2012 included the compelling tale of a Charlbury pub crawl that ended in murder. We learnt how, in December 1861, John Hall—an ex-soldier who had been discharged from the army, having played a part in the Indian Mutiny of 1857—was arrested for murdering a gamekeeper on the Ditchley Estate whilst attempting to poach some pheasants. Apprehended in the lodgings of his widowed mother, Hannah, who lived in Charlbury, he was subsequently tried for murder and sentenced to death. The article goes on to note that Hall was in luck in that his death by hanging was commuted to a life sentence. But the story does not end there . . .

### *Hall's Arrival and Progress in Australia*

Hall's sentence was subsequently changed to that of 'transportation for life'. He was sent to Western Australia on prison ship *Clara*, arriving in Perth in April 1864, after a journey lasting three months. His arrival is recorded as follows: 'Prisoner 7711. Labourer. Single. 5'7". Dark brown hair. Blue eyes. Long visage. Dark complexion. Middling stout. Ruptured right side. ... Single. Semi-literate. Protestant.' He was about 37 when he arrived in Australia, although his age is recorded as 35.

Convicts who arrived in Western Australia were confined in Fremantle Prison, near Perth, for a relatively short time after they landed at the port. Once credited with 'good conduct', the convicts were then sent outside the prison on a variety of forced labour tasks: building roads, filling in swamps, constructing bridges and the like. If their conduct remained good, they were gradually allocated work duties further and further away from Perth. Then, with continued good conduct, a 'ticket-of-leave' would be granted, allowing a convict to be released from the work gangs and to be hired by settlers. Prison records show that Hall was given his ticket of leave on 20<sup>th</sup> August 1868 (aged 41), and he is recorded as working as a labourer, sawyer, gentleman's servant and shoemaker in the Perth and Wellington areas.

### *Hall's Relapse*

Western Australia was one of the last penal colonies, and much less brutal than those in the east and the south of the country. But it was nevertheless a harsh and often very lonely life. Only a handful of women convicts were ever sent to the colony, and there were also greater restrictions on bringing out wives or families than in most of the other penal colonies. With no wife or family, for an ex-soldier with a tendency to drink (and one who presumably suffered pain from his 'ruptured right side'), it was always going to be a struggle to remain out of prison. This is because convicts were only granted a degree of freedom if they could

avoid the temptations offered by the (many) bars.

Thus, when we look at the various editions of the *Police Gazette of Western Australia* that are now available online, we can see that by 1878 Hall had been reconvicted, and given twenty-one days hard labour for 'loitering around public houses'. And then, for the next ten years, we can follow Hall's progress in and out of the prisons of Geraldton and Greenough, around 400 kilometres north of Perth, until he is granted a full conditional release in 1888. Then, in 1896—aged 69—his name surfaces once again in the *Police Gazette*, being simply listed as 'missing': with the 'wanted' notices then being posted for the next three years. Since Hall's death does not seem to be recorded in the Western Australia archives, it's tempting to conclude that he was one of the many single men who were banished to Australia and who died alone in some quite desolate spot.

Given that the gamekeeper's death was hardly an accident—having involved eight or ten shots in the heart, a 'peppered left lung', as well as twenty-six shots in the liver and kidneys—it's hard to conclude that Hall did not deserve his eventual fate. I do nevertheless have some sympathy for this unemployed labourer who had been discharged from the army after the traumas of the Indian Mutiny, and whose poaching activities were probably not just a hobby, but rather due to the need simply to eat.

#### *Historical Note*

A fair number of other criminals from Charlbury and the surrounding area who were convicted between the years 1787 and 1867 were sentenced to transportation. In the case of serious crimes such as murders, stabbings and rioting, this was generally 'transportation for life'. In the case of minor crimes, including horse or hen stealing and metal theft (seemingly as frequent then as now!), transportation was often for a limited period only—although, of course, many of those sent out to the penal colonies did not survive long enough ever to return home. Many, indeed, never even got there, either dying *en route* or mouldering in the so-called 'hulk ships' that floated on our rivers, whilst they awaited transportation.

