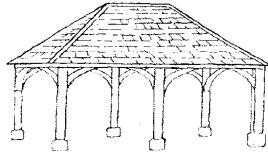


# The Charlbury Chronicle



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I have to start this editorial with an apology! I recently found that my computer was slowly grinding to a halt so, with the help of the ever-patient Mike Summers, I have now got a much more up-to-date copy of Microsoft Publisher installed to replace the old version which I've been using for many years to produce the quarterly editions of the Chronicle. Great, I thought, everything would go more smoothly and infinitely faster than my former set-up. How wrong can you be? It's been a nightmare to get used to something which seems to me to be hugely complicated and much more difficult to use than what I had before! I won't go on — beyond saying that there are some things in this copy of the Chronicle which are not as well done as they should be. I can only apologise for the odd mistake and hope that by the time the December Chronicle hits the streets things will be working better and looking more like its usual self.

I feel I must draw attention to the fate of Evenlode Books as Jon Carpenter is retiring. I don't know how often one says this, but do please give the whole matter some serious thought. Every time a business closes down there is much weeping and wailing about how awful it is to see Charlbury's shops close down. This time, Jon is making no secret of his departure and is giving everyone a chance to try and work out a way to keep it going somehow or other. There will be a meeting in the coming weeks and an opportunity for everyone to put forward their ideas. Put on your thinking caps, and start talking to your friends for ideas as to how the shop could be saved. Look out for notices about meetings. It's now or never ....!

*Lynette Murphy*

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An idea for incorporating a small concert into the evening service came about through a few local friends and musicians who know and love this church. There is limited space here for a full choir or orchestra so there will be unaccompanied singing and other thought-provoking music for organ and soprano saxophone performed in the spirit of this special church. There will be no charge for this concert but a collection plate, should you feel that way inclined!

(All proceeds to Fabric Fund of  
Shorthampton Church)

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**CORNER HOUSE &  
MEMORIAL HALL NEWS**

A new, more efficient and easier to operate, gas fire has been installed in the Anne Downer room and pre-programmed electronic timers have been fitted to the electric heaters in the Larcum Kendal room to allow for the room to properly warm up for Yoga classes. We are looking into purchasing more suitable 'stacking' chairs for the Memorial Hall and hope to try out different ones in the Autumn before settling on a final choice.

Stephen Andrews, Chairman 811212'

**Hope and Homes for  
Children Charity**

Once again we will have a stall for this Charity --- which operates in many countries placing orphans in family groups --- at the Charlbury Street Fair. Donations of toys, bric a brac, small items of furniture and children's clothes would be very welcome. I can come and collect.

Please call Prim Birch on 01608 810357

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**CHARLBURY MEN  
REMEMBERED**

The Most Distinguished Order of St Michael & St George had its annual Service of Commemoration and Dedication on Wednesday July 17th at St Paul's Cathedral in London.

The names of those Companions who have died since the last ceremony were read aloud and this year contained the names of two men of Charlbury — John Willson (who died on April 17th) and Malcolm Harper (who died on May 9th).

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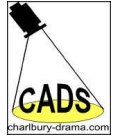
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## The Friends of Charlbury Library

It may have seemed like a long wait for further news about the Library Volunteer scheme but, following a recent meeting with Jillian Southwell and James Hazlewood from Oxfordshire's Library service, we are now able to provide more details. Just to recap, from April 2015 paid hours in Oxfordshire's Community Libraries will be significantly reduced and the 'lost' hours made up, in most cases, by volunteers. During 2014 most of the Community Libraries will begin the process of recruiting, training and deploying volunteers. We have agreed a start date of August 1<sup>st</sup> for Charlbury with the three month training and induction period beginning on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Library Service has produced a clear scheme and a set of accompanying documentation which has been put together with help and advice from other Friends' groups across the county, and with guidance from OCC's legal department. We propose to have an information session in the new year to explain the scheme and to encourage anyone interested to consider becoming a Library Volunteer. There will be a number of different types of opportunity available which we hope will appeal to a range of people. Anyone of fourteen and over is very welcome (with parental permission for Volunteers under sixteen), and there is no upper age limit! More news will follow in the next edition of the *Charlbury Chronicle* and on the Charlbury website. In the meantime anyone wishing to join the committee of the Friends of Charlbury Library to help to plan and implement this new scheme will be very welcome.

*Jill Judson Chair of FoCL  
j.judson257@btinternet.com  
Rosalind Scott, Secretary*

# CHARLBURY AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY



Summer is a welcome time for a break, after a busy first half of the year. Many of us are off on holiday with scripts in our hands to learn the lines by the beach!

**LOOKING BACK:** Our Spring Production of R.B Sheridan's **THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL** in late May was a great success. Sue Haffenden directed a cast of 16 on stage and more than 20 back stage, in this 18th century classic comedy which delivered an evening of fabulous period costumes, good comic timing and witty repartee. A classic in any Am Dram repertoire, this five act play with its very particular vernacular found a discerning audience. We thank Sue for piloting us through its demanding disciplines.

The Annual **CADS Treasure Hunt** in late June, was well attended on a beautiful summer's evening. Brain teasers and clues were supplied by Mike and Denise Summers and kept society members of all ages intrigued and "hunting" right to the end.

**COMMUNITY:** Along with much of the town, CADS has been involved in the Community Led plan, as Charlbury searches for the best solutions for its future. CADS continues to actively plan for the next few years and to recruit new members.

**LOOKING FORWARD: SEPTEMBER** is the start of rehearsals for **WIND IN THE ROSES**, our Autumn production. These will be held every Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7.45 pm in the Methodist Hall with **Olive Woods as Director, and Stephen Nash as Author and Musical Director.** **Wind in the Roses** is a musical play, set in a corner of Bethnal Green, in London's East End, during the 'Blitz' between September 1940 and May 1941. It centres on the lives of ordinary people, caught up in a war that changed things forever, and of the enduring nature of the human spirit. It hopes to celebrate the richness and diversity of those characters, and their stoical good humour, while at the same time offering glimpses into the gritty reality of the suffering they endured. The songs include wartime favourites such as 'Roll out the Barrel' and 'We'll meet Again'. But there are also several lesser-known ballads from the war, simple yet moving, as well as three original songs written in the period style.

**Performances: Memorial Hall - November 21-22-23 7.30 pm with a Saturday matinee at 2.30 pm**

## *Up coming events*

**CADS COFFEE MORNING - Sat 26 October - 10-12 noon - Corner House**

**CADS DINNER DANCE - Fri 6 December - 7 pm Chipping Norton Golf Club**

**CADS is an adult theatre group serving Charlbury and its many surrounding villages. 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 (Charlbury Drama (CADS)) and our page on the Charlbury website for up to the minute news.

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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 17 October 2013. 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 2 November 2013 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 8 November 2013 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 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 9 November 2013. Pete Scarrott has kindly agreed to organise the competition. He can be contacted for details on 810921.

Remembrance Day Parade and Service – Sunday 10 November 2013. 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 Mrs. Nan Warrant, daughter of Charlbury Branch founder member, the late Mr. Bert Howse.

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 7 November 2013.

For any further information please ring Nick Potter on 810338.

### The Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be on sale in and around the Town 25 October to 9 November and at Charlbury Station on the mornings of 29 October and 5 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.