For those interested in local criminals transported from Oxfordshire to the various penal settlements—in Australia, Gibraltar and Bermuda—the six booklets produced by Carol Richmond for an exhibition at the Oxfordshire Museum in 2007 is a really good starting point. It's surprising what you can discover from *Banished! Sentences of Transportation from Oxfordshire Courts 1787-1867*. Since 2007, even more information has become available online, such as those fascinating *Police Gazettes*. As such, there are plenty of trails to follow for those wanting to discover more about those from the Charlbury area who flourished—or who simply died a lonely death—"banished beyond the seas".

*Christine Battersby*

## Charlbury Music Class

It may come as a surprise to many residents to learn that the Charlbury Music Class is now in its 33rd year! It was started by the tutor, Dr Kate Eckersley, while she was doing her D.Phil. in music at Oxford University.

In its current format, the class meets five times a year at The Bell Hotel at intervals between April and October. All meetings are on Wednesdays and run from 10.30 to 3.20 with a 50-minute lunch break. Lunch can be taken at The Bell, but that is not compulsory. The cost of lunch is not included, but free coffee and tea is provided.

The subjects are chosen at the end of the previous year by the class. Kate talks about the subject and plays musical examples on CD. The tone is friendly and informal. Those attending are not expected to have any technical musical knowledge, and there are no "tests".

Three of this year's classes have already taken place, with 20-25 members present. The next is on 12 September, on "The Cult of the Soloist". The final class this year is on 17 October, on "The Development of the Orchestra".

The cost is £22, or £42 if both are booked. Full details can be obtained from Peter Fry on 01993 359189.

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The Doorstep Crime Team need to know when suspicious people are in the area so they can come out and interview them. Please phone them on **0845 051 0845** when you are called on by young men trying to sell you dusters etc at your door. They also want to be told when scrap metal collectors and fish sellers are in the area so please phone them.

**Make a note of the number to ring:  
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## CHARLBURY READERS' EVENING with SALLEY VICKERS

### Book lovers -- hold the date!

### **Friday, 12 October 2012 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall**

Charlbury Readers are invited to meet Salley Vickers, acclaimed author of books such as Miss Garnet's Angel, Mr Golightly's Holiday, Instances of the Number 3, and The Other Side of You. Ms Vickers will be interviewed by Cicely Havelly, Oxford-based author and academic. We will focus the discussion on **Miss Garnet's Angel** because of its connection with the late Grace Fredericks, to whom the book is dedicated.

Bar from 7.00pm Light supper at 8.30pm

Tickets £15, including supper. All proceeds in aid of the Community Centre Appeal

## **Bill Cahill - Life Story & Memories of Charlbury**

Bill has lived in Charlbury all his life, except for his time in the Army in the Second World War. In 1926 the family moved into No. 2 Falcon Villas, Hundley Way. Bill's father was a glove cutter, and Falcon Villas had been built by Fownes, one of the Glove manufacturing companies with premises in Charlbury, on Ditchley Road. One of Bill's early memories was of his father calling to him from work, asking him to fetch his glasses, as a Zeppelin was passing overhead.

Bill attended the local school, and left at the age of 14 to work as the delivery boy in Bailey's shop in Church Street. Apart from Mr Bailey there were Reg Lindars, who worked in the shop, Vic Duvall, who drove the delivery van, and later, Harold Sandalls, who took over from Vic. If you want to see the delivery bike, which Bill rode, visit the museum! One of their best customers was Ronald Tree at Ditchley Park. Bill remembers the time when a late order came in from Ditchley, and as it was almost 7pm on a Saturday night and pouring with rain, Bill had to bike all the way to Ditchley so the best customer wasn't disappointed! Mr Bailey paid Bill 7s 6d per week, and 2d was taken out for employment tax.