The National Two Minutes Silence will be at 11.00am on Monday 11 November 2013. 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 810388, Derek Fowler [Branch Chairman] on 811706 or Jane Parsons [Branch Secretary] on 810822

**Charlbury Community Centre Appeal acknowledges with gratitude the sum of £559.34 which was donated in memory of our late Chairman, Alan Hanks**

## **News from the Thomas Gifford Trust**

Congratulations to the organisers of the 2013 Beer Festival, another very successful event for the town aided by the current splendid weather. Those less wedded to their beer enjoyed the Pimms Stall which raised £1,500 towards the Community Centre Appeal. Many thanks to those who helped and those who drank!

The most recent delivery of The Leaflet included a free-standing update about the proposed Community Centre and further fundraising. We hope you did not recycle before reading this! By the time you receive this edition of the *Chronicle*, the TGT will also have contributed to the consultation event for the Community Led Plan and we hope that both these avenues of information will have helped to reinforce your support for the Community Centre proposals.

The TGT website will soon be 'live' [www.giffordtrust.org.uk](http://www.giffordtrust.org.uk) and will provide ongoing updates and information about this major project and how you can help us to realise it. So please keep in touch with us.

### *The Trustees*

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### **MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY NOW**

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## **PATIENTS' FEEDBACK CRUCIAL TO DESIGN OF LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES**

Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG) is calling on people from across the county to take the opportunity to have a say in how services at their local doctors' surgery, are delivered. Patient Participation Groups (PPGs) are groups of active volunteer patients who, via regular meetings with practice staff and GPs, provide feedback on the services offered and how improvements can be made for the benefit of all.

Gathering patients' perspective of services in this way allows GP practices to keep track of what works at the surgery and what doesn't. It also gives patients a channel through which to pass on comments and suggestions to OCCG about the other health services in their areas.

Jeremy Hutchins, a member of Goring and Woodcote Surgery's PPG, said: 'I have been actively involved in my patient group since it was formed in 2007. In the last two years we have worked together to achieve the following improvements:

- Pairing of doctors to improve continuity of care for patients (i.e. if one doctor is not available then a known doctor in the pairing would see the patient).

- Working to establish a self-care programme for minor ailments to free up more GP appointments for serious cases





- Improved communications through regular contribution to the local newspapers and introducing digital information screens in the surgeries

- Providing support for the production of a carers' information leaflet

I believe patients can make a difference to how health services are run, and would encourage anyone to enquire with their surgery on how to join their PPG'.

Professor Louise Wallace, OCCG's lay member for patient participation and engagement, said: "Patients must be at the heart of decision making about their care, and their views are important to shaping services for themselves and others. If you're interested in having a say in the way your local health services are delivered, getting involved with your practice's PPG is a great place to start. Not only can joining or starting a group help to shape the delivery of services, many members also find that volunteering is a great way to meet new people and develop your own skills, and it is good for health and well-being. To find out more, get in touch with the practice manager at your GP surgery'.

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## Street Fair Weekend 2013 20th to 22nd September

### It's Carnival Time!

**Street Fair Weekend** gets off to a cracking start as usual on **Friday evening (20th)** with our **Annual Egg Throwing Competition** from 6:30pm outside the Rose & Crown. Come and join in the *eggcitement!*

This year's theme for **Street Fair** is **Carnival** and to get you in the mood we are delighted to welcome Oxford's fabulous **Sol Samba**, bringing the Brazilian Carnival Experience to Charlbury.

The timetable for **Street Fair Day - 21st September** - will include:-

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

1:45pm - **Children's Parade**

2:00pm - **Grand Opening** outside the Bell

During the afternoon:

**Sol Samba**

**Morris Dancing**

**Tina's Charlbury Primary School Dancers**

**Punch & Judy Show**

5:00pm - **Grand Auction** outside the Bell

... and into the evening:

7:00pm - Band: **The Inflatables**—Oxford Ska Ban

8:00pm - **Grand Draw**

8:30pm - Band: **The Stonesfield Village Idiots** - back by popular demand!

Other attractions will include:

**Exhibition of Children's Art Competition entries** in the Corner House

**Charlbury Art Society Exhibition** in the Corner House

**Charlbury Museum**

**Vintage Cars** at the Priory

**Fairground Amusements & Rides** on the Playing Close

**Children's Electric Go Karts** on the Playing Close

**Teas and Cakes** in the Memorial Hall

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**Sunday 22nd September - 10k Run, 5k Fun Run or Walk** through the glorious **Cornbury Park** by kind permission of Lord and Lady Rotherwick. Starting on the Playing Close @ 10:30am with registration from 9:30am. A great family-friendly event.

**Road Closure** - *The usual applications have been made for road closure orders for Church Street and part of Park Street for Saturday 21st September and we would appreciate it if all parked cars could be removed in good time to allow the stalls to be erected at 9:00am.*

## **Janet Shackle talks to Diana Potten about living in the Charlbury Vicarage in the 1940s and 1950s.**

In 1939 at the beginning of the war my father, Thomas John Wood, usually known as Tod, was vicar of Clapham. He had been there since the late 1920s. We lived in the vicarage, which had three floors and a huge garden. My father at this time as well as being vicar was secretary of the Modern Churchman's Union. This had many progressive and influential churchmen as members such as Dean Inge of St. Paul's and Canon Carpenter of Westminster Abbey. Their aim was to bring about changes in the law, such as divorce law, and make them more suitable for the times. I was six when the war broke out and my mother and I went to stay with my grandmother in Worthing. My two elder brothers were at Prep School. Unfortunately my grandmother died suddenly of cancer and as it was becoming obvious that we could not stay in London, my father decided to take the living of Charlbury, which he had been offered by St. John's College.

The vicarage in Charlbury, built in 1870, then consisted of what is now the Old Vicarage, Queen Anne House and the Coach House. Even coming from our vicarage, we found the one in Charlbury huge. It consisted of a few big rooms, some with eighteen feet ceilings. There was a horrible kitchen with no windows. It had a stone floor and two of the slabs were tombstones. One was by the china cupboard and we always used to apologise to it when we went to get some china. There was a Rayburn for cooking that had to be kept alight. There was no electricity only gas lighting. The electricity was put in before we moved. You went out of the back door past a big storeroom to get to what is now Queen Anne House. Here was a large room, which was the Parish Room. It also had a dreadful kitchen with a stone floor! This was used by the WI for jam-making and tinning fruit. The machine that they used for this is with the Charlbury Society. On the next floor, there was a flat, which a couple from our Clapham parish had. Perhaps the overall impression of the whole house was how cold it was. The only warm rooms were the kitchen, where there was the Rayburn and the dining room, where there was a Courtier stove. The drawing room was an ice-box and only on Sundays was there a fire in there. My father had a little paraffin stove in his study and the confirmation classes all complained of the cold. If the 'phone went in there, none of us wanted to answer it. The bedrooms on had one bar electric fires, which were very inefficient. The vicarage had two large vegetable gardens – one on land going down to the river at Queen Anne House and one where the new vicarage is now. Vic Merry's father used to come one day a week to look after these. It must have come as a shock to my mother coming to Charlbury. She had lived in Clapham all her life. When they arrived in Charlbury, there was a cook Nora at the vicarage and her sister did the housework and opened the door in the afternoons. They were very soon drafted to do war work and my mother had to cope with a huge house, where there was a constant flow of people, either staying or visiting.

I have very vivid memories of these people. There were two elderly cousins of my mother, who were there for two years. I was glad when they decided to move on and my mother's sister was able to bring my cousins, John and Sue down from Enfield after a wave of bombing or in the school holidays. We also had people billeted on us. Cornbury had been taken over by the army's Vehicle Repair Depot. It was the biggest in the country

and two women from the ATS came to live with us. I had to give up my bedroom to them and go and sleep in a tiny little dressing room. I did not mind because they were very wild and I thought they were wonderful. They let me use their make-up, which my mother did not like. They were often misbehaving and so got moved up to the “House of Correction” (!) in Sheep Street, just below Baldwin's shop. We then had two lovely girls Betty and Gladys. They used to drive these huge trucks all over the country at night, only using side lights. They were very brave. There was a constantly shifting population – many evacuees. There were the women from Ashford in Kent – they used to meet in the Parish Room and were dreaded. Although they arrived in an organised way, they began drifting back home. Some people just used to arrive haphazardly from London and my father would meet the trains or else look through his binoculars as the train came in to see if there were any new arrivals. He would bring them to the house and try with the billeting officer to get them placed. Often they would be in houses with no bathrooms and outside loos, so my father would organise a bath for them once a week. The kitchen in the Queen Anne part of the house was run as a NAAFI for the troops at Cornbury. We usually lost some fruit and vegetables, when they were around. The parish room was also used for parties held by such groups as the St. John's Ambulance and Boys' and Girls' Clubs. The Roman Catholic Church parties were something that people were very keen to go to. They were catered for by the cook, who worked for the Trees at Ditchley and always seemed to have food that no one else could get and was delicious. My father as well organised a film club that showed the pictures there. We enjoyed this as we were sometimes allowed to help choose the films.

When I first came to Charlbury I shared a governess with Julia Delmege at Queen's Own.. Her father taught us French and we used to go on nature walks with Margaret McCall but from the age of eight to ten and half I went as a weekly boarder to a school at Grove Farm. In 1944 this was closed as the teacher was deemed not to be doing proper war work. I then took five different school entrances as my mother could not make up her mind where I should go. Oxford High was favoured except for the travelling as there were no weekly boarding places at this time. I remember certain things of Charlbury at this time. The Morrises, who lived at Lee Place had cows and they used to give the Butlers, who lived at Ivy House, and ourselves a litre of milk a day. We had to go and get it through the side gate by the infant school. Charlie Morris was my father's churchwarden. He would ride down on his horse to see my father, walk straight in and shout for him. He always brought a present with him, Hugh and Diana, came to stay. During the war you had to register with a grocer and put your ration book there. We went to Bailey's in Church Street. Mr Sandals, the assistant, was called up and his wife took his place. She was a mathematical wizard and always knew how many points you needed for a tin of peaches or anything else. Things were weighed out for you in blue bags. My mother and Mr Bailey used to like talking about pre-war musical comedies in London and much to my mother's concern Mr Bailey paid no attention to the queues building up behind them. I was always having to run back for the things my mother had forgotten. There was a flat tomb on the path and my brothers and I used to put our shopping on it for a short while as an offering. Baldwin's in Sheep Street was the draper's. There were not many clothes available and coupons were needed. We all wore second hand clothes; jumpers were unpicked and the wool re-used. Shoes were a terrible problem. Chris Price ran the shoe shop and there was not much there. We wore sandals with the toes cut out.

*(continued on page 15...)*

The tooth, the whole tooth and nothing but the tooth...



# Thank you!

**We would like to extend our warmest wishes and thanks to all our patients for their support since I took over the practice a year ago.**

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In 1945 with the end of the war in Europe things changed. Suddenly all the London people disappeared and I found it lonely. My mother decided to get me a pony and that opened up a new world. I, however, had to start thinking about what I would do. I spent a year in Switzerland working and learning French. In 1954 I took a secretarial course in Oxford and worked in the Almoner's Office at the Wingfield Morris, now the Nuffield and I also had a job at Exeter College, working for the bursar. In 1957 I got married. My father stayed on in Charlbury but in 1962 he decided he should retire when the new houses were built in Hughes Close. It had always been a tenet of his working life that he should regularly visit everyone of his parishioners. He now did not feel that with so many that was possible. I will always have many memories to treasure of our time in Charlbury vicarage.

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## CHARLBURY TOWN COUNCIL REPORT, No. 68

By Councillor Jim Holah

We have been following up on some of the issues raised at recent public meetings as well as holding the Town Council Annual Meeting, see the details below. All Town Council meetings are open to the public so you are welcome to attend to hear the discussions and reports from your Town, District & County Councillors.

The Town Council Annual Meeting took place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Nick Potter was elected Chairman and Valou Pakenham-Walsh Vice Chairman for the 19<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> successive terms of office. All the Town Councillors sit as independents. They are Kathy Broughton, Richard Fairhurst, Susie Finch, Willem Hackmann, Jim Holah, Reg James, Peter Kenrick, Tony Merry, Liz Reason and Russell Robson. You can contact them through the Town Council website, see how to contact us, at the end of the report. Appointments were made to Council Committees and other organisations. A full list can be obtained from the Town Clerk. The Council has now completed the first year of office, with a further three years ahead before the next elections.

Parish Boundary Walk: 5 May, Rogation Sunday. 14 walkers led by Harriet Baldwin completed this annual event. Our thanks go to Harriet, the walkers, Stewards, helpers and especially Maxine & Robert Hobill for lunch arrangements at Model Farm, Ditchley.

Grants for Financial Year 2014/15, any organisation that thinks it may need a grant from the Town Council for the financial year 2014/15 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.

Overhanging branches to pavements and weed growth: the promising spring growth is now fully grown into lush vegetation, so you are again requested to check your boundary hedge and cut back overhanging branches, making pavements easier to use. The weed spraying is now complete with different treatments used at a range of locations to allow comparison of their effectiveness. Has this made a difference for good or bad? Please let us know. A decision whether or not to repeat this next year will be taken later in the year.

Walkers are Welcome is a national initiative launched in 2007 to encourage towns & villages to be “welcoming to walkers”. On 16 July, Charlbury became the first Walkers are Welcome town in Oxfordshire & the Eastern Cotswolds. Please see details on the website for how to be involved.

Councillor surgeries for 2013: The dates have been set for the remainder of this year as follows; 5 October, 7 December, between 10 & noon. There are always two Councillors available to you and for the moment the venue is the Corner House, with the October surgery planned to be in a different venue, to be confirmed.



Community Led Plan: Work has started on this important project, which although independent, is supported financially by the Town Council. See the article on progress elsewhere in this Charlbury Chronicle.

Community Emergency planning: At its July meeting, the Town Council agreed to develop a plan to respond to a range of potential emergencies that may affect us, including snow & ice, flooding, road traffic incidents, fire amongst them. As we develop the plan we will be interested to hear from any residents who may be keen to be involved as part of a response team. Watch out for details.

Local Government election : Rodney Rose (Conservative) was elected to represent the Charlbury & Wychwood Division on Oxfordshire County Council and is the Deputy Leader of the County Council and the first elected member for the new division. Cllr. Rose lives in Milton under Wychwood and has attended Town Council meetings since his election.

Dog fouling: “Scoop it, Bag it, Bin it!” An unashamed repeat of the last report as this remains a constant nuisance reported by residents, caused by dog owners allowing their pets to foul the public areas of Charlbury. For advice on why it’s a problem, how best to deal with it and what the rules mean to you, go to the WODC site, <http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/environment/Streetcleansing.cfm>.