Gloving was in the family. Bill's dad and his uncle both worked as glove cutters, so Bill then joined the same trade, going to Dents, which was on Woodstock Road. His apprenticeship lasted for four years, as to learn to cut out patterns without wasting leather was a skilled job. He didn't particularly enjoy the work but remembers very well the people he worked with and the different types of gloves they made. These included men's gloves, women's gloves, children's gloves and mittens and also ceremonial gloves, such as those worn by the Freemasons. Different types of leather were used depending on the type of gloves being made. Dents employed about 45 people in the factory, but many more were 'outworkers' who did various gloving jobs at home. Apart from those living in Charlbury, there were home-workers in Duns Tew, Enstone, Chadlington, Ascott-under-Wychwood,, Leafield, Finstock, Ramsden, Hanborough and Stonesfield. Their timesheets and their work had to be collected, and their pay calculated according to what they had done. The pay was poor.

Just before he completed his four-year apprenticeship, the Second World War began and Bill was called up in 1939. He joined the Army Medical Corps as a stretcher-bearer, and went to France. One of his best friends in the factory, Henry Maling, who lived at Walcot, died in the war. Dents factory was taken over by DeHavilland, who reclaimed aircraft parts.

In 1946 Bill's regiment returned to England, and they awaited de-mobilisation. After a spell in Southampton they were told that the platoon was being moved by train to Leeds. The train stopped only once, in the dark, on the way to Leeds. When they looked out to see where they were, the station was Chipping Norton, but there was no getting out and going home, and on to Leeds they went. In Leeds they were allocated billets, and Bill



found himself staying in the house of a well-to-do Laundry owner, who made sure he and his colleague had clean clothes every day! After parading at 9am every morning they had the rest of the day to themselves. Bill remembers the reception the soldiers had in the shops and pubs – people would pay for their drinks, they had free entry to the cinema, and free cigarettes. Eventually, demob day came and Bill returned to Charlbury to complete his apprenticeship at Dents. A few weeks later, he left gloving to join the new local industry in Oxfordshire – the car factory, Pressed Steel Fisher, in Cowley. Here, Bill worked in the Paint Shop; his particular job at first being to put the locks on the bonnets. Many others in Charlbury left their more lowly-paid jobs locally to work in the motor industry – less workers were needed on the land and despite the need to commute to work the new jobs paid well. Bill went up to Pressed Steel on the train, changing at Oxford to join the Banbury line, which went through Cowley. His fare was 1½ d return. This would be less than 5p today!

Charlbury Station was a very busy place in those days, with a coal yard, gas works, animal pens etc. It was itself quite a big employer in the town. Mr Bill Keough was the Manager of the Gas Works and Bill Bridges was the stoker and lamp-lighter. He would go round the town lighting the gas lamps every evening.

Many of Bill's memories of the Charlbury of his youth were connected with sport; he was a keen sportsman, playing cricket, football, golf, hockey and he won the youth cup for Cross Country running. The nearest Golf Club was at Chipping Norton, where the fees were £4.10s per annum. The Red Triangle Club (YMCA) ran most of the sporting activities in the town. Their headquarters here was behind the Royal Oak, accessed via a lane at the bottom of Church Street. Mr Merry was the caretaker, and children were not admitted to the building before the war. After the war, the rules were much less strict and younger people were able to play snooker, darts etc. there as well.

The town also owned the Royal Oak; it was a temperance hotel, serving tea and coffee and giving people a place to meet socially. Bill remembers that Charlbury's Town Crier, Billy Grace, used to practice his lines there before going out around the town to make his announcements. Another event Bill remembers was the Silver Jubilee of George V in 1935, the celebration of which ended with a torchlight procession and the lighting of a bonfire near Lee's Rest Farm on the Woodstock road. In later years he was an active member and officer of the Bowls Club, and spent many years playing on the green behind the White Hart hotel, opposite Dyer's Hill turn. When Mrs Walker ran the pub Bill would sometimes take on the running of the bar if she needed a day off.

Bill married his wife Sylvia in September 1951 and they now live with their daughter Janette and her family in Hundley Way. Bill must be one of Charlbury's longest residents he has enjoyed his life here and has no wish to live anywhere else!

*Celia Faulkner*

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## CORNER HOUSE & MEMORIAL HALL

After sterling service, Catherine Goyder, our Committee Secretary, is to step down to spend more time with her family (really!). We would therefore appreciate expressions of interest for the post. The duties are not onerous, so please phone the Chairman for details if you are tempted. It is good way to get know the Town, so don't be shy.