Dogs are not allowed in the Children’s Play Areas on Nine Acres Recreation Ground and Ticknell Piece. The Thomas Gifford Charity reminds the public that dogs are not allowed on the Playing Close at any time. For the sake of your neighbours, children and all users of footpaths, bridleways, including Quarry Lane & pavements, please remove any dog fouling, wherever it occurs. Please use the bins provided around the town to dispose of waste.

*To contact the Town Council, e mail the Town Clerk at [charlburytc@btinternet.com](mailto:charlburytc@btinternet.com) or telephone 01608 810608, 9.0 a.m. – 5.0 p.m. (Not weekend or Bank Holidays)*

*Further information can be found at [www.charlburytowncouncil.co.uk](http://www.charlburytowncouncil.co.uk)*

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# CLUBS, GROUPS, SOCIETIES

## Charlbury Society Historical Research Group

Having completed the classes in old hand-writing the group has started on the task of transcribing the 16th and 17th Charlbury probate documents. We have made an excellent start with the Group divided into four working groups, but still having full monthly meeting to discuss progress and findings. We are at present working on the records of some 40 people and are beginning to piece together the lives of Charlbury inhabitants of the 17th century.

*Barbara Allison, Geoffrey Castle*

## CHARLBURY BOWLS CLUB

Come and try short mat bowling on Wednesdays at 7pm. As the weather gets colder and the nights get longer you are sure of a very warm welcome in our clubhouse where you can come and have a go at short mat bowling (the short mat season starts in October) or just enjoy a drink and a chat at our fully stocked bar. Our friendly club is a great way to meet other people from your local community. Members will be at hand to show you the ropes and we can loan you everything you need to get started. And the best thing is it doesn't cost you anything to try! So why not come along, or if you would like further information give me a call.

*Heather Hill, Secretary, 810229*

## Charlbury Garden Society Annual Flower and Produce Show

It has been another year of interesting weather, with a delayed spring that set plants back by several weeks, followed by a dazzling, dry summer. The implications of all this for our fruit and veg will be clear at the Garden Society's Annual Show in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September. There are seventeen cups to be awarded, and cash prizes of up to £25 for the best garden produce, jam, handicrafts and photography. Special classes for children include a monster made from vegetables and fruit, and there is the opportunity for families to make a combined entry.

You do not have to be a member of the Society to exhibit at the show. But the annual membership fee is only £3 and you then benefit from a discount at six local garden centres. Schedules showing the many classes of exhibit and containing an entry form will be available in advance from the station, pharmacy, library and post office and can also be found via the website. The Society's AGM and Harvest Supper is on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

*Rob Stepney*

**CHARLBURY WINE & BEER CIRCLE:** The programme for 2013-2014 is: **September:** AGM, quiz & chat; **October:** Wine Tasting; **November:** Takeaway Evening; **December:** Christmas Party; **January:** Cards Evening (Whist); **February:** Wine Tasting; **March:** Wine Tasting; **April:** Safari Supper; **May:** Annual Dinner; **June:** Barbecue; **July:** Garden Party; **August:** Open House.

New members are always welcome

For further information and full programme ring 810700

# CLUBS, GROUPS, SOCIETIES

## PROBUS CLUB OF CHARLBURY

Members have continued to enjoy excellent lunches at Witney Lakes Resort on the first Wednesday of each month. The accompanying lunch time talks have included such diverse topics as (the restoration of) "The Gloucestershire and Warwickshire Railway", "Horse Racing", "A Brief History of English Canals" and a moving account of the work of the charity "Oxfordshire Befriending Network". Our talk for August has the fascinating title of "Naming of Clouds". Several members and wives also enjoyed a coffee morning with our neighbouring Probus of Chipping Norton which was accompanied by an informative and lively discussion on the subject of "Austerity or Expansion" led by two economists one of whom had worked closely to the Treasury and the other as a University lecturer.

In August some 35 members and wives and Friends of Probus will be enjoying lunch and a matinee performance of "The Witches of Eastwick", "a musical comedy of seduction and the supernatural" at the delightful Watermill Theatre at Bagnor near Newbury. Then on Thursday 12th September a trip has been arranged to Hampton Court, coach to Richmond, boat trip up the Thames, and three hours in Hampton Court. At the time of writing (end of July) places are still available at a cost of £30. Membership is open to retired men from a wide range of backgrounds and interests living in Charlbury and neighbouring villages. New members can be introduced by existing members or apply in writing for consideration through the Secretary.

*Steve Cavell, 01608 811504 or email  
stephen.cavell@yahoo.co.uk.*

## Charlbury Art Society

The first meeting of the 2013-2014 CAS year will be on September 11 at the Meeting House, Charlbury, at 7:30 pm sharp. Laura Boswell will give us a demonstration and explanation of traditional Japanese water-based wood block printing, whose delicate techniques she learned in Japan. In addition CAS has been fortunate enough to win vouchers worth £350 from Great Art, the art materials supplier. A representative from the company is due to attend the meeting, present the vouchers, observe and take photographs for their magazine. This is great publicity for our Society. Entrance for non-members will be £3. Please also see our website at [www.charlburyarts.co.uk](http://www.charlburyarts.co.uk) and find forthcoming events on the Charlbury website.

In conjunction with Charlbury's Street Fair CAS will be holding its annual Autumn Exhibition and Sale of Paintings and Crafts in the Morris Room, the Corner House, Charlbury, on Friday September 20th from 7pm to 9.30pm and on Saturday, September 21st from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. New members are welcomed, please telephone Marion Coates on 01608 810116 for further information. Membership is still held at the amazingly low price of £10 p.m. and membership forms will be available. Entrance is 50p and accompanied children are free.

*Lee Belcher*

*Please turn over to p 20 for the Cricket News*

## **CHARLBURY CRICKET CLUB — David Horne's report**

The summer was barely under way when the club lost one of its most loyal and long-serving members, president Malcolm Harper. He was 75, and among the hundreds attending his funeral at St Mary's Church was a strong contingent of current and former players, officials, helpers and supporters who all shared in the sad loss of a man devoted to a lifelong love of the game. We'd like to feel he is still in spirit with us as the club continues to make use of one of the better summers of recent years, with a full programme of games and training for a full house of men and women's league and friendly cricket, along with a panoply of tots, kwik cricket, U11s, U13s and U15s boys' and girls' matches.

Up till the end of July, the club could celebrate some notable team victories as well as strong individual performances, including centuries from Ben Geeson-Brown, Ashley Rump and Josh Hornsby. All three senior OCA league teams are showing steady improvement on last year, the 1sts captained by Bimalka in division one, the 2nds skippered by Josh Hornsby in division four, and the 3rds led by Victoria Strode in division ten. The Sunday team has posted some big scores, while the women's team are holding their own in the Midlands East division one. In the boys U15s who this year reached the quarter finals of the county's youth competition, Adam Mayho clocked up a run of unbeaten half centuries in six successive games, while the boys U11s finished their season unbeaten. A handful of our young players are now regularly appearing in senior cricket. The future looks promising!

The club is mindful of the fact that it has excellent facilities, with two playing pitches, nets and a wide range of training equipment - and, also this year, for the first time took possession of roll-on, roll-off covers for the main square. Accordingly, we have given the county good value for our cherished status as a Focus Club by hosting nine games and finals days for the Oxfordshire Cricket Board. We are also mindful of the support we receive from the local community and continue to host the Charlbury Beer Festival and popular Bonfire Night which, again this year, will be on the nearest Saturday to November 5th

The summer is not yet over. Crucial games have still to be played. We welcome visitors to come and look in on us as we continue to provide a focal point for our community.

*For contributions to the Sports & Clubs Section please contact  
Julia Caston on 810240*

## **COMMUNITY LED PLAN: LAUNCH OF CONSULTATION EVENT**

The launch of the consultation process on the 20<sup>th</sup> July at the Memorial Hall of the “Community Led Plan (CLP) for Charlbury” was a great success with around 120 people attending to give their views, discuss ideas, issues and initiatives.

As well as the CLP display, visitors also had the chance to review projects currently underway in Charlbury. These were The Beacon Project, Southill Solar, Charlbury Community Centre and Walkers are Welcome, with great interest shown in all of them.

We have received over 100 postcards through the website and collection boxes telling us what you like about Charlbury and what may be needed in the next 5 to 15 years. The key issues noted in our initial analysis will not surprise many people, these were keeping town centre shops, providing more affordable housing (social or other), building the proposed Community Centre, the future use of the Corner House, traffic calming and parking. We'll be collating all the comments made at the event to add to this information over the coming weeks, as well as planning further events around the town, including a stall at the Street Fair. If you haven't commented yet, go to the CLP webpage on this site where you can still post your comments on line.

We have also sent a questionnaire to as many organisations and clubs in the town that we could contact and have already received some responses, but if you have a questionnaire yet to be returned, please send it in so that we can gather your views. If you aren't aware that your club or organisation has made a response, please let me know (01608 810620) and I'll send you a copy, or go to the website to obtain a copy.

Thank you to all those who took the time to complete and return the postcards and questionnaires as well as those who attended the event to give their views on the 20<sup>th</sup> July. Look out for advertised events on the website and the notice boards.

*Jim Holah, Chair , CLP Advisory Group*

### **Charlbury Meals on Wheels**

Meals on Wheels prepares and delivers meals to residents of Charlbury, Chadlington, and Stonesfield on Tuesdays.

**Meals cost £2 delivered**

### **Volunteers are needed**

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Just to say how much we enjoyed the Riverside Festival. We were with multiple age groups and somehow it appealed so much to everyone. Everything from the friendliness of "Security" and the stall holders to the noble volunteer litter sorters made the whole experience so enjoyable and totally unthreatening. We had visitors from all over the UK and it made us very proud of Charlbury! We are not music experts, but were reliably informed that the bands were excellent, and a visit next year at the same time will be happening. Many thanks for the superb organisation and a happy couple of days.

*Liz Tait, Bryce House,  
Thames Street*

I would like to thank all those thoughtful people who pick up litter on Nine Acres. In the past I have spent a lot of time picking up strewn litter, especially by the bench next to the litter bin. I am delighted that pleas to use the bin have been heard. Well done and let's all put our litter in the bin - or take it home and recycle perhaps?

*Hilda Joy Jones  
Nine Acres Close*

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www.priorychambermusicfestival.co.uk/](http://www.priorychambermusicfestival.co.uk/)

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## A landmark season for The Charlbury Society

This season's series of Charlbury Society talks begins on Friday 11th October with a real coup: thanks to a little persuasion from the Society's president, Jennifer Bartlett, Richard Buckley from University of Leicester Archaeological Services will be leading off the programme with the inside story of how he and his colleagues were able to find the remains of King Richard III – "The king in the car park", as the papers said at the time.

We will be following this in subsequent months with a really fascinating and diverse selection of topics. In November, Dr Martin Parsons from the Research Centre for Evacuee & War Child Studies at Reading University will be talking about Second World War evacuees who came to north Oxfordshire – including Charlbury. For December's talk, we move to Russia, where Professor Catherine Merridale has been researching the history of the Kremlin for her latest book, while in January we come closer to home as Bill King looks at the Thames Path as it follows the river's course from source to sea.

The sometimes eccentric behaviour of Oxford's town and gown since the 13th Century will be the focus of BBC broadcaster and tour guide Richard O. Smith's talk in February, then in March we take to the skies with a bird often seen swooping through our streets in summertime – the swift. Chris Mason of the Cherwell Swift Conservation Project will be showing a film and talking about the work being done to help stem the decline in swift numbers across our region (despite the apparent size of the flock in Hixet Wood). Finally, we are back to history in April, with veteran presenter John Hunt talking about Cromwell and the Civil War. Thanks to the Society's campaigning, Charlbury will soon have its first Blue Plaque. The Oxfordshire Blue Plaques committee has agreed that Larcum Kendall – the 18th Century clock- and watch-maker who helped develop accurate marine chronometers – should indeed be recognised in this way. We will need to raise about £600 to pay for the plaque to be cast and installed at some stage next year in a position close to where the cottage stood where it is widely believed that Kendall lived as a child.

Finally, please remember that the Society is here for the benefit of everyone in town, and that all of our talks are open to members and visitors alike. Put the dates in your diary – 8 pm on the second Friday of each month from October to April. We look forward to seeing you.

*Simon Walker*  
*Chairman*

## NEWS FROM THE CORNBURY PARK TEAM

After a busy summer which saw Shakespeare in the Park in June and the Wilderness Festival in August, we're looking forward to an autumn of charity walks and fun runs.

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September we welcome the Charlbury Street Fair 10k and 5k fun runs, and on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September we play host to the Finstock School fun run.

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30 am, The Wychwood Project / ROSY (Respite Nursing for Sick Youngsters) are teaming up to put on a fundraising walk through the Wychwood Forest, Cornbury Park, starting in Little Park. The walk is 10k with a shorter circuit for children and the less energetic or those with disabilities. There will be a children's wildlife competition, and refreshments. £10 per adult and £5 per child (not including food and drink). Free to Wychwood Project members. For more information please contact Sally Jeffery on [wychwood@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:wychwood@oxfordshire.gov.uk) or 01865-815423.

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Interested? We practice on a Tuesday evening in the Scout Hut on Nine Acres Lane, Charlbury from 8pm. Call Teresa on 01608 810934 or 07881 963328 if you want to know more.

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## The Cotswold Decorative and Fine Arts Society

return from the summer break with a lecture on September 11th entitled "The Age of Elegance: Georgian Furniture" by Janusz Karczewski-Slowikowski. This lecture traces the development of elegance through style in relation to the design and construction of furniture during the 18th century. The lecturer has had a career in higher education as well as being the proprietor of an antiques shop.

Then on October 9th Susan Kay-Williams will lecture on "True Colours? How art influences the way we think about textile colours." This lecture illustrates the differences between what colours painters could achieve and what dyers could achieve - and highlights the differences that still pertain today. Dr Kay-Williams is Chief Executive of the Royal School of Needlework and a Fellow of the RSA and the Chartered Institute of Marketing.

Lectures are held at the Bradwell Village Hall, Burford OX18 4XF and begin at 11.00am with complimentary coffee and tea available from 10.15-10.45. Non-members are very welcome (suggested donation £8). For more information please see our website [www.cotswolddfas.org](http://www.cotswolddfas.org).

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## CORNER HOUSE & MEMORIAL HALL NEWS

A new, more efficient and easier to operate, gas fire has been installed in the Anne Downer Room and pre-programmed electronic timers have been fitted to the electric heaters in the Larcum Kendal Room to allow for the room to properly warm up for Yoga classes. We are looking into purchasing more suitable 'stacking' chairs for the Memorial Hall and hope to try out different ones in the Autumn before settling on a final choice.