Please can regular users and theatre groups submit their bookings as soon as possible so that the caretaker can juggle the new diary.

Finally a reminder that unless specifically advised, both the Corner House and Memorial Hall are closed during bank holidays.

*Stephen Andrews, Chairman*

## Bulk Oil Buying Scheme – best prices now!

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VAT will be charged on membership from 1 September, so to take advantage of the lower membership fee (£20 for individuals), join now! For further details please go to ORCC website or email Christine on [oil@oxonrcc.org.uk](mailto:oil@oxonrcc.org.uk) or call 01865 733214.

## **NEWS FROM CORNBURY from the Cornbury Park team**

This autumn is a busy time with several charity events at Cornbury Park. On 16 September, ROSY (Respite Nursing for Oxfordshire's Sick Youngsters) will be holding a 'Stately Car Boot Sale' at Cornbury. ROSY has teamed up with Macmillan Cancer Support for the sale which runs from 10.30am - 4.00pm. There will be tea tents, pizza vans, ice creams, bands and lots of bargains to be had. Charlbury and Finstock Primary schools are joining forces to run a fundraising refreshment stall.

There will be a 10k run on 30 September in aid of Finstock Primary - for further details email [finstockfunrun@googlemail.com](mailto:finstockfunrun@googlemail.com).

On 7 October from 10am, The Wychwood Project is holding a 10k Woodland Walk at Cornbury to raise funds for and awareness of the Project. This family friendly event will take walkers through some of the most beautiful parts of the Cornbury estate not usually open to the public and will finish with a picnic lunch in the deer park, and a competition based around the trees, flora and fauna on the route. Sorry, no dogs. Cost of walk (food not included) £10 for adults, £5 children and free to Wychwood Project members, including those who join on the day. To sign up for the walk contact Denise Ricks on [wpoxfordshire@gmail.com](mailto:wpoxfordshire@gmail.com) or 01993 706743.

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## **APPLE CRISIS**

Due to the cold wet weather this spring and the lack of bees flying, very few apple trees managed to get pollinated and so apples are now very scarce! If your tree does have apples then you probably don't realise how lucky you are.

If you have more apples than you need then please don't let them go to waste. For the past 4 years, Charlbury Sharecroppers have been able to pick spare apples in the area and give them away to hundreds of people at the fortnightly Big Apple Take Aways on the Playing Close during September to November and we'd like to carry on doing this - if we can find any apples!

We also need apples to make cider from leftover apples that aren't so good for eating and give this to the Beer Festival and the Wychwood Fair to raise money for local charities.

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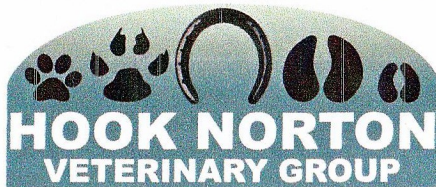
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## NEWS FROM CHARLBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Summer term includes the school's annual 'Mini Enterprise' week. As Year 6 pupil Amelia Ledgard-Hoile explains: "Year 6s put on a week of sales to raise money for our end of year trip to Laser Gaming and High Ropes on the other side of Oxford. We sold things like cakes, popcorn, pizza, homemade bookmarks and deco patch boxes. We also created games for the whole school to play - such as pull the string, lucky dip and an obstacle course. It is a fun way to raise money for a brilliant day out while learning about business too! We raised an amazing £1200!"

The school was pleased with this year's academic results again. Year 6 pupils did very well in their National Curriculum assessments (SATs), which were well above national averages in reading, writing and maths. In sport pupils qualified to represent West Oxfordshire in the athletics and swimming competitions at the Oxford Youth Games, in which they finished seventh in the county – so we are really proud of them.

At the end of term we were all sad to say goodbye to two long-standing staff members: Foundation Stage teacher, Lynnette van den Eshof, and Year 5 teacher, Stuart Lester. We would like to thank both very much for everything they have done for the school over the years, and we wish them all the very best for their retirements. Luckily for us, Mr Lester won't be leaving the school for good just yet, since he will

be returning in the Autumn to take P.E. classes and to continue to run his popular after-school sport clubs. We also look forward to welcoming our two new teachers, Kate Neal and Richard Dunstan, and hope they will enjoy their time at Charlbury School.