*Stephen Andrews, Chairman 811212*

## SOLDIERS OF OXFORDSHIRE MUSEUM

In the run up to the opening of Oxfordshire's newest museum, The Soldiers of Oxfordshire are giving you a little taster of what you can expect to see in the new galleries. As of April 2013 SOFO have been showcasing some of their collection in the Object of the Month case at The Oxfordshire Museum at Woodstock.

From War Horses, Prisoners of War to the secret work of the FANY you can experience what the new museum will have on offer. June's objects tell of the contribution of the FANY in both world wars. The First Aid Nursing Yeomanry, always known as the FANY, was formed in 1907 as a corps of volunteer female nurses who would ride onto the battlefield to pick up wounded men and carry them to the Regimental Aid Post on horseback.

In World War I the FANY drove motor ambulances and organised privately-funded military hospitals, canteens and soup kitchens in Belgium and France. In the era of the Suffragettes the Corps attracted powerful and well-connected women and in spite of male opposition to women in the war zone, established a formidable reputation for determination, resourcefulness and bravery. Seventeen FANY were decorated with the Military Medal.

At the outset of World War II the FANY provided the instructors and the initial recruits to the Auxiliary Territorial Service (Womens') Motor Transport Companies. Later, under the leadership of a succession of dynamic commandants, the FANY also provided the administrative staff, drivers, wireless operators and cipher clerks for the secret training schools and radio stations of the Special Operations Executive in the United Kingdom and abroad. They were trained in SOE establishments in Oxfordshire and many served in three special wireless stations near Bicester handling traffic with agents in occupied Europe. A special detachment of the FANY supported the Polish Forces. Several FANY were sent as secret agents into France to serve as radio operators and couriers. Twelve died in concentration camps; three were awarded the George Cross.

Many women who later became distinguished in public life played their part as young servicewomen in the FANY involved in highly secret military operations. Today the FANY continues as an exclusively female part-time unit providing civil and military communications, language skills and drivers. The Commandant in Chief is HRH The Princess Royal and today the Corps is known as the FANY (The Princess Royal Volunteer Corps).

The museum is continuing its work behind the scenes on the galleries ready for the grand opening next year. If you were in the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry or have a story about them to tell we would love to hear from you. Please contact the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum on 01993 813 832 or email [admin@sofo.org.uk](mailto:admin@sofo.org.uk)

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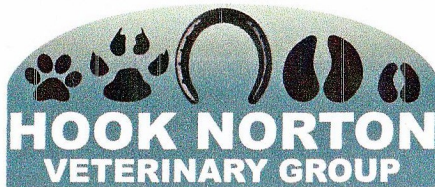
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## Report from County Councillor Rodney Rose:

Work on our annual February Budget started early this year. Well, not quite true, as budget planning is always a longer term event than just one year for a “business” with a £600 million turnover on revenue alone. But the Spending Review from Chancellor Osborne has certainly sharpened both minds and pencils from its announcement on 26th June. We at the County Council have done well in supporting the national effort towards deficit reduction, and will have delivered/planned some £200 million savings between 2010 and 2017. But this has been by picking all the so called “low fruit”, and every extra saving above this becomes more and more difficult. The June statement has added in the region of £51 million to the savings needed, and as yet we are not sure where they are to come from. And I stress this is on top of the savings we have yet to deliver to complete the £200M we have planned. We do have to look again at bus subsidies, library services, children’s centres, recycling centres, etc. We do have to bear in mind that an overwhelming message on the doorsteps in May was for more spending on road maintenance, when the opposite is more likely. One option is certainly to increase Council Tax, but 2% will not do it, and above that we require a referendum. I have no doubt we will try to find out your views, should this seem the only answer, with an explanation of the likely increase, and what the money would protect.

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## Energy Choices

When I bought the house in 1987, little did I realise how lucky it would be to have a south facing roof - now I can take advantage of solar thermal tubes to heat our hot water and solar photo-voltaic panels to generate electricity. Any electricity we make is free to use as it is being made - any excess goes into the grid and our nearest neighbours will pay their supplier to use it (but it will be greener for them, not just because it is solar but because none will have been lost during long distance transmission). So I do the washing and ironing when the sun's shining and also use the computer and recharge the phone during daylight hours. I just have to be aware of how much we're generating and how much we're using. In hot weather it's lovely to have a refreshing shower at lunchtime and to have still more hot water for the evening. We've also recently changed our gas supplier from British Gas to Ecotricity who buy gas from renewable sources. I decided to dump British Gas when I heard they were going to be providing shale gas and I just couldn't support that. Gas is also a major fuel used in power stations to create electricity (see the UK Energy Watch real-time website), so no wonder the government is determined to have fracking in the UK. In July I saw the film "Drill Baby Drill" in Oxford - this was shown by Keith Taylor our Green MEP and was followed by Q&A with various experts. Reserves have been identified as close to us as Kidlington and Banbury. This threat to our local environment brings home the consequence of the "Dash for Gas" policy and the continuing high public demand for energy. Lifestyle habits established during years of cheap energy make it difficult to reduce overall demand, but it is possible to change our habits - reducing the temperature of the house by 1°C each year acclimatises you to lower household temperatures quite comfortably. I have done this over the years and now have the house at a background temperature of 14°C and use the wood burning stove to bring the sitting room up to a warm 18°C when we're sitting around not being active. 14°C might sound cold, but it really is no hardship when you're moving around - the secret is conserving your body heat, several years ago I invested in wonderful merino wool underwear, sheepskin boots and woollen clothes, so I am always comfortably warm.

*Christine Elliott*

We've been eating a vegetarian diet for many years, mainly because of the way most animals are reared and slaughtered, but more recently I've learned that a vegetarian diet is also carbon efficient and consumes a much smaller proportion of the earth's resources which is an extra incentive to avoid meat. Now I try to buy locally grown, seasonal foods and resist fruit and vegetables flown half way round the world. Our biggest direct energy-saving has been converting our shop, One Village in Woodstock, to LED lights. The electricity used has been reduced by 75% and now we are exploring options for installing solar panels. I'm delighted to see how many houses in our area have solar panels on the roof and I hope that the proposal for a community owned solar farm on the Cornbury Estate will prove viable. Perhaps if we all show we're taking climate change seriously, adjusting our lifestyles and committing our own money, politicians will realise that investing in renewable energy, efficient public transport and other energy saving measures is popular and vote winning.

*Rosalind Scott*

### **Centenary Woodland**

Some of the oak trees in the Centenary Woodland will soon be thinned and this will be the opportunity for local people to be involved and take home logs in return for their labour. Logs will need to be stored for two years until they are dry enough to burn. Please contact Christine Elliott (811057) or [info@charlburygreenhub.org.uk](mailto:info@charlburygreenhub.org.uk) if you are interested.

## THAMES VALLEY POLICE ADVICE ON CRIME

There have been recent thefts  
of tools from vehicles in the  
Chipping Norton area

If you drive a works van and take it home at night with you, consider whether it would be feasible to take out any portable power tools when you arrive home.

Consider marking up the goods in your van to indicate that they belong to you or the company that you work for. By using a permanent marker pen to write the company's name and postcode on the casing of drills, the framework of ladders, and the shafts of hand tools - it makes them harder for an offender to sell on.

Ensure your vehicle is left secure at all times, even if left for a short period of time. Display signage on your vehicle stating that no tools are left in the vehicle over night.

Consider alarming the vehicle or fitting an internal security cage. Do not leave sat navs or other valuables in your vehicle.

Small change can also be a target, never leave coins on view.

*Please report any suspicious vehicles or persons to the police on 101*

If you would like any further information, booklets or door stickers, please contact your local Neighbourhood Team on 101.

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### CHARLBURY EVERGREEN CLUB

We celebrate our 60th anniversary this year, but our numbers are dwindling. We meet twice a month in the Memorial Hall on a Thursday at 2pm. See our notice on the Corner House Notice Board for dates of meetings and for information regarding day trips. Our next day trip is to Northampton on September 5th.

Come and join us for tea and biscuits and a chat, followed by a raffle and bingo and sometimes guest speakers, too. If you decide to come, please bring a small prize for the raffle.

# Church Services in Charlbury

Charlbury Baptist Church

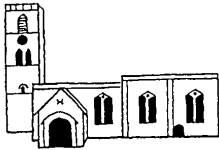


**Sunday Services at 10.30 a.m.**

**Please note; Joint Services at 10.30am at Methodist Church on September 22nd; October 27th; November 24th**

Full details of current activities on Charlbury Website/  
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Church Contact: Helen Wright, Community Link (07702 087802)  
Email: [charlburybaptistchurch@gmail.com](mailto:charlburybaptistchurch@gmail.com).

St Mary's C of E Church



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The Rev'd Judy French, The Vicarage, Church Lane,  
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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



**Services every Sunday at 10.30am except on the second Sunday of every month, when we join the Baptists at their church. At Home** - on the first Thursday of the month we meet from 10.30am for coffee, then a talk or discussion on a subject of interest, followed by a light lunch. Everyone is very welcome. (For further information ring Gill Grason 810154)

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



Sunday - Mass at 9am at St Kenelm's, Church Enstone and  
Mass at 11am at St Teresa's, Charlbury  
Daily Mass at 9.30am at St Teresa's

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



## The Power of a Simple Gift

A gift has the ability to change and influence lives for the better. This is what Operation Christmas Child seeks to do. Sadly there are many, many children overseas who have never received gifts because their family is too poor. Parents struggle to provide enough food and clothing for their families. Just imagine not being able to buy gifts for your children .

You have the power to change this situation for some children. Let this be the year you fill a shoebox with simple gifts for needy children - useful things like paper, crayons, pencil sharpeners, writing materials. Then there are plenty of items any child would like to have; hair slides, cars, skipping ropes, wind-up torches (just the job if you have no electricity) etc. Charlbury Baptist Church craft group has been knitting and sewing hats, scarves, puppets and bags and can give you lots of ideas. All the essential information will come in a brochure accompanying the October copy of the Leaflet. If you are unable to do the shopping, a donation of £10 will enable us to prepare one on your behalf or you can do it all online at [www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk) and there are craft ideas there too.

Encourage your children and friends to join us in bringing joy to countless children and delight to their parents as they watch their children receive their first presents. I can assure you it's overwhelming to watch and a privilege to take part.

If you have any spare shoeboxes, please get in touch. Collection date is Saturday 10am to noon at the Baptist Church, Dyer's Hill.

*Joan Belshaw*

## CHARLBURY WI

During the last 3 months, apart from our monthly meetings, we have had two interesting trips. The first was to the New Theatre to see an excellent performance of The Sound of Music, travelling by coach along with other WI's so getting there was so easy. The second was to a herb farm. We were given a talk on herbs, sampled some wonderful biscuits flavoured with herbs and the minibus on the way home smelled wonderfully of the herbs we had all bought.

Our next meeting is an **OPEN MEETING**. A Magistrate will be explaining the workings of the Magistrates Courts and we would love to see as many of you as possible – men included! There will be no charge for this meeting or the next meeting in October as we would like you to come and meet us and hopefully think about coming again – or even joining the WI. The Meeting in October is on the 16<sup>th</sup> and the speaker is from Bensons. From December onwards, we will be holding our meetings at The Bell in the Cornbury Room. We hope that this will provide easier access and parking for our members.

**SEPTEMBER 18 - TALK ON THE MAGISTRATES COURTS**

**OCTOBER 16**

**TALK ON JUICE MAKING BY BENSONS**

## **Charlbury girl selected for International Beauty Pageant in aid of Rainbow Child Foundation**

Layla Claridge, from Charlbury, has been selected to compete for a place in an exciting beauty pageant being held in Disneyland Paris! Layla, age 21, has been chosen by the Face Of The Globe organisation to compete in her début pageant at a regional heat being held at Charlton Football Stadium in London on 1st September 2013.

The contest has four age categories ranging from 5 years and up, and Layla who is 21 years old, will be in the Miss Face of the Globe Category from which, if she is selected as one of the 5 representatives from that group, will be invited to Disneyland Paris this October to compete against girls from all over the World!

Layla is currently studying for her Masters by research in Rhetoric at Royal Holloway University of London, where she is also a competitive cheerleader for RH Tomcats Cheerleading Squad. Layla also trained at the Jill Stew school of Dance in Witney and has continued with Ballet and Jazz competitions at university. She also enjoys modelling and events organising in her spare time, and works in the local co-op when she is home in the holidays.

Finalists will be judged not just on looks, but also their personalities, and awards such as Miss Publicity and Miss Charity in aid of Rainbow Child Foundation (No 327489) which was founded by X Factor and Dancing On Ice star Chico Slimani also feature in the competition. In line with this Layla will be hoping to do lots of fundraising activities over the coming months and any ideas will be welcome. She is also looking for sponsorship, which is a great way to advertise your company.

You can follow Layla's progress in the contest at [www.FaceOfTheGlobe.com](http://www.FaceOfTheGlobe.com) as full results will be published on their website, or purchase tickets online to come along and support Layla on the night.

For further comments, either contact Layla Claridge on 07500017382 or by email at Layla-claridge@sky.com

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## JOHN STANLEY'S WEATHER REPORT

Following four months of below average temperatures, the trend continued into **May 2013**. The month started comparatively warm with temperatures reaching 69° on 6th and 7th. Then they dropped mainly into the 50s with a low of 47° on 24th – just one degree above the lowest recorded daytime temperature in May. Overall, the average maximum daytime temperature was 59.16° (24 year average 63.69°) and was the second coldest May in 25 years. At night, temperatures were in the range 33° to 51°.

It will come as no surprise that **Spring 2013** (March-May) was well below the 24 year average of 57.36°. With a very cold March seriously affecting the figure, Spring 2013 only achieved 51.35° and was by far the coldest in 25 years – the lowest was 1996 at 57.39°.

**June 2013** was the 6th consecutive month of below average temperatures. The average for the 1989 to 2012 period is 69.25° but 2013 did not reach this figure until 19th when the temperature shot up to 75°. The lowest day was 5th at just 60°. Overall, the daytime average was 65.90° (24 year average 69.25° and was, like May, was the second coldest June in 25 years – only 2012 was slightly cooler. At night, temperatures were in the range 42° to 59°.