Another change will be in store for pupils when they arrive back in September; over the summer holidays the cloakrooms, toilets, and resource areas are being extended and refurbished. This work has been paid for jointly through the fundraising efforts of the school's fundraising body (the CSA) and the Charlbury Beer Festival Committee, so we are extremely grateful to all members of the community who have worked so hard so that the children can benefit from these improved facilities.

*Vicky Buser, Parent Governor*

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Summer Fair back in July on the Playing Close. We were not blessed with the best weather but carried on despite the heavy showers. We hope that it will become another annual event to add to the Charlbury calendar. We raised £1700 for school and are giving a donation to the Charlbury Community Centre Appeal for the use of the Playing Close. We have also given a donation of £9000 towards renovation works at school, matching a donation of the same amount given by Charlbury Beer Festival. These works could not take place without these two donations. We are also baking cakes madly as I write, in preparation for the Wilderness Festival. More details on how we got on next time.

*Alex Westbury, CSA Chair*

## Local food, local solutions

Are you interested in Local food?

Are you looking for inspiration on how to take an idea forwards?

Do you want to find out about other innovative ideas around local food from groups from across Oxfordshire?

If the answer is yes then we have just the thing to help you out... CAGs Oxfordshire, ORCC and OCVA are delighted to invite you to attend an exciting networking event on the **13<sup>th</sup> September** from 7pm until 9pm at Horspath Village Hall focusing on Local food. There will be a range of speakers covering issues around selling, eating, growing and educating about local food. It will provide the opportunity for local food focused groups that are already running to link up with one another as well as sharing information and expertise to new groups that are considering doing something in this area. Come and get stuck in and discover new possibilities right on your door step!

The event is free but places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. To book your place please contact either Peter Lefort on [Peter.Lefort@resourcefutures.co.uk](mailto:Peter.Lefort@resourcefutures.co.uk) or call **07903037290** or Beth Weston on [beth.weston@oxonrcc.org.uk](mailto:beth.weston@oxonrcc.org.uk) or call 01865 883488.

### **THE SISTERS' SALE!**

Nearly New Clothes

Jennie (Jones) and Juliet (Craig) would like to welcome you to:

**A sale of nearly new clothing with the Autumn season in mind.**

**Saturday 13th October 2012**

**10.00 am – 17.00 pm**

**The Methodist Chapel, Fishers Lane, Charlbury**

In aid of the Chapel's Disabled Lift Fund

If you have any clothes you would like to donate, please contact:

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*Tim Widdows, Cotswold Frames*

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**Sunday 16 September 2012**

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# Church Services in Charlbury

Charlbury Baptist Church



## Sunday Services at 10.30am

Please note: 4th Sunday in month join with Methodist Church  
(No Services on: 23rd September/28th October/25th November)  
6 pm Worship on 23rd September/28th October/25th November  
Harvest Festival Café Service, 14th October  
Church Contact: Helen Wright, Community Link 0770 208 7802  
e-mail: [charlburybaptistchurch@gmail.com](mailto:charlburybaptistchurch@gmail.com)

St Mary's C of E Church



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

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

[www.stmaryscharlbury.co.uk](http://www.stmaryscharlbury.co.uk)

Friends' Meeting House, Market Street



Meeting for Worship at the Friends Meeting House

For further details contact Angela Kyte (01993 880368)

Methodist Chapel, Fishers Lane



Sunday services at 10.30am

First Monday in every month: Our monthly  
'Tea & Talk' meetings are now from 11-1pm, and are  
followed by a light lunch  
10.30 - 12.00 At Home (tea, coffee and talk)  
Further information from Gill Grason (810154)

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



Sunday - Mass at 9:00 am at St Kenelm's, Church Enstone; Mass  
at 11:00 am at St Teresa's, Charlbury.

Canon David Evans, Ph.L, 5 Enstone Road, Charlbury OX7 3QR  
tel: 810576 or see

[www.communigate.co.uk/oxford.stteresacharlbury](http://www.communigate.co.uk/oxford.stteresacharlbury)

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



## Churches Together in Charlbury

We have taken part in some delightful occasions this summer, only partially clouded by the wet weather. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee was celebrated in style with a Thanksgiving Service for the whole town in St Mary's Church on the morning of Sunday 3 June followed by the Big Lunch. This had to be moved from the Playing Close to the Memorial Hall because of the rain and was so well attended that some people couldn't get through the door. In the afternoon hardy individuals visited the Open Gardens and our five churches, which were all displaying garden flowers. The Baptist Church had also been serving teas on Saturday, well attended by local people.

At the end of the week Somerville College Choir gave their long awaited concert including settings of the Psalms, some rousing choral pieces to celebrate the Jubilee and two organ solos. It was a magnificent evening and the sun shone for the first time, it seemed, for weeks!

In May, before the celebrations began, we had carried out our annual house to house collection for Christian Aid. Together with money from serving lunches and other donations, Charlbury has raised £4594 this year – a generous amount in a time of austerity. Churches Together have also been able to send donations to Witney Street Pastors, who look after people the worse for drink or drugs on weekend evenings, and to the Methodist Church Lift Appeal, to provide disabled access to their upper room, used by adult education classes and local organisations.

As I write the Holiday Club for 5 to 10 year olds is in full swing at the Baptist Church, with an Olympic theme and helpers from all the churches. On 8 September our churches will be open for Ride and Stride, a sponsored cycle ride and walk to raise money for our historic buildings. And on 15 September we will be taking part in the Street Fair with our home grown and homemade stall. Churches may function as small communities in themselves but we also aim to play an active part in the wider community and support local events.

Finally our AGM this year will be held on Thursday 11 October at 7.30 pm in the Friends Meeting House. Following a short business meeting, Baroness Cox will be speaking about the situation of Christians and other minority groups in Muslim countries. Everyone is very welcome.

*Rosalind Scott - Secretary*

Contact: [rosalind.scott@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rosalind.scott@hotmail.co.uk)

**Report from District Councillor Hywel Davies (01993 868004) (mobile: 07917 055120) [hywel.davies@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:hywel.davies@westoxon.gov.uk) or [hywel.davies@btinternet.com](mailto:hywel.davies@btinternet.com)**

Developments at Greystones: I am sure everyone will be pleased and relieved to hear of real progress being made by West Oxfordshire District Council in building a new recycling facility at Greystones. A public consultation was held in Charlbury recently and a subsequent survey indicated levels of satisfaction of over 90% with the proposals. A rare level of agreement. The plans will be submitted for a planning application in September. If the plans are approved work will start immediately, with a view to opening the facility early in the new year.

The plans are very innovative and represent a genuine step change in recycling facilities. We will have a new facility that will far outstrip what was previously available to us at Dean Pit. The District Council and its officers have worked hard and fast on this project. There were rather wild claims made over the past few months that there would be a significant increase in fly tipping but I am pleased to report that the figures tell the opposite story. Fly tipping has actually declined this year versus last by 17%. This is probably due to the District Council's vigilance in pursuing offenders and seeking maximum penalties through the courts. If you were unable to attend the public consultation, the detailed plans are available on the Council's web site ([www.westoxon.gov.uk](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk))

**Report from County Councillor Neil Owen (01993 8308751)**

I hope we all survived one of the wettest summers on record. I was pleasantly surprised at the lack of flood alarms in my division and hope this is due to the remedial measures taken over the last great deluge - we shall see.

The Dean Pit replacement at Greystones is progressing well and the open attitude and response by WODC to the public consultation is heartening. I therefore feel that it is time to put the 'Dean Pit Issue' to bed. Much has been said about this and a considerable amount of misinformation from all quarters has been floating around. It should be remembered that Dean Pit was closed with the proviso that a replacement would be situated at Enstone but, as everyone knows, the Coalition Government inherited an empty treasury - no money, therefore no replacement tip.

There are always changes at County Hall and a new body has been set up. The Health and Wellbeing Board has come into being due to new Government legislation which hands back to OCC health matters previously handled by the NHS Health Trust - notably Public Health.