Obviously, enough was enough, and the cold trend had to come to an end sometime. This was what happened in **July 2013**. The first four days were below average, but that all changed when the temperature reached 80° on 7th. After a short cooler period, we entered a period of 7 consecutive days in the 80s from 13th to 19th. Temperatures continued above average until 28th after which they did dip a little. The hottest days were 84° on 17th and 22nd and a total of 10 days with a temperature of 80° or higher was recorded. The overall daytime average maximum temperature was 75.58° – the 24 year average is 72.67°. It was the warmest July since the record breaking 78.94° in 2006. The coolest day was 62° on 2nd. At night, minimum temperatures were in the range 49° to 64°.

Anticipating the next report, the temperature rose to 85° on 1st August – the hottest day since since July 2006.

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**Report from District Councillor Hywel Davies (Con) (01993 868004) (mobile: 07917 055120)**[hywel.davies@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:hywel.davies@westoxon.gov.uk) or [hywel.davies7@btinternet.com](mailto:hywel.davies7@btinternet.com)

**Community Solidarity:** Two issues have emerged in the past few months that need some detailed explanation. The first is the recent decision by the District Council to implement a reduction in the level of Council tax relief. Apart from pensioners, war widows/wounded and the officially disabled, who are exempted, all of us will be required to contribute something towards the costs of running our district. The Council has selected the minimum amount prescribed by the Government overall Benefit reforms. In practical terms, those who at present receive a 100% council tax relief will be required to pay about £10 per month on Band D. There will be a full public consultation on this during the autumn. This decision could have been introduced this year, but it was decided to delay until 2014 so that people had time to adjust to the change. I feel that this very modest charge is fair and the broader shifts in overall Benefit reform have received a remarkably high level of support from the general public.

The second issue surrounds Greystones. This project begun by WODC to furnish the area with a modern recycling facility started with enormous enthusiasm and overwhelming public support. Planning permission was rapidly given and all seemed set fair. Since then there has been a string of issues that together have made the Greystones project a potential financial problem. Negotiations with Chipping Norton for two small strips of land have proved intractable. The cost of recyclates has become more volatile with many categories of waste suffering from a rapid decline in value. The project has rapidly turned into a significant financial risk for WODC. It was a risk too severe in these times when central Government are seeking to reduce expenditure and are cutting grants and subsidies to all local councils. However all is not lost. I have secured a commitment from the WODC cabinet to instruct officers to continue to explore the options for providing an alternative waste recycling site for our area. I will continue to press for this over the next months. Do contact me if you have any questions or suggestions .

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

### **Greystones plans shelved**

Regardless of having granted planning permission for the proposed Greystones recycling centre, and in spite of recognising the need, West Oxfordshire District Council's Cabinet have shelved plans because, they claim, the centre will run at a loss. The Cabinet's decision was based on prices for recyclates in May 2013, with no analysis of the historic performance of the market, or any future projections. No consideration was given to the different categories of waste that are likely to be taken to the facility, the prices of which vary quite considerably. Several councillors, including myself, queried the figures used to make the case, and successfully called for this to be re-examined by the Finance and Management Overview & Scrutiny Committee at their meeting on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Sadly, instead of asking officers to re-examine the case for Greystones, the committee "invited the Cabinet to explore alternative solutions for the provision of recycling facilities for the north of the District". In other words, the promised site at Greystones has been kicked into the long grass, by both the Cabinet and the scrutiny committee.

Although it is the responsibility of the County Council to provide landfill sites, they are under no obligation to provide more than one site for the whole county. So the chances of them re-opening Dean Pit are very slim. I will nevertheless be continuing to work with officers to see what can be done.

There are some excellent examples of recycling centres similar to the Greystones proposal in nearby Districts and I will be looking at how they are funded. Perhaps it is time for Charlbury, Chipping Norton and the surrounding villages to take matters into their own hands, and this is something that I hope may be considered as part of the town's Community Led Plan.

On a more cheerful note, the fantastic summer we have been having has meant a lot of people picnicking on the Mill Field so the rubbish bin gets full very quickly. I've agreed with West Oxfordshire that the bin will be emptied three times a week instead of once during the summer months, so that everyone can enjoy the lovely space when the sun shines in future.

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### **Charlbury Day Centre**

We really have had a proper summer this year for a change and it has been wonderful to be able to throw open all the windows in the Garden Room .A couple of weeks ago we had a very happy ' day out ' in Finstock with Horace Holifield , lounging in a marquee admiring his beautiful garden. We have several new faces amongst our members, which mean sadly that we have said farewell some to some old friends, but we would still welcome anyone who would like to join us and we still desperately need volunteer drivers and ,as we are unfortunately losing one our long standing cooks in October, anyone who would like to help prepare the lunches. As always, could any potential members or volunteers contact me on 01608 810150.

*Bob Tait*

## ChOC chalks up a century!

In September, we celebrate the **100<sup>th</sup> film** to be shown since ChOC was formed in 2005, so don't miss this special occasion! Our 100<sup>th</sup> film is the Oscar-winning classic, **Out of Africa**. In October, we have the comedy drama **Song for Marion** and in November we return to the heyday of disco with **Saturday Night Fever**. All films start at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Doors and licensed bar from 6.45pm, tickets £5 (£3 for U15s on PG rated films)

**Out of Africa**, (Sun, September 8<sup>th</sup> Cert. PG) features breathtaking cinematography and a transporting musical score. The film follows the life of Karen Blixen (Meryl Streep), who establishes a plantation in Africa. Her life is complicated by a husband of convenience, her lover Denys Finch Hatton (Robert Redford), troubles on the plantation, and war.

**Song for Marion** (Sun, October 13<sup>th</sup> Cert. PG) is the heart-warming story of a loving marriage between grumpy pensioner Arthur (Terence Stamp) and the ever-cheerful Marion (Vanessa Redgrave). Marion is happy to sing her heart out with an unconventional local choir, whilst Arthur hides away and complains about how embarrassing it is. When heartbreak strikes, Arthur is forced to re-think his outlook on life.

**Saturday Night Fever** (Sun, November 10<sup>th</sup> Cert. 18 ) Brooklyn native Tony Manero (John Travolta) lives for Saturday nights at the local disco. While in the disco, Tony is the king. His care-free youth and weekend dancing help him to forget temporarily the reality of his life. The Saturday Night Fever soundtrack, featuring disco songs by the Bee Gees became one of the best selling albums of all time.

**ChOClive** returns on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October with **The Oh La La Quartet** brought to Charlbury through Good Night Out. For one evening only, the Memorial Hall will be transformed into the **Café Francais**, where its patrons will enjoy a hot supper and fine musical entertainment from the quartet whose repertoire includes Parisian folk music (Musette), Chansons Réalistes (made famous by Edith Piaf), unforgettable jazz standards and the occasional pop tune. **Oh La La** have appeared at major venues including the Royal Opera House, the Queen Elizabeth Hall and The Royal Albert Hall, and are regular performers at Le Manoir aux Quat' Saisons. Tickets for the event, priced at £12.50 including the hot supper, will go on sale at Evenlode Books and Charlbury Post Office in mid September. Licensed bar available with French wines, d'accord!

**ChOC Raffle** The proceeds from our raffles and the DVD stall continue to be donated to local good causes. Please contribute your unwanted DVDs and help us raise more funds in this way. Leave them at film nights or take them to Evenlode Books. The list of DVDs for sale can be seen at [www.chocfilms.info](http://www.chocfilms.info) or browse the collection at the bookshop. Applications for contributions to other good causes should be made to [treasurer@chocfilms.info](mailto:treasurer@chocfilms.info)

Jackie Hague (Secretary)

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