Neil Owen, County Hall



## CHARLBURY AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

**2012 - CADS** is enjoying its summer break after a busy first half of the year. We have welcomed many new members - especially younger ones - and are benefiting from new blood, ideas and energy!

### LOOKING BACK

The Society is sad to lose three of its older members **Jay Miler (5 March)**, **Selwyn Wyatt (15 March)** and most recently **Jean Allister (Atkinson) (12 July)**. Their respective contributions were greatly appreciated and they will be sorely missed. CADS was represented at each of these funerals.

**Spring** was a busy time with **ALAN AYCKBOURN's** one act plays **DRINKING COMPANION** and **BETWEEN MOUTHFULS** in March. CADS collaborated with another local am-dram group -The Nortonians - on 'neutral territory' in Chadlington Village Hall! Madeleine Wheare had her début directing a cast of five in **BETWEEN MOUTHFULS**.

**April** saw CADS' main Spring production **LORD ARTHUR SAVILE'S CRIME** on the boards at the Memorial Hall in Charlbury. A period drama adapted from Oscar Wilde, directed by Brian Drowley, its cast of ten greatly enjoyed putting on this old chestnut. Audience comments were suitably congratulatory!

**3 June - THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE** - At St Mary's Town service, half a dozen CADS members dressed up in period costume to honour Her Majesty and represent the Society. Foremost amongst them was Betty Stokes dressed up as "Queen Victoria"!

Despite the almost constant month of rain, on **26 June**, we still managed our annual **Treasure Hunt** round the town followed by a quiz at the pub - a good show of hands of all ages.

**18 August** - CADS Summer Bar B Q at the home of Sue Haffenden in Chadlington.

### LOOKING FORWARD

**SEPTEMBER** is the start of rehearsals for our **PANTOMIME - DICK WHITTINGTON**.

These will be held in the **BAPTIST CHURCH** during installation work of the lift in the Methodist Hall. Glenda Chadwick is Director, Madeleine Wheare, Producer and Sue Holiday Musical Director. If you wish to participate in any way please contact Madeleine (details below). We are especially interested in children (age 6+ with stage presence) wishing to be cats or mice (non speaking parts)!

**DICK WHITTINGTON performances - NOVEMBER 22-23-24 evenings with a matinee on Sat 24 in Memorial Hall, Charlbury.**

We are an adult theatre group serving Charlbury and its many surrounding villages. Always **ACTIVELY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS** we are glad to welcome older teenagers (as Junior CADS), students and anyone with enthusiasm and a willingness to participate! You would be most welcome to join any or all of our activities. Please contact the Chairman or any member to find out more. Check out our facebook page and the town website for up to the minute news.

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Find us on **Facebook**

## The Charlbury Beer Festival: looking forward to 2013

For members of the Beer Festival committee, a highlight of the 2012 event was when the outgoing Chair, Ed Wigzell, handed a cheque for £9000 to the Head of Charlbury Primary School, Mrs Jane Holt, to pay for essential refurbishment work at the school. But in fact this was just one of fifteen grants that we awarded during the year 2011–12, which of course is why we exist: to raise money for local and international good causes.

The 2013 event will be co-chaired by Jo Elliott and Liz Donnelly, and one of their first actions was to email the 20-strong committee for feedback and suggestions as to how to make next year's festival even better. Here are some of the comments received.

*'Overall my view is that this year was a significant success, notwithstanding the challenges that we had with suppliers and the weather. We have obviously made a significant impact not only on the local community, but to the broader beer-festival regulars that enables them to make a decision to support the event regardless of the weather forecast. We should also take pride in the support that we get from our customers and make sure that we recognise and reward this in future years (i.e. loyalty card for a gate discount).'*

*'10 a.m. on Saturday morning was as low as I've felt for a while ... Not sure if everyone else is feeling the same but I still do have a sense of euphoria that we managed to pull this off!*

*'I'd be inclined to go for our "best" band to be performing around 5–6 p.m. to get everyone on their feet and encourage the families to stay a little longer.'*

*'We do need more help. Aunt Sally has been a great addition and will only become bigger. More help would be good ... or just somebody to bring over some food over at some point. It's full on for seven hours.'*

*'We survived the weather. Which shows that the event is resilient to such. People turned up regardless, prepared.'*

*'One little bit of feedback is that many people don't even know that the beer festival raises money for charity, so perhaps we should do more to advertise that fact.'*

*'One guy, who said he'd be coming every year, said that if you put England in a jar and served it on a plate, it would come out like "this"... !'*

*'Our Illinois regular told me: "You Charlburians seem to be trendsetters. How*

*about coming to the midwest next year and planting the seed? We could do with grains other than corn and soybeans.”*

*‘We must not forget to thank Ramsden and others for their marquees, our great sponsors, all of those who helped out with food and behind the bar, wine and Pimm’s, the cricket club, all of the other groups such as CSA, Lawrence Nursing, the footballers who helped make it a family event, Elli Vergara, Christine Elliott and the recycling team, Rob Tudge, First Great Western, and everybody else who lent us stuff for the day. We do need a few more members and clearly just don’t stop learning, but thank the Lord we’re not organising the Olympics!’*

**And remember, your suggestions are invaluable too ... Offers of help and support are always particularly welcome.**

*Edward Fenton*

**Report from District Councillor (LibDem) Liz Lefman, 01608 810153 / 07741 073 088**

This is my first contribution to the Chronicle since I was elected in May, so I would like to start by thanking everyone for giving me the opportunity to serve Charlbury residents as your LibDem District Councillor.

I will probably go to my grave with “rubbish” engraved on my heart! I have spent the past year campaigning first to keep Dean Pit open, and then when it became clear that that was not going to happen, working to make sure we have a replacement. Now I find that a great deal of my time is spent making sure that the Spendlove “bring” site is kept clean and tidy. All too often the bins are overflowing, partly because now there is nowhere else for people to take their recycling. The Spendlove site is one of the busiest in the district – Charlbury is very good at recycling, we just need somewhere to take it all. So I was very pleased that in July we had the opportunity to see and comment on proposals for the Greystones recycling centre, which is due to be opened outside Chipping Norton. A large number of people attended the exhibition at the Corner House, and over 90% approved of the proposals. The next stage will be a planning application, and I am told by officers that we can expect Greystones to be open sometime in the first quarter of next year.

In the meantime, you may have noticed a bright pink bin in the corner of the Spendlove car park, next to the family and disabled parking bays. This is a recycling bin for small electrical items. It will take items like hairdryers, kettles, toasters and even small computers. These bins were made available a few weeks ago – Charlbury was not on the original list of towns and villages that were going to get one because Greystones is imminent, but I successfully convinced the Council that we needed one, so I hope it will be well used!

*District Councillor Liz Lefman*

## **An exciting new Community Engagement Programme for older people in West Oxon: Community Connect**

Empowering older people to link with services and activities to improve their quality of life.

Many older people miss out on services and activities designed for them.

We hope to connect older people to services they need through recruiting volunteers to become key links in their community.

These volunteers will help older people to:

- feel more cared for and have a better quality of life
- find out useful information to help make informed choices
- access services that can help them remain independent

We will train volunteers, resource them with information, and support them to help them become key local links for older people in their community.

We are looking for volunteers to be part of our team and be the vital links for older people. This is an excellent opportunity to make a lasting difference to the lives of older people in your community. We will provide you with training and on-going support.

West Oxfordshire Citizen's Advice Bureau is piloting the service in Chipping Norton and Banbury with plans to develop it in Bicester, Burford, Carterton Charlbury, Witney and Woodstock, later in the year.

To find out more ring: 01608 648099

Citizen's Advice Bureau,  
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## **Feeling stressed, anxious or low? Or worried about someone else?**

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- Listen to you and help you decide what to do.

Sessions are confidential and there is no obligation to receive any further support. We are here to help you decide what is best for you. Get in touch with us for details of how to access support in your area of Oxfordshire.

Call the Information Line on 01865 247788, email [info@oxfordshire-mind.org.uk](mailto:info@oxfordshire-mind.org.uk) or visit [www.oxfordshire-mind.org.uk](http://www.oxfordshire-mind.org.uk)

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at the  
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general enquiries, lost property and  
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To contact your PCSO  
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